

### **April & May Meetings**

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday April 22 from 12:00 to 1:00p.m.** This will be a general discussion session with no formal program. We are inviting members and interested public to bring their lunch, meet new people, and have polite discussions about any topics of interest to them. This is also our branch official election meeting; see details below.

Our final meeting for this fiscal year is scheduled for Saturday May 27. However, this is Memorial Day weekend so we may reschedule. We recommend the 4th Saturday movie night at the Museum of International Cultures for those who have no other plans.

### **Time to Elect Officers for Next Year**

Our annual election for branch officers is held at our April meeting. Our revised bylaws of 2015 simplified our officer structure so that we have only 2 elected positions. The president and treasurer are each 2-year terms, and are elected in alternate years.

This year we will elect a president to serve for July 2017 through June 2019. Yvette Branch, who has been helping current president Penny Ball with planning and program presentations, is our candidate for our next branch president. She has an MBA and works as a self-employed consultant; she also has a daughter in 6th grade. Thus Yvette is an ideal role model for the career women or mothers we need to attract as new members.

If anyone else wishes to be considered for the position of branch president for the coming 2 years, you must inform me (Penny@acm.org) by April 8 so that I can publish the options and let our members vote. Otherwise we will assume that Yvette gets elected unanimously.

### **Information about Dues for July 2017—June 2018**

Members are requested to pay their annual AAUW dues by June 30. AAUW Texas has increased its dues, so the total will be \$72 (\$49 for national, \$13 for Texas, and \$10 for our branch).

Do nothing now — Reminders will be given in May and June. National is making it easier to use their online database to pay by credit card. You will receive an email with a link that goes directly to your record; thus you do not need to have an account to access the membership online payment. If you really prefer to pay by check, you will be sending that to our branch treasurer as usual.

## Museum of International Cultures

The Museum of International Cultures is the site for many interesting programs and we encourage our members and friends to participate. Currently there is a special exhibit of quilts.

The Museum is located at 411 Hwy 67, Duncanville, 75137 (just south of Daniieldale Rd, on the southbound service road. )

There is a new sign to mark the location!

Information about the Museum is at the website

**[www.MICmuseum.org](http://www.MICmuseum.org)**

(The word International is now applied to Cultures, so MIC refers to Museum of International Cultures.)



## Free 4th Saturday event at the Museum

**Sat. April 22. Potluck dinner at 7pm.**

The theme this month is Russia. If possible, bring a dish that reflects the culture, or a salad, dessert, non-alcoholic beverage. A short program (nothing political) will follow dinner.

The program will include a performance by folk dancers from the Plaza Arts folk dance group in Carrollton, repeating a routine they premiered on New Year's Day.

## AAUW Interbranch Meeting on April 8

All AAUWmembers are welcome at an Interbranch meeting. The April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North Texas Interbranch is sponsored by Northeast Tarrant County Branch. The meeting will be held in the Apple Core room of Martin Methodist Church, 2621 Bedford Road, Bedford, 76021. Refreshments and meet and greet will begin at 9:30 am with the program starting promptly at 10am.

The speaker is Chasity Crawley, the recipient of a 2015-2016 AAUW Career Development Grant that was funded by several of the North Texas AAUW branches. Come and see how your donations are put to good use! There will also be time for sharing what is happening in AAUW Texas and our local branches.

Chasity Crawley is a new member of the Northeast Tarrant County Branch. She received her bachelor of business administration in economics and public policy from George Washington University. She has worked in both the public and private sector, and she has a passion for helping others achieve their goals. Ms. Crawley is enrolled in the executive MBA program at Texas Woman's University.

The branches whose funds sponsored this Career Development grant were:

- 4077 - Arlington (TX) Branch/Mary Swisher Smith;
- 1666 - Southwest Dallas County (TX) Branch/Nancy J. Anderson;
- 1444 - Hurst (TX) Branch/Diane Jacoby;
- 1255 - Kathryn M. Jefferson; and
- 1371 - Las Vegas (NV) Branch .



Duncanville Art Project ... Anyone want to **PAINT a SPRING panel** for the Duncanville Feed Store project? We now have an INDOOR work space!!! It is located in the former wine store in the Main Street Station shops at Main Street and Center Street. Contact Anne Perry [unity9@sbcglobal.net]

### April 13 event at Dallas Museum of Art

Duncanville artist Anne Perry, who teaches writing and humanities at the Art Institute of Dallas, will be among four guest speakers at the Dallas Museum of Art on Thursday April 13 as part of the second Thursdays OFF THE WALL program, a unique and unexpected look at the Museum's collection with a pop culture twist. Enjoy free admission from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.; otherwise the tickets are \$10, FREE for DMA Members.

This event celebrates the current exhibit *Shaken, Not Stirred: The Art of the Cocktail*. Featuring nearly sixty works predominantly from the DMA's extensive design holdings, *Shaken, Stirred, Styled: The Art of the Cocktail* explores the culture of cocktails and the wares in which they were prepared and served. The exhibition follows the development of the modern cocktail from the late 19th century to the present day, tracing the stylistic reflections of the rituals of the cocktail's concoction, presentation, and consumption through metalware, glassware, and ceramics. Featuring a range of objects, many of which are on view for the first time, *Shaken, Stirred, Styled* includes 19th-century punch bowls, early 20th-century liquor decanters and glasses, Prohibition-era cocktail shakers, and Art Deco and modern barware.

The schedule of Events on April 13:

5:00 to 6:00 p.m. (free admission) DJ Derek Lynn transforms the cafe into a Bond-style lounge.

6:00 –6:30 p.m. in the Eagle Family Plaza you will see how to make some advanced cocktails.

6:30–7:30 PM, in the Atrium you can be transported back to the Jazz Age with the Texas Gypsies.

8:00 p.m. ALL SHOOK UP in the Atrium:

You'll hear short histories about Dallas prohibition, 007's style, cocktail culture, and 1920s dance marathons. The speakers for ALL SHOOK UP include: Samantha Robinson, Interim Assistant Curator of Decorative Arts and Design and curator of [Shaken, Stirred, Styled: Art of the Cocktail](#); Dr. Anne G. Perry, Professor of English & Humanities at the Art Institute of Dallas; Jacob Folmar, Showroom Director at [The Black Tux](#); Wendy Cole, Archivist for the [Dallas Historical Society](#).

### STEM Adventures for 2017

We will continue to offer a small program of hands-on STEM theme workshops for middle school girls to be held at the Museum of International Cultures. Our 2 current workshop offerings are 'Electronics Magic' and 'Designs for Flight'.

We have photos and general information about the program on the STEM PROJECTS sub-page of ACTIVITIES on our new website **SWDallas-TX.AAUW.net**. Interested groups should contact Penny Ball (penny@acm.org or 972-709-1957). We will then try to schedule an event for that group.

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

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

### Committee Chairs:

Newsletter, website - Penny Ball  
STEM programs - Penny Ball  
Membership, Policy - Yvette Branch  
(yvettebranch@yahoo.com)

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.

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