
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Since the first meeting of 17 women in 1881, AAUW has been breaking through educational and economic barriers so that all women may have a fair chance. Today, AAUW is a nationwide, nonpartisan network of more than 170,000 members and supporters, with branches in every congressional district, state, and U.S. territory. AAUW has established a legacy over 137 years across a range of issues that have all advanced equity for women and girls.

EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

- Support for education has ranged from helping to raise funds to buy a gram of radium for Marie Curie's research, to promoting civil rights and the study of racial understanding and peace.
- Since the 1880's, AAUW has been improving education for women. AAUW held colleges and universities accountable for admitting and advancing women at a time when few had the opportunity to pursue higher education. Our survey *Campus 1970: Where Do Women Stand?* helped lead to the creation of Title IX.
- AAUW Leadership Programs help women and girls acquire the skills they need to succeed and assume leadership roles in their academic, professional, and personal lives.

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AAUW FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Since 1888, AAUW's fellowships and grants program has awarded more than 13,000 women making it a leading source of funding exclusively for graduate women.

- AAUW is a leader in advancing educational and professional opportunities for women nationally and globally, providing more than \$3.7 million annually in fellowships, grants, and awards for outstanding women around the globe and for community action projects.
- At the national level, North Harris County (TX) Branch funded two programs that now have annual recipients - the North Harris County Research and Projects Endowment that required \$35,000 to fund and the Virginia R. Lyon American Fellowship for graduate studies that required \$100,000 to endow.

AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF) works to end sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. AAUW has also been in the forefront in wage discrimination causes helping to fund passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

NHC AAUW GRANTS

- Funds national and international grants, as well as, local community projects with proceeds from our popular annual Outstanding Women of North Harris County luncheon. Some recipients have included Boys and Girls Country, Pearl Fincher Art Museum, Barbara Bush Library, and various local schools.

NORTH HARRIS COUNTY BRANCH

AAUW North Harris County (TX) Branch (TX 7107) began in 1973 and was chartered in 1974 with 89 members.

In support of AAUW's mission statement and in an effort to impact the local civic and cultural scene, our branch:

- Formed *Friends of the Library* that established the Barbara Bush Library at Cypress Creek.
- Helped develop Mercer Arboretum.
- Researched and published *The Heritage of North Harris County*.
- Completed a \$15,000 endowment for an annual \$1,000 scholarship at Lone Star College - North Harris.
- Helped establish an AAUW student affiliate organization at Lone Star College - North Harris.
- Sponsors a Summit for girls at various local high schools, with the goal to increase the graduation rate, improve self-esteem, and raise interest in professional careers, especially those in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Mission

AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Vision Statement

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

Membership Criteria

AAUW is open to anyone holding an associate's (or equivalent, e.g. RN), bachelor's, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Annual membership is \$95.

(Includes national, state, and branch dues)

North Harris County Branch Events

Monthly Branch meetings, interest and study groups, and socials are held September - May.

Branch Programs:

September 20 – Kathryn Lane, author of *Coyote Zone*, topic "Human Trafficking"

October 18 – Becah Butler, topic "The Brookwood Community"

November 15 – Jim Robertson, topic "The Cypress Creek Greenway Project"

January 17 – Personal Trainer Joanna Peak M.A. Exercise Physiology, "Fitness and Flexibility"

March 21 – Field trip to the G.W. Bush Presidential Library in College Station

April 18 – Dr. Shelia Katz, topic "Women in Poverty"

The AAUW Story

The organization began in 1881 with a commitment so strong that it has endured for more than a century...

The national website

www.aauw.org

provides a broad spectrum of information and opportunities to become active advocates of women and girls.

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<http://nharriscounty-tx.aauw.net>

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**North Harris County Branch
Houston, Texas**



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