



AAUW Texas Lubbock Betty Anderson Branch

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Lucy Barrington, Betty Anderson Branch President*

It's a new year for the AAUW Lubbock Betty Anderson Branch, and I'm very honored and proud to be serving as your branch president for the next two years! I am excited about the next two years because I hope for change for women and girls through our efforts.

AAUW continues advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. As a member of AAUW for almost 25 years and AAUW Lubbock for 5 years, I've watched the fight for equity for women and girls as it continues to be an issue.

What's difficult for me to understand is that women don't seem to be having *enough* success!

Questions, questions, and more questions! Why aren't we having more success in combating the equity issues? Who's to blame for stopping the changes that need to be made? What more needs to be done? When are women and girls going to see more change? Where are those in government who can help make these changes?

*How can AAUW Lubbock make more of a difference?*

My goal for the next two years is to work with the Lubbock community and local organizations to find ways to encourage change.

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### AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

The American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

### AAUW's VALUE STATEMENT

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

### Message from the President Continued...

The Betty Anderson Branch has a very compelling history in Lubbock of working for the betterment of women and girls. However, now isn't the time to be satisfied with what we've done. Now is the time to make "*new history!*"

I hope you will join with me in pursuit of this goal! Work with AAUW Lubbock to find ways and avenues through which we can make positive changes in equity for women and girls.

*Yes, we can make a difference!*

**Lucy Barrington**, President  
AAUW Lubbock Betty Anderson Branch

### Public Policy Chair Report *Jennifer Rojas-McWhinney, Public Policy Chair*

As we begin a new year with the Lubbock Betty Anderson Branch I would like to invite you all to participate in the Public Policy Action meetings. The meetings will be held the fourth week of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Texas Tech University campus. The meetings are designed to inform people (AAUW members and non-members) of current issues regarding women and girls and ways to take action.

Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 26, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., as soon as a room has been reserved at TTU an e-mail we be sent to all branch members.

### Membership News *Lane Powell, Co-Membership VP*

**Bring a friend to lunch** for our first branch meeting on Wednesday, September 18 and learn about what AAUW is doing to influence policy for the advancement of women and girls around the world. If your friend joins at the meeting, she will pay half price for the first year of national dues: \$24.50 instead of \$49.

**Carolyn Young** and **Glenda Keyton** now reside at Emeritus Elmbrook Estates, an Assisted Living facility south of the Mall. They welcome cards, phone calls, and visits. Address cards c/o 5301 66<sup>th</sup> St, 79424, or call the front desk for their phone number: 798-9871.

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## Membership News Continued...

**We are saddened** by the recent death of Branch member **Abbie Joy Stodder Kleppa**, who passed away July 29 at her home in the Carillon Retirement Community. A memorial service celebrating of her life held in August at Carillon Chapel. Joy grew up in, Minneapolis and Indiana. She and her late husband Ole, a native of Norway and a University of Chicago professor, spent almost 50 years in the Hyde Park community of Chicago. They moved to Lubbock in 2006 to be near their daughter Abbie. Ole passed away in 2007. Joy graduated from the University of Minnesota (1948) and she worked for many years as a Spanish teacher at Chicago's Faulkner School and the American School of Correspondence. She later taught adult ESL classes with the City Colleges of Chicago. After Joy's move to Lubbock, she immediately joined the Betty Anderson Branch and dived right in with her usual vivacity. She was a faithful member of the Calling Committee, regularly contributed food for the Mother Daughter Saturdays, and was part of the Cuisine Group. She is survived by two daughters, Abbie Lee Kleppa of Lubbock, and Karen Joy Kleppa of Gol, Norway, and several grandchildren who remember her fondly as a hiker, gardener, swimmer, skier and Girl Scout leader. She will certainly be missed!

Congratulations to **Kara Craig-Page**. Not only has she recently married, but she is starting a new business: Omni Pilates ([www.omnipilates.com](http://www.omnipilates.com)) at 4710 67<sup>th</sup> Street inside the Oasis Professional Plaza, Suite F. Kara, who is now a Certified Pilates Trainer, will offer private, semi-private and group classes. She explained Pilates this way: "More traditional types of fitness training tend to develop short and bulky muscles. This type of musculature is most prone to injury. Pilates elongates the spine, increasing the elasticity of muscles and the flexibility of joints: combining strength and flexibility that reduces potential for injury."

At Omni Pilates, specialized equipment will allow for optimal workouts. Kara has seen the difference this type of exercise (combined with breathing, diet and daily movement) can make in her own experience and that of her family. Kara was diagnosed with an illness two years ago that made daily movements—like buttoning a shirt or going upstairs—difficult. Kara used Pilates to regain her physical fitness and abilities, and now she is helping others do the same. You may contact Kara by email ([omnipilates@outlook.com](mailto:omnipilates@outlook.com)) or call [405-208-2953](tel:405-208-2953).



**Spreading the AAUW message around the world.** While traveling in South Africa this summer, Lane Powell happened upon some beautiful young people who were sitting in the lobby of the hotel. Lane approached them, told them where she was from, and that she was a member of an international organization that promoted the advancement of opportunities for women and girls around the world. "You are the future of South Africa, and you are so beautiful." She asked to take their picture and one of the young people insisted that she get in the picture with them. "It is very hopeful to see young women who would have only been allowed in this nice hotel 20 years ago as part of the housekeeping staff. Since the end of apartheid in 1990, their opportunities and privileges have expanded greatly."

**AAUW Lubbock September Meeting**  
**“AAUW Public Policy Issues”**  
***Speaker: Jennifer Rojas McWhinney***

**Wednesday, September 18, 2013**

**Lunch at the Lubbock Women’s Club**  
(2020 Broadway; parking on Broadway or in large lot behind the building)

**Cost:** \$16 per person to be paid at the door

*Please understand: Once a reservation is made, you are responsible for payment if you do not attend.*

Jennifer is a member of the Lubbock Branch and has been very active since she joined. Her presentation involves demonstrating how everyone can use the AAUW Two-Minute Activist and learning about the AAUW Public Policy Issues for 2013-2015.

**SCHEDULE:**

**11:00**—Fellowship, Registration, Coffee

**11:30**—Lunch begins

**11:40**—Welcome and Reports

**12:05**—Program

**12:35**—Q & A

**12:45**—Announcements

Contact Lucy Barrington  
by e-mail ([lkarrington@arn.net](mailto:lkarrington@arn.net)) or by phone (792-7061)  
to make a reservation.

Reservations must be received by 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2013.

If you have special food needs, please be sure to specify when making your reservations.

**Photo and Information Request**  
*Deirdre Trotter, Historian*

Historian, Deirdre Trotter, requests that anyone with photographs or information they would like see preserved for AAUW Lubbock 2012-2013 year (or prior years), please bring it to the next meeting.

**Upcoming Fundraisers**  
*Denyce Gammell, Funds Chair*

Funds Chair, Denyce Gammell announces that there will be 2 (two) Funds Fundraisers in the Fall. The first will be a No Bake 'Bake Sale'! Instead of buying ingredients and heating up the kitchen baking items for a Bake Sale, simply donate \$5.00 for the 5 Funds. Then we'll send in \$1.00 to each of the 5 funds ( #3999, #4336, #9170, #4337, #4339) in your name. Of course, you may donate any number of "baked items" as you'd like above the \$5.00 request.

The second fundraiser will be to honor our beloved Ann Richards. At the December meeting, we'll have a silent auction and a live auction of holiday items, white elephants, baked goods, ornaments, and anything you can think of to donate to sell to make money for the Ann Richards Education Fund American Fellowship #4324. Plan to come with an auction item AND a generous checkbook to the December AAUW luncheon meeting on December 11.

**Book Group**  
*Carolyn Moore, Book Group Chair*

Feel free to join the AAUW book group which meets at 10:00 A.M. each 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month in the coffee shop of Hastings on 50<sup>th</sup> and Indiana. We discuss the book of the month for about 60 or 90 minutes. On October 5, Louise Cummins will lead the discussion on **The Dinner** by Herman Koch.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**  
*(earlier than usual this year)*

Friday, September 13: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (members only day; join for \$10)

Saturday, September 14: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 15: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, September 16: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.



**AAUW Mother-Daughter General Report**  
*Joy Vann, Co-Chair for the Mother-Daughter Program*

Our MD open-house tables at Atkins, Smylie Wilson, and OL Slaton gave each AAUW member who helped "woman" a table renewed energy and enthusiasm for our wonderful Mother-Daughter Program.

At Smylie Wilson, Adelaida Montemayor and Denyse Gammel report many contacts and two mothers signing an information sheet. At Atkins two mothers also signed an information sheet at the MD information table hosted by Denyse Gammel and Sebrina Carroll.

OL Slaton tables, hosted by Shelby Russell, Jessica Ortiz-Martinez, and Joy Vann, had 17 mothers sign an information form for Mother-Daughter. Wow! Probably not all will qualify for the program, but we saw first hand how enthusiastic and capable OL's new sponsor Jessica will be in sponsoring these girls. Unlike Atkins and Smylie Wilson, Jessica who works for Communities in Schools was able to join us at OL; her presence helped draw folks to our table.

Time will tell how many of these girls qualify as first-generation college students, but as Sebrina Carroll notes in her report, "I think it was good thing for us to put a face to the program. Hopefully they will join once school has started." Jessica Ortiz-Martinez kept brochures for OL and hopes to explain our program at one of the teacher meetings before school starts.

Having the enthusiastic support of teachers and administrators in each middle school is so important. Shelby and I are very optimistic about this year as the principals at all three middle schools give the sponsors support and encouragement. Katina's unique role as counselor at Atkins helps her locate girls for the program and enables her to carve out a special time to meet with them. Holly at Smylie Wilson is jubilant about the coming year as she has been given a class period to meet with her girls. Principal Cindy Wallace at Smylie Wilson and Chris Huber at Atkins have given these two programs quality support for the last several years.

OL Slaton has a new principal this year, Trey Aguilar. Denise Mattson recently spoke with Mr. Aguilar, and he is adamant in his enthusiasm and support of our program at OL Slaton. He is going to carve out time for Jessica to meet with her girls. We can do good things on our own, but a team of supporters who band together to make a hopeful future for children can do so much more. This year we have an outstanding team in place.

## **AAUW Mother-Daughter: Report from Science: It's a Girl Thing Camp (July 2013)**

*Shelby Russell, Co-Chair for the Mother-Daughter Program*

With a tremendous outpouring of support from our members and others in the community, we raised enough funds to send 14 of our Mother-Daughter girls to camp this year.

From our members (and their families) we received:

Marilyn Bals (through John Cole and Teresa Bals-Esholz): 2 full scholarships

Melanie Barnes and Dept. of Geosciences at TTU: 2 full scholarships

Carol Korzeniewski and Dept. of Chemistry at TTU: 2 full scholarships

Esther Lichti: 1 full scholarship

Roger Lichti and Dept. of Physics at TTU: 2 scholarships

Carolie Mullins: 1 full scholarship

Caroll Akard: partial scholarship

Lucy and Jerry Barrington: partial scholarship

Sue Couch: partial scholarship

Shine Kim: partial scholarship

In addition to these individuals, we also received support from the AAUW fundraiser held at our membership meeting, and the Foundation for Excellence through LISD.

Altogether, we raised \$5212 and paid out \$4830 in scholarships. This left us with \$382 as seed money toward scholarships for SIGT camp for next year. We have discussed several fundraising ideas for providing scholarships as well as opportunities for the girls to earn service credits toward those scholarships. We will keep you posted as those develop.

As a committee, the Mother-Daughter Program wants you to know how vital you all are to the success of the program, and how very much we appreciate your support. We truly could never achieve our goals without you.

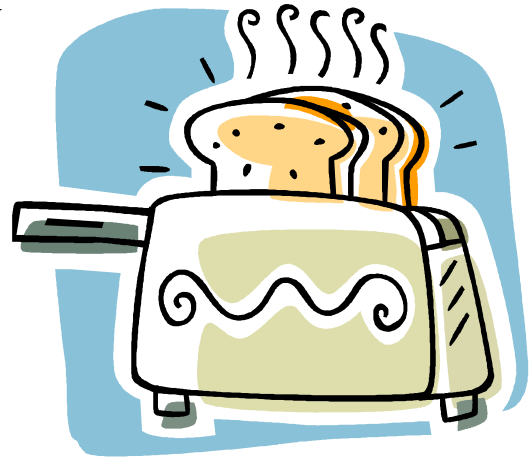
## **Cuisine Group Dinner Preparations**

### ***Kara Page, Cuisine Group Chair***

We are excited to celebrate with each and every one of you! Several dinners are already scheduled, so please contact the hostess next to the coordinating dinner that you are interested in to see how you can help!

**The role of the Hostess or Helper can take on many forms:**

1. We need homes or venues
2. If you don't have a place, but you are good at decorating or coordinating ideas, we'd love to have your help!
3. Lastly, the food--Recipe Coordination or Cook.



#### **September 14th--All-American Cookout**

Contact Inetta Reddell [Inetta.reddell@att.net](mailto:Inetta.reddell@att.net)

#### **October 6th--Sunday Afternoon Pancakes**

Contact Karen Bone [\(361\) 649-1731](tel:3616491731)

#### **January**

Jim and Diane Cole [DIACOLE1@aol.com](mailto:DIACOLE1@aol.com) or (806) 239) 7287

Co-Host Lucy Barrington [\(806\) 792-7061](tel:8067927061)

#### **February Branch Brunch**

Kara Page [\(405\) 208-2953](tel:4052082953)

#### **March 15th--St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

Denyce Gammel [\(217\) 801-1701](tel:2178011701)

#### **April Branch Bruch**

Kara Craig [\(405\) 208-2953](tel:4052082953)

If you want to host a dinner and you don't see your name on the list above, please contact Kara Page.



## General News: Dr. Alice White Establishes \$25,000 Endowment Fund for AAUW Lubbock

Dr. Alice White, Life member of AAUW and member of the Lubbock Betty Anderson Branch since 2005, recently established a \$25,000 AAUW Lubbock Branch Endowment Fund through the Lubbock Area Foundation. It was given in honor of four members of the local branch: Cathy Allen, Lucy Barrington, Lane Powell, and Joy Vann.

According to Alice, "I named the endowment in honor of these four women because of their leadership, enthusiasm and admiration for AAUW and for the dynamic, effective Mother-Daughter Program."

Alice is a Kansas native who received her PhD from UT--Austin in 1991. She has been an AAUW member since 1969; served as President of the 105-member Dodge City (KS) Branch from 1971-73; and President of the 4,000-member, 64-branch Kansas Division from 1979-81. Her Kansas AAUW friends have donated to AAUW in her honor; she is a Named Gift Honoree by AAUW (1975, 1989 and 1991).

Her *friend-making and communication skills*\* have garnered recognition:

- 2006 Honorary Charter Member of Raiders Rojos National Alumni Association,
- 2007 White Carnation Tribute from community leader Eric Strong for having contributed to goodwill among the races,
- 2011 "Pacesetter" recognition from South Plains College,
- 2012 Gold Medalist from the Association of Women in Communication of Lubbock,
- Served as two-year president of the alumni association and one-year chapter historian during the years when both the PBK Association of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico and the Lambda of Texas Phi Beta Kappa Chapter each won a 2012 **national first-place award** with **\$1,000 prize** from The Phi Beta Kappa Society, and Selected 2013-2016 District 5730, 51-club Rotary Foundation Chair.

It was through Dr. White's efforts that more than 835 GO Centers (*Education: GO Get It*) comprise an e-network among Pre-Kindergarten through graduate and professional schools, businesses and non-profit organizations throughout the South Plains and beyond. The GO Center network helps families, youth, educators and business leaders prepare all Texas families to prepare for and succeed in college and life.

"For Alice to create this endowment in this manner is very humbling! She has been an integral part of AAUW and Lubbock for many years, and I look forward to her continued involvement for many more," stated Lucy Barrington, current Branch president.

Other persons are invited to add to the Endowment Fund through memorial or honorary gifts or as part of a bequest. Donations may be sent to the following:

Lubbock Area Foundation

2509 80<sup>th</sup> Street

Lubbock, Texas 79423

[www.LubbockAreaFoundation.org](http://www.LubbockAreaFoundation.org)

(IMPORTANT: Tax identification # 75-1709180)

\*"Alice, a connector:" Malcolm Gladwell, author of Year 2000 national bestseller *The Tipping Point* said that "connectors" can be a **powerful business strategy** – [because they are] a "handful of exceptional people" with "a special gift for **bringing the world together**" by "moving up and down and back and forth among all the different worlds and subcultures and niches and levels" ... (pp. 21, 38, 43, 48, 51). From *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*; Malcolm Gladwell; 2000; Back Bay Books; Little, Brown & Co.; ISBN 0-316-34662-4