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HOUSTON BRANCH

**Celebrate International Women's Day with AAUW and CARE
through A POWERFUL NOISE Live**

A POWERFUL NOISE ♀ Live

On Thursday, March 5, 2009, **A POWERFUL NOISE Live** will appear in 450 movie theatres across the United States.

This one-night event will feature the acclaimed documentary followed by a town hall discussion broadcast live from New York City to each theatre.

A POWERFUL NOISE Live begins at 6:30pm CT.

****AAUW – Houston will be viewing this event at the Edwards MarqE Stadium IMAX theatre on I10/Katy Freeway. Tickets are \$15**

Other branches may view with us or at Willowbrook 24, Memorial City Mall, Deerbrook 24, GulfPoint 30 and Cinemark 19 in Katy.

Houston branch members RSVP immediately to karen.mckibben@gmail.com if you plan to go, need a ride or are willing to drive from your neighborhood. Please notify any branch members you are aware of who do not have email. They may RSVP to Karen at 713-713-392-4150.

Through AAUW's and CARE's partnership, AAUW encourages you to join CARE (www.care.org) and more than 120,000 people gathering in 400 theaters across the United States to celebrate International Women's Day 2009. On the evening of March 5, CARE is hosting an unprecedented one-night event featuring the theatrical premiere of "A Powerful Noise," an acclaimed documentary that follows three extraordinary women – Hanh is an HIV-positive widow in Vietnam, Nada is a survivor of the Bosnian war, and Jacqueline educates girls in Mali. The film takes you inside the lives of these women to witness their daily challenges and significant victories over poverty and oppression.

Immediately following the film, theatergoers will participate in a town hall meeting broadcast live from New York. It will feature renowned activists and experts, including Nicholas Kristof and Christy Turlington Burns, who will discuss how we can help empower women around the world.

AAUW members across the country can plan to attend the event, and **your branch can make A POWERFUL NOISE Live your own official International Women's Day program for 2009.**

To submit questions for the panel go to comments@apowerfulnoise.org

There will be no meeting February 28

Thank you to all the members who helped to make the Interbranch Luncheon a success! Your efforts are appreciated. Dean Sallie was an inspiring and interesting speaker. Doorprizes raised \$30 for LAF and \$200 for EF.

Interbranch Council Celebrates International Women's Day

Saturday, March 7 at 10am at the Montrose Library

Her Royal Highness **UgoEze Chinyere Obichuku**, the wife of His Royal Highness Eze Emeka Obichuku, will speak to members at the Interbranch Council meeting on March 7 at 10 am. All members are invited..

H.R.H is the first UgoEze (Queen) to be also crowned in America by the Greater Owerri Community from Imo-State, Nigeria, West Africa. She holds both B.Sc. and M.A degrees in Nutritional Science. She as traveled quite extensively including going on medical missions with the Owerri Women Association of Houston.

On these missions she served as a nutritionist, alongside medical doctors, nurses, pharmacist and other medical professionals. She as been assisting less fortunate children worldwide by donating clothing, shoes, books and backpacks to them.

Her Royal Highness UgoEze Chinyere Obichuku has received over thirty awards for being an outstanding role model, model citizen, and for outstanding community service. These awards were through the media, communities, churches and schools. Her goal is to have her own foundation to help needy children and schools in need.

Taking Charge

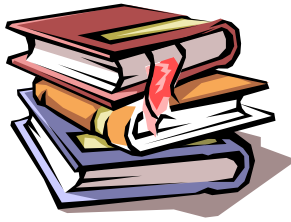
AAUW is a partner with several other organizations in the Houston area which offer ***Taking Charge***, a collaborative one-day event for at-risk middle school girls. ***Taking Charge*** empowers girls to develop their character, communication, and leadership skills so that each may feel in charge of her future. Programming is designed to encourage participants to complete their education, reject self-destructive behaviors and embark on fulfilling careers. Unfortunately this year's program ***The Media and Me*** was cancelled due to Hurricane Ike. Efforts to reschedule have not been successful. Current plans are to offer this program on our customary day in October.

Sign Up Your Friends and AAUW Colleagues for Action Network!

Visit AAUW's [newly redesigned Take Action page](#) of our website! Anyone can [sign up for Action Network](#), AAUW members and nonmembers alike. It is an excellent way to introduce potential members to AAUW's advocacy. You can also [print out flyers online](#). Use flyers to sign up friends, family and coworkers to AAUW Action Network. These flyers are great to use at branch events, community events, etc.

New Pay Equity Resources Available Online

Check out the new AAUW [web page dedicated to the Paycheck Fairness Act \(S. 182/H.R. 12\)](#). On the page you can read about the bill, link to related press releases, discover how your representative voted on the bill, and find out how to urge your Senator to take action on its quick passage. You can also visit our new [Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act](#) page to learn more about, and see pictures from, the bill signing. These new pages, along with AAUW's updated [Pay Equity Resource Kit](#), are great resources for members as AAUW continues to fight for pay equity and prepare for [Equal Pay Day](#) on April 28.



BOOKWORMS

Schedule

*We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.
Refreshments provided.*

*Call Lois Sutton for location information (713) 862-8857
The remaining selections for 2009 are:*

February 25, 7 p.m.

Book: *Gateway*, Frederick Puhl

Reviewer: Lois Sutton

Location: Gail Fox's

4918 Milam, 77006 - near Montrose and Chelsea

March 25, 7 p.m.

Book: *Women's Works, The First 20,000 Years*, Elizabeth Wayland Barber

Reviewer: Jill Harmuth

Location: _____

April 22, 7 p.m.

Book: *Morality for Beautiful Girls*, Alexander McCall Smith

Review: Open group discussion

Location: Cafe Express, West Gray (still entertaining restaurant ideas)

May 27, 7 p.m.

Book: *Three Cups of Tea*, Greg Mortenson

Reviewer: Both Karen and PJ volunteered. Toss a coin y'all!

Location: _____

If you'd like to volunteer to host a session, let Lois Sutton know!

"The only books that influence us are those for which we are ready, and which have gone a little farther down our particular path than we have yet got ourselves." ~ E.M. Forster (January 1, 1879 – June 7, 1970) English novelist.

WANTED:

Members who would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee to help identify branch leaders for our branch. The Nominating Committee will be searching for a new President and a Secretary to serve on the Board. Let Pat know if you can help paross@aol.com, 281-435-9678.

Out And About: Discovering the Hidden Treasures of Houston

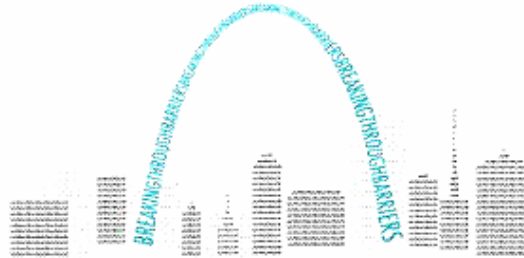
Hey, day trippers! *Out & About* is all about having fun and going interesting places. We become better acquainted and save money by carpooling and sharing the cost of gas. Spring 2009 “explores” include:

March 9	Bus Tour to the Painted Churches
April 17	Probable participation in “Great Day Houston”
May 9 (Saturday)	Meet to enjoy and the Art Car Parade with a tailgate party after.

For more information Erma Ridge 713-888-0005

Out And About meets the 3rd Friday of the month

Save the Date for the AAUW 2009 Convention



2009 AAUW National Convention | Breaking through Barriers

Registration has opened for the [2009 AAUW Convention in St. Louis](#) scheduled for June 26–28. Please remember to plan for convention in your 2009 budget, put it on your calendar, and join us in St. Louis! AAUW is in the midst of charting a new path and many important decisions will be made at this convention. All national board positions are contested. Your vote is important!

Check the [convention webpage](#) often for updates.

Get Well Soon!!

Pat Donnelly is recovering from recent surgery. We look forward to seeing her again as soon as she is feeling better.

The next AAUW Houston meeting will be March 28, at 10 am

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