

**AAUW Announcements**

AAUW Texas **convention** will be held in Houston on April 20-22. Registration details are in the Winter 2018 issue of University Woman Texas or the website [aauw-tx.aauw.net](http://aauw-tx.aauw.net). Our branch president, Marilyn Barnes, plans to attend.

**Dues** for the AAUW fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 are increasing. The national dues have been raised from \$49 to \$59; AAUW Texas dues are still \$13, and we are lowering our branch dues from \$10 to \$3. Thus full membership will be \$75 (versus \$72 last year), and life members dues will be \$16. Members are encouraged to pay by credit card via the Member Services Program link on the [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org) site. A reminder will be published in this newsletter in May.

Our **branch elections** will also be in May. President Marilyn Barnes has one more year in her term. Treasurer Penny Ball will run for re-election. If anyone else is interested in running for position of treasurer, please inform Marilyn by April 15.

See next page for information about program **Equal Means Equal** on **March 29 at SMU**.

**Discover Engineering on February 24**

Penny Ball held an open-house program for students (grades 4 through 8) and their parents on Saturday afternoon February 24 at the Museum of International Cultures. There were several hands-on activities available to encourage young people's interest in engineering. The Museum had a lobby display about modern-day engineering, and there were posters about major engineering projects of the past by some of the cultures that are featured in Museum exhibit rooms.



**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](mailto:Penny@acm.org)

Our Branch Officers: Marilyn Barnes (President);

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

See flyer on next page. This info forwarded from North Texas Interbranch: Farmers Branch-Carrollton AAUW along with the SMU Women & LGBT Center would like to invite you to a free screening of the 2016 **documentary *Equal Means Equal*** by Kamala Lopez, followed by a panel discussion. It all happens on **March 29** at SMU's Hughes -Trigg Student Center. from 7-9:30 pm. The film is an entertaining and eye-opening look at the ways that women are NOT EQUAL under current law. It makes a case for the many ways that women would benefit from the Equal Rights Amendment finally becoming an amendment to the Constitution.

As we know, AAUW has long fought for equal rights for women. Please share information about this event with your friends. We are pleased to have the endorsement of several like-minded organizations. This should be a very interesting and informative evening (plus we will have free popcorn!). We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there!

### **March 24 Workshop for K-8 science educators**

Our AAUW branch and the Museum of International Cultures are co-sponsors for a free workshop for science educators, either school teachers or home-schooling parents. The event will be held at the Museum on **Saturday March 24** from **10:00am to noon**, with sign-in starting at 9:30.

Presenter Andrea Dagley, a local science teacher, is a certified instructor in a program sponsored by the Chemical Education Foundation (CEF) in Arlington, VA. CEF's *You Be The Chemist Essential Elements*<sup>SM</sup> program is a professional development workshop designed to provide K-8 educators with methods for teaching chemistry concepts through hands-on learning and real-world connections.

**To register** for this free workshop, please send email to Penny@acm.org with the following information: your name, your email address and telephone #, your school or group and its address, the grade levels you teach. You will receive confirmation to your email; your phone # will only be used if there is last minute change.

### **Museum of International Cultures (MIC)**

The Museum of International Cultures is the site for our branch meetings and also for many interesting programs. We encourage our members and friends to participate. See **MICmuseum.org** for information about current events at the Museum.

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. )

#### **7:00pm on 4th Saturday — 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 with details about each movie and dinner theme is published on the Museum website at **MICmuseum.org**.

The next few events are:

**March 24 film** "Lion" (a young boy in India who is lost, then adopted by Australian family)  
**April 28 pot-luck dinner** featuring Ireland

# Equal Means Equal



## A Film Screening and Panel Discussion

Free and open to the public.

SMU's Women and LGBT Center and the American Association of University Women (Farmers Branch-Carrollton) will host a screening of the 2016 documentary film, *Equal Means Equal*, directed and narrated by Kamala Lopez. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion.

Examining both real-life stories and precedent-setting legal cases, director Kamala Lopez uncovers how outdated and discriminatory attitudes inform and influence seemingly disparate issues, from workplace harassment to domestic violence, rape and sexual assault to the foster care system, and the healthcare conglomerate to the judicial system. Along the way, she reveals the inadequacy of present laws that claim to protect women, ultimately presenting a compelling and persuasive argument for the urgency of ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment.

The panel will include Joanna L. Grossman JD, Professor in SMU's Dedman School of Law, Rick Halperin PhD, Director of SMU's Embrey Human Rights Program, and Alejandra Aguirre, a Government Affairs Consultant.

**March 29, 2018 7:00 - 9:30 pm**

Southern Methodist University  
Hughes-Trigg Student Center, Ballroom West  
3140 Dyer St., Dallas, TX 75205

Directions and parking: <https://www.smu.edu/AboutSMU/Maps/>

Additional information: Val Erwin, [verwin@smu.edu](mailto:verwin@smu.edu)

### Endorsing organizations:

- AAUW Farmers Branch-Carrollton
- League of Women Voters Collin County
- League of Women Voters Dallas
- Society of Women Engineers
- SMU Embrey Human Rights Program
- SMU Feminist Majority Movement
- SMU Student Affairs
- SMU Women & LGBT Center