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### BRANCH MEETING – OCTOBER 8, 2011



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**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

Join your fellow AAUW members at the newly remodeled **MAINSRING SCHOOLS** building on Saturday, October 8. For 70 years the Austin Branch has been actively involved with Mainspring—an early childhood, family-centered community where children enjoy learning and become self-assured and socially competent in order to excel in school and in life. Children from 6 weeks to 5 years old are grouped in five classrooms based on age and individual development. Please see page 37 in the *Austin Branch Yearbook 2011–2012* and <http://www.mainspringschools.org/>

We will have the usual starting time of 9:45 a.m. for checking in and socializing; Executive Director Rudi Andrus will begin her presentation at 10:15 a.m. She is eager to show us around and review the history and continuing programs at the school. Although we are not having a formal “shower” this year, if members would like to bring useable items on the school’s “wish list” they would be appreciated. In great demand at this time are requests for unscented diaper wipes, paper towels, toilet tissue, gift cards to HEB so the school can buy milk for the children, and cans of food to send home with families with special needs. Monetary donations are always welcome.

For those who can stay, a catered box lunch will be available. You have a choice of ham, turkey, or chicken salad sandwich or a veggie wrap for \$10. Coffee, iced tea, and water will be available. The usual reservation deadline applies. All members planning to attend should RSVP to Sylvia Gregory by 6 p.m. the Wednesday before the meeting via e-mail at [aauw.satgreg@yahoo.com](mailto:aauw.satgreg@yahoo.com) or by phone—345-2420. This includes members only attending the meeting, as well as those staying for lunch to ensure ample seating.

#### **MAINSRING SCHOOLS - 1100 WEST LIVE OAK - AUSTIN, TEXAS 78704 - 442-2301**

**From South Lamar Blvd. & Oltorf St.:** Go east on West Oltorf St. to the first light at South 5th St. Turn left. Take the first left, Brodie St., a one-block long street that dead-ends at the school. Turn left and drive around to the front entrance of the building and park.

**From Mopac:** Take the Cesar Chavez exit and head east toward downtown. Turn left at the first stop light; it will circle around and bring you up to the Lamar Bridge. Turn right onto Lamar Blvd. Proceed south, crossing Barton Springs Rd. Turn left at the light at West Mary St. Turn right on South 6th St. [don’t confuse that with 6th St. downtown—this is South 6th St.]. South 6th St. dead-ends at the school. Drive around to the front entrance of the building and park.

**From IH 35 & Oltorf:** Go west on Oltorf. You will cross Congress Ave. and South 1st St. Turn right at the light on South 5th St. Take the first left onto Brodie St., a one-block long street that dead-ends at the school. Turn left and drive around to the front of the building and park.

## 2011 - 2012 AAUW AUSTIN BRANCH BUDGET

**Board Approved 8/29/2011 and Recommended for Approval by the Membership**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues*	\$2,256.00
Additional new/renewed members	
Carry Forward from 2010-2011	\$96.72
Interest - Checking	\$0.25
Interest - Money Mkt. (PECU)	
Interest - Money Mkt. (Prosperity)	\$5.00
Miscellaneous: Branch Operations	\$308.00
Miscellaneous: Fund Raiser	\$155.00
<b>SUBTOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,820.97</b>
Reserves	\$3,756.85
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,577.82</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
President	\$100.00
Program VP	\$65.00
Membership VP	\$300.00
Open House	\$200.00
Secretary	\$25.00
Treasurer	\$50.00
Past Pres.: Holiday Tea	\$100.00
<b>Subtotal: OFFICERS</b>	<b>\$840.00</b>
AAUW Funds	\$17.00
Awards	\$275.00
Bank Charges	\$5.00
Committees**	\$25.00
Girls in Stem (EYH) Conference	\$50.00
Local Scholarships	
Newsletter Postage	\$43.97
Newsletter Printing	\$150.00
PO Box Rental	\$60.00
Study Group	\$25.00
UT Fellowships	
Website	\$30.00
Yearbook	\$900.00
Yearbook Postage	\$200.00
<b>Subtotal: COMMITTEES</b>	<b>\$1,780.97</b>
Liability Insurance	\$200.00
Seminars & Conferences	
<b>Subtotal: OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,820.97</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	



<b>Reserves Expenses</b>	
PECU Checks	\$121.85
President's Pins	\$70.00
Past President's Pin	\$65.00
LCD Projector	\$500.00
<b>2011 Convention</b>	
Registration (30X\$50)	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,000.00
Local Scholarship	\$500.00
<b>Total Reserves Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,756.85</b>

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Bk of America Checking Acct. - est.	\$0.00
PECU Checking Acct. - est.	\$1,540.15
Prosperity Bk. Money Market Acct.	\$2,799.37
PECU Savings Acct.	\$25.00
PECU Money Market Acct.	\$3,994.72
<b>Subtotal: GENERAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,359.24</b>
CD - supports Mainspring	\$12,023.68
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$20,382.92</b>

\* excludes National and State Dues Collected

\*\* includes Bylaws, Diversity, International Relations, Public Policy, Women's Issues

## BRINGING the CONVENTION HOME

Central Texas District Meeting

Saturday, October 22, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ACC Highland Business Center

5930 Middle Fiskville Road

Austin, Texas 78752

**Registration Fee: \$15 (covers cost of lunch)**

- Network with members of other Central Texas District branches:  
(Austin, Georgetown, Kerrville, San Antonio, Huntsville, Nacogdoches, Polk County)
- Learn about AAUW's R.E.A.P initiative
- Hear about the National Convention and One Member-One Vote
- Ask questions of State and National AAUW Board representatives

For additional information and to register contact Elizabeth Newell

[enewell4@austin.rr.com](mailto:enewell4@austin.rr.com) or 345-1686

Registration forms will also be available at the October 8 Branch Meeting

Registration Deadline: October 15, 2011

### REAP

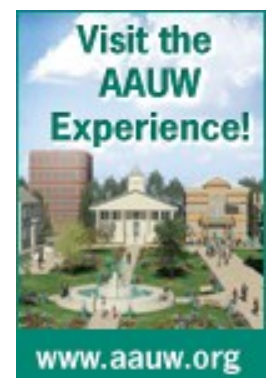
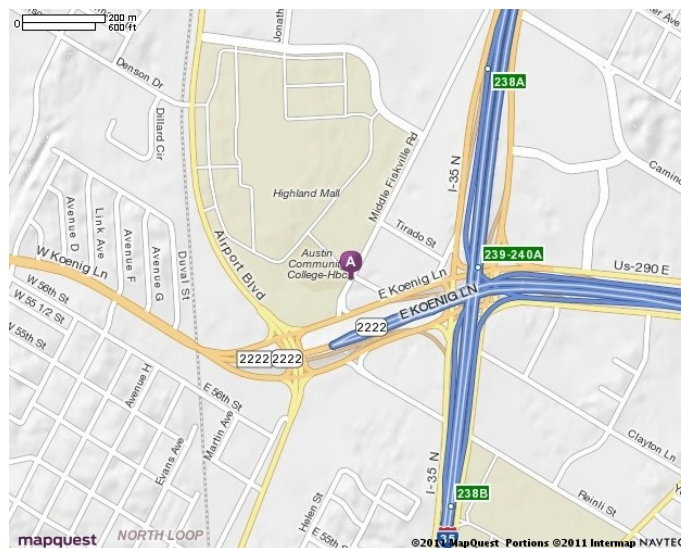
The benefits  
of AAUW:

Research

Education

Advocacy &

Philanthropy





***It will be early spring for the GIRLS in STEM CONFERENCE*** (formerly Expanding Your Horizons). The University of Texas at Austin cannot confirm the date until December. I know this makes it very difficult for each of you (and me!) to make plans; can you imagine the difficulty it presents for Girlstart? We can hope for an earlier announcement if things work that way; it will require us to be flexible.

Our primary duty with the conference is to be there *en force* two hours on a Saturday morning to register about 500 4th - 8th grade girls who attend. We welcome the girls enthusiastically, have them sign in, give them their packets, and send them on their way. **It is a fun job!** We also will be contributing a little AAUW 'bling' to the packets this year. Our first planning committee meeting will be early November—please call me if you would like to work on this committee!

*Lilac Bauer*, Girlstart Liaison  
291-9032 home; 743-6338 cell  
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Announcing: Annual Girlstart "Game Changers" Luncheon October 12, 2011  
Keynote address by game developer Katie Salen.  
Register for the event by October 5. See <http://girlstart.org> for details.



**Tamara Hudgins**, Austin Branch member and Executive Director of Girlstart, has invited us to be more active in their organization. ***In the battle for gender equity, Girlstart is on the front lines, in the trenches, all year round.*** We can help stuff the packets for our Girls in STEM Conference; assemble Girlstart-to-go boxes that assist teachers, interns, and volunteers in bringing STEM activities to girls; and give her referrals for young women presenters for the conference workshops.

We can also become a "Power of 10" supporter by donating \$10 (or 10 x \$10, \$10 monthly, etc.) to help provide scholarships for the Girls in STEM Conference and needed supplies for other Girlstart activities throughout the year. Please go to <http://girlstart.org> for more information.



## YOU ARE A HOSTESS!

Austin has been chosen as the site for the 2012 Biennial AAUW Texas Convention. The Austin and Georgetown Branches will serve as hostesses for this event.

The convention will be held April 13-15, 2012, at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol, 701 East 11th Street (NW corner of East 11th Street and IH 35).

Mary Edwards, AAUW Texas Program Vice President, and her committee are planning an exciting program. Our role as a hostess branch is to be responsible for local arrangements. We want to showcase Austin and make this one of the outstanding conventions in AAUW Texas history!

Convention Local Arrangements Chair is **Elizabeth Newell**. **Rosemary Morrow** and **Pat Rehm** are serving as Co-Chairs. Pat is a dual member of our branch and is the Immediate Past President of the Georgetown Branch. Pat will also serve as Convention Registrar. **Inés García** has agreed to serve as the Convention Treasurer.

The following committees have chairs and are ready to beginning planning and preparing for the convention. Volunteers are needed to work on these committees:

Registration Packets - **Marsha Endahl Kramer** and **Gail Simpler**

Decorations - **Linda Leff**

Signage - **Judy Reinhart**

Convention Program (Preparation and Publication) - **Pam Wolfe**

Audiovisual & Media - **Is this YOU???**

An additional committee chair is needed to be responsible for determining and arranging for audiovisual and other media needs for presenters and general meetings.

As the time for the convention nears, other committees will be formed in areas such as Hospitality and Transportation. During the convention many additional volunteers will be needed on site to help in a variety of ways.

For more information and to volunteer, please contact Elizabeth Newell by email at [enewell4@austin.rr.com](mailto:enewell4@austin.rr.com) or by phone (512) 345-1686.

### CALL FOR NOMINEES TO SERVE ON AAUW TEXAS STATE BOARD 2012-2014

Nominations of AAUW Texas officers for the 2012-2014 biennium are hereby requested. The positions to be filled are as follows: President, Program VP, Membership VP, AAUW Funds VP, Secretary/Historian, Finance Officer, District Representatives (by each district: North South, Central and West).

Any AAUW Texas branch, branch board or individual member may propose the name of one or more candidates for any AAUW Texas elective office. All names must be submitted in writing.

The deadline to submit names has been extended to October 15, 2011. Go to [http://www.aauwtexas.org/events/2012\\_state\\_convention/index.html](http://www.aauwtexas.org/events/2012_state_convention/index.html) for forms.

**AAUW Texas**  
*Biennial*  
*State Convention*  
**April 13-15, 2012**



## 2012 AAUW TEXAS CONVENTION – Tote Bag Opportunity for Networking

Marsha Endahl Kramer and Gail Simpler are co-chairing the Registration Packets Committee (aka Tote Bags) for the AAUW Texas Convention April 13-15, 2012. When delegates check-in at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol, registration packets will be given to everyone in a tote bag filled with “goodies.” This is a great opportunity to network and advertise your company! We are looking for an underwriter for the bags; your company name and logo can be printed on the opposite side of the AAUW name and logo (Frost Bank underwrote the tote bags at the 2010 state convention in Houston.)

**We need the tote bag underwriter as soon as possible!**

We also want to supply a number of “gifts” including a map of Austin (realtors often supply these), pens, pencils, note pads, candy, tissues, and more. Suggestions have ranged from small tubes of hand cream to samples of make-up, a change purse, mending kits, computer related things, postcards of Austin, discount coupons for stores (i.e. 10% off coupon for Chico’s, Dress Barn, Saks Fifth Avenue, etc.), gift cards, your business card with a discount or gift, a power bar or nuts with your business card attached, life savers, etc. We will need at least 150 of each item no later than April 2, 2012. **Names of all donors will be included in the Convention Program.** Please contact Marsha ([hughmarsha@aol.com](mailto:hughmarsha@aol.com)) or Gail ([gsimpler@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:gsimpler@mail.utexas.edu)) or call Marsha (512) 906-2033 if you are interested in underwriting the totes, are able to contribute some goodies, or have ideas of other items you would like to find when you register!

AAUW - Celebrating 130 Years

AAUW Texas - Celebrating 85 Years

AAUW Austin Branch - Celebrating 88 Years



## AAUW AUSTIN BRANCH YEARBOOK



Many thanks, Inés!



The **Austin Branch Yearbook 2011-2012** was distributed at the September Branch meeting and has been mailed to members living out of town and to all Honorary Life members (50+ years). A number of Yearbooks have been delivered in person by Inés García and Marsha Endahl Kramer, and they will continue to attend special interest groups that meet in the early part of the month. Yearbooks will also be available at the October Branch meeting. We are trying to save the \$2.22 per yearbook mailing cost and encourage members to be active this month. If you are unable to attend even one activity, please email Marsha Endahl Kramer ([hughmarsha@aol.com](mailto:hughmarsha@aol.com)) or call (512) 906-2033 and your Yearbook will be mailed. Our local dues are a mere \$16 per year and only one copy is printed for each member, so please keep it in a safe place. If you see information that needs editing, please contact Marsha immediately as periodic updates will be sent to everyone. The branch greatly appreciates the time and efforts of **Inés García**, Past President, current Treasurer and Yearbook Editor, for producing an outstanding publication—**a job WELL DONE!**

## OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

**October 3** - Contemporary Literature meets at the Old Quarry Branch Library, 7051 Village Center Dr. at 7:15 p.m. *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff. Discussion leader: Ginny Tannebring. Chair: Fern Chester, 345-1102.

**October 4** - Classic Book Study Group meets at the Howson Branch Library, 2500 Exposition Blvd. at 7 p.m.\* Note change of location for this meeting.\* *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway. Discussion Leader: Evelyn Boyer. Chair: Evelyn Boyer, 836-1492.

**October 7** - Book Review Group meets at the Hyde Park Church of Christ, 43rd & Avenue B, at 10 a.m. *The Golems of Gotham* by Thane Rosenbaum. Discussion Leader: Carol Fritz. Host: Natalie Balden. Chair: Natalie Balden, 288-7748.

**OCTOBER 8 - BRANCH MEETING AT MAINSPRING SCHOOLS**, Registration - 9:45 a.m.; Program - 10:15 a.m. Rudi Andrus, Mainspring Director, speaker. Box lunch at noon follows business meeting. See front page for reservation details.

**October 10** - Books and Brunch Southwest will gather at 10:30 a.m. at the home of hostess Anita Knight, 529 Buckeye Trail. Sandi Causey will facilitate the discussion of *Caleb's Crossing*. RSVP to Anita, 329-8575. Chair: Ruth Falck, 551-8333.

**October 12** - Second Wednesday Bridge, 4 p.m. Call Judy Reinhart, 345-5936, for more information; hostess and location change monthly

**October 17** - AAUW Travel Study Group meets at the North Village Branch Library, 2505 Steck Ave., at 2 p.m. to learn about Greece with Anita Knight. Co-Chairs: Mary Ellen Scribner, 255-8428 and Adrian McCulloch, 820-1917.

**October 18** - AAUW Out to Lunch meets at Walton's Fancy and Staple, 609 West Sixth St. at 11 a.m. RSVP to Hostess: Gail Simpler, 834-9481. Chair: Veronica Johnson, 338-1254.

**October 19** - Creative Stitchery meets at the home of Hostess Gail Simpler, 9451 Singing Quail Dr. at 10 a.m. Co-Hostess: Beverly Locklin. Co-Chairs: Jan Roberts, 371-0782 and Dorothea Berasley, 343-0370.

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## AAUW FUNDS



Golden Rum Cake and the delicious Pecan Fruitcake Classic are family favorites— cakes that will be enjoyed down to the last crumb! There will be a drawing for each of these special cakes at the November Branch meeting. Can't wait until then? Plan on ordering some holiday treats, gift sets, cookies, etc. from the **Collin Street Bakery**. This is a fundraiser the Austin Branch has used for many years, and we receive a commission for your orders! Watch for flyers and order forms at the October and November branch meetings. Check out products at:

[http://www.collinstreet.com/pages/online\\_bakery/shop\\_by\\_catalog](http://www.collinstreet.com/pages/online_bakery/shop_by_catalog) or order directly via the toll-free telephone number to the Club Department: 800-747-8781. Be sure to use the Austin Branch account number—**C012**.



The Cotton Cupboard, 1503 Ranch Road 620 N., Lakeway, helped us promote and raise funds for the Educational Opportunities Fund by displaying our 'Tis the Season Quilt.

We have the chance to “recycle” a beautifully quilted holiday wall hanging, hand-made by members of our branch Creative Stitchery Group. Dear Betty Grubbs won it a few years ago in an EF fund-raising raffle, but she has generously donated it for another fundraising opportunity for AAUW Funds. Get your tickets at the next couple of meetings (or call Anita Knight, 329-8575). \$1 for 1 ticket; \$5 for 6 tickets. Drawing will be held at the November 12 Branch Meeting.

## OCTOBER ACTIVITIES, *continued*

**October 20** - Culture and Cuisine meets at the home of Carol Fritz, 1011 Silbury Dr. at 6:30 p.m. Co-Hostess is Mary Owens. "Pennsylvania Dutch" cuisine is the theme of the evening. RSVP to Carol, 837-6835 or Mary, 454-9339. Chair: Mary Owens, 454-9339.

**OCTOBER 22 - CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT MEETING, 10 a.m.—2 p.m., ACC Highland Business Center, 5930 Middle Fiskville Rd. For more information contact Elizabeth Newell, [enewell4@austin.rr.com](mailto:enewell4@austin.rr.com) or 345-1686.**

**October 26** - Art Tour Group is going on a "West 6th Street Art Crawl," visiting galleries on 6th St. beginning at 10 a.m. Judy Reinhart and Betty Owen are planning the event. Contact Chair: Diane Brewer, 348-0472.

**October 26** - Fourth Wednesday Bridge, 4 p.m. Call Sarah Ezell, 343-8394, for more information; hostess and location change monthly.

**Every Thursday Bridge** - Bridge at the Senior Activity Center-Lamar, 2874 Shoal Crest Ave. (29th and N. Lamar) — 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Chair: Dorothy Ramsey, 442-3841.



### SAVE THE DATE

*November 12, 2011*

Branch Meeting at the Wyndham Garden Hotel.

Fair Trade and Micro-Lending Panel; Silent Auction Fundraiser for AAUW Funds; Collin St. Bakery Raffle; Drawing for Holiday Quilt



Janie Patterson and Veronica Johnson listen to guest Swati Patel tell about her life in India at the recent Culture and Cuisine meeting.



## CULTURE AND CUISINE

*We began this season of Culture and Cuisine at the home of Peggy Holland. She and Rima Xoyamayagua-Undavia were hostesses and they served a delicious Indian dinner. Mrs. Swati Patel was a special guest; she was born and grew up in India. Mrs. Patel graciously answered our questions about her life there and we also watched a DVD titled "The Soul of India." Both Mrs. Patel and Rima wore their native saris.*

*Our next gathering will bring us back to the United States when we sample a typical Pennsylvania Dutch meal at the home of Carol Fritz, 1011 Silbury Dr. on October 20 at 6:30 p.m.*

*Culture and Cuisine meets the 3rd Thursday evening each month, September through May, in members' homes. Members serve as hostess or co-hostess once a year. Guests are welcome as space allows. Costs of the meal are shared.*

*Please contact me if you would like to join us. All are welcome!*

**Mary Owens, Chair**

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454-9339