

AAUW Abilene Branch Founded December 1932



Fresh Start
January 21,
2012

President's Message:

A brand new year is here and with it comes optimism for our world, country, and community. In our AAUW Abilene Branch we are making that feeling a reality by working with our community.

Our small but powerful group of AAUW organizers put together a new middle school girl program titled "Fresh Start," which debuted January 21, 2012.

The program encourages mothers and daughters to set positive personal goals in their education or career, and for their fitness and nutrition. We collaborated with the Alliance for Women and Children's A-Teens program and will continue to assist should they want to do the "Fresh Start" again.

Looking down the road, we are getting ready for our Women of

Outstanding Achievement luncheon. This event is a powerful recognition of individual excellence by women in our area. The program has become a successful fundraiser for our scholarship.

The chairwomen of our AAUW Scholarship Program, a wonderfully optimistic endeavor, are providing applications to the local colleges. Our branch makes a difference for the women in our community. P. Webb

Branch Events

The following is a list of AAUW Abilene Branch events for the rest of the 2011-2012 year.

February 18, 2012
Women's Health with guest speaker Dr. Sandra Hazelip, who is a 2011 Woman of Outstanding Achievement Honoree. The meeting is 10:30 at the Abilene Country Club.

March 17, 2012
Business Meeting: Branch Officer Nominations and 2012 Woman of Outstanding Achievement Information. The meeting

is 10:30 at the Abilene Country Club.

April 3, 2012
Women of Outstanding Achievement, Abilene AAUW 2012 Local Scholarship Fund Raiser. The luncheon is 11:30 at the Abilene Country Club.

May 19, 2012
Awarding Scholarships: Installation of 2012-2013 Officers and Annual Business Meeting. The meeting is 10:30 at the Abilene Country Club. All meetings are open to the public and are

opportunities to recruit new members, so bring friends, daughters, granddaughters, and recent graduates.

Please take special note: AAUW State Convention April 13-14 in Austin, Texas

AAUW State President, Jeannie Best, who is one of our own branch members will preside at the convention. We will have a group of ladies who will attend. You may call Robin Burrow to add your name to the list of attendees -- 672-2997.



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Local Scholarship Applications

Abilene Branch Academic Scholarship

The Abilene Branch of AAUW awards five academic scholarships each spring to women returning to education. Four **Maude King, Emogene Emery** and **Celina Torres-Fennell** undergraduate scholarships are awarded to women currently attending college in Abilene. We award one scholarship for each of the four Universities / Colleges (ACU, HSU, McMurry and Cisco College, Abilene Campus). The **Jewel Davis Scarborough** Graduate Scholarship is awarded to one woman attending Graduate School at any of Abilene's Universities. Scholarship Recipients are presented and honored at the Annual May Scholarship Luncheon.

Our scholarship co-chairs have provided the applications to the college. Encourage women you know to apply.

BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS

Women of Outstanding Achievement 2012

Do you know a current or former resident of Abilene or the surrounding area who has distinguished herself as an outstanding member of the community through individual excellence and high levels of achievement?

Abilene Branch AAUW is accepting nominations for 2012 Women of Outstanding Achievement Awards. Nominees shall include women who: 1)

have inspired women and girls desiring to achieve their potential and overcome barriers they face; 2) are persons of influence and integrity who have made significant contributions to their community; 3) and have excelled in their chosen occupational field or field of Community Service.

Nomination deadline is on or before Friday, February 10, 2012.

Guidelines and nomination forms may be obtained by downloading the 2012 Nomination Packet; e-mail: abileneaauw@gmail.com or calling Event Chair Nancy Henderson (325) 572-3323

AAUW Abilene Branch Survey

Our AAUW branch is busy, but is it doing the work our members want? Only you can answer that.

You will receive and e-mail survey that will cover topics such as holding or not holding Saturday meetings; the importance

of having or not having a middle school girl event like New Horizons, Fresh Start, Sister-to-Sister.

The key to the survey is "What does our branch want to focus our energies on?" The branch will be 80 years-old in December

2012, how can we make it to the next 80 years? It will only be as strong as the membership wants it to be. Please fill it out and return the survey so we can help the next board plan for the future.

