



American Association of University Women AAUW Austin (Texas) Branch

Austin “Green” Advisor Brandi Clark Burton to Speak at April 13 Branch Meeting at LCRA

Brandi Clark Burton is a social entrepreneur, trusted green advisor, and recognized community leader who focuses her energy on connecting people, information and resources. Her passion is promoting healthier people, communities, businesses and planet; she offers professional services to help others do the same. After years as a solo eco-preneur, working under the business name of Environmentality, Inc., Brandi rebranded in 2008 as EcoNetworking and expanded her office to include an assistant and interns to both take on more projects and to help shape the next generation of green leaders. On April 13 she will be talking about the various ways in which our society wastes food and efforts to reduce that waste.



The April 13 meeting will be held at the LCRA Redbud Center, 3601 Lake Austin Blvd., Room 108. If one is driving from downtown, it is on the left corner of Lake Austin Blvd. and Redbud Drive. Plenty of parking is available. The meeting room is located downstairs, but there is an elevator available and registration (with coffee!) will be on the first floor. The program will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude with a box luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Redbud Center has lovely grounds with tables and chairs for a picnic, so we eat our box lunches outdoors. Feel free to bring a pair of binoculars because there is a viewing platform

LCRA's Redbud Center
3601 Lake Austin Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78703
(512) 473-3535



Schlotzsky's will cater the box lunch which will cost \$15.00. Choose from one of the following menu items: (1) Original box lunch; (2) Turkey original box lunch; or (3) salad of cranberry, apple, pecan, and chicken. The box lunches include chips, a cookie, a pickle spear, hot sauce, napkins and a mint. Ice tea will be the beverage. The deadline for ordering the box luncheon is April 8. Please make your reservation online at austinaauw@gmail.com or call **Sylvia Garcia** at 512.221.2863 and leave a message.

April Calendar of Branch Activities

April 1, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Contemporary Literature: Home of Fern Chester. 1493: *Uncovering the World Columbus Created* (Charles C. Mann). Discussion leader: Karen Jordahl. Chair: Fern Chester, 345.1102.

April 3, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Movie & Dinner: Call Dorothy Vance at 373.3612 (H), 673.9696 (C) or Lois Shaevel at 266.0273 (H) for specific details.

April 5, 10 a.m.

Book Review: Hyde Park Church of Christ. *Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal* by Conor Grennan Friedman, to be reviewed by Lilac & Tom Bauer. Chair: Gayle Smith, 345.5585.

April 5, 9 a.m. Rescheduled from March 22. Hiking.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center <http://www.wildflower.org/>. Contact: Veronica Johnson (338.1254; Veronicajj@aol.com).

April 6, 7:30 p.m.

AAUW PEARS: Home of Marsha & Hugh Kramer. Birthday celebration for Hugh. Contact: Marsha Endahl Kramer, 906.2033 (H) or 906.6566 (C).

April 8, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

SW Book Group. *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. Facilitator is Anita Knight; hostess is Cherie Wilson. Chair: Marsha Endahl Kramer, 906.2033 (H) or 906.6566 (C).

April 10, 4 p.m.

Second Wednesday Bridge. Contact: Judy Reinhart, 345.5936.

April 13, 6:30 p.m. Second

Thursday Night Bridge. Contact: Elaine Penn, 970.5051.

FROM the BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the Austin Branch,

I hope some of you got to see the free screening (either at Round Rock public library or online) of the movie celebrating Women's History Month, *Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroines* from the PBS Emmy Award-winning series. AAUW and Community Cinema were partners for this endeavor. We received the notice from the Association too late to add to our March newsletter, so thanks to Mary Ellen for sharing that information with you via email. The Board has been discussing a revision to our current networking policy, intended to manage this type of EXTRA communication. You were asked to reply or send an email with "No Extra AAUW Email" on the subject line. That means you can OPT OUT of anything but regular monthly distribution of our newsletters or emergency information such as the death of a member or the cancellation of a meeting. Thanks for your consideration.

In the October 2012 Branch newsletter, we were proud to announce the recipient of the \$2500 Frances Malmberg Scholarship at ACC (yearbook p. 23). However, ACC Foundation has recently notified us that she had to withdraw from school due to difficult family circumstances, but she does hope to return to ACC in the future. The unused scholarship funds will remain in the account to be awarded for the 2013-14 school year. Meanwhile, it is nice to learn that Anna Fuenning, the 2010-11 recipient, transferred to the University of Northern Colorado in the fall semester to pursue her bachelor's degree.

There are several vacancies for next year's board. Do you or someone you know fill the bill? If so, please call me with names. We are looking for:

- A couple of talented women for a media/PR committee, to be chaired by Marina Rivers
- An experienced meeting-goer to be parliamentarian/bylaws chair
- Another creative person to co-chair the AAUW funds job, to manage donations and plan FUNdraiser(s)
- Someone who likes to give away money to chair the fellowship committee and work with UT on annual graduate fellowships
- A gracious caring member to serve as hospitality chair
- A creative desktop-publisher-type to work with Inés on the 2013-14 yearbook this summer.

The April meeting is traditionally our annual business meeting at which we elect officers. Because we moved to two-year board terms last year, no election is necessary this year. If necessary, we also vote on dues, bylaws, etc., at the April meeting, but no motions on those issues are pending. I will, however have some review of the past year during the business meeting scheduled between the program and going outdoors for the box lunch. I look forward to seeing you at the LCRA Redbud Center on April 13 at 9:30 a.m. We will begin the program promptly at 9:30, so please come early enough to check in and have some coffee beforehand.



Anita Knight, President

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

April Calendar of Branch Activities
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April 16, 11 a.m.

Out to Lunch: Spicewood Tavern; 8127 Mesa Dr, Suite A100
<http://www.spicewoodtavern.com/>
Hostess: Marilyn Arrigona,
(342.8312). Chair: Veronica
Johnson (338.1254).

April 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Third Tuesday Book Group
with hostess & facilitator Sally
Scott (453.2289). *The Lacuna* by
Barbara Kingsolver. Chair: Ruth
Falck (550.6449).

April 18, 10 a.m.

Creative Stitchery with hostess
Beverly Locklin (343.0782) and co-
hostess Rachel Flake (343.1742).

April 18, 6:30 p.m.

Culture & Cuisine: Hostess: Jan
Roberts, (371.0762). Co-hostess:
Fern Chester (345.1102). Chair:
Mary Owens (454.9339).

April 24, 10 a.m.

Art Tour: Co-hostesses:
Christine Berkland & Betty
Owen. The French Legation
Museum & Gardens; 802 San
Marcos Street, Austin. Lunch:
Blue Dahlia Bistro; 1115 E. 11th
Street, Austin. Chair: Diane
Brewer (328.0474).

April 24, 4 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday Bridge.
Contact Sara Ezell (343.8494).

April 26. Rescheduled for

May 3, 9 a.m. Hiking. Walking
one trail at Lady Bird Lake with a
fun lunch downtown. Contact
Ruth Falck, 551.8333.

Every Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Bridge at the Senior Center. Call
Dorothy Ramsey (442.3841) for
more information.

During March Madness, Austin residents face the bigger challenges of crowded roads, drivers practicing mayhem behind the wheel, and far too little parking available. Nevertheless, our members have been exploring a variety of activities and enjoying themselves. The Board left March open for us to pursue any of many opportunities for activism. With the State Legislature in town, marches on the Capitol have been numerous as groups struggle for action on health, schools, and women's rights. I was moved by a recent photo in the *Statesman* of elderly persons in wheelchairs petitioning for action on Medicaid.

The Austin Branch is really doing well! I recently reviewed a branch count document from National, and it appears that our number, currently 177, is one of the largest branches in the state of Texas! We are growing because you shine! When others witness your involvement and commitment, they want to be included!

A big welcome to our newest member, Ms. **Kathleen A. McGuire**, who likes to be called **Kate**! She is a recent transplant from Seattle, Washington. Last August, she settled in the Galleria area near 620 and Hwy 71; is helping out with her three- and six-year-old grandchildren; and has started a new business, McGuire and Associates. Last year she completed the Integral Coaching certification program at the New Ventures West Institute in San Francisco. As a professional coach, she supports business professionals in assessing career fit, meeting work-related challenges, accelerating career development, and enhancing personal effectiveness. She grew into this field from her twenty plus years as a manager and senior individual contributor in high tech corporations such as Oracle. Her contact information is 13401 Galleria Circle #133; Austin, TX 78738-6451; home phone is 512.551.2956, cell is 650.823.2553; email is kate.mcguire@ymail.com. Lakeway folks, take note; Kate is ready to come to meetings and meet new people--she is especially interested in our book groups and in playing bridge!

And **Mary Owens** has change afoot! She and her granddaughter have decided to live together in Bastrop. She says living with her granddaughter and her three children will keep her young, and I agree! Mary's new address in Bastrop will be: 1606 Carter Street, Bastrop, TX 78602-2402.

In other news, all our memberships may be renewed now if you choose to do so. Our dues of \$75 are divided among the national organization (\$49 goes to national and you can actually deduct \$46 on your income taxes each year); \$10 goes to fund

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our state level; and finally, Austin AAUW retains \$16. Of course, our precious Honorary members owe nothing as they have proven their loyalty to AAUW's causes for over 50 years already! Lifetime members simply pay \$26 to cover state and local needs.

Anyone who decides to join AAUW this month and forward also gets a bargain as the dues paid now are good until June 2014. We typically RENEW memberships beginning in June, but should you want to renew early, download the attached form for the coming year and please complete the entire form showing contact information changes. Treasurer **Ruth Falck** set up PayPal for our convenience last year, but remember that using that service costs an extra dollar. You can always download, print, and mail the document along with your check to Ruth.

As we get nearer summer, we also come closer to our annual membership affair to be held once again at Church of the Good Shepherd, at Windsor and Exposition. This lovely church has the perfect spot for us in its parish hall, and they have graciously agreed to host us a third year—thanks to the service and nudging of wonderful member **Gail Simpler** who is equally as valued at Good Shepherd as she is in AAUW!

I am so pleased to announce the membership of **Kay Keys**! She is so new that I don't know anything more to tell you about her other than she has a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. all from UT and has studied English and history! I will have more complete information about her in the May newsletter.

Please update your yearbook with this new email for **Christine Berkland**: cberkland@me.com

Many of our interest groups are doing activities that involve the outdoors this spring. Make plans to try something new!

Diane Brewer

Membership Vice President

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IMPORTANT AAUW WEBSITES

<http://www.aauw.org/> - AAUW National

<http://www.aauwtxas.org/> - AAUW Texas

<http://austin-tx.aauw.net/> - AAUW Austin

AAUW FUNDS UPDATE

The February 21st fundraiser grossed \$2400 from tickets, sponsorships, and donations. After expenses, we sent \$1879.60 to AAUW Funds for the Ann Richards Fellowship. In addition, donations for water and sodas and proceeds from the wine raffle raised \$175 which will be used for Austin Branch operations.

We received a payment of \$183.70 from Collin Street Bakery for cakes purchased and sold by members. This money was also sent to AAUW Funds for the Ann Richards Fellowship.

Again, thanks to everyone who worked so diligently to make both of these projects successes.

Ann would be proud!

Mary Braunagel-Brown

AAUW Funds Chair

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The "winged" Mary Braunagel-Brown!

THANK YOU RECEIVED

Our thanks to the members of the Austin Branch who attended our annual style show on March 9. The support and enthusiasm of our AAUW sisters helped to make this fundraiser a huge success!

Georgetown Branch AAUW
Dianne Melton, President

MORE MEMBERSHIP & BRANCH NEWS

**BRANCH MEMBER RECOGNIZED FOR
Living History Books Exhibit EFFORTS**



Branch member **Melinda Townsel** (center), head librarian and professor at the ACC Northridge Campus, received a certificate of appreciation at the fourth annual Celebration of Women's History Month, for her "outstanding contribution to the ACC Northridge Campus community" through her "work in creating and organizing the *Living History Books Exhibit*." Pictured with Melinda are two members of her committee, Belvolyn Smith, Northridge Campus Manager, and Marshall Bennett, NRG Support Center Counsel.

A BOY FOR JOCELYN

Branch publicity chair **Jocelyn Brandt** gave birth to Jason Bingham Brandt on March 15, 2013. Jason weighed 1 lb., 10 oz. at birth and remains at St. David's Medical Center NICU. We send our heartfelt good wishes to Jocelyn and her family.

LUNCHEON FOR MAINSPRINGS TEACHERS



The annual lunch treat for Mainsprings teachers will be May 17. **Betty Owen**, Mainsprings Liaison, will have a signup sheet at the April 13 meeting. If you want to contribute a dish but miss the signup, you may call Betty at 444.6015.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting newsletter items is always the 20th of the preceding month.

Mary Ellen Scribner, Editor

IN MEMORIAM



Branch member **Rose Goldberg Ehrlich**, who would have been 101 in May, died at home in Austin surrounded by her family on February 11.

After receiving a teacher's certificate in elementary education from New Britain (Connecticut) Normal School, she taught in Hartford, Connecticut, until her marriage. While raising her children she continued her education and received a B.S. and M.S. in education from Southern Illinois University and an M.S. in library science from the University of Denver. When her children were grown, she returned to work as a librarian at Ferguson Junior High School in Ferguson, Missouri, for fifteen years until her retirement. She was a member of three honor societies in education: Kappa Delta Pi, Pi Lambda Theta and Phi Kappa Phi. In Austin, she was a member of Congregation Beth Israel Sisterhood, the Austin Branch of the American Association of University Women, and a life member of Hadassah.

MEMORIALS 2012-2013

Once again it is time to remember those who have passed by donating a book to the Austin Public Library in their memory. We have seven memorials to make this year. We hope that you knew some of them and their children because some have already disconnected telephones. Should you know the names of their children and addresses, please let me know so that the library can send them letters acknowledging the memorials. Honorees are **Norma Julian, Janie K. Russ Patterson, Annette Haslund, Frances Wheless, Miriam K. Tormollan, Natalie Balden, and Rose G. Ehrlich.**

Thank you for your help.

Larie Amsler

Hospitality Chair

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Order your tickets now for Mainspring's 2013 Annual Luncheon!

WHAT: Mainspring Schools Luncheon with Paul Tough

WHEN: Wednesday, April 17, 11:30 am - 1 pm

WHERE: Shoal Crossing Event Center, 8611 North MoPac. Catered by Sterling Affairs. Great parking.

WHY: To raise funds for early education for disadvantaged children...To hear the latest research about raising children who succeed...To see old friends and meet new people.

HOW MUCH: Cost: \$75 per ticket. Deadline for Ordering: Tuesday, April 2, 2013

HOW: Go to <http://www.mainspringschools.org/>. You will be directed to a secure PayPal page that that will allow you to purchase your tickets using any major credit card or your PayPal account. Tickets will be held at the door.

Featured Speaker Paul Tough - www.paultough.com

Join our community's business and thought leaders to hear Paul Tough, author of "Whatever It Takes" and the newly released "How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character," speak at the annual Mainspring Schools Fundraising Luncheon.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rudi@mainspringschools.org - 512.442.2301



Sunflowers:

- Rear view mirrors (2)
- AA battery charger
- AA rechargeable batteries (12 or more)
- Repair caterpillar's zipper

Dew Drops:

- Radio/CD player
- Children's songs and sleep CDs
- Contact Paper
- Wash Cloths
- Help with Art Activity (Mobiles)

Mainspring Teachers' Wish List

Grasshoppers:

- Crayola washable kid's paint (assorted)
- Paint brushes with thick/know handles
- Contact Paper
- Cloth Art Smocks
- Songbirds:.**
- Curtains for room divider
- Materials & supplies for Soft Center & Library
- Greenhouse
- Volunteer to sand off cubby "gunk"

Shining Stars:

- Dry erase and regular markers
- Underwear for boys and girls
- Inexpensive unisex shorts for use in case of accidents
- Clear contact paper
- Handsoap
- Digital Timer
- Shoes

All: Volunteers to read to the children, help with art work, and do work to prepare for the move to the temporary building. Ask your child's teacher or check with the office to see how you can help!

Betty Owen, AAUW Liaison - 444.6015