

National AAUW Information

Equal Pay Day is April 10. This is the symbolic day when women’s earnings “catch up” to men’s earnings from the previous year.

AAUW National Bylaws Amendment voting opens on April 25 and closes June 9 at 9 p.m. ET. See the AAUW.org website for details.

Payment of dues for the AAUW fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 is requested by the end of June. The national dues have been raised from \$49 to \$59, AAUW Texas dues are still \$13, and we have lowered our branch dues from \$10 to \$3. Thus full membership **will be \$75** (versus \$72 last year), and life members dues will be \$16. In May you will receive an email with a **personal link** to the **AAUW online payment** system (thus you do not need an account or password). You can pay your total dues by credit card and AAUW sends the appropriate payment to the state and branch .

The March 24 Workshop for K-8 science educators

Our AAUW branch and the Museum of International Cultures co-sponsored a free professional development workshop for science educators on Saturday morning March 24.

Presenter Andrea Dagley, a science teacher at Trinity Christian School in Cedar Hill, is a certified instructor for a program sponsored by the Chemical Education Foundation (CEF) of Arlington ,VA. Educators experienced methods for teaching chemistry concepts through hands-on learning. The first activity was to separate a mix of salt and pepper using tweezers, straw, or balloon; this depended on the differences in size & density of the particles. Next activity showed how to float a paper clip on water and how it will sink when the surface is disturbed. Andrea discussed how any activity could be used for different age groups by increasing the number of properties that were considered.



AAUW Texas & Branch 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. Our branch president, Marilyn Barnes, plans to attend.

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.

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)

Invitation to FREE dance program on April 13

The Cliff Dwellers is a square and round dance club that dances on the 2nd Friday of the month at the Duncanville Senior Center, 206 James Collins St, near the Duncanville Library and Recreation Center.

This month the club members are inviting friends (**dancers or non-dancers**) to attend our dance for free, to see what fun they are missing. There is round dancing at 7:00, a square dance workshop at 7:30, and the main dance starts at 8:00. A buffet meal is served around 8:30 and the event ends at 10:00pm. Come for any or all of the evening activity.

Most of the evening will be dances for folks that have already taken lessons but there may be a chance for everyone to join a line dance or a simple square dance. You should mainly consider this a dance demonstration and opportunity to meet some really nice people.

Square dance is an exercise for both the mind and body, and a great way to forget your cares as you concentrate on following the moves specified by the caller. There are many square dance clubs in the Metroplex, so every week there are multiple opportunities for an evening of fun.

Museum of International Cultures (MIC)

The Museum of International Cultures is the site for our branch meetings and also for many interesting programs. See MICmuseum.org for information about current events at the Museum. The Museum is located at 411 Hwy 67, Duncanville, 75137 (just south of Daniieldale Rd, on the southbound service road.)

4th Saturday Free Events at the Museum of International Cultures

A series of free international-theme events is scheduled for each month. 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:

April 28 pot-luck dinner featuring Ireland.

May 26 film "Queen of Katwe" (set in Uganda). Based on a true story: a Ugandan girl's life changes forever when she discovers she has an amazing talent for chess.