



American Association of University Women AAUW Austin (Texas) Branch

Invitation

*The AAUW-Austin Branch
cordially invites you to a luncheon at the
Austin Woman's Club, 708 San Antonio Street, on
Wednesday, November 13th, 2013, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
to celebrate the ninetieth anniversary of its establishment.*

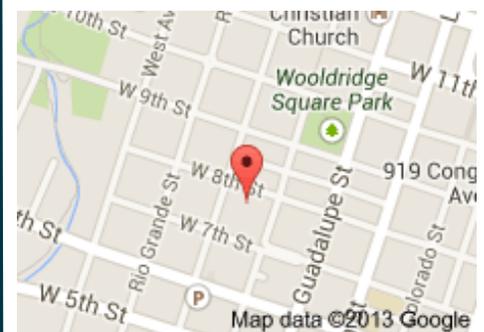
*The cost is \$25, and an RSVP is required by
Friday November 8th to either austinaauw@gmail.com
or to Dr. Sylvia Garcia, 512-571-0730 (leave a message).*



On November 13, 1925, AAUW member Grace Delano Clark persuaded the organization to take on the project of establishing a library for Austin. The Austin Public Library Association was born. In 1951, AAUW obtained the first bookmobile for APL.

October program presenter Susan Rittereiser of the Austin History Center set the stage for our November celebration by focusing on the shared history of AAUW-Austin and the History Center. Using visual and verbal media, the anniversary program will continue looking at the outstanding accomplishments throughout our Branch's ninety-year history. We will have mementoes from past decades on glass mirrors as centerpieces on each dining table for the buffet meal. Tables will also be set up for members to display their own Austin Branch mementoes.

Parking is ample at the Austin Woman's Club. Be mindful that the parking lot is on the back side of the building and is entered from Nueces Street. The entrance to the mansion is from the parking lot level; take the elevator to the first floor which opens into the Chateau Room where we will be meeting.



Reminders:
RSVP by Friday, November 8
Pay by check or exact cash!

FROM THE PRESIDENT: Anita Knight

As the Austin Branch of AAUW celebrates ninety years of our HERstory, I want to recognize more of the SHERoes among us, after mentioning Barbara Jordan and Ann Richards at our October meeting as forerunners for women in political life. There are so many local, national and international women who have made and continue to make a difference. Members of AAUW have empowered women since 1881, and we have more recently helped AAUW give away \$3.7 million to women pursuing graduate education and planning community programs. I have recently been inspired in person by the following women and programs focusing on women's issues around the world:



Anita with Lila Igram, founder of Connecter & a branch member

- * Some of us knew that the Austin Branch established the first Austin Public Library in 1925, thanks to Grace Delano Clark, but our October speaker Susan Rittereiser also introduced us to Jane McCallum, an early suffragist leader in Austin. And we met Anna Hacker who started and supports a school for street kids and mothers in Kabul, and heard from our own political dynamo Linda Young who juggles ACC, NWPC, White House committees, and just attended a UN program launching STEM in Africa!
- * Several of us STEM fans attended Girlstart's Gamechanger luncheon and heard from the co-host of the TV show *Mythbusters*, which has inspired kids to use the scientific method regardless of their career goals. We are proud that STEM is a priority of AAUW both locally and nationally (and now internationally)!
- * While visiting Austin, our new AAUW State Organizer Melodía Gutiérrez joined me at the fundraising dinner for Peace through Commerce, which provides a model for achieving sustainable peace called the *Matrix of Peace*.™ This teaches how peace is achieved and maintained by an interdependent system of commerce, consciousness, and laws and structure, giving special attention to women entrepreneurs and leaders learning about this model in the Accelerating Women Entrepreneurs® (AWE®) program.
- * We can read about Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani student who was shot in the head by the Taliban after speaking out for education rights for girls. She spoke to the U.N. Youth Assembly on her 16th birthday, calling upon women and world leaders to promote peace, education, and equality. But locally Connecter's founder, Lila Igram, has long had a vision for aiding women by utilizing social networks for global good. Lila and her Connecter team produced an inspiring brunch with Somaliland's 76-year old Edna Adan of *Half the Sky* fame, along with another Pakistani activist 24-year old Khalida Brohi, Founder of *Sugbar - Women with Wings*. <<https://www.facebook.com/SugbarWomen>> Like thousands across the globe, AAUW has joined the *Half the Sky Movement* in support of women and girls around the world.
- * The City of Austin is honoring four outstanding women as 2013 inductees into the Austin Women's Hall of Fame. Our own member Maria Luisa (Lulu) Flores, an attorney and a partner at HendlerLaw, PC, is one of them. In its third year, the Austin Women's Hall of Fame represents women who have made significant contributions to the community by breaking through barriers for women, working to better the lives of women and girls, or through other forms of public or community service.
- * At the UN Day dinner on October 24th, Austinites Turk and Christy Pipkin received the second annual UNA Austin "Inspire Humanitarian Award," for The Nobility Project, which now includes three films and the Mahiga Hope High School in Kenya.
- * My church benevolence committee is educating members about local service projects. Gosh-- there is no end to the things we as individuals or groups can do to make the world and our city a better place! As Margaret Mead declared: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT: Diane Brewer

Since our last writing, three new members have come on board! We are delighted to welcome **Barbara Worley**, **Susan Welker**, and **Claudia Rueda**! Sadly, we also learned of the recent deaths of three longtime members. While welcoming new members is such a joy, saying goodbye to **Pat Donnelly**, **Effat Mahmood Al-Hossainy**, and **Jane Smoot** leaves us wishing we had more time to spend with them. Our membership has now reached 178.

Barbara Worley, my friend and former colleague, spent a large part of her career in Eanes ISD, worked in Lake Travis ISD for a while, then fully retired from Austin ISD. When I first met Barbara in 1981, she was a very respected language arts teacher. She was a graduate of Southwest Texas State, B.A. (1967) in both English and Spanish. Furthering her career, she then earned an M.A. in curriculum and instruction at UT in 1979, and went on at UT to earn an MLIS in library and information science in 1990. Barbara always ran the library and before that, her classroom, with an easy grace and competence. Barbara and architect husband Fred have lived in Central Austin for many years as they are drawn to the relaxed ambience of the area. Since she retired, Barbara, and still-working Fred stay busy with mission work, traveling to Mexico with the River Ministry Missions, and they also make an annual trek with Engineering Ministries International. This year they were in Haiti for an extended period helping out. When not visiting children and grandchildren both here and abroad, they travel for pleasure. Fred is still working with the State, so Barbara volunteers often. She tutors ESL-Manos de Cristos, works with RIF (Reading is FUN-damental), and does West Austin Caregivers through Faith in Action. She is a driver for Caregivers, volunteers in schools, does Bookspring, and is currently exploring a new interest in arts and crafts, in particular painting! Barbara is an easy person to be around. In spite of how clearly active she is, she is never in a hurry and finds time to do the little things that mean so much to others.

Rollingwood architect **Susan Harris Welker** recently had an aha moment! She attended the Pelosi event and thought she had joined AAUW from Austin to National. She was puzzled when she did not hear anything about our active branch. Thanks to friend Elaine Penn, we contacted her and she fired back her

Austin AAUW member form in a flash! Thank you, Elaine, for realizing something was not quite right and mentioning Susan's name to me. Susan is Principal Architect and a Registered Interior Designer at Harris Welker Architects, the company she shares with husband Mark Welker. On a fun note, Susan is also co-owner of Totally Nuts Bakery, LLC. She serves as chair of the City of Rollingwood Board of Adjustment; this is a big job because half of the original homes in Rollingwood are either under serious renovation or being scraped for a new home. She has published and is frequently the subject of magazine articles which deal with architecture, and she has been recognized by AIA Austin with a Presidential Citation. Susan is a 1984 graduate of Florida International University with a Bachelor of Architectural Technology. She turned to the University of Houston to earn her Master of Architecture in 1999. I hope she will have time to become further involved with our Branch!



Following the new memberships of our UT scholars and International AAUW Fellows for 2013-2014, **Allison White** and **Mine Tafolar**, I contacted our other UT Fellow, **Claudia Rueda**. She got back to me and has also joined. Claudia is working at UT to earn her Ph.D. in history, with a focus on Latin America. She hopes to finish in 2014. Her doctoral studies revolve around students of revolution: "The Student Movement in Somoza-Era Nicaragua, from 1937-1979." Claudia earned her B.A. in history at Dartmouth College in 2006. She then came to UT-Austin to earn her M.A. in Latin American history in 2009; she is remaining there to continue work toward her doctorate.

Our fellowship recipients all teach along with managing their own research and writing. It has pleased us tremendously that **Mine Tafolar** has also made time to attend the last two branch meetings, and she also attended the recent brunch at the Four Seasons honoring Somaliland's Edna Adan, who is an inspirational force in the *Half the Sky* movement. Treasurer **Marina Rivers** had won the place at the table but was unable to attend.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT: Diane Brewer

Mine was delighted to have the opportunity to go, so it was a win-win!

Speaking of that, the recent Branch meeting was so informative about the past, present, and future, as it applies to Austin AAUW. Austin History Center specialist Susan Rittreiser came very well-prepared with photos and documents of our past. Then, ACC liaison and AAUW member **Linda Young** spoke about her recent experience at the UN where she participated in a meeting with a number of the first ladies of Africa at which a STEM initiative was launched. New AAUW Tri-State organizer, **Melodía Gutiérrez** and **Melissa Jackowski**, AAUW's new grassroots advocacy manager (see p. 8) briefly spoke briefly about future possibilities at the national, state, and branch levels. Thanks go to Public Policy Chair **Dr. Carol Fritz**, who coordinated the program with Program Vice President **Dr. Sylvia Garcia**.

Another treat at the Branch meeting, besides the yummy breakfast, was **Dixie Schurle's** guest, Anna Hacker. Anna has spent lots of time in Afghanistan and came to the meeting with many photos and crafts for sale produced by the stalwart women of this war-torn country.

When writing about new member **Monica Guzman** last month, I mentioned that she serves as a community relations consultant, when she is actually a member of the AISD Advisory Board for Hispanic Outreach. Further, she is a newly appointed member of the AISD Community Bond Oversight Committee; and she is a participant in AISD's UpClose Leadership Classes. Monica, this all means that you must attend a lot of meetings! Thank you for being there to keep our Hispanic population on the radar at AISD!

I spoke with **Tom Watson** recently who said he and **Kay** have purchased a new home in Round Rock and are in the process of moving. They plan to move, then place their home on the market to make things easier in the currently hot real estate market. (See their new address next column.) **Gail Simpler** is managing well in her new home in Boerne, Texas. She is very enthusiastic about the town, the nearby senior center, and her new place. She has visited her new doctors who just happen to be Drs. Charles and Wendy McCurley, my nephew and his lovely wife. She is among the first patients

in their new Boerne medical practice! Realtor/branch member **Barbara Houston** is negotiating the sale of Gail's Austin condo and has already received several offers.

I have ordered my holiday fruitcakes; have you? Contact Funds Chair **Elaine Diefenderfer** to help with this easy fundraiser and enjoy *really* good fruitcake! Not kidding!!! Happy Thanksgiving!

Keep your new yearbooks up to date. Please add:

Parchman, Karen E., MOB (Wayne) - 110 Desert Forest Court, Austin, TX 78738-1761; (H) 512.297.2057; (C) 512.507.3663; email: parchman.karen@gmail.com.

Rueda, Claudia P. SAF - Claudia wishes to keep her contact information private.

Welker, Susan Harris, MOB (Mark) - 4911 Rollingwood Drive, Austin, TX 78746-5670; (H) 512.329.9451; (C) 512.565-6836; email address: swelker@harriswelkerarchitects.com; website URL: www.harriswelkerarchitects.com; and sousnut@totallynutsbakery.com

Worley, Barbara M., MOB (Fred) - 5707 Bullard Drive, Austin, TX 78757-4401; (H) 512.453.7965; (C) 512.940.6330; email: fandbworley@gmail.com

Corrections and changes:

Canter, Leslie, MOB - please change email address: lesliec470@gmail.com

Tafolar, Mine, SAF - please correct phone number: 512.947.4786

Watson, Kay and Tom, MOB - New address: 3215 Ash Glen Lane, Round Rock, TX 78681-1122

Wedel, Barbara Allen, MBHL - Please correct cell number to: 512.567.8447

Widoff, Janet, MOB - Janet's entry accidentally merged with the entry above hers, Allison White's. Draw a line to mark the separation!

Diane Brewer
Membership Vice President 2012-2014
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AAUW AUSTIN IN ACTION

LATINITAS'S COLLEGE CHICA CONFERENCE



When Latinitas held its first College Chica Workshop in Austin on October 5, eleven Branch members were there to facilitate registration and hand out goodie bags and t-shirts. Prior to the workshop, members provided or solicited items to go in the bags. **Dr. Sylvia Garcia** and **Inés Garcia** were table hosts for the lunch activities. The day-long workshop was held on the AAC Eastview Campus.

Front l-r: Mine Tafolar, Dr. Janet Widoff, Dr. Sylvia Garcia. Back: Marsha Endahl Kramer, Soon Merz, Inés Garcia, Elizabeth Newell, Mary Ellen Scribner, Judy Reinhart, Michele Martin.

Girlstart & Latinitas liaison Lilac Bauer was assisting one of the young participants when everyone else was posing for the group picture above. Later, she posed with l-r: Samantha Rae Lopez, Latinitas Program Coordinator and Alicia Rascon, Chief Executive Officer.



MAINSRING SCHOOLS

The ninetieth anniversary of the founding of the Branch this month brings to mind other landmarks in our history. Did you know that Mainsprings Schools evolved from a wartime nursery school established by the Branch? From the Mainsprings website <<http://www.mainspringschools.org/aboutus.html>>:

1941 – Chalmers Nursery School – Works Progress Administration project sponsored by the Austin branch of the American Association of University Women and the City of Austin. The first “war nursery” located in a federal housing development serving 25 children, ages 2-7.

Continuing its support for the school, AAUW Austin Branch recently awarded two deserving Mainspring Schools educators \$500 each to fund their attendance at the Zero to Three National Training Institute Conference offered especially to those who work with pre-school children. The recipients, Miriam Joab and Jennifer Stafford will attend the conference in San Antonio, Texas, on December 12 – 14, 2013. These teachers plan to share their experiences with others on the school staff and are very appreciative to AAUW Austin for this opportunity.



Betty Owen, Mainspring Schools Liaison

512.444.6015

AAUW AUSTIN IN ACTION

MIRIAM TORMOLLAN SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED TO GIRLSTART INTERN



Girlstart intern Bonnie-Claire Duren, a STEM CREW (Creative, Resourceful, Empowered Women) member and University of Texas at Austin student who works in the Girlstart After School Program, received the Miriam Tormollan Scholarship at the Girlstart STEM Center on October 11. Bonnie-Claire is majoring in microbiology with the goal of working in cancer research to find a cure for the disease that claimed her mother’s life.

The scholarship was initiated by the Tormollan family to honor their mother, **Miriam Tormollan**, who was an educator and activist for education of women and girls. She earned her B.A. in 1943 and M.A. in 1950 in English from The University of Texas at Austin where she was selected for Phi Beta Kappa. She was a teacher of advanced placement senior English at Crockett High School in Austin, Texas, for more than fifteen years and was recognized for her excellence by being selected twice as “Teacher of the Year.”

Miriam joined AAUW in 1974 and was active at both local and state levels. In 2006 she was selected as Woman of the Year for AAUW Texas. For fifteen years she served as the central coordinator for AAUW Texas. She represented AAUW in many

capacities including: working with the Austin ISD to create a sexual harassment policy; testifying before the Public Education Committee of the Legislature; serving on the Coalition for Public Schools; mentoring in the Special School for Teenage Pregnant Girls; working with the Lone Star Girl Scout Council; helping with the “Expanding Your Horizons” program (precursor of Girlstart’s Girls In STEM Conferences).

The scholarship was presented to Bonnie-Claire by Girlstart Liaison **Lilac Bauer**. Branch president **Anita Knight, Lois Shaevel, Mary Ellen Scribner, Melissa Jackowski** (new national grassroots advocacy manager), and **Melodía Gutiérrez** (the new AAUW state organizer for TX, OK, LA) also attended the presentation and reception. **Tamara Hudgins**, Girlstart executive director and AAUW member, was also present!

GIRLSTART’S GAME CHANGERS LUNCHEON



Marsha Endahl Kramer, Lilac Bauer, and Anita Knight are pictured at Girlstart’s Game Changers Annual Luncheon on October 17.

STARRY NIGHTS at GIRLSTART
 Mini Planetarium Star Shows. girlstart
 Out-of-This World Activities STEM STUDIO
 for All Ages. Families Welcome! Mini Planetarium
FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

6 - 7:30 p.m. free but reservation required

<http://www.girlstart.org/our-programs/starry-nights>

November 7 & December 5

November Calendar of Branch Activities

November 1, 10 a.m. First Friday Book Review. Hyde Park Church of Christ. *The Arcanum*. (Janet Gleeson). Reviewer: Gayle Smith. Chair: Gayle Smith (512.345.5585).

November 7, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Contemporary Literature: Old Quarry BL. *The Memory Palace; a memoir* (Mira Bartok). Discussion leader: Ginny Tannebring. Chair: Fern Chester, 512.345.1102.

November 6, 3 p.m. Movie & Dinner: Call Lois Shaevel at 512.266.0273 for specific details.

November 9. PEARS: Historical downtown walking tour & dinner at the Driscoll. Contact: Dixie & Arlo Schurle: 512.284.8629.

November 11. 10:30 a.m. SW Book Group. *The Alchemist*. by Paul Coelho. Facilitator is Bari Sandstedt; hostess is Ann Wright (500 Vaughan Cove, 78732). Chair: Inés Garcia, 512.444.5643.

November 13. 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Branch meeting. Ninetieth anniversary celebration. Austin Woman's Club. Make reservation by Friday, November 8.

November 13. 4 p.m. Second Wednesday Bridge. Contact: Judy Reinhart, 512.345.5936.

November 19. 11 a.m. Out to Lunch: Eastside Cafe (2113 Manor Road). RSVP required. Chair: Ruth Falck (512.550.6449) or ruthfalck@yahoo.com.

November 20, 10 a.m. Creative Stitchery with hostess Nancy Ellison (512.264.8404) and co-hostess Angie Clark (512.258.5668).

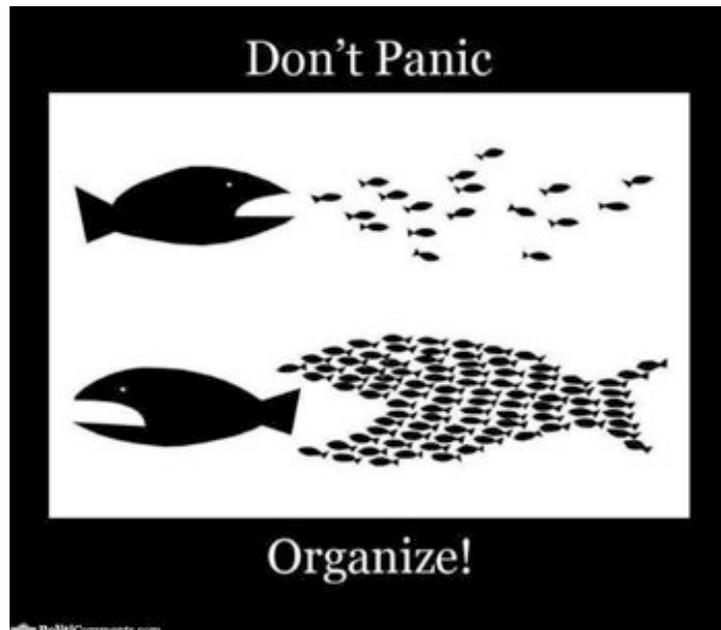
AUSTIN AAUW IN ACTION

CONNECTHER BRUNCH WITH EDNA ADAN

The first annual *Connecther* brunch organized by its founder and Austin AAUW member Lila Igram was an inspiring and enjoyable event featuring Edna Adan's work in her native Somaliland. Edna built a maternity hospital to serve as well as educate (trains village women to become midwives) the women of Somaliland. *Connecther* presented a check for \$10,000 to Ms. Adan to be used in support of the hospital.



Branch members at the brunch were (seated l-r) Ginny Tannebring, Mine Tafolar, Myrtle Bell, (standing l-r) Anita Knight, Soon Merz, and Mary Ellen Scribner.



State organizer Melodia Gutiérrez had this message for members attending the October program and meeting!

November Calendar of Branch Activities

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November 21, 6:30 p.m.

Culture & Cuisine: Hostess: Dixie Schurle. 6022 Tasajillo Trail, 78731. Co-hostess: Barbara Houston. Coffee culture. Chair: Anneliese Ellerton (512.241.8425).

November 22, 8 a.m. Hiking Group.

Turkey Creek Trail. Leader Ruth Falck: (512.550.6449) or ruthfalck@yahoo.com. Contacts: Ginny Tannebring (512.922.9645 or ginnyz@sbcglobal.net) & Beverly Locklin (blocklin@austin.rr.com or 512.343.0782).

November 27, 4 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday Bridge.

Contact Sara Ezell (512.343.8494).

Every Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Bridge at the Senior Center. Call Dorothy Ramsey (512.442.3841) for more information.

November 28: Happy Thanksgiving!

Note: There is no art tour in either November or December. There is no Branch event in December, but most of the interest groups will meet.

Save the Date!
January 10, 2014. 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Branch meeting.

Westwood Country Club
3808 W 35th St. (Austin 78703)

Speaker: Dr. Karen Pope
Noted Art Professor at Baylor University
Writer & Lecturer

Complete details & reservation information in December newsletter

NEWS FROM AAUW NATIONAL

NEW GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY MANAGER IS NATIVE OF AUSTIN

Melissa Jackowski, the newly appointed national grassroots advocacy manager, is an Austin native and current resident, but she will be moving to Washington, D.C. within the month to work from AAUW's national headquarters. She earned a B.A. in political science and Spanish from Texas State University-San Marcus in 2003 and a Master of Professional Studies in political management from The George Washington University in 2011. Melissa's impressive résumé also includes attendance in 2012 at the Women's Campaign School at Yale University. The WCS at Yale is a non-partisan, issue neutral leadership program, whose mission is to increase the number and influence of women in elected and appointed office in the United States and around the globe.



Melissa Jackowski at the October Branch meeting.

Melissa is uniquely qualified to work in the area of politics and advocacy with over nine years of experience as a consultant on multiple and simultaneous campaigns, overseeing field and finance operations, managing numerous staff members and volunteers, and making day-to-day decisions to maximize efficiency for clients. One aspect of her job will be to expand and enhance the AAUW Action Network. The Action Network is the cornerstone of the association's e-advocacy efforts, e-mails notices about the latest legislation and urging subscribers to contact their members of Congress.

We are proud to claim this talented, energetic young woman as an Austinite, and we look forward to working with her to empower women and girls on the local, state, and national levels. If you aren't already a member of the Action Network, go to the national website <http://www.aauw.org/2013/01/03/aauws-advocacy-resolutions-for-2013/> and sign up today! You can email Melissa at her AAUW office: jackowskim@auw.org.

BRANCH NEWS

**LATINITAS CONFERENCE
APPRECIATION**

Hi Ladies!!

I wanted to send a note to express my gratitude for all of the hard work you put in this weekend! We couldn't have done it without you and am very happy that you all were there. Special shout out to Lilac for coordinating our partnership with AAUW! The girls had a great time and I know many of them now see themselves as being college bound!

We are happy to have you back, so if you would like to be involved in our Parent/ Daughter series or our Saturday Camps, please contact Andrea at andrea@latinitasmagazine.org and she can get you set up.

The projects and photos will be posted to our website (www.latinitasmagazine.org) as well as our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/latinitasaustin) so you can see all of the cool projects the girls made last year.

Thanks again and I hope to see you all soon!
Samantha Rae Lopez
Program Coordinator, Latinitas Inc.



Michelle Martin & Mary Ellen Scribner check girls in as Janet Widoff and Mine Talofar wait (in background behind the girls) to hand out goodie bags and t-shirts.

On October 5 ten of our members assisted at the College Chica Conference held at Austin Community College-Eastview. It was the first on-campus event for Latinitas! Five of our members participated in an advisory board with the Latinitas leadership: **Lilac Bauer, Inés Garcia, Dr. Sylvia Garcia, Anita Knight, and Mary Ellen Scribner.**

Thanks to registrar/check-in workers: **Inés Garcia, Dr. Sylvia Garcia, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Michelle Martin, Soon Merz, Elizabeth Newell, Judy Reinhart, Mary Ellen Scribner, Mine Tafolar, and Dr. Janet Widoff.**

Thanks to goodie bag donors: **Larie Amsler** (emery boards) **Anita Knight & Inés Garcia** (bookmarks), **Marsha Endahl Kramer** (kaleidoscope keychains), **Janie Maldonado** (Amplify Credit Union Pens and Halloween pretzels), **Etta Endahl & Rima Xoyamayagua** (Avon Lip Balm), **Lilac Bauer** (miniature slinkys), and to **Soon Merz** (door prizes).

Our Branch provided the bags and pencils using donations earmarked for Latinitas. Special thanks to **Inés Garcia** and **Dr. Sylvia Garcia** who participated as roundtable speakers during lunch, and to Inés, Elizabeth, and Marsha for providing clothing and props for the "Picture Your Future" photography sessions.

Lilac Bauer
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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE
APPOINTED**

President Anita Knight announced at the October Branch meeting that a nominating committee for 2014-15 has been appointed. Those members are **Barbara Houston, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Elizabeth Newell, Judy Reinhart, and Mary Ellen Scribner.** The committee is accepting nominations, and everyone is welcome to volunteer and/or suggest potential candidates for the executive board.

CLASSIFIED AD

Wanted/needed: a creative communicator for Branch PR/publicity/social media. Board attendance not required. Call Anita at 512-329-8575.



BRANCH NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

The AAUW Austin Branch lost three of its longtime members recently. We cherish their companionship and contributions over the many years they were part of the organization.

Jane Smoot was born in Austin on December 13, 1919, and died in Austin on September 28, 2013. She lived in her family home all her life. Jane graduated from Austin High in 1935 and from UT -Austin in 1938 (Phi Beta Kappa)



with a B.A. *summa cum laude* majoring in British and American literature and minoring in French, German, and education. She earned her M.A. in 1939 and began teaching in AISD where she taught for forty years beginning at University Jr. HS, then Austin HS and Travis HS. Included was a stint at UT Austin where for two-and-a-half years she taught returning soldiers from WW II. She had a deep appreciation for nature, supported historical preservation, and traveled to many parts of the world. Other joys were music, her church, farming and ranching, horseback riding, and photography. AAUW was just one of a number of civic, academic, and historic associations that benefited from Jane's time, talents, and resources.

Effat al-Hossainy, retired from the Department of Microbiology at The University of Texas at Austin, died September 25. Effat received a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Baghdad in

1946, and she went on to receive an M.Ed. in education (1963) and an M.A. in biology (1970) from The University of Texas at Austin.

Underneath her quiet, unassuming exterior was a brilliant, caring woman. She authored academic papers on such diverse topics as "Some Suggested Improvements in Public Secondary Education in Iraq" and "Attachment of *Chlamydia psittaci* to Formaldehyde-fixed and Unfixed L Cells." Effat joined AAUW in 1974, was a generous donor to Mainspring Schools, and until recently, an active participant in the Creative Stitchery Interest Group.

Life member **Patricia V. (Pat) Donnelly**, dual with AAUW Austin and Houston, died July 31, 2013, one week past her eightieth birthday. She earned a B.A. in biology from Texas Western University in 1955 and an M.S. in 1963 from the University of Missouri. Pat was retired from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston where her work was in microbiology; she was a certified state ombudsman. Pat joined the Austin Branch on July 1, 1978. Pat admired Governor Ann Richards and regularly supported the fund that bears her name. **President Anita Knight** received a generous donation from Pat this past summer to help fund **Katie Jackson's** NCWSSL participation. She was very loyal to both branches of AAUW and loved the organization. She was a past president of the Houston Interbranch Council.



September Art Tour

In September the art tour group visited the studio of Austin artist Sherry Steele. Back row: lilene Payton, Barbara Worley, Betty Owen, Elaine Leggett, Carol Fritz, Nancy Myers, Karen Wood, Diane Brewer, Jan Roberts, Fern Chester. Middle: Mary Frances Rogerson, Millie Stecker, Sally Scott. In front: Anita Knight and Sherry Steele.