

Next Branch Meeting—January 20

Our AAUW branch and the Museum of International Cultures are co-sponsors for a free workshop for science teachers to be held at the Museum on Saturday January 20 from 10:00am to noon. The presenter is Andrea Dagley, a local science teacher who recently became an Essential Elements Certified Instructor in a program sponsored by the Chemical Education Foundation (CEF) in Arlington, VA.



Andrea Dagley is a Texas State Certified Teacher, specializing in grades 6-12 education. She has been teaching at Trinity Christian School in Cedar Hill for four years and with Texas schools for the last 12 years. Her favorite school activities include coaching junior high volleyball – which she has done for the last 12 years – and going to watch her students play at other sporting events and activities. In her free time, she loves spending time with her husband and two kids! She received her Master's Degree in education from Dallas Baptist University and is looking forward to starting her doctorate sometime in the future. She is excited for her involvement in CEF and cannot wait to start workshops around the Dallas/Fort Worth area!

CEF's *You Be The Chemist* Essential ElementsSM program is a professional development workshop designed to provide K–8 educators—our “essential elements” in education—with methods for teaching chemistry concepts through hands-on learning and real-world connections.

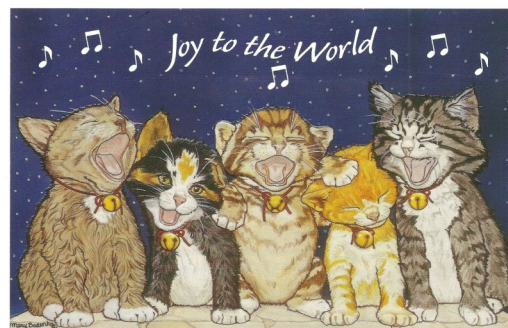
Essential Elements is based on the 5E learning cycle approach to teaching, which is based in the theory of constructivism. Through this cycle, students build their own understanding of new concepts from both prior and new experiences. Each part of the cycle describes a phase of learning: engage, explore, explain, elaborate, and evaluate.

During an Essential Elements workshop, the instructor will lead educators through a full 5E learning cycle utilizing a lesson from the Activity Guides. Educators then get a chance to collaborate and plan their own 5E lesson from additional Activity Guide lessons.

This workshop will be posted on the Museum website. AAUW members who wish to attend may register by sending their name and email address to penny@acm.org.

Social Event on Saturday Evening December 16

The **International Pot-luck Dinner** program at the Museum of International Cultures will feature **Persia / Iran on December 16** at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend, meet new people, and share foods related to the featured culture (or anything you prefer to bring). After the buffet meal, there will be a short program about the culture of Persia (ancient Iran) These dinner events are organized for the Museum by the local Baha'i Community. See page 2 for more information about the Museum and a special membership offer.



Branch info, newsletters, and future meeting plans are at our website

<http://SWDallas-TX.AAUW.net>

If you would like to receive the newsletters by email, just let me know: Penny@acm.org

Our Branch Officers: Marilyn Barnes (President);

Penny Ball (Treasurer, newsletter & web site, STEM programs)

Museum of International Cultures (MIC)

The Museum of International Cultures is the site for our monthly meetings and also for many interesting programs. We encourage our members and friends to participate.

The Museum entry fee to tour the exhibits is \$7.50 for adults or \$5 for students and seniors. Many of the special evening events are free. The Museum is located at 411 Hwy 67, Duncanville, 75137 (just south of Daniieldale Rd, on the southbound service road.) **The Museum will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 5.**

CHRISTMAS GIFT BARGAIN ..Until December 23 you can give a family membership for 2018 for just \$25. Visit the Museum website www.MICmuseum.org to enter your payment info and the info for the person / family to receive the membership. The Museum will mail them a card with their membership card and indicate you as the gift giver.

Museum members can make unlimited free visits to the exhibits and also get a discount in the Museum gift shop. You can better appreciate the exhibits if you don't try to see everything in one visit.

Saturday Evening Free Events at the Museum of International Cultures

A series of free international-theme events is scheduled for each month, usually for the 4th Saturday. The programs alternate between dinners and films. Each event starts at **7:00 p.m.** The program for 2018 will be available at the dinner on December 16 and will be published on the Museum website.

Local Art & Culture Activities

Dec. 7-9 at 8 pm Duncanville Community Theatre final performances of **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** by Charles Dickens, adapted for the stage and directed by Jerry Ayers. [CALL 972-780-5707](tel:972-780-5707) for reservations or [email boxoffice @dctheatre.org](mailto:email_boxoffice@dctheatre.org)

Cliff Dwellers square dance on 2nd Friday (**Dec. 8**) at Duncanville Senior Center (across from Library). Workshop at 7:30, main dance 8:00 to 10:00pm. Donation of \$7 per person covers a buffet meal.

Duncanville ART WALK

The Main Station parking lot (near Main & Center Streets) was the scene for local artists, crafts people, and culture groups to display and sell their work on December 1 from 6:00 to 10:00pm (before & after the city's Christmas parade). The event was organized by volunteers in the Duncanville Design Studio, especially Anne & Tim Perry. Under Tim's direction, the area had been decorated with an abundance of holiday lights. Penny Ball had a display to promote the Museum of International Cultures. (Below are Penny Ball & Anne Perry)

