

AAUW
Austin, Texas Branch

Next Meeting

March 9, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Norris Center
Northcross Mall
2525 West Anderson Lane

R.S.V.P. by March 3rd

(see below for RSVP info)



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Thank you

Thank you, Ruth Falck, for editing this newsletter for past 6

**March Meeting
"Sexual Violence on College Campuses"**

Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz, Associate Dean for Research, and Director, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault at the University of Texas at Austin's School of Social Work will provide a presentation on "Sexual Violence on College Campuses" at the Branch meeting March 9. Her topic will address an issue that is of paramount concern to colleges and universities seeking proactive responses to a grave challenge in higher education, as well as a public policy action priority for National AAUW.

As a full professor, Dr. Busch-Armendariz teaches undergraduate and graduate classes on human trafficking and is Principal Investigator at the Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She joined the UT faculty 15 years ago and has more than 19 years of experience working to end violence against women and children.



In addition to work in the area of interpersonal violence, Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz has worked with agencies to assist the needs of refugees, immigrants, asylees, and victims of human trafficking. She serves on the Program Committee of SafePlace, Inc. Dr. Busch-Armendariz has been recognized for contributions to social work as the Recent Most Distinguished Contributions to Social Work Education by the Council On Social Work Education, and she has been recognized by her students and associates with several teaching awards.

Those who plan to lunch at the Norris Center will enjoy herb crusted pork loin with an apricot cranberry sauce, gruyere potatoes au gratin and pear salad topped off by a yummy dessert bar. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided to all in attendance. A non-lunching seat fee of \$5 includes beverages.

If you are planning to attend, please:

RSVP to Diane Brewer, 512-328-0474 or zdramamom@austin.rr.com by Thursday, March 3, 6:00 pm.

Directions: Norris Center, Northcross Mall. Address: 2525 West Anderson Lane, Austin, 78757. 512-451-5011.
There is ample parking in front and at the side of the building.

P.S. **Milli Stecker** recommends reading Lucky by Alice Sebold before this general meeting. (Excellent book about Alice's experience being raped as a college student – available on Kindle)

MARCH CALENDAR

Friday Morning Book Review:

March 4 *Capital Dames*
(12:00 PM) Author: Cokie Roberts
Contact: Gayle Smith
512-345-5585
gaylesmith1@juno.com

Contemporary Literature:

March 7 *The Whites*
(7:15 PM) Authors: Richard Price, Harry Brandt
Leader: Beverly Locklin
Old Quarry Library
Contact: Fern Chester
512-345-1102
fernchester@aol.com

Southwest Books:

March 7 *Enrique's Journey*
(10:30 AM) Author: Sonia Nazario
Hostess: Mary Kate Fredriksen
Facilitator: Mary Kate Fredriksen
Contact: Mary Braunagel-Brown
512-301-4568
mbbsbb@earthlink.net

Out to Lunch:

March 15 Star of India
(11:00 AM) 2900 N. Anderson Lane
Hostess: Eugenie Whalen
Contact: Lois Shaevel
512-266-0273

Creative Stitchery:

March 16 Hostess: Nancy Ellison
(10:00 AM) Co-hostess: Fern Chester
Contact: Fern Chester
512-345-1102
fernchester@aol.com

Culture & Cuisine:

March 17 Cuisine: Southern
(6:30 PM) Hostesses: Anita Knight & Jean Bessent
Home of Anita Knight
Contact: Barbara Houston
512-633-9766
barbyhouston@gmail.com

PEARS:

March 19 Broken Spoke: dinner, music, museum
(5:30 PM) Hosts: Milli & Philip Stecker
Contact: Milli Stecker
milli1251@gmail.com
512-468-1088

Art Tour:

March 30 5th Wednesday Day Trip
(10 AM) San Antonio Market and Educational/
Cultural Arts Center, Market Square
Planners: Betty Owen and Barbara Worley
Contact: Diane Brewer
512-328-0404
zdramamom@austin.rr.com

MORE things we are invited to do in MARCH (besides SXSW):

March 1: UN Celebration of International
6:30 PM Women's Day, dinner & program at
Austin Women's Club – see page 3

March 6: Girls Impact the World
2-4:00 PM Global Chapter Launch
Paramount Stateside Theatre

Details and FREE tickets can be found here:
<https://connecther.ticketbud.com/girls-impact-the-world-global-chapter-launch-screening>

March 15: Luncheon featuring Marcia Ball,
11:00 AM Award winning blues musician
Marcia Ball tells it All!
Austin Woman's Club
708 San Antonio St.
\$24 to Lynn Cooksey, AWFC

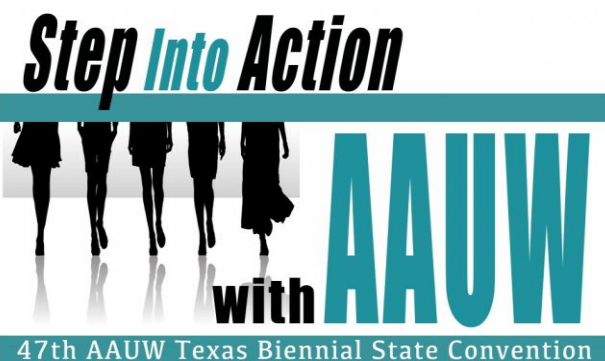
March 19: AAUW Georgetown Style Show
10:30 AM Luncheon & Silent Purse Auction
Berry Creek Country Club, Georgetown
Contact: Sharon Lesikar
sdlesikar@gmail.com
512-818--2647


AAUW ACTION ITEMS

Mission events are coming up for AAUW members! Sign-up sheets were at the February Meeting and will be at the March meeting, or you can email **Lilac Bauer** at la_azucena@hotmail.com if you are interested in participating. This IS our MISSION - *promoting equity and education for women and girls!* And we always have a great time working together!

<p>Girlstart: <i>address reminder postcards for the Girls in STEM Conference</i></p> <p>1500 W. Anderson Lane Thursday, March 31 10 AM- noon</p>	<p>Girlstart: <i>stuff goodie bags for the Girls in STEM Conference</i></p> <p>1500 W. Anderson Lane Friday, April 8 10 AM- 1 PM</p>	<p>Latinitas <i>“Code Chica” Conference at ACC Eastview, Registration, check-in, distribute t-shirts and goodie bags</i></p> <p>Webberville Road Saturday, April 16 8 AM – 10 AM</p>
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JOIN US AT THE 47th BIENNIAL AAUW-TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

<p>***</p> <p>Maximize your Power, Leadership & Diversity</p> <p>Gain Insights, Learn New Skills, Become Inspired</p> <p>Vote, Network</p> <p>Support our new state officers (Austin members):</p> <p>Pam Wolfe, President</p> <p>Marina Rivers, District Rep for Central Texas</p>	<p>Norris Conference Center 618 NW Loop 410, Suite 207 San Antonio, TX, 78216</p> 	<p>***</p> <p>Early Registration (by March 30th) - \$199</p> <p>Student Registration - \$100 Saturday Only - \$150</p> <p>You may register and pay via PayPal at: http://aauw-tx.aauw.net/2016-aauw-tx-state-convention/</p> <p>Call Inés García if you want to be a branch voting delegate.</p>
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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION of the United States of America
AUSTIN TEXAS CHAPTER

Austin AAUW is partnering with UNA/USA-Austin, GlobalAustin, World Affairs Council Austin, and Austin Woman’s Federated Club to celebrate International Women’s Day with the theme *“Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality”*.

Our AAUW Branch member **Dr. Ann Marie Ellis** is on the panel.
Tuesday, March 1, 2016
6:30pm to 9:00pm
Austin Woman’s Club, 708 San Antonio St.

Tickets prices include dinner and can purchased via Paypal at <http://www.unaaustin.org/events/>

March 8: UN International Women's Day, 2016

Theme is *Pledge for Parity* - Celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women. Yet let's also be aware progress has slowed in many places across the world, so urgent action is needed to accelerate gender parity.

AAUW’s public policy program affirms our active participation in the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women and our commitment to ratification of the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Shall we petition Austin to be a City for CEDAW?

“Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.” - Mother Teresa

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Sue Worden, a faithful Austin branch member since the 1990's and great contributor to AAUW funds, lives and works in Virginia. She was our first webmaster, and she visits us when she is in Austin, even helping with the holiday gift wrapping. She sent a holiday newsletter to tell us about her challenging past year and her new job, which is satisfying even though she drives 45 miles each way to Manassas, VA. She sent New Year's wishes for "*strength to face whatever new challenges present themselves this coming year, good health, pleasant adventures, abundant humor, continuing personal growth, and uplifting fellowship with friends!*"

Joyce Pulich, branch UT Fellowship Chair, has the following correspondence to share from our current 2015-16 UT fellows:

Karen Chilstrom thanked the local branch for the financial support of her doctoral dissertation on the evolution of language policy in post-Soviet Ukraine. She plans to defend her dissertation in April and graduate in May. The AAUW fellowship helped cover her research and tuition expenses this semester.

Megan Pfitzinger Lippe thanked the branch for her fellowship that will help her complete her research on nursing end of life education in order to graduate in May. She noted that her two small children are also grateful for the assistance.

Carey Pulverman reported that she has completed data collection on her study of the relationship between childhood sexual abuse and adult sexual function. She is completing the fifth year of her doctoral program and applying for a residency to complete her studies. She is thankful for the branch's financial support.

Alesha Stewart thanked the branch for supporting women in general and her research in Medicinal Chemistry in particular. After graduation she plans on doing research in the pharmaceutical industry. The fellowship allowed her to focus more energy on her dissertation research.

President's Message from Marina Rivers:

Spring Greetings to everyone! Our Branch has achieved some remarkable outcomes year-to-date!

Our monthly programs continue to be informative and entertaining and in lovely venues with great lunches! Congrats to the Program Committee for all their attention to detail and in using feedback surveys to form the meeting content and venues!

The Funds Committee outdid themselves with a Silent Auction, a Jewelry Show, Gift-Wrapping Gigs, and Fruitcake sales. These efforts resulted in significant contributions! In addition, many of you contributed individually. Thanks to all of you!

The Nominating Committee (myself, **Janie Maldonado**, and **Janet Widoff**) is hard at work contacting members to serve on the Board for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017. Our branch possesses a wide range of talents, skills and experiences. If you are contacted, I hope you will serve the Austin Branch in some capacity. The slate of Board Members will be voted on at the April branch meeting and installed at the May meeting.

Our Branch has experienced the loss of three longtime members: **Etta Endahl**, **Ruth Epstein Downs**, and **Sue Rodi**. **Larie Amsler** honored them in her touching memorials, and the Branch donated a book in memory of each one to the Austin Public Library.

Finally, the Austin Branch continues to grow and change just as the 21st century is bringing change to every aspect of our lives. I encourage each of you to be engaged in the Branch meetings, activities, and special interest groups. Let your voice be heard (even at the upcoming state convention) and keep the Austin Branch of AAUW vital!

Your Program VPs **Ruth Rubio**, **Judy Reinhart**, and **Janet Widoff** request your feedback and suggestions: ideas for possible programs for the 2016-2017 year, opinion about venues, suggestions for times and days of the week for future meetings. The program survey form was shared at the February meeting and will be available again at future branch meetings. But you are welcome to call or email your ideas.

THANK YOUS

COLLIN STREET BAKERY

The Collin Street Bakery is world-renowned for its fruitcakes, and is located in Corsicana, Texas, USA. Its products are shipped to all US states, overseas possessions and 195 countries. The Bakery is the recipient of the "E-Award" from the US president.



Branch fundraiser for many years!

Get brochures & order forms at branch meetings or order with Account C012 – **YEAR-round!**

THANKS to the following “fans” of Collin Street Bakery (not just fruitcakes, and not just for Christmas), who ordered almost \$700 total, yielding a 15% commission of \$104.23 for the Ann Richards American Fellowship Fund.

Dorothea Berasley, Katherine Binder, Geraldine Cassidy, Lynn Cooksey, Larayne Dallas, Anita Knight, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Eileen Pestorius, and Marina Rivers.

They always send the customer listing, and if you see that you are not included this year, please let **Anita Knight** (512-329-8575) know, so we can get the credit for the branch.



Mary Ellen Scribner sends her heartfelt thank you: “As soon as the news of my son’s unexpected death (January 21st) spread through the branch membership, I began to receive cards, notes, and calls from you. All were filled with love and kind words that I immediately took to heart. Now, that I’m a month beyond Tod’s death, I am reading and rereading your beautiful messages and will continue to treasure them in the months to come. Thank you for your kindness and loving support at such a very difficult time in my life.”

“We say that the hour of death cannot be forecast, but when we say this, we imagine that hour as placed in an obscure and distant future. It never occurs to us that it has any connection with the day already begun or that death could arrive this same afternoon, this afternoon which is so certain and has every hour filled in advance.”
- Marcel Proust

We need to give a tip-of-the-hat thank you to **Janani Janakiraman**, who is now support person for the AAUW Texas website as well as the Austin Branch website! For her volunteer hours doing the Austin branch website last year, she has earned a second \$1000 grant from IBM to be used for community education. The Austin Branch Board voted to share this year’s grant with Girlstart, Mainspring and Latinitas.



Thanks for FUND-rai\$ing for AAUW

After a new record year of contributions totaling \$5131 for the AAUW Funds fiscal year 2015, we started off with the *Kendra Scott Gives Back Party* on Feb. 2, for which 20% of jewelry sales totaled almost \$500 for AAUW Funds. Thanks to **Marsha Endahl Kramer** and our jewelry mavens!



At the State Convention you will have the opportunity to participate in the Ann Richards Fund “President’s Challenge,” and donate at least \$10.00 to support women scholars completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication. Challenge your fellow AAUW leaders, family and friends to match your donation and help complete this Texas fund!