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Chaplain Donna Kleman

"Conversations with Women of Outstanding Achievement" 10:30 A.M. Saturday, February 16th at the Abilene Country Club.



Committee Updates:

Bi-monthly meetings of the *Women of Outstanding Achievement* steering committee have begun. These meetings are open to anyone (member or non-member) wishing to assist with our 4th Annual Scholarship Fundraising event.

We are in need of those willing to serve in some capacity on the following committees:

- Event Decorations
- Invitation
- Publicity
- Printed Program
- Table Hostesses
- Fund Development

We are asking our past scholarship recipients to assist us during the luncheon this year by sharing their scholarship experience with the people seated at their table, registration and welcome and assistance with our *Women of Outstanding Achievement*

honorees.

The steering committee is requesting our members &/or Interest Groups to take on the responsibility of decorating one table. We will also be asking different Abilene businesses owned by women to help with the decoration of our tables. Our goal is twofold: increase community business involvement and lighten the responsibilities of our members who have decorated three or more tables the past three years.

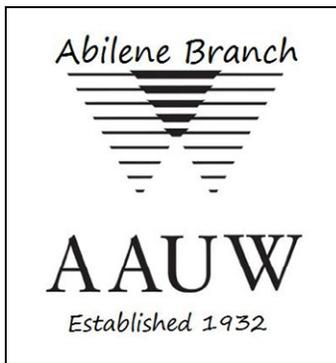
On February 18th, we will be announcing our 2013 *Women of Outstanding Achievement* honorees. We personally visit each honoree and announce their honor. If you would like to take part in this aspect of our celebration, call Nancy Henderson (325) 572-3323.

Saturday, March 2nd, the steering committee will host a Brunch for our new

and past *Women of Outstanding Achievement*. Scholarship recipients will be helping with that event as well. It has been exciting to experience our honorees getting together to become acquainted, re-acquainted and 'catch up' with each other.

Of course our celebration culminates on Tuesday,

April 9th at the *Women of Outstanding Achievement* (WOA) luncheon held in the ballroom of the Abilene Country Club. Not only will we be honoring the accomplishments of our WOA honorees, we will be announcing the Abilene Branch AAUW 2013 Educational Scholarship Recipients. Make your reservations early! This event has been a 'sell out' the past three years. Individual tickets are \$50, table of eight sponsorships are available for \$400. Remember, proceeds from this event go to support our six \$1,000.00 annual scholarships.



Advancing Equity for Women and girls in the Abilene and surrounding area
FOR 80 YEARS

2013 Branch Events

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
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Country Club (Wine Rm)

March 28: Literature Group

April 9: Tuesday 11:00A.M.

Woman of Outstanding Achievement, 2013
Scholarship Fund Raising Luncheon and Annual Scholarship Awards (\$50)
Abilene Country Club (Ball Room)

April 20: Annual Business Mtg 10:30 A.M. (Location TBA)

April 27: Creative Cooking

April 29: Literature Group

May 17: 10:30 AM
Membership Renewal and New Member Gathering Abilene Country Club (Wine Rm)

May/June TBD: Creative Cooking

Conversations with Women of Outstanding Achievement Scheduled

We will continue our series "Conversations with Women of Outstanding Achievement" **10:30 A.M. Saturday, February 16th at the Abilene Country Club.** This month we will be visiting with Chaplain Donna Kleman, 2012 honoree. If you missed our January Conversation with Betty Bradley, you

really missed meeting an inspiring, determined woman. Our conversation is informal with the opportunity to

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. (Feb.13th) Please contact Linda Coleman at 698-4761 or LynLuco@suddenlink.net

SEE YOU THEN

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.



Women of
AO *Outstanding*
achievement **2013**

Scholarship Challenge: Raise Amounts to \$1,250.00

The Executive and WOA Steering Committees would like to CHALLENGE our branch members and the Abilene community to help us raise enough monies to increase each of those six scholarships to \$1,250.00!

For 80 years, Abilene Branch AAUW has believed that helping women obtain a higher level of education, benefits our community. It strengthens families, grows our economy and enhances our society.

"If we educate a boy, we educate one person. If we educate a girl, we educate a family—and a whole nation"

An African Proverb

By sending women and girls to school, they are far more likely to ensure that their children also receive an education.

April 9, 2013
Abilene Country Club

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

Sponsorships Available
\$1,500

For information contact
abileneaauw@gmail.com
On-line at Abilene-tx.aauw.net
325-572-3323

Abilene Branch AAUW Scholarship Applications Being Accepted Through March 8th

Abilene Branch AAUW is currently accepting applications for both undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

Key Reyes is chair of the 2013 Scholarship Committee. Members of this committee also include Joy Shin and Pauline Webb. We are looking for another member to serve on this committee. If you would like

to participate, please contact Kay at texasotr@gmail.com or calling (325)518-6278.

This year's scholarship recipients will be announced at the Women of Outstanding Achievement luncheon on Tuesday, April 9th

Please help us pass this information to those you know who could benefit from

one of these scholarships or help us place posters around the community and surrounding area.

Scholarship Applications are available on our website.

www.abilene-tx.aauw.net/scholarship/



Abilene AAUW
Educational Scholarships
Deadline: March 8, 2013

Abilene AAUW currently awards five undergraduate scholarships and one graduate scholarship to women returning to the classroom after some period of time in which her formal education was interrupted. Women pursuing degrees at Abilene's universities and community college are eligible to apply. For more information and applications: www.abilene-tx.aauw.net/scholarship/ or abileneaaauw@gmail.com

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