



### Annual DUES are DUE

**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**.

Soon our branch members will receive an email with a **personal link** to the **AAUW online payment** system (thus you do not need your member ID number or a password). You can pay your total dues by credit card and AAUW sends the appropriate payment to the state and branch. If you prefer to pay by check, contact our branch treasurer Penny Ball.

Although our branch does not currently have any active programs, we support the work of national AAUW with our dues. By maintaining a local branch, there will be an organization in place when local women are ready to take a more active role in the AAUW mission.

### National AAUW Report on Recent Vote

Voting officially closed the evening of Saturday, June 9 on the three proposals for AAUW bylaws amendments presented to the membership. AAUW reached quorum in the first few days of the voting period — and in fact, 19.8 percent of members voted, significantly above the 5 percent quorum required. We are grateful to every branch and national member who took the time to express your valued opinions by voting.

Proposal #1 to create staggered board terms passed. Staggered terms will affect elected and appointed AAUW Board members starting terms in 2019. More information will be available during the application and election periods in the coming year.

Proposal #2 (to allow non-AAUW member eligibility to Board) and Proposal #3 (to remove the educational requirement to AAUW membership) did not pass.

There are many passionate voices on the issue of the educational membership requirement, as well as on the proposal to admit a small portion of current non-AAUW members to Board director positions. Opening the membership has been a highly debated issue in AAUW for many years. While neither proposal met the two-thirds approval of members required to pass, it's important to emphasize that of the members who voted, 48.7 percent did approve proposal #2, and 44.5 percent approved proposal #3 ... Meaning, our membership is grappling with different viewpoints about the future of the organization. We encourage branches and members to continue discussing these issues with fellow members and with valued community stakeholders to ensure voices and ideas are shared.

Because our organization is a democracy, members may raise these proposals again, as well as other ideas for membership vote. With staggered terms now going into effect next year, we'll be voting every year on at least one-third of the Board appointments, allowing the organization to be timely and relevant as we address the barriers to gender equity.

### Some Topics covered in detail on the AAUW website

#### **Know Your Rights: The Equal Pay Act**

[www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/know-your-rights-at-work/equal-pay-act/](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/know-your-rights-at-work/equal-pay-act/)

#### ***Broken Ladders: Barriers to Women's Representation in Non-Profit Leadership***

[www.aauw.org/research/broken-ladders/](http://www.aauw.org/research/broken-ladders/)

#### **June 23rd marks the 46th anniversary of Title IX.**

[www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/titleix/](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/titleix/)

#### **Women's Student Debt Crisis in the United States**

[www.aauw.org/research/deeper-in-debt/](http://www.aauw.org/research/deeper-in-debt/)

#### **Still Separate, Still Unequal: The Role of Black Women and Girls in the Legacy of *Brown v. Board of Education***

[www.aauw.org/2018/05/17/still-separate-still-unequal/](http://www.aauw.org/2018/05/17/still-separate-still-unequal/)

**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)

### **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. Each event starts at 7:00 p.m. The programs alternate between dinners and films.

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:

**June 23** dinner with a program theme of Uganda. Local woman working with an orphanage in Uganda will speak.

**July 28** film "Loving Vincent" . Mystery surrounds the death of famed painter Vincent van Gogh in 1890 France. A film suffused with beauty, every frame is oil painted, creating an amazing work of animation from live action. (It took 7 years to make.)

**August 25.** dinner South Korea. The subject country was chosen because of the special food