

Special Interest Articles:

- Conversations with Women of Outstanding Achievement

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Executive Committee Updates:

2013 has arrived and our Spring Calendar is full of opportunities to learn, support and give back to the Abilene community.

January 19th and February 16th we will feature "Conversations with Women of Outstanding Achievement." In March we will be exploring the international community in Abilene. April 9, 2013 we are hosting our 4th Annual "Women of Outstanding Achievement" and on May 17, 2013 we award our Annual Education Scholarships to women pursuing higher education. For the past three years, because of the success of "Women of Outstanding Achievement", Abilene Branch, AAUW has been able to increase both the amount and the number of

scholarships we award.

In the Fall of 2012, we held our Annual Membership Brunch in the home of Wyllis Treanor. The event was very well attended and we gained several new members and some excellent prospective members. In October, 2012, Abilene AAUW, with the support of Dyess Spouses Club, helped host "**Threads of Hope for Afghan Women**" This was a unique come & go shopping event that featured food, music & culture from Afghanistan. Linda Egel and Col. Kristina O'Brein of Dyess spoke on the cooperative efforts of Dyess Air Force and Abilene Community organizations in assisting rebuilding efforts in

Afghanistan. The proceeds from this event provided classes and supplies for women to learn tailoring skills and begin businesses in their homes in rural Afghan villages.

Our Interest Groups continue to be a vital aspect of Abilene AAUW. As we enter the Spring, please remember to add these meeting dates to your calendar as well.

January 19th, February 16th, March (TBD), April 9th and May 17th

Thank you for your continued support of advancing equity for women and girls in the Abilene Area.

2012-2013

Executive Committee

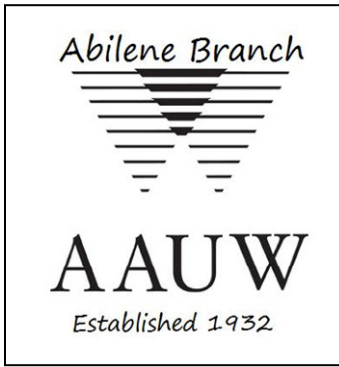
Conversations with Women of Outstanding Achievement Scheduled

This Spring, we will begin a new series of events entitled: "Conversations with Women of Outstanding Achievement" Because of time restraints at our actual annual event, we miss the opportunity to know more about the women our branch honors. **Join us at 10:30 A.M. Saturday, January**

19th and February 16th at the Abilene Country Club to meet our "**WOA**" honorees and visit with them about their past, present and future endeavors. As always, we enjoy being together and invite you to the luncheon afterwards at 11:30. Lunch is optional, it is not required in order to attend

the program, *but we have so much fun* and we are finished by 12:30. Lunch is \$15.00 and does require a reservation. We will need your reservation by Wednesday, the week of the event. (Jan. 16th & Feb. 13th) Please contact Linda Coleman at 698-4761 or LynLuco@suddenlink.net

SEE YOU THEN



Advancing
Equity for
Women and
girls in the
Abilene and
surrounding
area

FOR 80
YEARS

2013 Branch Events

January 19: 10:30 AM
Conversations with
Women of Outstanding
Achievement. **11:30**
Luncheon Abilene Country
Club (Wine Rm)

Jan. 22: 5:30 PM
Women of Outstanding
Achievement, 2013
meeting Mezamiz Coffee
House, 3909 S7th

Jan. 28: Literature Group

February 1, 2013:
Nominations for
“Women of Outstanding
Achievement” deadline

Feb. 16: 10:30 AM
Conversations with Donna

Kleman, Woman of
Outstanding Achievement,
2012 **11:30** Luncheon
Abilene Country Club

Feb. 16: Creative Cooking

Feb 25: Literature Group

March (TBD) 10:30 AM
“Dateline: Abilene’s
International Community
11:30 Luncheon Abilene
Country Club (Wine Rm)

March 28: Literature Group

April 9: Tuesday
11:00A.M.

*Woman of Outstanding
Achievement, 2013*

*Scholarship Fund Raising
Luncheon \$50 Abilene Country
Club (Ball Room)*

April 20:2 | Page Annual
Business Mtg 10:30 A.M.
(TBA)

April 27: Creative Cooking

April 29: Literature Group

May 17: 10:30 AM Abilene
Country Club (Wine Rm)
**2013 Scholarship Award
Luncheon**

May/June TBD: Creative
Cooking

Abilene Branch New Website

Intellectus is coming to
you through the mail since
the Executive Committee
wants to make sure each
member is aware of the
changes that have
occurred within our
branch.

Over the summer a
decision was made to
CHANGE our website
location.

Our new website address
is: [www.abilene-
tx.aauw.net](http://www.abilene-tx.aauw.net)

Future editions of
INTELLECTUS will be
sent via your email.
Members will also be able
to access the *Intellectus*
on the new branch
website.

In addition, branch
members will now be able
to access our Abilene
AAUW Membership
Directory through the
secure Member Center.
Login with the pass word:
intellectus (all lower case)

It is important to
understand the website
updates are not
immediate. For that
reason the executive
committee needs a list of
current email address for
the membership. We can
inform you of changes in
meeting dates, times and
locations. Please send
your current email
address to:

abileneaauw@gmail.com

Our new website address is:
www.abilene-tx.aauw.net



Branch Leadership Positions

Out of necessity, last spring the 2012 Nominating Committee and the 2011-12 Board of Directors made the recommendation to “elect” a Financial Officer and an Executive Committee for 2012-13.

The membership in attendance at the Annual Business

Meeting in May 2012 voted to approve this decision and the ‘appointments’ to this governing committee.

We are again looking for Branch Members to serve as

1. Members of the Nomination Committee and

2. Financial Officer and members of the Executive Committee.

Please consider serving Abilene AAUW in 2013-14 in one of these positions. We need YOU to continue our 80 legacy of advancing equity and empowering women and girls.

80 Years of Empowering Women

Dear AAUW Abilene,

Congratulations to the AAUW Abilene (TX) Branch on your 80th anniversary! We are sending you an official letter of recognition and a certificate to thank you for

all your hard work — educational, social, economic, and political — and dedication to AAUW and to empowering women.

AAUW is honored to recognize your branch for its progress in

empowering women for the past 80 years!

Sincerely,
Jyna Maeng
Intern-Branch Relations & Member Engagement



Call for Nominations of Outstanding Women

“... AAUW is honored to recognize your branch for its progress in empowering women for the past 80 years!” Now in West Texas, that IS a legacy.... Isn’t it amazing that 32 very determined Abilene women started our AAUW branch? Notice the word ‘**determined.**’ One of the first efforts of Abilene AAUW was to award scholarships to women in this area for the purpose of empowering them with the education needed to enable them to find employment during a nationwide depression and create a better life for themselves, their family and future generations.

Abilene AAUW still has that same mission. We believe that by empowering women today, we are helping to create a better future.

For over 30 years, Abilene AAUW was known for its Annual Book Sale that raised our scholarship funds. Times have changed, our branch has changed and we have searched for different funding sources to continue our Educational Scholarships.

Since 2010, Abilene AAUW has sponsored “*Women of Outstanding Achievement*,” a gala

luncheon event in April, designed to honor women from all walks of life within our community. Our past honorees have truly been ‘outstanding’ and worthy of being honored as such.

We are currently seeking nominations for 2013. We need your help.... Take a minute or two to think of the women in your life whose achievements are ‘outstanding’ and then nominate them. Nomination Packets may be found on our website abilene-tx.aauw.net or pick one up at our Jan. 19th meeting. Deadline for nominations is February 1st

April 9, 2013
Abilene Country Club

Make your reservations NOW
Tickets ** \$50
Tables of 8 ** \$400

Sponsorships Available
\$1,500

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