

Meeting in June

We will hold a branch meeting on **Saturday June 17 at 1:00 p.m.** in the conference room at the Museum of International Cultures (411 Hwy 67, Duncanville). This meeting is being promoted for parents of middle school students. We will have ideas for some simple hands-on activities that the family can do together to encourage a student's interest in science and technology. The STEM Resources page of our website has links to some useful websites that have ideas for such activities.

Our Meeting on May 20

At this meeting we officially approved Marilyn Barnes to be the branch president for the 2-year term starting July 1. Also we were pleased to hear that Yvette Branch will continue as an active branch member (even though she is moving to Georgia), and will provide ideas and assistance for any of our programs. We then enjoyed our light lunch and social time.



Left:
Officers for 2017-2018
Marilyn Barnes (president)
Penny Ball (treasurer)



Right:
Anita Hartnett,
Yvette Branch,
Penny Ball

VOTE and PAY DUES ONLINE via personal links

This year AAUW has sent emails to members with links that connect you directly to the Member Services Database (to pay your dues) or the voting information facts and ballot.

Voting deadline is 9 p.m. ET on June 15. You can start your ballot now and save it to review, then submit it anytime before the deadline. In addition to voting for members of the national Board, there are some proposed bylaws changes. Major change in bylaws would be elimination of the degree requirement for membership. You can vote for up to 10 Board members from a slate of 13, plus a Board president (from slate of 3).

Your specific dues amount will be in the invoice that you receive. National dues remain \$49, Texas dues are now \$13, and our branch dues are still \$10. Members are requested to renew before June 30; you will receive another reminder in late June if you haven't renewed yet.

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 Danieldale Rd, on the southbound service road.)

Information about the Museum is at the website

www.MICmuseum.org



Free 4th Saturday event at the Museum

Sat. June 24 at 7:00 p.m. Pot-luck dinner and program celebrating Japan.

This free event is organized and co-sponsored by the Baha'i Community of Duncanville and the Museum of International Cultures. Everyone is invited to attend and meet new people, share foods with a Japan flavor (or anything you prefer to bring), and enjoy a short program about the culture of Japan.

Movie Recommendation

The 4th Saturday event in May was a showing of the film "Many Beautiful Things". It told about Liliias Trotter, a Victorian era woman who was a very talented painter. At age 35 she left England to work as a missionary in Algiers (for 40 years). Her art works feature the beauty of nature and scenes of life in Algiers. Her art only became known to the public after an American woman tracked down details and wrote a biography of her life.

The movie is a beautiful work of art in its own right. In addition to still images of Liliias Trotter's art work, the art director developed animations that added extra life to the images. Check out www.manybeautifulthings.com for the movie preview, an interview with the art director and examples of some of his animated scenes, and an option to buy the DVD of the film.



Local Art Exhibits

June 9 & 10: CULTURE SHOCK: New York. Bangladesh. Duncanville. Featuring works by Ali Akbar & Legend d'Oro . PREVIEW: Friday, June 9, 6–11 pm. OPENING: Saturday, June 10, 6–11 pm INNER.SPACE Gallery at Main Station, 100 S. Main St. #114, Duncanville.

Sly Cat Gallery: Memory themed Show—opening also on June 10th!

See: <http://www.slycatgallery.com/new-events/> 206 South Broad St. Cedar Hill, TX 75104

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.