

### **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. On February 25 we are sponsoring some special programs at the International Museum of Cultures (411 Hwy 67, Duncanville) and Museum entry will be free for that day.

Our branch meeting at 11:00a.m. in the Conference Room will feature a talk on 'Sustainability and Engineering for the Future' by Joyce Stubblefield, a graduate of SMU masters degree program in sustainable development.

From 12:30 to 4:00 there will be several engineering theme activities. An exhibit in the front lobby will have books and posters with information about various aspects of engineering. There will be a 20-minute self-directed challenge activity in the Conference Room.

A 90-minute hands-on workshop "Understanding Electronics " will be presented for anyone age 12 or older (girls, boys, parents). There will be sessions at 12:30 and 2:30 for a cost of \$10 per person. These workshops will be in the upstairs student workshop area, with seating for 14 people per session. Advance registration is recommended. These session will be given by Jaime Hunter, who has been offering them in our STEM programs for middle school girls.

From 3:00 to 4:00 local author Anne Gordon Perry will do a reading and book signing from her *Magnificent Moles of Mede Meadow*, with charming tales featuring word play with the letter M. The book is a delight for ages 6 to 12, or anyone who is young at heart. Plan ahead for birthdays....Copies will be available for a discount price of \$12.



Jaime Hunter teaches about electronics.



Joyce Stubblefield promotes sustainable development.

### 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 Daniel Dale Rd, on the southbound service road. )

Information about the Museum is at **[www.internationalmuseumofcultures.org](http://www.internationalmuseumofcultures.org)**

**Sat. Feb. 25 -International pot-luck dinner at 7pm.** Celebration of Cultures of the World. Bring a food (& perhaps 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.

### 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](http://SWDallas-TX.AAUW.net)**.

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

See **[www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/](http://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.

### 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 national members joining in January through March get 50% discount on the \$49 **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. The **additional dues** are \$10 for AAUW Texas and \$10 for our branch .

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](mailto:penny@acm.org).

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

President / Treasurer - Penny Ball  
([penny@acm.org](mailto:penny@acm.org))

### Committee Chairs:

Newsletter, website - Penny Ball  
STEM programs - Penny Ball  
Membership, Policy - Yvette Branch  
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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; I have a distribution list for non-members who want to receive the newsletters but no other branch mailings.

Penny Ball ([penny@acm.org](mailto:penny@acm.org))

## Women's March on January 21

Information from [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com):

We counted at least 653 reported marches in the United States. These involved huge gatherings of well over 100,000 marchers in Washington; Los Angeles; Oakland, Calif.; San Francisco; New York; Chicago; Denver; Seattle and Boston. ....In total, the women's march involved between 3,267,134 and 5,246,670 people in the United States (our best guess is 4,157,894). That translates into 1 percent to 1.6 percent of the U.S. population of 318,900,000 people (our best guess is 1.3 percent).

After a story came out with the headline that 1 in 100 Americans had marched, some critics noted that the other 99 did not...True, during an election for president or Congress, winning one of 100 votes would be a poor performance. But this misses the meaning of protest numbers. Marching requires a much higher level of commitment than voting. It takes more time, is not anonymous, often involves financial costs and could put the marcher in harm's way or at risk of arrest or retaliation — particularly in areas where the marchers are expressing a minority sentiment.

The Women's March on Washington had sister marches in international locales ranging from Antarctica to Zimbabwe. We found at least 261 marches abroad, with attendance totaling between 266,532 and 357,071 people (our best guess is 307,275 people). ....Observers should take these marches seriously, too. Transnational solidarity often gives a movement more leverage than a purely domestic movement might otherwise have. Moreover, it can be powerful and emboldening when activism is witnessed by others at home and abroad

We don't want to overestimate the power of a single march, however large. A march won't have much effect unless it's translated into continuing organized and disciplined mobilization, pressure on the government, collaborative problem-solving and electoral action. But if a march inspires, convenes and energizes, it can catalyze a great deal of change. Very large movements are more likely to translate their goals into real political, social and political change, particularly as they expand their networks into leverage.

Source: [www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/02/07/this-is-what-we-learned-by-counting-the-womens-marches/?utm\\_term=.cc88e6d5e74e](http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/02/07/this-is-what-we-learned-by-counting-the-womens-marches/?utm_term=.cc88e6d5e74e)



Did you participate in a March?  
Do you have any photos or comments to share?

Our STEM presenter Jaime Hunter & his family marched in Fort Worth and sent me these photos.

