

BRANCH MEETING – FEBRUARY 11, 2012

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[Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics](#)

The [AAUW research report](#) will be highlighted by **Tricia Berry**, Director of the Women in Engineering Program (WEP) at The University of Texas at Austin. She concurrently serves as Director of the Texas Girls Collaborative Project, connecting Texas organizations, companies, and individuals working to advance gender equity in science, technology, engineering and mathematics in coordination with the National Girls Collaborative Project. Berry is also the Executive Vice President of 825 Basics, LLC, providing knowledge and tools to help employees enhance their workplace and career success, and co-author of the book *Exceeds Expectations: Take Control of Your Performance Review*.

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Newsletter Deadline is noon on the 20th of the preceding month. Send to: g simpler@mail.utexas.edu

Questions? Call me at 834-9481 or 560-6329.

Wyndham Garden Hotel

3401 IH 35 (NE corner IH 35 and Woodward St.) Austin, TX 78741

9:45—10:15 a.m. Registration, Socialize and Network

10:15—11:15 a.m. Program

11:15 a.m. Branch business meeting

12:00 p.m. Luncheon (\$20 w/reservation; \$30 at the door)

All members planning to attend should RSVP to Sylvia Gregory by 6 p.m. the Wednesday before the meeting via e-mail at aauw.satgreg@yahoo.com or by phone—345-2420. This includes members *only* attending the meeting, as well as those staying for lunch to ensure ample seating. There will be open seating for all members and guests. Everyone will be given their nametags when they check in. Those staying for lunch will also receive a lunch card to put at the place of their choosing. This procedure will encourage all members to mingle and allow the wait staff to serve lunch more efficiently.

Menu: Lemon Basil Chicken—lemon and basil grilled chicken breast with wild rice and seasonal fresh vegetables. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let Sylvia know when you make your reservation. All plated luncheons are served with House salad or Caesar salad, rolls and butter, Chef's Choice dessert, iced tea, hot tea, regular and decaffeinated coffee.

Tricia Berry, continued

Berry received her BS Chemical Engineering degree from The University of Texas at Austin in May 1993 and her MBA from the University of Houston—Clear Lake in May 1999. She is a Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Life Member and is currently serving on the SWE—Assessing Women and Men in Engineering (AWE) Project Advisory Council. Berry has been a member of the Women in Engineering ProActive Network (WEPAN) since 2001, and most recently served on the WEPAN Board as President Elect, President and Past President from 2007-2010. She was a guest presenter at the National AAUW Convention in Washington, D.C. last June. Berry frequently collaborates with Girlstart Director and Austin Branch member **Tamara Hudgins**. She is married and has two boys. Please join us to learn more about the AAUW research project and find out what is happening regarding the status of women locally!



GIRLSTART UPDATES:

- Saturday, March 31, 2012: GIRLS in STEM CONFERENCE.** (formerly Expanding Your Horizons) AAUW Austin Branch will register the girls attending the conference at The University of Texas at Austin's University Teaching Center from 8:30–10:30 a.m. Please take a short 'refresher' training session at one of our next two Branch meetings, the 'Bag Stuffing' session, or before the event on Saturday. The Austin Branch is contributing teal colored sharpened pencils with our full name on them, as well as gummy wristbands with inspirational words and AAUW printed on them for the girls' "goodie bags." We will meet on a Friday morning in March (tba) to stuff the bags with all the items that have been donated by sponsors. We do not know yet how many (if any) hall monitors will be needed. Thanks to all of you for your enthusiasm and support!
- COFFEE with GIRLSTART.** The Coffee with Girlstart sessions are informal meetings, usually no longer than one hour, held by Deputy Director, Julie Shannan. They are held to introduce the world of Girlstart to those who might be unfamiliar with the work Girlstart does, as well as update current friends and supporters on recent achievements. Girlstart typically holds the Coffee Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month; the next one is set for February 14th at 9:00 a.m. at Girlstart Headquarters, 1400 W. Anderson Lane. Please contact me if you would like to attend: la_azucena@hotmail.com or call 512-291-9032.
- WORDS of ENCOURAGEMENT.** In January 2012, Girlstart's After School Program will serve over 530 girls in the Central Texas area and every participant works on a STEM journal throughout the year. The STEM journals are for the girls to take notes, record observations, personalize with decorations, write reflections and share their thoughts about program activities. Girlstart would like to surprise the girls by having an encouraging note from a member of AAUW to place in their journal. The notes should be no larger than 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" with Words of Encouragement for one (or more) of Girlstart's After School girls. Remind them to follow their dreams! Sign the note with your name, American Association of University Women, and your job title or area of expertise. No envelope is needed. Bring the note(s) to a Branch meeting, or mail to me (**Lilac Bauer**, 2621 Alcott Lane, Austin, TX 78748). These will be placed in their journals at the end of this school year. *How many can you write???*

Lilac Bauer, Girlstart Liaison



Breaking through barriers for women and girls since 1881.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Please add to your Yearbook.



Shannon McKeown shares Mary Owens' passion for purple!



Shannon McKeown, 6100 Oleander Trail, Austin, TX 78735; Cell: (512) 653-6745; smintx@austin.rr.com; website: wix.com/smintx/food-consciousness; Texas A & I University, BS '88, Nutrition; Texas State University, MS '10, Human Nutrition

Shannon has published articles on nutrition, including one on Acai Berry Nutrients on the Lance Armstrong Live Strong website. She has 20 years of experience in weight management/wellness, diabetes counseling, and health and nutrition education. Shannon leads meditation workshops, Breathing Prayer Circles, and organic nutrition workshops. She is open to new career opportunities. Other interests include yoga, swimming, being in nature, loving animals, dancing and collecting things that are purple.

Rana Squires, 4913 Timberline Dr., Austin, TX 78746; Home: (512) 368-3848; rana.squires@gmail.com; Texas Tech University, BBA, '84, Finance

Rana and her husband, Jimmy, are parents of two sons, Tanner and Stephen. Her interests include participating in The University of Texas at Austin's NOVA programs, church activities, reading, sewing, and keeping up with her boys. Rana has worked in the insurance field, has been an independent fundraiser, has consulted and represented companies that did product fundraising and is open to a new part-time career opportunity.



Rana Squires visited with Hostess Inés García and Anita Knight at the recent Holiday Open House.

Lorraine Benini, 377 Shiloh Rd., Johnson City, TX 78636; Work: (512) 830-868-5244; lorraine@benini.com; University of S. Florida, BA '73, English and Anthropology; University of Florida, MA '83, Communication and Journalism

Lorraine was an Information Specialist and writer at the University of Florida. Since 1978 she has been the Owner and President of the Benini Galleries and Sculpture Ranch in Johnson City where she lives and works with her husband, international artist Benini. 28 members of our Art Tour Group visited her at the Sculpture Ranch last month. Lorraine is a former AAUW member and we are thrilled to welcome her back to our "sisterhood of 100,000."



Mary Douthit, 8112 Cahill Dr., Austin, TX 78729, Cell: (512) 633-7853; Work: (512) 471-4127; mary.douthit@yahoo.com; Southern Methodist University, BBA '69, Business Administration

After working a number of years for Tiffany & Co. in Chicago, Mary became Director of Merchandising for the Art Institute of Chicago. In 2000 she moved back to Texas, serving as a business consultant for King Ranch and other small businesses before beginning her current position as Senior Manager of Retail Operations for The University of Texas at Austin's Blanton Museum of Art in 2005. In addition to her great interest in art, travel and the decorative arts, Mary enjoys playing word games, especially Scrabble and crossword puzzles. Mary's 91 year old mother was a long-time member of AAUW so we welcome her as a legacy!



It's Just Around the Corner and

YOU ARE A HOSTESS!!

The 2012 Biennial AAUW Texas State Convention will be April 13-15, 2012
at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol, 701 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701

Volunteers are needed to assist in preparation for the convention and to serve as hostesses. Please contact Hostess Chair **Judy Reinhart**, jareinhart@att.net or 345-5936 to greet and assist AAUW branch members from all over the state, national guests, and keynote speakers during the convention.

A Chair is also needed for the Audio Visual and Media Committee. Please contact one of the Convention Co-Chairs—**Elizabeth Newell**, **Rosemary Morrow** or **Pat Rehm** to volunteer for that position. Elizabeth can be reached at enewell4@austin.rr.com, 512-345-1686; Rosemary—rmorr5@sbcglobal.net, 512-251-7212; Pat—roosterrock2@gmail.com, 512-876-4211.

The primary focus of the convention will be on the issues of education in Texas and the nation.

- ⇒ Friday evening will feature a “Cocktails & Convos” event with a display of fundraising ideas.
- ⇒ Saturday will begin with a breakfast and featured speaker. Branch officers will be seated together to “talk among ourselves” sharing ideas, concerns, and successes. Other Saturday activities include break-out sessions, a luncheon, a business meeting (election of state officers for 2012-2014), time to visit vendors and Branch “Programs-in-a-Box,” and a reception honoring Legacy Circle members and past AAUW Texas presidents followed by dinner.
- ⇒ The convention will conclude on Sunday with a morning brunch, a featured speaker, and presentation of the 2012-2014 Texas State Board.

It promises to be a stimulating event and all Austin Branch Members are especially invited to attend and participate, as well as volunteer! The Registration Form for the convention is conveniently found on the AAUW Texas website: aauwtexas.org

Advertise in the 2012 Biennial AAUW Texas Convention Program

To submit an ad you should use the Advertising Application Form from the AAUW Texas website:
aauwtexas.org

Size and cost of ads are:

	Width	Height	Cost
Full page Back Cover	7.5"	9.0"	\$250
Full page	7.5"	9.0"	\$150
Half page	7.5"	4.5"	\$ 75
Quarter page	3.5"	4.5"	\$ 35
Business card, centered in quarter page			\$ 35
3 line AAUW Branch Special			\$ 10



Reserve a display/vendor table to promote your own small business or another organization!

Contact Brenda Scholin, bwscholin@gmail.com to reserve a display/vendor table.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES/Calendar

February 1 - National Freedom Day

National Freedom Day is an observance in the U.S. that honors the signing of a resolution that proposed the 13th amendment of the nation's constitution on Feb. 1, 1865. Abraham Lincoln signed the resolution to outlaw slavery.

February 3 - Book Review Group meets at the Hyde Park Church of Christ, 43rd & Avenue B at 10 a.m. *American Presidents*. Discussion Leader: Ramona Nance. Hosts: Larie Amsler and Gayle Smith. Chair: Natalie Balden, 288-7748.

February 6 - Contemporary Literature meets at the Old Quarry Branch Library, 7051 Village Center Dr. at 7:15 p.m. *Cutting for Stone: A Novel* by Abraham Verghese. Discussion leader: Mary Owens. Chair: Fern Chester, 345-1102.

February 7 - Classic Book Study Group meets at the Ralph Yarborough Branch Library, 2200 Hancock Dr. at 7 p.m. *The Scarlet Pimpernell* by Baroness Orczy. Discussion leader: Annette Haslund. Chair: Evelyn Boyer, 836-1492.

February 8 - Second Wednesday Bridge, 4 p.m. Call Judy Reinhart, 345-5936, for more information; hostess and location change monthly.

February 11 - BRANCH MEETING AND LUNCHEON at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3401 IH 35 & Woodward. Registration — 9:45 a.m. — Program — 10:15 a.m. AAUW research *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* will be presented by Tricia Berry, Director of the Women in Engineering Program at The University of Texas at Austin. Business Meeting and Luncheon follows. Luncheon reservations required.

February 13 - Books and Brunch Southwest will gather at 10:30 a.m. at the home of hostess and facilitator Inés García, 6310 Abilene Trail, to discuss *A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation*. RSVP to Inés, 444-5643. Chair: Ruth Falck, 550-6449.

February 14 - Valentine's Day!



February 15 - Creative Stitchery meets at the home of hostess Kay Goodwin, 4100 N. Jackson Ave., Apt. 324, (Westminster) at 10 a.m. Co-Hostess: Frances Tomlinson. Remember to bring sack lunch. RSVP to Kay, 457-8255 or Frances, 899-9244. Co-Chairs: Jan Roberts, 371-0782 and Dorothea Berasley, 343-0370.

SOS — STATE CONVENTION TOTE BAGS!

Gail Simpler and Marsha Endahl Kramer, Tote Bag Co-Chairs for the AAUW Texas State Convention, would like to thank Brenda Scholin for her donation of personalized pens from her real estate company. **MANY MORE** items are still needed! We are still looking for a major donor for the 150 tote bags! Perhaps you (or spouse or friend) work for a company that would like more visibility. A logo or name can be printed on the bag. Please contact Gail or Marsha to let them know what you can contribute or have suggestions about potential donors. Gail can be reached at gsimpler@mail.utexas.edu or 834-9481. Marsha can be reached at hughmarsha@aol.com or 906-2033. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

February 16 - Culture and Cuisine meets at the home of Hostess Anneliese Ellerton, 5204 Avenue G, at 6:30 p.m. Co-hostess is Mary Owens. "Desserts of the World" will be featured, but sandwiches and fruit will also be served. RSVP to Anneliese, 241-8425 or Mary, 454-9339. Chair: Mary Owens, 454-9339.

February 18 - PEARS will celebrate "Love is in the Air" with dinner at the home of Peggy and Leon Holland, 10705 Leafwood Lane at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Peggy, 335-1224. Chair: Veronica Johnson, 338-1254.

February 20 - Presidents' Day



February 21 - AAUW Out to Lunch meets at Maggiano's Little Italy, 10910 Domain Dr., Suite 100 at 11 a.m. www.maggianos.com/EN/Pages/LocationResults.aspx RSVP to Hostess lileen Payton, 338-1058. Chair: Veronica Johnson, 338-1254.

February 22 - Art Tour Group will meet at the Terrell Powell Studio (painter, sculptor, beautiful house and gardens), 2016 Brentwood Street, 78757 at 10 a.m. Lunch follows at The Frisco Shop, 6801 Burnet Rd.; later stroll the Crestwood Neighborhood Mural on Woodrow by Jean Graham and neighbors. Hostess: Sally Scott. Call Chair Diane Brewer, 328-0474 if you need additional information.

February 22 - Fourth Wednesday Bridge, 4 p.m. Call Sarah Ezell, 343-8394, for more information; hostess and location change monthly.

February 27* - AAUW Travel Study Group will meet at the North Village Branch Library, 2505 Steck Ave. to learn about Singapore with Rima Xoyamayagü-Undavia at 2 p.m. *Note change of date for this month. Co-Chairs: Mary Ellen Scribner, 255-8428 and Adrian McCulloch, 820-1917.

From the NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of officers for 2012-2014 at the February 11th Branch Meeting:

President: Anita Knight
 VP Programs: Sylvia Garcia
 VP Membership: Diane Brewer
 Treasurer: Ruth Falck
 Secretary: Janet Widoff

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for all their efforts in recruiting an outstanding leadership team for the Austin Branch: **Diane Brewer**, Chair; **Fern Chester**, **Sylvia Garcia**, **Rosemary Morrow** and **Mary Ellen Scribner**.

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The annual branch meeting and election of officers will be held at the March 10th Branch Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor provided written consent by the nominee has been obtained. Installation will be at the May Branch Meeting.



SAVE THE DATE

Branch Meeting

March 10, 2012

“VOCES de LATINAS”

with Gloria Espitia

Austin History Center

~ Wyndham Garden Hotel ~

www.aauw.org

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austin-tx.aauw.net



AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

Ten Thousand Villages of Austin celebrates **International Women's Day (March 8)** with women-themed Benefit Nights at the store March 5-8 and its 4th Annual International Women's Day Awards Ceremony, March 9, 2012, honoring Austin women in the following categories:

Humanitarian - A person devoted to promoting the welfare of humanity, especially through the elimination of pain and suffering. Humanitarianism is an ethic of kindness, benevolence and sympathy extended universally and impartially to all human beings.

Environmentalist - A person actively involved in attempts to protect the environment from pollution or destruction through such measures as ecosystem protection, waste reduction, pollution prevention and conservation.

Environmentalist - A person focused on the well-being of animals or who educates others in understanding the needs of animals.

Do you know an Austin Branch member or members you would like to nominate?

Nomination forms are available at Ten Thousand Villages, 1317 S. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704.

The deadline to submit nominations is February 20, 2012.

If you need more information, please contact **Ruth Falck**, ruthfalck@yahoo.com or 550-6449.

