



American Association of  
University Women  
AAUW Austin (Texas) Branch

Branch Meeting/Lunch  
Friday, January 10, 2014  
10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Karen Pope

Noted Professor at Baylor University, Writer, Lecturer

Dr. Pope will present a thought-provoking lecture  
entitled “Great American Women Artists.” She will examine  
the lives of the artists, their media, and  
explore some of the challenges they faced.

Westwood Country Club  
3808 W 35th Street  
Austin, TX 78703

Start the New Year by attending the first Branch meeting  
of the year! Invite friends and colleagues to experience  
this excellent program.

Cost of lunch is \$30.00

Please make your reservation not later than Monday,  
January 6, 2014, by calling Diane Brewer at 512.328.0474 or  
emailing [austinaauw@gmail.com](mailto:austinaauw@gmail.com).

## December Calendar of Branch Activities

**December 2, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Contemporary Literature:** Old Quarry BL. *The Bartender's Tale* by Ivan Doig. Discussion leader: Beverly Locklin. Chair: Fern Chester, 512.345.1102.

**December 4, 3 p.m. Movie & Dinner:** Call Lois Shaevel at 512.266.0273 for specific details.

**December 4. Creative Stitchery.** Holiday luncheon. Arrangements: Beverly Locklin (512.343.0782).

**December 6, 10 a.m. First Friday Book Review.** No book review this month. Group will meet at a member's home for a holiday brunch. Chair: Gayle Smith (512.345.5585).

**December 9. 10:30 a.m. SW Book Group.** *Lots of Candle, Plenty of Cake* by Anna Quindlen. Facilitator & hostess is Marsha Endahl Kramer (6907 Telluride Trail, 78749). Chair: Inés Garcia, 512.444.5643.

**December 9. 5-9 p.m. Gift wrapping.** Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 10000 Research Boulevard (Arboretum). More information on p. 3.

**December 10. Human Rights Day 2013.** Human Rights Day has special significance in this 20th anniversary year of the establishment of the mandate of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. <<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Pages/WhatAreHumanRights.aspx>>

**December 11. 4 p.m. Second Wednesday Bridge.** Contact: Judy Reinhart, 512.345.5936.

**December 14. PEARS:** Holiday Party with Anita and Don Knight (512.329.8575).

## FROM THE PRESIDENT: Anita Knight



I am dreaming of the continued health of the ninety-year old Austin Branch of AAUW and suggesting early new year resolutions as follows:

- ★ Whereas we have such a diverse and talented group of new members, resolve to enlist new blood on our board and in our programs. (Call me to indicate your interests.)
- ★ Whereas we have valuable connections to local educational institutions (UT, St. Ed's, ACC, Mainspring Schools, U. of Phoenix), resolve to partner and develop programs of mutual interest and benefit.
- ★ Whereas we have routine expenses but also philanthropic goals, resolve to be frugal in managing the budget and to provide worthwhile and creative opportunities for fundraising.
- ★ Whereas the Branch has celebrated ninety years of accomplishments in Austin, resolve that we not rest on our laurels but continue to network with and contribute to the community and the next generations of supporters of our mission.

(Note: See Branch goals for 2012-14 on page 22 of the yearbook.)

### Changing the Face of Computer Science, One Hour at a Time: Host an Hour of Code During the Week of December 9-15

AAUW is participating in the Hour of Code, one of many events planned for Computer Science Education Week, December 9-15. A one-hour introduction to computer science, the Hour of Code demystifies coding and empowers girls (or anyone, really) through how-to videos for coders at all levels: beginners, students, folks without Internet access, or more advanced coders looking to make their own apps or learn JavaScript.

To learn how you can get involved, go to AAUW's supporting webpage <<http://www.aauw.org/article/hour-of-code/>>. If you do participate, be sure to return to the webpage and report your action.

**BRANCH BUSINESS**

**December Calendar of Branch Activities**

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**December 19, 6:30 p.m.**

**Culture & Cuisine:** Hostess: Marsha Endahl Kramer. 6907 Telluride Trail, 78749. Swedish cuisine. Chair: Anneliese Ellerton (512.241.8425).

**December 22. 1-6 p.m. Gift wrapping.**

Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 10000 Research Boulevard (Arboretum). →

**Every Thursday, 9:30 a.m.**

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

**Note:** Interest groups not meeting in December include Art Tour, Hiking, and Out to Lunch.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO 2014!**

**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**

**April 25-27, 2014**

**AAUW Texas State Convention**

**hosted by  
Northeast Tarrant County Branch**

**Hurst Conference Center  
1601 Campus Drive  
Hurst, TX 76054**

**FUNDRAISING**

Once again this holiday season, Branch members will be wrapping gifts for tips at the Arboretum Barnes & Noble.

<b>Monday, December 9 5 PM – 9PM</b>	<b>Shift Time</b>	<b>Sunday, December 22 1 PM – 6 PM</b>	<b>Shift Time</b>
Elaine Penn	5 - 7	Jean Bessent	1 – 3:30
Elaine Diefenderfer	5 - 7	Nancy Schneider	1 – 3:30
Lynn Cooksey	5- 7	Mary Owens	1 – 3:30
Larie Amsler	7 - 9	Anita Knight	3:30 - 6
Judy Reinhart	7 - 9	Lilac Bauer	3:30 - 6
Elizabeth Newell	7- 9		3:30 - 6

Funds chair **Elaine Diefenderfer** suggests, “If you did not sign up to wrap gifts, come buy books and get them wrapped!”



And it isn't too late to order Collin Street Bakery fruit cakes to serve your guests or to send as gifts. If you didn't pick up an order form at a Branch meeting, you can order by phone (1.800.475.3589); FAX (1.903.872.6879); or online at <<https://www.collinstreet.com/>>.

To give the Branch credit, you will need to use the club order number CO12.

**STAND UP FOR TEXAS WOMEN AND FAMILIES**

Join with other AAUW Texas members to present a stack of signed petitions to Governor Perry and other elected officials on Equity Day 2014. We need as many signatures as possible, so please download copies of the petition <<http://austin-tx.aauw.net/files/2013/11/Stand-Up-for-Women-and-Families-Petition.pdf>> from our website now and pledge to submit at least two or three sheets of eight signatures. From January through March, we will emphasize this at all monthly meetings, but you can get a headstart by carrying petition sheets to each family event and group meeting you attend during the holidays.

Carol Fritz, Public Policy Chair  
512.837.6836

**CLASSIFIED AD**

Wanted/needed: a creative communicator for Branch PR/publicity/social media. Board attendance not required. Call Anita at 512.329.8575.



**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT: Diane Brewer**

Our ninetieth anniversary party was a thrilling event for me because so many members, new and old, showed up to support Austin AAUW and the event’s planners **Judy Reinhart** and **Pam Wolfe**. *Out and About* columnist Michael Barnes sat at a table with **Lynn Cooksey** and many of her friends from like-minded organizations. Another special table included President **Anita Knight**, Fellow **Mine Tafolar**, Rudi Andrus from Mainspring Schools, Girlstart/AAUW member **Tamara Hudgins**, plus members of other organizations whose activities Anita and Lynn both support. Lynn tried very hard to increase our participants to ninety to augment our moment, and almost made it. We had seventy-two folks present, plus a lovely young woman, Christine Moline, who came to observe us in action but who didn’t remain for lunch. There was an excited energy at the Austin Woman’s Club on November 13.

We had many guests on the 13, and from their number we expect to gain a couple of new members whose applications have not been completed as yet. **Beverly Locklin** referred her friend **Suellen Mills** to us at the anniversary celebration, and we are delighted to welcome her! Suellen is a 1964 University of Texas graduate in sociology. She volunteers and holds responsible positions at Meals on Wheels and More and is also a volunteer manager at Mike’s Place. She enjoys The Gathering at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, and in her spare time, serves on the Board of Deacons at University Baptist Church. Suellen looks forward to the art tour group and participating in one of our book groups. She lives at 3304 Shady Valley Drive, Austin, TX 78748-1824, and her home phone is 512.282.3485; cell phone is 512.965.2214. At work Suellen can be reached at 512.476.6325, x130. Email Suellen at [sssmills9@gmail.com](mailto:sssmills9@gmail.com).

Also, busy **Dr. Kay Keys** brought a friend, Alejandra Lascano who also plans to join our Branch, to the celebration. These are wonderful days for our Branch as we begin a new march to our centennial. Women are in the news and breaking barriers every day. Whatever your political persuasion, support a woman for office. It is our time! In addition to those joining on November 13, we had already gained four other new members in the past month to bring our current number to 182, and we haven’t even reached the New Year!



Dr. Kay Keys and her guest Alejandra Lascano joined Girlstart liaison Lilac Bauer at a table decorated with vintage memorabilia.

Please welcome new member **Jennifer J. Wenzel** (“Jay”) who showed up for our celebration just a couple of weeks after becoming a member. Her mother-in-law Marilyn Wenzel who has been a member for a while in another city and knows that nothing is better than AAUW for having a home base and building new relationships quickly, referred her. Jay graduated in 1987 with a B.A. in sociology from Colorado College and earned educator certification in 1989 from California State University. She received her M.A. in special education from the University of Alaska in 2012. Jay and her husband live in the Hudson Bend area of Lake Travis—all you Steiner Ranch folks take heed! Her address is 17215 Rocky River Road, Austin, TX 78734-1023. Contact Jay at 907.854.2023 (cell) or [jbwenzel@yahoo.com](mailto:jbwenzel@yahoo.com). As they have moved here recently, she will be ready to become a part of us quickly.



New member Jay Wenzel enjoyed the anniversary program with Soon Merz and Ginny Tannebring.

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT: Diane Brewer

A very happy surprise met me at my mailbox recently when AAUW member **Nell Peterson** encouraged her daughter **Tara Peterson-McGarity**, a 1999 graduate of Texas State University in criminal justice, to follow her example and join AAUW! Like mother, like daughter when it comes to gender equity and opportunity! Tara works as program specialist with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. And she sings! She is a member of the women's chorus at her church and also sings with a choir at work. Tara is married to Charles McGarity, and they reside at 2001 Tillotson Avenue, Austin, TX 78702-2834. Home phone is 512.252.3363 and her mobile is 512.632.5372 and her email address is [tlmcgarity@earthlink.net](mailto:tlmcgarity@earthlink.net). Tara, we hope you can work it out to join us in our varied missions and activities.



Dr. Linda Welsh and Elaine Penn were so color-coordinated at the anniversary celebration--they must have conferred earlier!

And in more member news, the grapevine via **Marsha Endahl Kramer**, has informed me that our onetime international fellow and now branch member, **Denise Amy-Rose Forbes Erickson** successfully defended her dissertation on November 18 and is now a full-fledged Ph.D.! Congratulations, Amy-Rose. Busy wife and mom and now Dr. Amy-Rose Forbes-Erickson! We are very proud of you and join with your family in celebrating your accomplishments.



Another of our special members, International Fellow for 2013-2014 and AAUW Austin member **Claudia Rueda**, is featured on page 27 of the current

issue of AAUW's *Outlook*. Please check it out as it highlights Claudia's research analyzing student protests of the Nicaraguan Somoza regime, and it includes a color photograph of our lovely member.

**Adrian McCulloch** recently shared her delight at the sale of her home and her move to the closer-in Mueller area. Please make note of her new address at Wildflower Terrace Apartments; 3801 Berkman, Apt. #279; Austin, TX 78723-4578. Adrian's phone number is the same. She sounded very happy with this transition. Another member, **Marilyn Arrigona**, will be making a change soon also as she has placed her nice condo at Neely Canyon on the market.

When you read this, the remarkable timing of Thanksgiving and Hanukkah occurring on the same day will have passed. We are now in the throes of the diverse ways we all celebrate the holiday season. May your hearts be filled with generosity for those in need; your days be filled with the love and laughter of friends and family; and may your holiday tables make new memories and recall days past with fondness.

Best to everyone and find an opportunity to reach out to our newest members!

Diane Brewer

Membership Vice President 2012-2014

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### Sign up to Receive the International Austin Newsletter!

The International Austin Events Calendar is a partnership of GlobalAustin and the City of Austin Economic Development Department to offer a central web portal of information about international events and resources in Austin. The weekly International Austin Newsletter highlights upcoming events. To receive the International Austin Newsletter, sign up at <http://eepurl.com/zgAT9>. Visit [www.internationalaustin.org](http://www.internationalaustin.org) for more information and events.

**AAUW AUSTIN NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY**

**PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED AT ANNIVERSARY EVENT**



Front l-r: Janie Maldonado, Kay Goodwin, Brenda Scholin, Inés Garcia. Back: Nancy Myers, Elizabeth Newell, Judy Reinhart, Pam Wolfe.



Past presidents Pam Wolfe (above) and Judy Reinhart planned the delightful ninetieth anniversary celebration held on November 13 at the Austin Woman's Club.

Jerry Cassidy, a former president of the State Board of South Carolina, informed us that she and Austin AAUW are the same age!



More than seventy members and guests attended the very enjoyable ninetieth anniversary event at the Austin Woman's Club. **Pam Wolfe** and **Judy Reinhart**, both past Branch presidents, did an outstanding job of planning. Several Branch members were overheard wishing that we met at the Woman's Club all the time!

The vintage items arranged on mirrors as centerpieces inspired conversations filled with memories and a few history lessons for the benefit of younger members. Pam's PowerPoint was fun as well as informative to those fairly new to the Branch. The lunch buffet was delicious and beautifully presented. Kudos to Judy and Pam for a job well done!

## BRANCH & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

In discussions of new projects for the Branch to undertake, one idea put forward was the creation of a Branch clearinghouse group of members interested in serving as judges or evaluators in competitions held by local schools and youth organizations or by community organizations that award scholarships or other forms of recognition to young people in our community. Now, we have a serendipitous opportunity for a trial run. A request for just such volunteers has been put forward by Austin Energy.

The Austin Energy Regional Science Festival is one of Texas's largest region science fair competitions with more than 3,5000 participating students from local and area schools. Austin Energy needs six hundred judges and volunteers for the 2014 fair which will be held February 19-22 at the Palmer Events Center. Students who win top awards in their school science fair progress to compete at the regional science event for the opportunity to advance to state and international science fair competitions. More than five hundred judges and one hundred volunteers are needed to ensure its success. For more information and how to sign up for judging or volunteering, go to <http://www.sciencefest.org/index.php>.

If you volunteer or someone you know volunteers at a local school, you could inquire if help is needed for the school's science fair, speech tournament, UIL events, etc. If you or someone you know is a member of an organization that presents an award or scholarship to area high schools students, you could offer assistance in that selection. If enough members are interested in this kind of volunteering, we can organize it as a Branch project.



### HOST FULBRIGHT STUDENTS FOR A MEAL

During 2014, the Institute of International Education (IIE) is organizing enrichment seminars for first-year Fulbright students in ten cities throughout the U.S. The Fulbright Program--of which these seminars are an important part--is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. The Austin Enrichment Seminar will take place January 30-February 2, 2014. Approximately 140 students, representing more than sixty countries, will participate in the seminar. They will be hosted here by GlobalAustin ([www.globalaustin.org](http://www.globalaustin.org)).

An important goal of the seminar is to introduce the Fulbrighters to the city of Austin and to promote their interaction with local residents. To that end, we are organizing an evening of home hospitality or a hosted restaurant dinner with citizens of Austin. This event has been enormously successful in the past and it is often the only opportunity for foreign Fulbrighters to spend an evening in an American home. We would like to invite you to host a small group of Fulbright students for dinner in your home or at a restaurant on Friday evening, January 31.

If you would like to host a group of students, there is a host application form which you can complete online <[https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=NX4Ds47CYbcNxoewXb\\*oyw](https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=NX4Ds47CYbcNxoewXb*oyw)>. Please complete the form by December 20. It would be very helpful if you could host between two and five students. If you would like to request students from a specific country or those studying a particular discipline, please indicate your preference on the form. Every effort will be made to match you with appropriate students. The seminar will be held at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol, 701 E 11th Street.

For more general information about the Fulbright program, please go to [www.eca.state.gov/fulbright](http://www.eca.state.gov/fulbright) or visit the GlobalAustin Fulbright Hosting page <<http://www.fulbrighthosting.org/>> where you can also find a list of the countries of Austin seminar participants, as it stands at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Dunham ([jane@globalaustin.org](mailto:jane@globalaustin.org); 512.585.2051) or Margie Kidd ([globalaustined@aol.com](mailto:globalaustined@aol.com); 512.215.0140).