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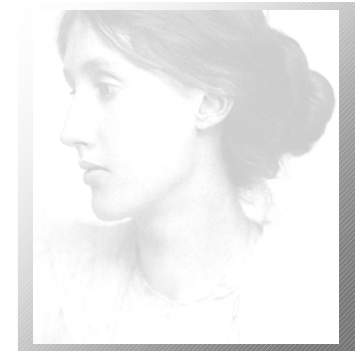
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New Horizons for Girls 2009
Lisette Spraggins

National Women's History Month.



The national celebration and recognition of women's historic achievements began in 1980 when National Women's History Week was proclaimed by Presidential Proclamation. In 1987, this national celebration was expanded by Congressional Resolution to an entire month by declaring March as National Women's History Month.

Join Abilene Branch, AAUW **Saturday, March 21st at 10:30 AM** at the **Abilene Country Club** to hear our distinguished guest speaker, Abilene lawyer **Beverly Tarpley**, provide an opportunity to educate the Abilene public about the significant role of women in American history and contemporary society.

A 'reservation only' luncheon will follow the 10:30 AM program. To make luncheon reservation please call Celina Fennell at 698-2421 or email celinafennell@suddenlink.net.

All events of Abilene Branch, AAUW are open to the public.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

The **AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research, and self development for women and foster equity and positive societal change.

The **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination in the academic profession.

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.

Branch Membership News

Dates & Events to Remember

- March** **Scholarship Application being accepted**
- March 21** **10:30 Branch Meeting**
Women's History Month
Abilene Country Club
- March 28** **Brennan's Vineyard Wine Trip**
Comanche, Texas
- March 30** **Literature Group**
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan
 Hostess: Jerilyn Yungblut, Reviewer: Celina Fennell,
- April 18** **2nd Annual New Horizons for**
Girls in Science, Math, Technology:
ACU, Don Morris Building
- April 20** **Scholarship Application Deadline**
- April 28** **Literature Group**
- May 16** **May Branch Meeting: Installation**
2009-10 Officers, Scholarship
Recipients Awards and Luncheon
Abilene Country Club

ATTENTION LITERATURE GROUP MEMBERS:

Delores Washburn, chair of the Literature Group needs the members' votes for next year's reading. She asks that the members please return the list she e mailed them with their selections. She would like to have a complete list before the next meeting, March 30th.



It's Election Time!

The following members of the Abilene Branch were nominated by the Board to serve on the 2009 Nominating Committee:

Aliceann Phillips, Robin Burrow, Alice Spier, Sue Newcombe and Mona Smith.

Additional nominations for this committee may be made from the floor at the branch meeting being held on March 21 provided the consent of

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March Birthdays

13th Ina Green

February Birthdays

Jeannie Best, Lila Chafey,
 Susan Humphrey, Jane Jones
 Lydia Long, Joanne Roberts



Committee Members and Volunteers Needed for New Horizons for Girls April 18th



Thanks to Lisette Spraggins, preparations are underway for the **2nd Annual New Horizons for Girls: Math, Science & Technology**. This year's event will be held on the campus of Abilene Christian University in the Don Morris Building. Speakers for eight different sessions are being lined up, registration forms are being distributed and publicity is underway. What we need now **IS YOU** to make this project successful. Last year, over 100 girls in grades 6—10 from the West Texas Area attended. You can help by serving on a committee **AND** being available on Saturday, April 18th to register participants, serve as session monitors, helping with door prizes and crowd control.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED FOR:

- *** Set-up and Tear Down on Saturday, April 18th
- *** Snacks.... \$\$\$\$ Donations, Purchase and Preparation
- *** Securing Door Prizes (T-shirts, gift cards from various fast food restaurants, beauty items, movie passes.... This list is limited only by our imaginations & willingness to ask for donations)
- *** Assembly of Registration Packets: Thursday, April 16
- *** Donations of items to include in Registration Packets (ex: pens/pencils/notepads from local businesses, colleges, medical centers, etc)
- *** Contacting session speakers to remind them of date & time and check to make sure we have their 'list of materials & needs, especially in the area of technology

DON'T BE SHY CONTACT Jeannie (672-1832) or Lisette (lspraggins@esc14.net) before they contact you

AAUW National and State Updates

- **UWT**, Texas AAUW quarterly newsletter has 'gone electronic' for 3 issues yearly. If you have not been receiving UWT via email this indicates the need to sign-up to receive these issues. You may do that at <http://www.aauwtexas.org>. Simply click on 'Sign up here for AAUW TEXAS email,' fill out the form and submit. You will receive an email verification of your request. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL** to receive email from AAUW Texas. (check your spam email in case your email server thinks this notification is SPAM)
- **AAUW-Texas** has established a new educational fellowship fund in honor of Governor Ann Richards. American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication.
- **NATIONAL:** Historic steps are being considered for AAUW. Read bylaws, and consider arguments at www.aauw.org.
- **AAUW 2009 Convention** will be in St. Louis June 26 - 28.
More information: www.aauw.org



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the nominee has been previously obtained.

The Nominating Committee will meet in April to prepare a slate of officers for the coming year. Members who have a candidate in mind to serve on next year's board are encouraged to contact one of the committee members to advise them of the reason "their" candidate would be an asset to the Board. It is hoped that those who are called will graciously agree to serve.

The Nominating Committee will publish the slate of candidates for office and send it to every member of the branch at least 14 days prior to the annual meeting which will be held in May. The election and installation of officers will take place during the May meeting.

Submitted by Aliceann Phillips



Abilene Branch, AAUW Creative Cooking Invites You to "An Evening at Brennan Vineyards"

www.brennanvineyards.com

When: *Saturday evening, March 28, 2009*

Leaving Abilene at 5:00 p.m.

Where: Brennan Vineyards

802 S Austin Street

Comanche, Texas 76442

Transportation: Car Pooling suggested

Call Jeannie to inquire about transportation

Maps will be provided to participants

What: Wine tasting and heavy hors d'oeuvres

Menu: Prepared by Chef Casey Rowlett

- Cracked black pepper pork loin served w/a chipotle bar-b-que sauce
- Assorted breads
- Marinated shrimp served w/ cocktail sauce
- Domestic cheeses served w/assorted olives and crackers
- Fruit kabobs

Cost: \$28.50 per person (including tip)

Hostesses: Jeannie Best: 672-1832

Celina Fennel: 698-2421



RSVP: is **essential** by Monday, March 23

