

## Southwest Dallas County AAUW

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## Newsletter

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## **Meetings - Fall 2016**

We have scheduled 3 general meetings for Southwest Dallas County AAUW at the International Museum of Cultures conference room for Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon. September 24 "Planning for Career Success" - Penny Ball will describe some services available to members from national AAUW website. Yvette Branch will discuss how to add value in your present job or for jobs you are seeking.

October 22 "Why STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) is Important for Women & Girls" - Penny Ball will discuss some data from the AAUW study "Solving the Equation" about the low representation of women in STEM fields. Joyce Stubblefield (an adjunct professor at SMU) will talk about Sustainability and some career options in 'Green' fields. November 19 no program plan yet

Long term success for the branch will require adding new members who will take an active role and organize activities that relate to their needs as well as the AAUW mission. Please spread the word to anyone who might be interested in joining us to help promote equity for women in girls. We are currently focused on STEM but new members will be encouraged to pursue any useful activities. New members who join at any of our public meetings get a 50% discount for their first year dues!

#### **STEM Adventures**

We are offering a small program of hands-on STEM theme workshops for middle school girls to be held at the International Museum of Cultures. The workshop area has seating for a maximum of 36 people and thus the same program of 2 workshops will be offered on 2 dates: October 15 or November 12 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Both topics were well received at our past Expanding Your Horizons events. Our flyer / registration form is shown on pages 3 & 4; it is also available as a pdf file at our website www.AAUW-swdc.org. If you are able to help on either day, please contact penny@acm.org.

## Coming Soon - New Website for the Branch

The national AAUW Site Resources service is hosting a new website for our branch at http://SWDallas-TX.AAUW.net. This site uses the standard look & style that AAUW designed for all branches. A preliminary version is available now—feel free to take a look. However, Penny Ball is still in the process of finalizing the content and desired structure linkages, and learning how to make future updates.

Our current website at www,AAUW-swdc.org is hosted on a Google server and that site URL will function until October 2017. Our program information will be kept current on this site until the new website is complete; at that time a link to the new site will be added as the first item on the home page of the current site.

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#### **International Museum of Cultures**

The **International Museum of Cultures** is the site for many interesting programs and we encourage our members and friends to participate. The Museum is located at 411 Hwy 67, Duncanville, 75137 (just south of Danieldale Rd, on the southbound service road.) The Museum hours are 10am to 4pm, Monday through Friday; Saturday groups by appointment - call 972-572-0462. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students & seniors. Information about all current programs is at **www.internationalmuseumofcultures.org** 

#### 4th Saturday events—Free, but donations encouraged.

**September 24** from 7:00 to 10:00 pm, the International **Film Series** will offer a showing of "Everything is Illuminated". A young Jewish American man endeavors, with the help of an eccentric local in a Ukranian village, to find the woman who saved his grandfather during World War II. This movie will be shown in the conference room.

There may also be a **folk dance demo** at 6:30pm on September 24. There are plans to start a program to teach some international folk dances. If you might be interested in such a program, you can contact penny@acm.org.

October 22 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm, the Cultural Dinner & Lecture Series will highlight cultures of South & Central America. This meeting will be in the Community Room. For the potluck dinner, bring a dish to share.

### **Museum Day Live!**

**Saturday September 24 from noon to 4pm** is also your chance for FREE ADMISSION to this Museum through the special Smithsonian Museum program. To get a pass good for free admission for 2 people, go to http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday. You will specify the zip code for the Museum (75137) and then supply your name & email to get the downloadable ticket. We hope you will use this opportunity to come and see a few new exhibits and many updated exhibits at the International Museum of Cultures.

Branch info and past newsletters are at www.AAUW-swdc.org

If you would like to continue to receive the newsletters by email after your membership expires, just let me know (penny@acm.org). I have a distribution list for non-members who want to receive the newsletters but no other branch mailings.

## **Branch Officers for July 2016—June 2017:**

President / Treasurer Penny Ball (penny@acm.org)

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Newsletter, website, STEM programs - Penny Ball Membership, Policy - Yvette Branch Page 3 September 2016

Southwest Dallas County AAUW and International Museum of Cultures present

# STEM Adventures

## A Program to Explore 'STEM' Topics

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) for Girls of Grades 6 through 8.

## Sat. Oct 15 or Nov.12, 2016

(9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

at

International Museum of Cultures, 411 Hwy 67, Duncanville, 75137 [on south direction service road, south of Danieldale Rd]

Participants will attend 2 hands-on workshops

... Electronics Magic ...

... Designing for Flight ...

Sign-in will be 9:00 to 9:30 am;

Healthy snacks will be available all morning.



## Advance registration is required.

Seating is at tables of 6, with a maximum of 36 people per event. You may register for 3 tables (13 to 18 people) for \$100, 2 tables (7 to 12 people) for \$75, or 1 table (1 to 6 people) for \$40. Individual registrations at \$10 each may be available, depending on # of groups signed up for the day. See Registration Form on next page.

## **Questions or More Information:**

call (972) 709-1957 or email penny@acm.org (specify subject STEM)

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### REGISTRATION

The workshop rooms are on the 2nd floor and there is NO elevator. Seating is very limited so include your adults in your count of number of seats you need.

The 2 workshop rooms each have 3 tables with seats for 6 people at each table.

The fees are \$40 for 1 table, \$75 for 2 tables, and \$100 for 3 tables.

[\$125 for 4 tables, \$150 for 5 tables, \$175 for 6 tables.]

Individual registrations may be available at \$10 per person.

Please call 972-709-1957 or send email to penny@acm.org to confirm availability before mailing your payment.

On the lines below, indicate the PAYMENT you are making for the indicated date. (That will tell us how many tables you are reserving for your group and the maximum number of people you plan to bring.)

Specify DATE:	Oct. 15	Nov. 12	
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Penny Ball, STE	M Program, 1415 Cou	ntry Ridge Drive, DeSoto, TX	X 75115.
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