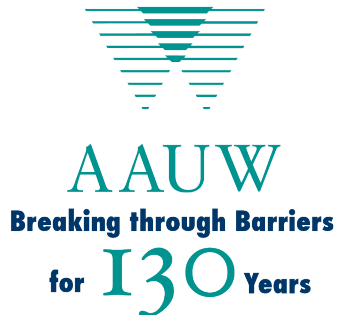


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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OPEN HOUSE IS AUGUST 21

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Austin Branch kicks off its 2011-2012 programs at an annual Open House for current and potential members in the Parish Hall of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church on Sunday, August 21, 2011 from 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Our Open House is an exciting opportunity to:

- Welcome new branch members,
- Meet branch officers and board members,
- Hear about initiatives and activities being planned for the year ahead,
- Sign up for a variety of study groups that meet throughout the year,
- Catch up with AAUW friends after the summer break,
- Introduce potential members to the premier organization for college-educated women in the U.S.

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**REAP** the  
benefits of  
AAUW:

**Research**  
**Education**  
**Advocacy and**  
**Philanthropy**



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 3201 Windsor Rd., Austin TX 78703

(SW corner of Windsor and Exposition) — West of Loop 1 (Mopac)

From the South: Take Windsor Road exit, looping around to the right. At the stop light turn right to go under Mopac heading west on Windsor.

From the North: Take Windsor Road exit, turn left at stop light to head west on Windsor. Cross Exposition then turn immediately left into the church grounds. There are 60 parking spaces, but you may park in the streets beside the church if you prefer. There will be signs and people directing you to the Parish Hall.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

Newsletter Deadline is  
noon on the 20th of the  
preceding month. Send to:  
[gsimpler@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:gsimpler@mail.utexas.edu)

Questions? Call me at  
834-9481 or 560-6329.  
Thanks, Gail Simpler

The value of belonging to the American Association of University Women offers exceptional tangible and intangible benefits — a strong voice, a vibrant community, relevant information, and valuable resources.

AAUW membership is an incredible value: Representation. Community. Savings. Information. Education. Inspiration. You can find it all, as parts of AAUW. Our members know the value belonging to our branch. Consider joining or renewing today! AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Invite your friends, neighbors, colleagues, daughters, mothers, and maybe even that interesting woman you met at in your aquatics, yoga, UT Austin Lifelong learning class, or “Working Mom’s” group. While networking, you’ll be offered an array of delicious hors d’oeuvres, cheese & crackers, veggies & dip, punch, coffee, tea, and a variety of desserts while we visit with the officers and browse study group and philanthropic outreach project displays. (See list of groups below.)

Any questions about the event, directions, or membership may be addressed to Membership Vice President Marsha Endahl Kramer at [hughmarsha@aol.com](mailto:hughmarsha@aol.com) or 906-2033 (home), 906-6566 (cell).

Contact Study Group Chair Judy Reinhart for questions about the groups at [jareinhart@att.net](mailto:jareinhart@att.net) or 345-5936.

**NEWS FLASH – THE NEXT AAUW TEXAS STATE CONVENTION IS GOING TO BE HELD IN AUSTIN!!**

WE JUST LEARNED THE AAUW TEXAS BOARD HAS CHOSEN APRIL 13-15, 2012 FOR THE NEXT STATE CONVENTION. THE SHERATON AUSTIN HOTEL AT THE CAPITOL, 701 E. 11TH ST., IS THE VENUE. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THIS EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN HOSTING AAUW BRANCHES FROM ALL OVER TEXAS. WATCH FOR DETAILS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

### 2011-2012 Study/Interest Groups

All members are welcome to attend study/interest groups. Days and times listed are the general meeting times during the year, but there are a number of exceptions. Be sure to check the newsletter calendar each month for the most current meeting time and location. Sometimes there are last minute changes to the original schedules. Detailed agendas will be available for each study/interest group including leader contact information at the Open House.

Art Tours	Fourth (4th) Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Books and Brunch Southwest	Second (2nd) Monday	10:30 a.m.
Book Review	First (1st) Friday	10:00 a.m.
Classics Reading Group	First (1st) Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Contemporary Literature	First (1st) Monday	7:15 p.m. (except September)
Bridge (two groups)	Second (2nd) & Fourth (4th) Wednesday	4:00 p.m.
Bridge	Thursday (weekly)	9:30 a.m.
Creative Stitchery	Third (3rd) Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Culture and Cuisine	Third (3rd) Thursday	6:30 p.m.
Out to Lunch	Third (3rd) Tuesday	11:00 a.m.
Travel Study Group	Third (3rd) Monday	2:00 p.m.
Pears	Meets weekends throughout the year for fun get-togethers app. every other month.	



Read about AAUW's Accomplishments in 2010 in the *Annual Report*

<http://www.aauw.org/learn/publications/annualReport/upload/AAUWannualreport2010.pdf>

AAUW Austin Branch welcomed the first three new members for the 2011-2012 program year in July. These women typify the “can do” spirit shared by so many of our members. We look forward to getting to know them and inviting them to participate in our branch over the coming years. Please think of other friends and colleagues you would like to invite to our Membership Open House August 21 and share that we have women of all ages and stages of life—from brand new graduates to young working mothers to retired but still active long-time loyal members. Print out the last page of this newsletter for a flyer to give to your friends, post in your neighborhood library, community bulletin boards, or favorite shops.

Some members participate in monthly meetings and attend our luncheons and interest groups. Others delight in the feeling of supporting our “mission,” appreciate being listed in the Yearbook, enjoy the satisfaction that affiliation brings and donate to philanthropic events, but are not able to be as active. Members who have paid dues by the end of the Open House will be included in the Yearbook. For the sake of the very busy editor, please send the dues renewal and member profile forms you received in the mail with your check to Treasurer Ines Garcia, 6310 Abilene Trail, Austin, TX 78749. Please do not hesitate to contact Membership Vice President Marsha Endahl Kramer if you have any questions. She can be reached at [hughmarsha@aol.com](mailto:hughmarsha@aol.com) or 906-2033 (home), 906-6566 (cell).

### Introducing Our Newest Members:

**Evelyn Farmer** ([efarmer@att.net](mailto:efarmer@att.net)) is on the graduate faculty at Texas State University. She earned a BA (education and music) at Lamar University, MA (special education) at the University of Houston, and EdD (educational administrative curriculum) from Texas A & M. Evelyn has published a number of articles and books. In addition to serving as a Moderator of Presbyterian Women, she has served on numerous boards including the Hope Presbyterian Children’s Center, Pioneer Memorial Library, Houston Samaritan Counseling Center, and Fort Bend County Mental Health Association. Evelyn is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and an elder at her church. She is interested in music, reading, and writing.

**Milli Stecker** ([mstecker@austin.rr.com](mailto:mstecker@austin.rr.com)) is a Fuel Specialist/Project Manager. She graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a BS (radio-television-film) and MBA (business administration). Married to Phillip Craft, Milli is involved with the New Milestones Foundation, American Voolksport Association, Project Management Institute-Austin Chapter, and is interested in Book Clubs.

**A WARM  
WELCOME  
TO ALL!**



**Carla L. Jackson** ([cjackso3@austincc.edu](mailto:cjackso3@austincc.edu)) earned a BA at Fordham University and BFA at Yale University. She is currently the Associate Director of Austin Community College’s Center of Public Policy and Political Studies. Carla has a background in non-profit service and live entertainment production, and is devoted to public service. Last year the *Austin American-Statesman* profiled her in a feature about ACC’s Constitution Debate Day that had grown from 150 to 700 attendees. Carla was quoted as saying “The students initially come for extra credit and food, and leave with a deeper knowledge of the Constitution and their beliefs...” Married to Kevin Z. Phillips, she has two step-sons.

*submitted by Marsha Endahl Kramer*

## 2011 AAUW National Convention

AAUW.org advertised the 2011 AAUW National Convention in D.C. as “*the place to be to feel the power and energy of the nationwide AAUW community.*” Austin Branch members Anita Knight, Marsha Endahl Kramer, and Pat Rehm joined about 800 other members for Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. All were inspired by nationally recognized speakers, learned new leadership skills and AAUW best practices, and celebrated AAUW’s 130th Anniversary with the inaugural “Breaking through Barriers” Awards, an Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award winner from the U. of Michigan and Lilly Ledbetter. We engaged with other AAUW members from across the country, some of whom were friends/sisters from other states where we have lived. The AAUW National Convention is truly an investment in our AAUW state or branch. Stay tuned for the next one June 9-12, 2013 in New Orleans!

The historic **One-Member-One-Vote election** closed on Friday, June 17, with more than 10,000 votes cast online and by mail, easily meeting the required quorum of 5% of the membership. Nationwide, about twice as many paper ballots were mailed in as ballots cast online. In Texas 232 paper plus 146 online votes represented only 11.88% (378/3183) of eligible voters. Members voted to pass all the proposed bylaws amendments and all the amendments to the Public Policy Program.

Other highlights of the convention included the following:

**Capitol Hill Lobby Day:** The AAUW National Convention Lobby Day is a chance to learn how to be an effective advocate and be a part of the power of the AAUW “big teal machine.” Special thanks to Malinda Gaul, Texas delegation leader extraordinaire for Lobby Day! Following briefing by D.C. insiders on the AAUW issues at stake in Congress, five appointments in Republican and Democratic congressional offices to advocate for those issues, and lots of walking later, our Austin crew did well...



L to R — Austin Branch members Pat Rehm (2nd) and Marsha Endahl Kramer (4th) with Texas Delegation in Washington, D.C.

Now we will just have to hope we can influence some elected officials who have a long way to go to be of support for all our Women's Issues!

**Expert panels** included four prominent “Women in Power in the Obama administration,” men and women sharing ideas on “Transforming the 21st Century Workplace: Women and Men as Allies,” and experts on “Safe Schools: Bullying and Sexual Harassment in America’s Middle Schools.”



UT Austin's Director of Women in Engineering Program Tricia Berry was on the panel for STEM “Why so Few?”

**Special guest/keynote speakers:** Leadership Strategist and comedienne Cynthia D’Amour taught and entertained us with how to “Lead, Laugh or Get out of the Way.” Author and licensed psychotherapist Sarah Brokaw shared women’s stories from her new book *Fortytude*; and Author and Activist Gloria Feldt (former president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, whose journey to leadership began as a teen mom) gave us tips for “Taking AAUW Home,” advocating not power OVER but power TO...

Sarah Brokaw displayed the theme of Cynthia’s leadership style, as she had a glass of wine while auto-graphing books – have FUN! Check out Cynthia’s website: <http://www.chapterleadersplayground.org> (annual webinars, e-newsletter, and articles for training – free to AAUW, plus half-price on her books).

**Other informative workshops** included panels on STEM globally, College/University partnerships, Deanna Zandt on social media,\*\* leadership structures, Title IX, and new AAUW website resources. Marsha and Anita have more details if you are interested. You can even view YouTube highlights, vignettes, and personal interviews from the convention at <http://convention.aauw.org/live.aspx> See if you can find us on camera!

\*\* Quote about social media: “Social media is like teen sex. Everyone wants to do it. Nobody knows how. When it’s done, there is surprise that it’s not better.” For those who want to get experience or to change the world see:

<http://www.deannazandt.com/presentations/aauw-how-you-will-change-the-world-with-social-media/>

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American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a nationwide network of more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches, and 500 college/university institution partners.

For more than 130 years, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day - educational, social, economic, and political. Our commitment to our mission is reflected in all aspects of our work.

### AAUW's Mission

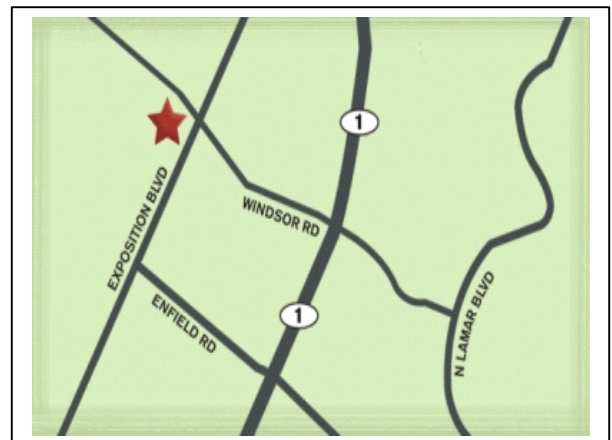
**AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**

### AAUW's Value Promise

**By joining AAUW, you will belong to a community breaking through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.**

Membership benefits include a yearbook, newsletter, and connections to local, state and national women whose lives are making a difference in this world...women like you. Activities include monthly branch programs, study and special interest groups (including art tours, bridge, travel, "culture and cuisine," day-and night-time book groups), and special philanthropic and social events.

- Anyone holding an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university is eligible to become a member. Student affiliation is open to anyone who does not already hold an undergraduate degree and is enrolled in a two-or four-year regionally accredited institution. We welcome women (and men!) of all ages and stages.
- To learn more about joining AAUW-Austin Branch, contact Marsha Endahl Kramer, Membership Vice President, at [hughmarsha@aol.com](mailto:hughmarsha@aol.com) or (512) 906-2033. See [www.main.org/aauw](http://www.main.org/aauw) for the Austin Branch home page. Visit our national web site [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and explore our on-line History Museum.
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**Come meet us!**