



Nancy Myers will be the installing officer.

Reservations or cancellations must be received by 6:00 p.m. on Wed., May 13. Call Dorothea at 343-0370 or e-mail her at



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Mark Your Calendar

May 15: Send your Austin Branch dues for 2009-2010 to PO Box 27223, Austin TX 78755-2223.

May 16 Branch Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3401 S IH 35. Speakers will be AAUW Austin Fellowship Recipients who will tell members of their research projects. Branch officers for 2009-2010 will be installed.

New Branch Officers To Be Installed May 16

Austin Branch officers for 2009-2010 will be installed at the May 16 Meeting at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. They were voted on at the April 11 Branch Meeting.

Ines Garcia will serve as Branch President. The president Elect is Kay Watson. Branch Program VP is Dr. Linda Leff; Membership VP is Dr. Carol Fritz; Association Program VP is Elizabeth Newell. Legal Advocacy Fund VP is Gail Simpler; Secretary, Juanita Painter, and Treasurer, Evelyn Boyer. The Educational Foundation VP is to be announced.

Branch Meeting May 16 at Wyndham Garden Hotel

By Inés Garcia. Program VP Come at 10:00 a.m. to the Wyndham Garden Hotel. The meeting is at 10:30 with lunch following.

Speakers: "Women as AAUW /Fellowship Recipients" Recipients will report to the Austin Branch members on their research projects. Branch Officers will be installed.

Menu: California Chicken Pasta, sliced Breast of Chicken sautéed in Olive Oil with Capers, Garlic, Lemon, Sun-Dried Tomatoes, Artichoke Hearts, Basil and White Wine and is served over Linguini and topped with Parmesan Cheese. Served with Rolls & Butter, Iced Tea, Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee or Hot Tea and for dessert, Tiramasu.

Members may purchase coffee from the Coffee Bar during the fellowship and networking time.

When making luncheon reservations, please indicate any special dietary needs. Let Dorothea Berasley know if you want a vegetarian meal.

The Luncheon is \$20.00. A check is preferred or bring exact change.

Directions

The Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3401 IH 35, is on the northeast corner of IH 35 and Woodward St. north of Ben White Blvd. It is across IH 35 from St. Edward's University. There is adequate parking in front of hotel on IH 35.

2009-2010 UT Fellowship Recipients selected

By Dr. Elaine Kant, Chair The UT Fellowship Committee is pleased to announce the 2009-2010 award recipients. Four awards of \$3,000 each are being given to:

Erin L. Baker (Mildred Englert Fellowship) Biomedical Engineering, "Effect of the Cellular Mechanical Environment on Metastatic Propensity in Breast Cancer

Carin Perilloux Psychology: "Sexual Misperception: Individual difference and context effects "



Corinne Reczek

Sociology: "His and Hers:
The performance of gender
and health behavior in
same-sex and opposite-sex
couples"

Jolie Wood

Government: "White-Collar
Agitation, No-Collar
Compliance: The Privilege
of Protest in Varanasi,
India

Serving on the
Committee with Dr. Elaine
Kant are Pam Haunschild and
Dr. Linda Leff.

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From the Austin Branch President

By Rosemary Morrow, Ph.D.

It has been an honor for me to serve as the AAUW-Austin Branch President during 2008-2009. As the end of my term closes, I owe special thanks for all of the members who agreed to serve on the board. The Austin Branch continues to focus on keeping the mission of organization.

Among the objectives for the 2008-2009 year were:

- Emphasis on leadership, membership diversity, and AAUW issues
- Increase community awareness of programs, projects, and achievements
- Give funds to the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund
- Retain membership and focus on recruiting new members
- Increase the diversity of the organization
- Increase AAUW's effectiveness in the community.

Activities

This year's activities started with a successful open house in August. New members were recruited to join the Austin Branch. Monthly branch meeting programs were outstanding and represented a variety of topics and interests. The holiday open house was festive and enjoyable.

March proved to be a busy month with the branch meeting, luncheon for Mainspring faculty and staff, wine and cheese fundraiser for the Educational Foundation and the children' style show for the Legal Advocacy Fund.

The Expanding Your Horizons was a success with fourth and fifth graders included for the first time.

Thanks

Thanks to Ines Garcia, Elizabeth Newell, Carol Fritz, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Melinda Townsel, Juanita Painter, Evelyn Boyer, Sue Rodi, Pam Wolfe, Janie Patterson, Pat Dooley, Gayle Smith, Larie Amsler, Margie Kidd, Linda Leff, Dale Willimack, Judy Reinhart, Dorothea Berasley, Anita Knight, Laryane Dallas, Angie Clark, Raemar Shown, Mary Ellen Simms and Elaine Kant, all of whom served on the board.

It was encouraging to see Kay Watson and her husband at branch meetings as she continued to recover from n accident last summer. Her warm smile was a welcome sight.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Janie Patterson, long-time AAUW-Austin Branch newsletter editor. Special thanks to her daughter, Nancy, for helping with the April issues. Janie's dedication to the branch is greatly appreciated.

Carol Fritz, Branch Vice President for Membership, is recovering from surgery. She has agreed to keep the same position for the 2009-2010 year. We wish Carol a full recovery.

Summer a critical time for AAUW

This summer is a critical time for AAUW as major issues are coming before the delegates at the 2009 AAUW National Convention in St. Louis. At the May branch meeting the Austin Branch will discuss some of the issues for the branch delegates to know the wishes of the branch members concerning proposed changes in the organization. Members are encouraged to attend the May branch business meeting on May 16.

Thank you, Austin Branch, for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your branch president.

Study Group Schedules Deadline June 1

Each study group's schedule is included in the yearbook. The individual study groups plan the coming year's schedule during April and May. Study group chairs need to send the groups' schedule This information should be sent in by June 1 to P.O. Box 27223, Austin TX 78755.

In order for the membership information to be complete, you need to send in both yur dues check and your information sheet by May 15 to P.O. Box 27223 Austin TX 78755.

Welcome New Austin Branch Members

Tom Watson, Husband of Kay Watson, 1807 Cresthaven Dr., Austin 78704-2752, 447-2883

Cherie Wilson, 9302 Lauralan Drive, Austin, 78735, 512-288-0597, Cheriew@flash.net-

New E-mail Address

Tracie Myers Montanio,
tracie_montanio@

Austin Branch Officers 2008-2009

Executive Committee

Dr. Rosemary Morrow, President	251-7212
Inés Garcia, President-Elect	444-5843
Inés Garcia, Program VP	444-5643
Dr. Carol Fritz, Membership VP	837-6835
Elizabeth Newell, Association VP	345-1686
Marsha Endahl Kramer, EF VP	906-2033
Melinda Townsel, Legal Advocacy VP	223-6003
Juanita Painter, Secretary	345-2713
Evelyn Boyer, Treasurer	836-1492
Dr. Sue Rodi, Past President	926-9750
Janie Patterson, Newsletter Ed.	453-4058

AAUW Dues 2009-2010

The annual 2009-2010 dues reminder is being sent to you electronically. Please print out this form and **return it by May 15, 2009**, with your check to P.O. Box 27223, Austin Texas 78755-2223.

The Austin Branch proposes to continue the current Branch dues of \$16.00; Texas state dues will remain \$10; and National dues will remain at \$49, for a total of \$75.

Life members will continue to pay \$26 for Branch and State dues; and there is no charge for Honorary Life members.

AAUW National Membership dues are \$49.00 which are tax deductible except for \$3.00 that is not tax deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities.

Please update material for the Year Book also. Let us know if your e-mail address has changed or information you would like to add.

Questions? Contact treasurer Evelyn Boyer, 836-1492 or e-mail evelyn.boyer@dshs.state.tx.us

Sincere Thanks to Members Who Helped With Campaign to Name School

By Natalie Balden

Please send my sincerest thanks to all our members for their participation in our campaign to name the new middle school for Inez C. Jeffrey.

The new school was named after the late music teacher, Diana Gorzycki: "Gorzycki Middle School."

A new elementary school is planned for 2010 at the Meridian subdivision at 45 and 1826. We will again submit Inez Jeffrey's name. Meanwhile, AAUW received publicity in the community through your letter-writing campaign and individual testimony in front of Austin's Independent School Board.

Thanks again for your participation and support.

About Our Members

Carol Fritz said her surgery was a success and is at home now.

Janie Patterson is continuing rehab at home for her recent surgery.

Miriam Tormollan's granddaughter **Christine Sparks LaPlaca** had a baby boy, **Toren James Sparks-LaPlaca**. Called "Tor", he was born April 4, 2009, weighing 7 lb, 3 oz in Brooklyn NY. Christine is a member of the Austin Branch.

Letter from Rachel Muir

It's an honor to be a member of the AAUW and a tremendous honor to be a recipient of your Woman of Distinction Award! I am continually inspired by the dedication and commitment of the amazing women that make up the AAUW and had the honor to see many of them the weekend of Expanding Your Horizon where you all so graciously donated your time to help us get over 300 girls excited about math, science and technology careers.

After twelve rewarding years as Girlstart Founder and Fearless Leader, I have accepted a new position as the Executive Director of the Mother's Milk Bank of Austin. I truly never thought there would ever be a mission that spoke to me on the personal level that Girlstart does, but becoming a mom to fragile premature twins who received milk from the milk bank was a milestone that forever changed my life. I feel lucky and blessed to now have the opportunity to help save hundreds of fragile babies lives.

I want to thank all of you for your support and tell you how much I have loved working with you.

I am sure your members can relate to my decision. I know that you all know first hand how much becoming a mom changes your life. My precious twins are two now, and I can hardly believe that Girlstart is almost 12. She

started out as a baby, but she is a big girl now just as brave and fearless as the girls you help us serve.

Girlstart is thriving and changing more lives than ever under the expert direction of our very own Julie Shannan, interim Executive Director, who many of you have met at EYH. Eleven years ago Julie wrote the recipe for Girlstart's nationally recognized programs and is poised to take Girlstart into the future.

Working with each of you has been a gift and a treasure. I hope to stay involved. My new coordinates (effective April 2nd) are below. Please stay in touch!

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Phone (512) 4940800, Fax (512) 494-0880
New e-mail address
Rachel Muir, rachel@mmbaustin.org

Study Group News

AAUW offers many ways to help you keep active. Scan the activities listed by the study groups. If you would like to consider participating in one, contact that group chair and let her explain in greater detail.

AAUW Art Tour: Meets 4th Wed. at 10:00 a.m. On May 27 **Trip to Wildflower Center.** Chairs: Natalie Balden (288-7748), Diana Brewer (328-0474), Dorothy Horsley (331-7700) and Fern Chester (345-1102).

Book Review: Meets first Fri. at 10:00 a.m. at Hyde Park Church of Christ, 43rd and Ave. B. **On May 1 Natalie Balden will review *Saving Fish from Drowning by Amy Tan.*** Chairs: Kay Watson (447-2883) and Natalie Balden (288-7748).

Second Wednesday Evening Bridge: At 7:00 p.m. with rotating hostesses and various locations. Chair is Judy Reinhart (345-5936).

Weekly Bridge: Meets Thurs. from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Senior Activity Center (for over 55), W. 29th at Lamar. Chair is Dorothy Ramsey (442-3841).

Fourth Wednesday Evening Bridge at 7:00 p.m. with rotating hostesses and various locations. Chair is Sara Ezell (343-8494)

Classics Reading Group: Meets 2nd Tues. at the Ralph Yarbrough Branch Library, 2208 Hancock Dr. at 7:00 p.m. **May 12** Mary Zeitler will lead the discussion on *Lost Horizon* by James Hilton. On June 9, *Dragon Seed* by Pearl S. Buck. Leader open. Chair is Evelyn Boyer (836-1492).

Contemporary Literature: Meets first Mon. at 7:15 p.m. at the Old Quarry Library, 7051 Village Center Drive, off Far West. On April 6, Janie Patterson will lead the discussion on *On Hitler's Mountain: Overcming the legacy of a Nazi childhood* by Irmgard Hunt. Book selections will be made for 2009-2010. Chairs: Fern Chester (345-1102), Dorothea Berasley (343-0370).

Creative Stitchery: Meets 3rd Wed. at 10:00 a.m. On May 20, Hostess: Dorothea Berasley, 7920 Mesa Trails (343-0370). Co-Hostess :is Nancy Ellison (.264-8404). Project is Hawaii Quilting and planning our program for next year. Chairs are Pat Dooley (280-0446) and Dorothea Berasley (343-0370).

Culture and Cuisine: Meets third Thur. at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in cuisine of other cultures, we welcome you to our study group. Each member serves as hostess or co-hostess once a year. Guests are welcome as space allows. RSVP to the hostess or Jan Roberts so sufficient food will be available. Costs are shared. On May 15, Planning Pot Luck. Hostess is Jan Roberts, 5942 Highland Hills Dr. (371-0762). Co-Hostess is Bev Golden. Chair is Jan Roberts (371-0762).

Evening Book Review: Meets 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Ralph Yarbrough Library, 2200 Hancock Dr. On May 5, Potpourri. Chair is Evelyn Boyer (836-1492)

Light Cuisine: Meets 3rd Tues. at 11:00 a.m. The hostess will be responsible for getting her home ready and furnishing beverages, bread and

napkins. The co-hostess is responsible for food preparation. On May 20, Potluck and planning meeting. Hostess is Veronica Johnson , 7600 Cat Tail Cove (338-1254). Chair is Betty Owen (444-6015).

Mah-Jongg: Play an ancient Chinese game, according to rules of National Mah-Jongg League. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday (May 12 and 26). Co-chairs are Ann Berasley (837-2250), Janie Patterson (453-4058).

Mystery Group: Meets 2nd Thursday. Networking and food at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 at Luby's at MoPac and Steck Ave. In May: Join Sisters in Crime, for mystery writer events throughout the month. E-mail will be sent to everyone signed up to attend the Mystery Group. Chair: Pat Bennett (342-1744).

Pears: Meets as scheduling allows. Details of each activity will be in monthly newsletter. To attend events, reservations must be made with hosts. **Will meet on May 9th.** Natalie and Harry Balden are planning a Spring Fling at their home, 8917 Hachita Drive (345-0144). Chair is Veronica Johnson (338-1254).¹

Meeting Notification

By Dorothea Berasley

Members will be notified of Branch Meetings and Luncheons by the Newsletter or send e-mail to **aaaw-austin@sbcglobal.net** or call 512/343-0370.

Let me know **if we do not have your e-mail address or if it has changed.**
