

Upcoming Branch Meetings - 2016

We hold our general meetings at the International Museum of Cultures conference room on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon. We have 2 more meetings scheduled for 2016; we may have an informal social get-together in early December .

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 “Planning for Success” - repeat of September program by Yvette Branch. Even if you are not looking to make career changes, her inspirational messages and tips will help you achieve success with any project.

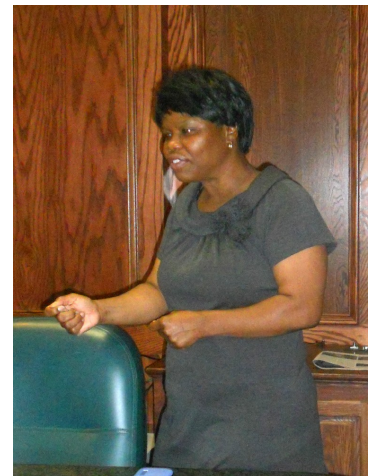
Long term success for the branch will require adding new members who will take an active role and organize activities that relate to their needs as well as the AAUW mission. **Please spread the word to anyone who might be interested in joining us** to help promote equity for women and girls. We are currently 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 !



September 22...

Penny Ball with our Museum Day promotion

Yvette Branch presenting her motivational program



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 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.

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 Daniieldale 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 current programs is at www.internationalmuseumofcultures.org

November Special Events

...**A Weeklong Tribute to World War I Heroes**: Monday through Friday, **November 7-11**, with special exhibits, 2 concerts, book signing, symposium, and WWI era car display. Some events with assistance of local Daughters of the American Revolution.

...Annual Orville Rogers **Run for the Hills**, Saturday **Nov. 12**: Register online (fee is \$25 in Oct, \$35 in Nov) or in person up to 7:30am on run day (fee is \$40); do either a 5.K run or 1 mile walk. Your participation and performance is included in RaceWire, a Dallas area database that allows you to track your performance over multiple race events.

4th Saturday events—Free, but donations encouraged.

...**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.

...**November 26** the **International Film Series** will feature a showing of the documentary "Luminous Journey: Abdu'l-Baha in America, 1912", about an exiled sage who brings a message of peace, race unity, gender equality, & social transformation to America. The film is a production of Duncanville residents Anne and Tim Perry, the organizers of the film series.

There may also be a **folk dance demo** at 6:30pm on **November 26**. 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.

...**December 17** (the 3rd Saturday): Persian dinner. Many local friends of the series organizers will be bringing authentic food.

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

Our future URL [SWDallas-TX.AAUW.net] is still a work in progress.

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 newsletters but no other branch mailings.

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