



Breaking through Barriers for Women and Girls

American Association of University Women – Austin Branch

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May Activities

May 1 - PEARS: Home of Hugh & Marsha Endahl Kramer, 6907 Telluride Trail. 6:30 p.m. for dinner and our planning meeting for next year. If you are interested in PEARS, this is a good time to join us and help plan! Please RSVP to Veronica Johnson at veronicajj@aol.com or 338-1254.

May 3 – Contemporary Literature at Old Quarry BL. 7:15 p.m. *Champlain's Dream*. Discussion leader: Dorothea Berasley. Fern Chester (345-1102) or Dorothea Berasley (343-0370).

May 7 – First Friday Book Review at Hyde Park Church of Christ, 43rd & Ave. B. 10 a.m. Potluck planning session for next year. Natalie Balden (288-7748).

May 8 – Branch meeting & lunch at Wyndham Hotel, 3401 IH35 & Woodward St. 10 a.m. Dr. Anita Sylvia Garcia and Branch Fellowship recipients plus new officer installation.

May 11 – Mah-Jongg. 7 p.m. 7920 Mesa Trails Cove. Ann Berasley (837-2250) or Janie Patterson (343-3058).

May 11 – LAF Webinar 7 p.m. EDT. Forty-five-minute webinar about the latest LAF programs and case updates followed by a 15- minute questions/discussion period. To participate, please RSVP to laf@aauw.org to receive the call information.

May 11 – Classic Book Study Group at Ralph Yarborough BL. 7 p.m. *Tender Is the Night*. Discussion leader: Mary Blackstock. (Evelyn Boyer, 836-1492).

May 12 – Second Wednesday Bridge. 7 p.m. Call Judy Reinhart (345-5936) for more information.

May 17 – Southwest Austin Book Group at new Georgetown home of Vive Jones, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. We are taking a "field trip" to Georgetown so club member Vive Jones can be our hostess! Book selection is *East of the Sun*. RSVP/more information: Marsha Endahl Kramer (906-2033 [h] and/or 906-6566).

FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS TO BE INTRODUCED & NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED AT MAY MEETING

Dr. Anita Sylvia Garcia, chair of the UT Fellowship Committee, will present the 2010-2011 award recipients to the membership at the May program and luncheon. The review committee composed of Dr. Garcia, Larie Amsler, and Dorothy Vance are pleased to announce that awards of \$2,000.00 each are being given to three young women. The recipients are:



Baby Reeja Jayan - Material Science and Engineering: "Development of Efficient, Stable Organic-Inorganic Hybrid Solar Cells." Ms. Reeja is testing methods of developing highly cost-effective hybrid solar cells that improve the solar cell performance parameters.

Nastaran Kherad - Persian Studies: "Ahmad Mahmoud: Contemporary Iranian Novelists and Social Realism." Mahmudi is a prominent 20th century Iranian writer who is not widely known to Western audiences. Ms. Kherad's critical study should increase the West's understanding of the Iranian literary diaspora.

Rosa Anna Uribe - Cell and Molecular Biology: "The Role of Inhibitor of Differentiation 2a(Id2a) in Zebra fish Retinal Development." Ms. Uribe has identified a gene that has potential implications for repairing or regenerating parts of an injured retina.

New Branch officers were elected at the April meeting and will be installed in May to begin a two-year term of service in accordance with bylaws changes that were accepted at the April meeting also.

Kay Watson will be installed as Branch president. **Linda Leff** is program vice president and **Marsha Endahl Kramer** is the new membership vice president. **Dorothy Vance** will assume the duties of recording secretary and **Inés Garcia** will take over the job of branch treasurer.

This last meeting of the 2009-2010 program year will be at the Wyndham Hotel, located at 3401 S IH35 and Woodward Street. The menu includes Asian chicken salad, seasonal fresh vegetables, a salad, bread, dessert, and tea and/or coffee. The cost is \$20 for a timely reservation with payment to be made the day of the luncheon; a check is preferred or you need to have the correct change. The Branch must pay for all reservations made, so a member who does not keep a reservation or make a timely cancellation will be billed for the full cost of the luncheon. If a member arrives without a reservation and expects to eat lunch. the cost of the meal is \$30.

May Activities (continued)

May 18 – Light Cuisine. 11 a.m. with Sara Ezell, 6303 Big Cat Avenue. RSVP to Sara (343-8494). Potluck and planning for next year.

May 19 – Creative Stitchery. Hostess: (Dorothea Berasley, 343-0370); co-hostess Angie Clark (258-5668). Finishing projects and planning.

May 20 – Culture & Cuisine with Jan Roberts, 3516 Highland Hills Drive (371-0762). 6:30 p.m. Potluck and planning.

May 25 – Mah-Jongg. 7 p.m. 7920 Mesa Trails Cove, Ann Berasley (837-2250) or Janie Patterson (343-3058).

May 26 – Art Tour Group. 10 a.m. Participants are invited to the lovely home of Marsha Endahl Kramer, 6907 Telluride Trail. Please bring an idea for the Art Tour calendar year 2010-2011 and plan to enjoy Marsha's warm hospitality. Coffee, re-freshments, and FUN will be served. Please join us! (Chair: Diane Brewer, 328-0474 & phone liaison: Fern Chester, 345-1102).

May 26 – Fourth Wednesday Bridge. 7 p.m. Call Sarah Ezell (343-8394) for more information.

Every Thursday – Bridge at the Senior Center. 9:30 a.m. Call Dorothy Ramsey (442-3841) for more information.

May – The Mystery Study Group joins Sisters in Crime for mystery writer events during the month of May. Betty Alexander (345-2693).

Looking Ahead

*Sunday Afternoon,
August 22, 2010*



**2010-2011 Membership
Open House.**

Time and place to be determined.

MAY MEETING (continued from page 1)

Reservation reminders are sent electronically by **Dorothea Berasley** one week before the meeting; you can simply reply to her e-mail or you can telephone her at 343-0370 to make your reservation. Whichever method you choose, she must receive reservations or cancellations by 7 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Saturday meeting. By the 6 p.m. Wednesday deadline, Dorothea also needs to know if you are attending the program but not staying for lunch or if your luncheon reservation has any special dietary requirements such as a vegetarian meal. Seating for members and guests attending only the meeting/ program is in chairs set up separately from those at the luncheon tables, so it is important to let Dorothea know that you will be attending the program even if you are not staying for the luncheon.

Everyone in attendance greatly enjoyed the April program as Dr. Thomas Garza, the Director of the Texas Language Center at the University of Texas University and Distinguished Teaching Associate Professor in the Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies, both entertained and informed

us with his presentation of “Russian Women: From Despots to Desperate Housewives.” His extensive experience with Russian language, history, popular culture, and the media gave him special insights in his topic which he presented in a most engaging manner.



Was that Mary Ellen Sims introducing guests and new members at



the April program? Indeed it was! Her visit to Austin coincided with the Branch meeting, so we were able to catch up on her life in retirement in New Mexico. She said that she has joined an AAUW Branch there but has not become very active—yet!

← The Mainspring School Girls – two A-listers for sure! – chatted before the program.

Missed the April meeting? Don't let it happen again! Make your reservation with Dorothea Berasley as soon as possible; send her an e-mail at aauw-austin@sbcglobal.net or telephone her at 343-0370.