



Upcoming Branch Meetings - 2017

We plan to hold our general meetings at the International Museum of Cultures conference room on the 4th Saturday each month from 11:00 a.m. to noon. We are looking for ways to advertize the programs and attract new members. We have several good speaker options but we need to find an audience for our programs and potential branch membership.

Our **meeting topic for January 28** is Encouraging Girls in Science. Branch president Penny Ball (a retired physicist / computer programmer) will show some relevant websites with content designed for young people. Some books that encourage an interest in science and technology will be available for perusal.

Engineers Week Activities on February 25.

The week of February 20 -25 has been designated as Engineers Week, a time for schools & groups to sponsor programs to promote engineering, especially to girls. (For general info, see www.DiscoverE.org) We will have an exhibit at the International Museum of Cultures and will try to get a woman engineer to speak at our branch meeting on Feb.25.

A hands-on workshop “Understanding Electronics ” will be presented on Saturday afternoon Feb. 25 for anyone, parent or student, age 12 or older. There will be 90-minute sessions at 12:30 and 2:30. These workshops will be in the upstairs student workshop area, with seating for 14 people per session. Advance registration is recommended. The cost will be \$10 per person (which includes the Museum entry fee).

New Branch Website in Operation

We now have a website in the official AAUW style, that is hosted on the national AAUW servers. The national Site Resources staff set up the basic structure; our branch supplied the content and will be responsible for future updates. See <http://SWDallas-TX.AAUW.net>

We would like this site to be interesting and attract people to our branch programs. Please send any suggestions for content to penny@acm.org

North Texas Interbranch Meeting on February 4

Dallas Branch will host the first Interbranch meeting of 2017 on Saturday, February 4th, at 10 am. The location will be the Meadows Conference Center, 2900 Live Oak Street, Dallas, 75204.

The program will be organized by Linda Evans who is lining up the panel to talk about refugees. Linda has been very active with refugee organizations in the Dallas area for many years. This should be a most interesting and timely topic. After the program there will be time to share what is going on in our local branches and AAUW Texas.

STEM Adventures for 2017

We plan to continue to offer a small program of hands-on STEM theme workshops for middle school girls to be held at the International Museum of Cultures. We had a successful event on Oct. 15 with the DeSoto ISD but we had to cancel the planned November event because we didn't have any registrants. Thus the plan for 2017 is to invite schools or other groups to propose a date for their group and if the presenters are available, we will then schedule an event for that group.

Our 2 current workshop offerings are 'Electronics Magic' and 'Designs for Flight'. We have general information about the program on the STEM PROJECTS sub-page of ACTIVITIES on our new website SWDallas-TX.AAUW.net.

International Museum of Cultures - Free 4th Saturday events

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.)

Information about the Museum is at www.internationalmuseumofcultures.org

Sat. January 28 - Movie at 7:00pm.

'The Great Debaters' Poet and professor Melvin B. Tolson (Denzel Washington) teaches at the predominately black Wiley College in 1935 Texas. He decides to start a debate team, something unheard of at a black college. *Historic, engaging, socially relevant.*

Sat. Feb. 25 -International pot-luck dinner at 7pm. Celebration of Cultures of the World. Bring a food & wear something festive representing your culture or a culture that interests you. International folk dance and other joyful aspects of the world's cultures will be included in a short program.

Are you participating in the ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club?

See www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/ or use links on the INTEREST GROUPS subpage for ACTIVITIES on our new branch website. Many AAUW members share a love of reading, and that's why the ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club began. Using the reading list and online author discussions, members are learning, having meaningful conversations, spotlighting engrossing stories, and supporting female authors, who are much less likely than male authors to have their books reviewed in major publications.

Branch Officers for July 2016—June 2017:

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

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Newsletter, website, STEM programs - Penny Ball

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Branch info 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; I have a distribution list for non-members who want to receive the newsletters but no other branch mailings.

Penny Ball (penny@acm.org)



National AAUW Membership Bargains

Current members can give a **free** 1-year national AAUW membership to anyone who graduated within the last 2 years. See <http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>

New members joining in January through March get 50% discount on national dues. After March 31, new members pay a full year dues but the membership covers rest of this fiscal year and all of next fiscal year.

For more information about joining via the national online database or paying by check to our branch, see the JOIN US page on our website <http://SWDallas-TX.AAUW.net> or contact branch treasurer Penny Ball at 972-709-1957 or penny@acm.org



Southwest Dallas County AAUW (American Association of University Women)

Website: SWDallas-TX.AAUW.net

We meet at International Museum of Cultures

411 Hwy 67, Duncanville

(south of Daniieldale Rd, on south direction service Rd)

WANTED: Women or men interested in promoting equity for women and girls. Opportunity to work with schools (encourage STEM; stop bullying) or business (equity in pay and promotions) or just meet new people.

Next meetings (in conference room at Museum)

Sat. January 28 at 11:00a.m. Encouraging Girls in Science

Sat. February 25 at 11:00a.m. Engineers Week - topic TBA

Special events at Museum

Sat. Jan.28 at 7pm. Movie night : ‘The Great Debaters’

Sat. Feb. 25 Engineers Week hands-on workshop ‘Understanding Electronics’ for students (age 12 or up) and parents; \$10 per person; advance registration for session at 12:30 or 2:30; contact Penny at 972-709-1957 or penny@acm.org