



May Meeting

Our next branch meeting will be on **Saturday May 20 at 1:00 p.m.** in the conference room at the Museum of International Cultures (411 Hwy 67, Duncanville). We will discuss possible future activities for the branch. The meeting will be promoted for any members of the public who would like to learn more about AAUW, our local branch, and discuss issues related to promoting equity for women and girls.

We recommend the 4th Saturday movie night at the Museum of International Cultures for those who have no other plans for that Memorial Day weekend. See details on next page..

Change of Plans for Our Officers for Next Year

Our new president for the 2-year term from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 was going to be Yvette Branch. However she has just accepted a new job in Georgia, where she will be using her skills at system evaluation and improvement to ‘turn around’ a hospital.

Although I (Penny Ball) could continue running the branch in the dual role of president / treasurer, it is much better to have 2 separate officers. I have asked Marilyn Barnes to be our next branch president, and she has agreed. Thus we will officially vote to approve her role at our May 20 meeting. She was our branch president from July 2008 to July 2011 and is very interested in helping the branch continue.

We will plan to have monthly meetings from September through May, and try to attract new members. I will work with the Museum of International Cultures to publicize our meetings as part of their monthly calendar. Our primary branch activity will be related to working with the Museum on programs related to women’s issues or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) workshops for students.

Although our branch isn’t very active now, I hope our members will continue to support the work of the national and state AAUW organizations by renewing membership. Our branch will continue to work on activities that benefit our local women and girls.

Reminder—VOTE in National AAUW Election

Online voting is encouraged because it is fast, easy, secure — and green! Online voting is open April 17, through 9 p.m. EDT, June 15, 2017.

To [vote online at the AAUW website](#) you must use your member number and a PIN number, which are printed in your address area of the Spring issue of *AAUW Outlook* magazine.

Questions or want to order a paper ballot? Look at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>

Information about Dues for July 2017—June 2018

Members are requested to pay their annual AAUW dues by June 30. AAUW Texas has increased its dues, so the total will be \$72 (\$49 for national, \$13 for Texas, and \$10 for our branch).

Do nothing now — Email reminders will be sent in May and June. National is making it easier to use their online database to pay by credit card. You will receive an email with a link that goes directly to your record; thus you do not need to have a password to access the membership online payment. If you really prefer to pay by check, you will be able to send that to our branch treasurer .

Museum of International Cultures

The Museum of International Cultures is the site for our monthly meetings and also for many interesting programs. We encourage our members and friends to participate.

Currently there is a special exhibit of quilts. Also a collection to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of World War I is in the front lobby until November 2019 : the war officially ended with the Armistice signing in November 1919.

The Museum is located at 411 Hwy 67, Duncanville, 75137 (just south of Daniieldale Rd, on the southbound service road.) There is a new sign to mark the location!

Information about the Museum is at the website www.MICmuseum.org

(The word International is now applied to Cultures, so MIC refers to Museum of International Cultures.)

The Museum is **seeking volunteers to serve as docents** for tour groups. You would get an initial overview training one morning and then follow a current docent on one of the regular tours. Docents don't need to know many details about the collections. You usually point out 2 or 3 interesting items in each of the rooms. If you would like to introduce people (usually student groups) to other cultures, talk with Museum director Mary Fae Kamm: **972-572-0462**

Free 4th Saturday event at the Museum

Sat. May 27 ... Movie at 7pm.

"Many Beautiful Things" (British /Algeria) An untold story that plunges viewers into the complex age of Victorian England to meet Lilius Trotter, a daring young woman who defied all norms by winning the favor of England's top art critic, John Ruskin, but then makes a choice that puts her life on a different course.

Inspiring and aesthetically beautiful.



SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

The Cliff Dwellers Square and Round Dance Club of Duncanville will be holding lessons on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm from May 4 to August 31. The lessons will be at the Trinity Methodist Church, 1302 Clark Rd, Duncanville 75129. The cost for the series is \$50 for adults, or \$25 for those ages 12 to 19. The classes will teach the mainstream square dance calls and prepare you for the fun of square dancing at clubs all over the Metroplex (more than 30) and the world (always in English). Payment is not due until the 3rd lesson, so you can check it out for yourself.

No previous dance experience is needed and even folks with 2 left feet can learn the moves. Square dancing is a fun, social activity that provides light exercise for your body and your brain. No partner required for the lessons, but you are encouraged to bring a partner so you will have someone to dance with after you finish lessons.

For more information you can call the club president Katie Gosko at 469-644-0785 or square dancer Penny Ball at 972-709-1957.

Branch info, newsletters, and future meeting plans are at our new website <http://SWDallas-TX.AAUW.net> If you would like to receive the newsletters by email, just let me know: Penny@acm.org I have a distribution list for non-members who want to receive the news-letters but no other branch mailings.