



## American Association of University Women AAUW Austin (Texas) Branch

### **Professor Shirley Franklin to Speak at October 8 Branch Meeting “Public Policy & Women’s Power”**

Mayor of Atlanta from 2002 to 2010, Shirley C. Franklin is currently the Barbara Jordan Visiting Professor in Ethics and Political Values in the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

Elected the fifty-eighth mayor of Atlanta, Franklin was the first female to hold the post and became the first black woman to be elected mayor of any major Southern city. During her eight years in office, the city experienced unprecedented growth and afforded Franklin the opportunity to partner and collaborate with many local and regional leaders addressing such policy challenges as urban planning, economic development, and infrastructure. She is best known as an advocate for tackling major government operations and ethics reform. Her successful development of business and public sector partnerships and alliances were crucial to the launching of the Atlanta Beltline; the planning and execution of over \$5 billion in airport and water infrastructure improvements; and the launch of a Regional Commission on Homelessness. In 2006 Franklin led the effort to have the papers of Dr. Martin Luther King given to his alma mater, Morehouse College, instead of being sold at auction.



Aside from her role as a public official, Franklin’s community service spans nearly forty years in Atlanta and includes her active participation in the arts and higher education. She has previously served on the boards of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Advisory Board, the National Conference of Democratic Mayors, the United States Conference of Mayors, the Georgia Municipal Association, the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, the East Lake Foundation, Drew Charter School, Spelman College, the Neighborhood Arts Center, the Atlanta Black United Fund and the National Association of Black Public Administrators.

Franklin will draw on her more than three decades as an executive in government and business when she speaks on leadership, public policy, and community engagement at the October 8 branch meeting.



The venue for the October 8 (Wednesday) branch meeting is the Austin Woman’s Club located at 708 San Antonio Street. Parking is free in both lots; entry to the building is on the rear (from the parking lot). Gather from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., followed by a brief business meeting before the program speaker at 11 a.m. The cost of the lunch is \$25; there is a \$10 chair fee if you are attending only the program. The menu includes chicken crepes, fresh veggies and dessert. As always, a check or the correct amount of cash will be greatly appreciated.



To make your reservation for just the meeting or to include lunch, please call **Diane Brewer** at 512.328.0474 or email her at [zdramamom@austin.rr.com](mailto:zdramamom@austin.rr.com). The deadline for reservations is 6 p.m. Sunday, October 5.

## October Calendar of Branch Activities

**October 3, 10 a.m. First Friday Book Review.** *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America* by Erik Larson. Reviewer: Dr. Carol Fritz. Host: Lilac Bauer. Chair: Gayle Smith (512.345.5585).

**October 4; 7:30 p.m. PEARS.** Attend a comedy at St. Edwards U., "Love & Information." Tickets are \$15. Dinner will be at 5 p.m. at Terry Black's BBQ, 110 Barton Springs Rd. Call or email Lilac Bauer for reservations: la\_azucena@hotmail.com or 512.743.6338.

**October 6, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Contemporary Literature:** Old Quarry BL. *The Man Who Saved the Union: Ulysses Grant in War and Peace* (H.W. Brands). Discussion leader: Karen Jordahl. Chair: Fern Chester, 512.345.1102.

**October 6, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** SW Book Group. *The Spirit Level: Why Greater Equality Makes Societies Stronger* (Richard Wilkinson). Hostess & facilitator is Dr. Mary Braunagel-Brown. Chair: Inés Garcia, 512.444.5643.

**October 8; 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Branch meeting.** Speaker is Shirley Franklin, "Public Policy and Women's Power." Austin Woman's Club. Make reservation by Sunday, October 5, 6 p.m.

**October 8; 4 p.m. Second Wednesday Bridge.** Contact: Lynn Cooksey, 512.477.2774.

**October 15, 10 a.m. Creative Stitchery** with hostess Jan Roberts (512.371.0762) and co-hostess Fern Chester (512.345.1102).

**October 16, 6:30 p.m. Culture & Cuisine.** Hostess: Dr. Carol Fritz; co-hostess: Anneliese Ellerton. Theme is Morocco. Chair: Anneliese Ellerton (512.241.8425).

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

After attending the International Day of Peace program at ACC where panels and the film *Not My Life* presented the refugee and human trafficking (i.e., slavery) issues in Texas and around the world, I count my blessings as a child of mid-20th century immigrants, living in the United States and looking forward to exercising my right and duty to vote in November. As educated women and members of AAUW, do we all agree that there are no issues that are not WOMEN'S issues? Whether you are personally involved in political or social action, realize that your membership in AAUW contributes at state and national levels to advocacy for women: the Paycheck Fairness Act, raising the minimum wage, allowing certain graduates to refinance their student loans, reversing the Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby decision, immigration reform, reforming the No Child Left Behind Act, updating the Higher Education Act, preventing violence against women. The AAUW State Board chose two priority policy issues: equal pay for women and health care reform implementation. Remember the history and impact of Title IX, the catalyst that led to a social revolution? Check out the video at <http://austin-tx.aauw.net/spotlight/> by Kavya Ramamoorthy (daughter of member **Janani Janakiraman**) about the thirty-seven words that proved that EDUCATION can empower, contribute to economic growth, and change the world.

At the local level, your Austin branch program committee has planned a fantastic set of monthly programs, with a variety of venues and topics sure to appeal to our diverse interests. Besides your attendance (bring friends) at these branch meetings and perhaps participation in our interest groups, we welcome your participation in:

- ➔ our local STEM activities (see p. 3 for Lilac's highlights),
- ➔ our FUNdraising plans (see p. 7 for sign up for gift wrapping for tips),
- ➔ public policy activities like voter registration and State Board of Education monitoring, and
- ➔ a communications & outreach plan that will require input and participation from members interested in targeted networking and outreach.

This professional monthly newsletter, our dynamic new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AauwAustinBranch>, and our technically evolving website at <http://austin-tx.aauw.net/> are currently our best public relations, but we would like to brag about AAUW in the public media as well. We are blessed with loads of talented folks. What can YOU contribute in time and/or ideas to our PR team, our FUNdraising efforts, our future board leadership? Call or email your co-presidents, **Anita Knight** and **Inés Garcia**.

Anita Knight, Co-President 2014-2015

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## October Calendar of Branch Activities

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**October 16, 6:30 - 9 p.m.**

**United Nations Association Anniversary Dinner.** Green Pastures Restaurant. See p. 7 for more information and to make a reservation.

**October 21, 11 a.m. Out to Lunch:**

Threadgill's, 6416 North Lamar. Hostess: Lois Shaevel, (RSVP: [gatorgal66@yahoo.com](mailto:gatorgal66@yahoo.com) or 512.266.0273). Chair: Ruth Falck (512.550.6449).

**October 22, 4 p.m.**

**Fourth Wednesday Bridge.**

Contact Sara Ezell (512.343.8494).

**October 24, 8 a.m. Hiking.**

McKinney Roughs. Contacts: Ginny Tannebring (512.477.3579 or [ginnyz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ginnyz@sbcglobal.net)) or Beverly Locklin ([blocklin@austin.rr.com](mailto:blocklin@austin.rr.com) 512.343.0782).

**October 25, 9 a.m.-noon.**

**LATINITAS "Code Chica Conference."**

Austin Community College - Eastview Campus.

**October 29. Art Tour. (A 5th Wednesday day trip).**

Planners: Mary Kate Fredriksen, Judy Reinhart, Dixie Schurle. Dripping Springs art ramble. Lunch: Creek Road Cafe, 301 West Hwy. 290, Dripping Springs. Chair: Diane Brewer; RSVP

[zdramamom@austin.rr.com](mailto:zdramamom@austin.rr.com).

**October 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Girlstart Game Changers Luncheon.**

Austin Westin at the Domain. For reservations contact Lilac Bauer.

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

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

## Girls in STEM

**October 25, 2014**

**Saturday 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Austin Community College - Eastview Campus  
LATINITAS "Code Chica Conference"**

The program teaches girls to learn to code, devise games, control robots, and find out about college. We could still use a few volunteers to:

- assist with registration in the morning, or
- be a table speaker about computer programming at lunch
- provide snacks ahead of time (hot cheetos, taki, or tubo flamos; grapes, granola bars, M & M's)
- donate toward the goodie bag cost or items

Last year we provided 100 goodie bags, and they were able to use them for the conference, and also for a few specialized Super Saturday mornings during the year.

Just found out! Latinitas has received a grant from AAUW national for this year's After School Program! Details later—when I get the facts!



**October 30, 2014**

**Thursday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Austin Westin at the Domain**

**GIRLSTART will hold its major fundraiser (and party) of the year!**

We already have five AAUW members who are registered to attend; just five more and we will have an AAUW table! Individual tickets to the annual Game Changers Luncheon are \$100. If you wish to attend—call me ASAP!

Other branch members have donated to sponsor a girl for the program. Any contribution you wish to make to Girlstart for a girl, please send me a check for any amount made out to Girlstart. Contributions made this way are fully tax deductible, and your name and AAUW will be named in their annual program.

Girlstart has also asked for our help to enter data from their pre-program survey (this fall) and the post program survey (end of spring). Please email me if you are interested.

Lilac Bauer  
STEM Chair

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS with VP Diane Brewer

The surprise of lots of September rain did little to dampen the excitement of our HUGE first branch meeting of the year featuring the inimitable former Austin mayor **Carole Keeton**. She did not disappoint. I heard one member exclaim about Carole's rapid-fire delivery, surprised by her being a lifelong Southerner speaking so quickly! Tiny Ms. Keeton has both a big voice and a huge personality. The room was filled with her family, friends, and long-time fans among our membership. Indefatigable **Lynn Cooksey** got out the word that Carole was speaking, and we hosted a gathering of seventy people delighted to hear what Carole had to say about her life, family, and storied career.



L-R: Lynn Cooksey, Mayor Carole Keeton, Mayor Frank Cooksey.

Her views on what Austin needs include a strong mayoral form of government because she feels that with the current system, no council member can really be held responsible for the problems in the City of Austin. Expanding to many more racially equitable districts helps, but she sees a better future for an Austin run differently.

Cheering her on Saturday, September 13th, at the Norris Conference Center, were former mayors Frank Cooksey and Gus Garcia; Brad McClellan, one of her four sons and his wife Suzi; and one of her eight grandchildren, Kathryn McClellan. Also in attendance were member **Monica Guzman**, who is running for City Council District 4; and three of our wonderful honorary members, **Lillian Kwas**, **Nancy Myers**, and **Jerry Cassidy**.

Carole is a force of nature! Not only did she join AAUW on Saturday, but four other members of the audience joined us: **Betty Schmidt**, **Rosalind Brinkley**, **Olivia Talbot**, and **Adrienne Carter**. Since the last newsletter was published, we have also welcomed **Kay Race**, **Mary Gray Rust**, and **Karen Werner**, giving us a grand total of eight new members in the past month!

**Katherine Race**, called Kay by her friends, earned both a bachelor's and a master's in music and piano at the University of Colorado. She is a retired piano teacher. We are becoming a very musical branch with honorary members **Kay Goodwin** and **Jerry Cassidy** both violinists; honorary member and musician **Dr. Aggie Curry-Jones**; new member **Charlene Gagon**; and former president and musician **Dr. Delia Quintanilla** joining Kay. Could we have a concert in our future? Kay is another friend of *uber* recruiter **Lynn Cooksey**! You can reach Kay at 512.453.8116.

**Mary Gray Rust** was encouraged to join by Girlstart and Latinitas activist **Lilac Bauer**. Mary earned a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Miami in 1974, (3.5 avg.!) and later, her M.A. in anthropology at the University of South Florida in 1977 with a 4.0 grade point average. Mary is currently executive director of A Place We Call Home, a non-profit startup which offers legal representation for homeowners facing foreclosure. She has long been interested in community development, planning, and evaluation, both nationally and globally. She is an advocate for affordable housing, healthcare, and supranational networks. She has been recognized for excellence in application of anthropology to modern socio-cultural problems by the Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists, for excellence and achievements in her field and community, and by Delta Theta Mu, an honor society in liberal arts. We hope Mary finds a home with Austin AAUW, too. Mary's phone is 512.743.1934, and her email address is marygrayrust@gmail.com.

**Karen Werner** and husband Ward moved to Austin from Fort Worth, where she was a recognized volunteer and was featured in the Fort Worth *Star-Telegram*. Karen found us via the Internet, contacted me, and joined! She is a graduate of Drake University in psychology, earning her B.A. in 1973. She joined us at Brio this month for Out to Lunch, and I relished visiting with her. She wants to work on empowering young women, and enjoys volunteering with the Assistance League of Austin, participating with Austin Newcomers along with quite a few of our members, plus the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Karen is starting off right by getting involved! Contact Karen at karentwerner20@aol.com and 817.896.4905.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS with VP Diane Brewer

**Carole Keeton** shared her 75th birthday with us and it was a great celebration! She is a graduate of UT Austin where her dad, Dean W. Page Keeton famously steered the UT Law School and raised Carole to make a difference. Carole shared that serving as mayor of Austin was easy compared to raising four young sons, Scott, Mark, Brad, and Dudley, as a single mom! She did a fine job of it, too. Her sons adore her and say that her slogan "One tough Grandma" is an untruth. She is one tough mama and a soft touch grandma. She charmingly took a call from one of her young grandchildren mid-speech on the 13th. She has always put family first and that is what led her to the AISD School Board and mayor's office. She has always wanted a better world for her family as we all do. In addition to the offices above, she has served as chair of the Texas Railroad Commission and Comptroller of Public Accounts, where she famously predicted a disastrous shortfall in the budget due to Governor Perry's tax cuts, and also pitched herself against Mr. 39% in a bid for governor of Texas. We are very glad to have her and look forward to further colorful participation from Carole.

**Milli Stecker** encouraged her friend **Betty Schmidt** to attend our branch meeting and then she joined! Betty is chief financial officer for the Austin Police Department. She graduated from UT in 1976 with a B.B.A in accounting, and she is eager to find some new ways to connect with women and make new friends. She is involved with ATCIC and is interested in helping mental health organizations. Welcome, Betty! You can reach Betty at bschm7705@aol.com or 512.719.4587.

**Rosalind Brinkley** came to the branch meeting and joined on the spot! She is a graduate of UT Austin, earning her B.A. in journalism in 1986. She did some graduate work at St. Edward's in telecommunications, as well. Rosalind is another encouraged by friend and associate **Lynn Cooksey**. She lives at the Provident Crossing in Round Rock and is very interested in public policy. She has been a contributor to the Austin *American-Statesman*, the Northwest Austin *Neighbor*, and has worked with GSD&M and Ginny's Printing. Most interestingly, she is at work writing a book on Texas history and early Texas families. We are glad to have you, Rosalind, and welcome both you and your assistant and new member **Olivia Talbot**! Contact Rosalind at brinkleyrosalind@yahoo.com or 254.231.7141.

**Olivia Talbot** accompanied Rosalind to the branch and was also moved to join. She earned an Associate's Degree from Austin Community College, 1987, in liberal arts. Olivia is a long term care consultant and an advocate for healthy, vital, and successful aging. Olivia works with Rosalind and is interested in branching out with AAUW Austin. She can be reached at otalbot11212@gmail.com or 512.484.4300 or . We look forward to seeing both of you at future branch meetings and interest groups, Olivia!

And finally, **Adrienne Carter**, another friend of **Lynn Cooksey** through the UN Association, where Adrienne serves as president, also joined on the 13th. Adrienne earned her B.B.A. at Concordia University in 1996 and later completed her M.S.T.C. in 2001 at UT in the IC2 Institute at the McCombs School of Business. This native of Mississippi, whose drawl is unmistakable, has earned multiple awards from both the Governor's office and the City of Austin through her consulting businesses, first WCIT in 2006, and more recently, Solution Nation, LLC. She is a busy woman who is also enterprise architect for the Department of Motor Vehicles. We look to learn more about Adrienne in the future. She can be contacted at adrienne.carter@yahoo.com or 512.784.6680.

A big welcome to all our newest members with the admonition that your membership is step one; participation and advocacy will marry you to a fine group of women!

While gaining wonderful new members, I must also report the passing of a dear friend to all of us who enjoy the AAUW bridge groups. **Joyce Marie**

**Wallace**, 88, mother of Diana Wallace, MD and Ken Wallace, left this world on Friday, September 19th. Both of her children were with her at the time, having committed themselves to spending Joyce's last days with her. Joyce was a longtime member, a keen bridge player, a kind soul,



and loving grandmother. She was an original resident of Rollingwood and raised her kids there. She loved flying to Las Vegas where she played blackjack. Joyce was a tiny woman. I enjoy the vignette in my mind of this little person walking up to a Vegas blackjack table and cleaning them out. She was sharp and so precious to all of her bridge friends. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

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**MORE MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Fern Chester** recently contacted me to chat about the amazing **Kay Goodwin**. Kay celebrated her 96th birthday on August 18th. Honorary member Kay may be in her nineties, but that doesn't stop her. She joined AAUW in 1949 and has committed herself to community service and this branch all these years. She served as branch president for 1971-1973, and has continued to be there and to



Honorary AAUW member (50 or more years of membership) Kay Goodwin celebrated

participate regularly without stopping. In addition, She plays the violin! Kay took it back up not long ago and plays with the Silver Strings Orchestra, a group of senior musicians. She also creates exquisite stitchery. Fern, who is a role model of mine, is in awe of Kay. Kay is a frequent participant of Art Tours, Stitchery, Culture and Cuisine, and branch meetings. She enjoys water aerobics and helps residents at Westminster Manor by organizing Hidden Treasures, a sale by residents who wish to pare their possessions. She enjoys regular outings to Kerbey Lane Café with friends and loves to travel. She most recently returned from traveling to Panama with her daughter after recovering from a knee injury! Kay faces this stage of her life fearlessly. We can all learn from her. Happy Birthday, Kay!

And happy birthday to honorary member **Jerry Cassidy**, who celebrated her 91st birthday on September 12th. Jerry can frequently be seen in the front seat of friend **Ruth Falck's** Honda. Jerry loves to go, go, go. This sweet southern belle from South Carolina is a retired violinist who moved to Austin to be near her daughter. Lucky us!

Until next month! Remember to support our members **Monica Guzman**, running for Place 4 on the Austin City Council and **Gigi Bryant**, running for Place 2 on the Austin Community College Board of Trustees. Both women deserve our support!

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**INTEREST GROUPS**

Welcome to our newest AAUW members: **Rosalind Brinkley, Adrienne Carter, Judy Cook, Charlene Gargon, Sue Ellen Jeffers, Carole Keeton, Jeanette O'Dell, Lala Niemeyer, Katherine Race, Mary Gray Rust, Betty Schmidt, Sherry Sniderman, Olivia Talbot, Cindy Werland, Karen Werner, and Ann Williams**. With the onset of September, special interest groups begin anew, offering a diverse and interesting variety of activities to stimulate, educate and entertain. Participation in one or more of the interest groups is one of the best ways to become acquainted with each other.

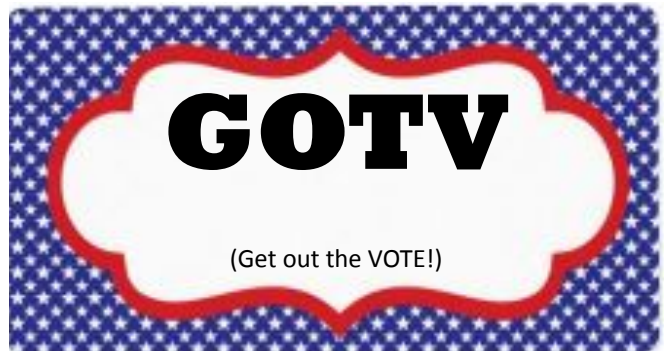
Every month the newsletter highlights special interest group activities, RSVPs usually requested. There are art tours, a stitchery group, book clubs, bridge, hiking, cuisine and more already meeting regularly. Have an idea for a startup group? Let's hear it!

I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. It's going to be a great (and fun) year. Welcome back all!

Maggie Kadlecak, Interest Groups Chair  
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 512.261.0627



**Milli Stecker & Elaine Penn** welcomed members and guests alike to the summer social in August and then directed them to the signup tables set up by the various interest groups.



Traditionally, the Austin fundraising events/activities, looking for a FUNDS Chair or time projects like the following fundraisers include the annual Collin Street Bakery sales, a used book exchange at a branch meeting, a possible silent auction or raffle, and any other suggested ideas (garage sale, anyone??). Members can and do donate along with dues payments, and that is very much appreciated both for our national and local causes! If you are interested in either becoming our funds chair or in “adopting” a project, please contact one of the co-presidents.

# FUNd\$\$

Branch has had several annual and the board is currently folks who would “adopt” one-holiday gift-wrapping. Other

DATES	LOCATION
Sunday, December 7, 2-6:00 PM	SOUTH: SUNSET VALLEY, 5601 Brodie Lane, 892-3493
Tuesday, December 16, 2-6:00 pm	SOUTH: SUNSET VALLEY, 5601 Brodie Lane, 892-3493
Wednesday, December 17, 12-3:00 PM	NORTH: ARBORETUM, 10,000 Research Blvd., 418-8985
Wednesday, December 17, 3-6:00 PM	NORTH: ARBORETUM, 10,000 Research Blvd., 418-8985
Monday, December 22, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM	NORTH: ARBORETUM, 10,000 Research Blvd., 418-8985
Thursday, December 18, 2-6:00 PM	SOUTH: SUNSET VALLEY, 5601 Brodie Lane, 892-3493

## GOTV

<http://www.aauw.org/article/get-out-the-midterm-vote/>

**August 26, 2014 Washington D.C.** 2012 was the year of the woman voter. The It’s My Vote: I Will Be Heard campaign was a great success, registering and turning out millennial women voters nationwide. We believe in the power of women’s voices, which is why AAUW and the AAUW Action Fund are renewing our efforts in 2014 for the critical midterm elections — a time when young women are not as likely to vote as in presidential election years.

You are registered to vote, but how about your friends, family, and neighbors? Go to <http://traviscountyclerk.org/eclerk/Content.do?code=Elections> to find answers for your questions about the Tuesday, November 4, 2014, General and Special Election. Where can I vote? When can I vote? What do I need to take with me when I go to vote? Early voting is frequently the easiest and most convenient way to vote. Early voting for the November 4 election runs from October 20 to October 31. People sixty-five or older can vote by mail but must apply ASAP.

**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION, AUSTIN CHAPTER INVITES YOU TO THE 69TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED NATIONS**



Former Mayor Frank Cooksey (and husband of Lynn Cooksey) will be receiving a humanitarian award from the Austin Chapter of UNA.

Thursday, October 16, 2014 6:30-9:00 pm,  
Dinner at 7:00pm

**Green Pastures Restaurant**

811 West Live Oak Street, Austin, Texas 78704

Cost: General Tickets \$55 - Members \$40 - Students \$35 - Friends of UNAUSA \$65 (includes initial membership)

**Make your reservations now!**  
Payment by Paypal or check.  
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