

# American Association of University Women

## Austin (TX) Branch

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### BRANCH MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2011

Fair Trade Panel—Silent Auction—Raffle for Collin Street Bakery Cakes—Drawing for “Tis the Season” Holiday Quilt  
Austin Branch 88th Birthday Celebration!



We have two accomplished women joining us as speakers for our Branch Meeting. **Kitty Bird** moved to Austin from Orlando, FL in 2004. She earned a BA in Interior Design from the Savannah College of Art and Design which helped her become the Manager at the fair trade, non-profit Ten Thousand Villages store in Austin. Ten Thousand Villages works to improve the livelihood of thousands of skilled artisans in 38 countries. Product sales generate income for artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed, enabling them to provide food, education, health care and housing for their families.

[http://austin.tenthousandvillages.com/php/stores/festivals/store.about\\_our\\_store.php](http://austin.tenthousandvillages.com/php/stores/festivals/store.about_our_store.php)

**Julie Sanford** is all about education. She earned her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction/Science Education from The University of Texas at Austin in 1977, retired in 1999 from a career in teaching, administration and writing, and went on to devote her time to family and a number of Austin organizations. Julie will share her interest and participation in Kiva, a micro-lending organization. Kiva's mission is to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. They lend individuals as little as \$25. They envision a world where all people—even in the most remote areas of the globe—hold the power to create opportunity for themselves and others. <http://www.kiva.org/>

Both women work to help people with a hand up. Join us to learn about these two very important non-profit organizations.



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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

#### Wyndham Garden Hotel

3401 IH 35 (NE corner IH 35 and Woodward St.) Austin, TX 78741

9:45—10:15 a.m. Registration, Socialize and Network

10:15—11:15 a.m. Program

11:15 a.m. Branch business meeting

12:00 p.m. Luncheon (\$20 w/reservation; \$30 at the door)

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. There will be open seating for all members and guests. Everyone will be given their nametags when they check in. Those staying for lunch will also receive a lunch card to put at the place of their choosing. This procedure will encourage all members to mingle and allow the wait staff to serve lunch more efficiently.

**Menu:** Texas Barbecue Brisket: beef brisket with barbecue beans and fiesta corn. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let Sylvia know when you make your reservation. All plated luncheons are served with House salad or Caesar salad, rolls and butter, Chef's Choice dessert, iced tea, hot tea, regular and decaffeinated coffee.

## AAUW FUNDS

**YES!** There will also be a drawing for a Golden Rum Cake and a Classic Pecan Fruitcake generously donated by the **Collin Street Bakery** at the November Branch meeting! Order forms will also be available for your convenience, but if you aren't able to attend, you may check out their 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**. This is a fundraiser the Austin Branch has used for many years, and we receive a commission for your purchases! All monies will go to the Ann Richards American Fellowship Endowment.



## IT'S GOING TO BE A REALLY BIG, FUN TIME!

The **SILENT AUCTION** fundraiser is becoming a tradition! Have you been wondering what to do with that nice gift you received last year, but it's the wrong size or color for you? Like to bake cookies, have some books or some vintage AAUW memorabilia you would like to part with? Don't have anything to bring, but just LOVE to shop? Be sure to come a little early to the November Branch Meeting so you can display your contribution for our Silent Auction and have an opportunity to bid on a wide variety of items from other members. 2/3 of the proceeds are earmarked for the Ann Richards American Fellowship Endowment; the remaining 1/3 will go toward branch operating expenses.

**AND**, you will also have one more opportunity to get tickets before the lucky winner is drawn for the hand-made "Tis the Season" holiday quilted wall hanging made by our Creative Stitchery Group. \$1 for 1 ticket; \$5 for 6 tickets. This just might be your lucky day! Proceeds will be going to the Educational Opportunities Fund.



## \*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL BRANCH MEMBERS \*\*

### DO YOU REMEMBER THE FORM YOU RECEIVED WITH THE DUES RENEWAL?

It included a message and space for "optional personal information for the membership database, which will be made available as a separate file." You were asked to please correct/update what you wanted to include. **NOW**, we are asking, if, for any reason you do **not** want to have your personal information shared with the members of our branch, please send your request to be excluded from such a branch membership list (i.e. a PDF you can print or search on your computer) to Marsha Endahl Kramer, Membership VP, at [hughmarsha@aol.com](mailto:hughmarsha@aol.com) or 906-2033 no later than November 10, 2011.

*Thank you*

## American Fellowship in honor of Ann Richards

AAUW-Texas established a new Education Foundation fellowship fund [now called Educational Opportunity Fund, a part of AAUW Funds] in honor of former Governor Ann Richards. In October, 2008, the AAUW EF board approved the Ann Richards American Fellowship and assigned fund number **4324**.



**COMMEMORATIVE PIN:** Donors of \$100 (or more) will receive a beautiful Texas lone star on a field of red, white and blue, and recognition for their Branch.

American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. One-year postdoctoral research leave fellowships, dissertation fellowships, and summer/short-term research publication grants are offered.



**For more information about ALL AAUW Fellowships and Grants go to:**

[http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellows\\_directory/](http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellows_directory/)



**BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS FOR WOMEN  
AND GIRLS SINCE 1881**

### WELCOME TO NEW AND RENEWED AUSTIN BRANCH MEMBERS!

*Please add these names to your 2011-2012 Austin Branch Yearbook*

**Mary Kate Fredricksen:** 6805 Via Correto, Austin, TX 78749-2757, H (512) 366-5214, Cell (919) 464-8609, email: [mary.kate47@gmail.com](mailto:mary.kate47@gmail.com) Mary Kate earned a BA in Fine Arts at The University of Texas in Austin and a MA in Communication Studies from the University of Illinois in Springfield, IL.. She was active in AAUW branches in Illinois and Ohio. Mary Kate served as a docent at the Cleveland Museum of Art. She recently moved here with husband George and son, Nick. Mary Kate is interested in art museums, math and science for girls, art, film and travel. She's already joined our Books and Brunch Southwest study group.

**Beverly Martin:** 4007 Greenhill Place, Austin, TX 78759-8114, H (512) 345-0833. (No email) Beverly earned her MA in Speech at Emporia State University, Emporia, KS. She has retired from serving as an assistant professor at The University of Texas at Austin in the Communication Studies Department in the College of Communication.

Beverly is a volunteer with the Assistance League of Austin and enjoys participating in the Seminars for Adult Growth and Enrichment (SAGE) program at UT Austin.

**Dorothy Vance:** 12621 Uvalde Creek Dr., Austin, TX 78732-1956, H (512) 373-3612, Cell (512) 673-9696, email: [arnoff3221@cs.com](mailto:arnoff3221@cs.com) Dorothy earned her BA *cum laude* in Psychology at the University of Houston and her MA in Nursing at UCLA. Dorothy was the Austin Branch Secretary from 2010-2011, served on The University of Texas at Austin Fellowship Selection Committee, and was active on the Membership Committee. Dorothy volunteers at Ten Thousand Villages, is a member of the Lake Travis Democratic Club, and mentors students at the Laura Bush Elementary School. She is interested in traveling, aerobic exercise, yoga, and book groups. Dorothy and husband Arnie live in Steiner Ranch.

## LAF UPDATES FROM HOLLY KEARL, The Legal Advocacy Fund program manager

**You should know that AAUW stands alone in the financial support of gender-based workplace cases, and we are highly regarded in the civil rights community for our work.**

✓ Eight current LAF cases are in progress.

✓ AAUW's newest research report *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment in Schools* (grades 7-12) will be released in November 2011. This is the first report since AAUW's report *Hostile Hallways: Bullying, Teasing, and Sexual Harassment in Schools* 10 years ago to include nationally representative data on sexual harassment in schools, and it is unique for also including data on cyber sexual harassment.

✓ Eight exciting LAF Campus Outreach programs were funded last year. These took place in Alabama, California, New York, and Oregon on workplace discrimination, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, fair pay, and Title IX and athletics.

✓ A sexual harassment in the workplace summit was co-sponsored by AAUW in October at Hunter College in New York City. Anita Hill delivered the keynote speech at the summit and signed copies of her new book *Anita Hill 20 Years Later: Sex, Power, and Speaking Truth*. Three panels of speakers throughout the day discussed what happened 20 years ago, shared what Anita Hill meant to them, and brainstormed the question "What comes next?" Gloria Steinem, Catharine A. MacKinnon, Maureen Dowd, Melissa Harris-Perry (an AAUW Fellowships & Grants recipient) were some of the outstanding panelists. AAUW also co-hosted a lunchtime discussion about sexual harassment in schools and on the streets. If you missed the conference, you can view it on C-Span's website.

If you are not already receiving the monthly e-newsletter called **LAF Express**, but would like to, please contact AAUW's Connect Office at [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org)



### ABOUT OUR 2011-2012 YEARBOOK

As of October 18, 2011 all 163 Yearbooks were personally delivered, picked up by members at AAUW activities, or mailed. Only one copy is printed per member (they cost about \$10 of your \$16 local dues), so please keep them in a safe place! If additions or corrections are needed anytime during the year, please contact Marsha Endahl Kramer, Membership Vice President, by email at [hughmarsha@aol.com](mailto:hughmarsha@aol.com) or phone her, (512) 906-2033, between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. to update our database.

Here are the latest additions/corrections:

Pages 21 & 22 Carol Fritz' phone number should be 837-6835.

Page 23 Betty Owen does not have an "s" at the end of her name.

Page 70 Ruth Falck's Cell is now 550-6449.

Page 72 Brenda Hahne's zip is 78739-1413.

Page 73 Barbara Houston has a new address: 8303 Summer Place Dr., Austin, TX 78759-8220.

Page 83 Aurea Reyes' email should be deleted; add 1-512 before her phone number.

Page 84 Betty Ross joined AAUW in 1979.

Page 85 Dixie Schurle's zip is 78739-1409.

Page 90 Novella Wiley's email should be deleted.





## NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES/Calendar

**November 1** - Classic Book Study Group meets at the Ralph Yarborough Branch Library, 2200 Hancock Dr. at 7 p.m. *Travels with Charley* by John Steinbeck. Discussion leader: Mary Zeitler. Chair: Evelyn Boyer, 836-1492.

**November 4** - Book Review Group meets at the Hyde Park Church of Christ, 43rd & Avenue B at 10 a.m. *Remarkable Plants of Texas* by Matt Warnock Turner. Discussion Leader: Janie Patterson. Hosts: Annette Haslund and Judy Reinhart. Chair: Natalie Balden, 288-7748.

**November 6** - Daylight Saving Time Ends "FALL BACK"

**November 7** - Contemporary Literature meets at the Old Quarry Branch Library, 7051 Village Center Dr. at 7:15 p.m. *All the Tea in China: How England Stole the World's Favorite Drink and Changed History* by Sarah Rose. Discussion leader: Karen Jordahl. Chair: Fern Chester, 345-1102.



**November 8 - ELECTION DAY—VOTE!!**



**November 9** - Second Wednesday Bridge, 4 p.m. Call Judy Reinhart, 345-5936, for more information; hostess and location change monthly.

**November 11** - Veterans Day

**November 12 - BRANCH MEETING AND LUNCHEON** at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3401 IH 35 & Woodward St. Registration — 9:45 a.m. — Program — 10:15 a.m. Fair Trade/Micro Lending Panel—Kitty Bird and Julie Sanford; Business Meeting and Luncheon follows. AAUW Funds Silent Auction, Collin Street Bakery Raffle, Drawing for "Tis the Season" Holiday Wall Hanging.

**November 14** - Books and Brunch Southwest will gather at 10:30 a.m. at the home of hostess and facilitator Mary Braunagel-Brown, 7321 Roaring Springs Dr., to discuss *Empire of the Summer Moon*. RSVP to Mary, 301-4568. Chair: Ruth Falck, 550-6449.

**November 15 - AAUW Austin Branch was founded in 1923 by 15 women at the Driskill Hotel.**



**HAPPY 88th BIRTHDAY TO US!**

**November 15** - AAUW Out to Lunch meets at Bamboo Asian Grille, 6507 Jester Blvd. at 11 a.m. RSVP to Hostess: Veronica Johnson, 338-1254. Chair: Veronica Johnson, 338-1254.

## DID YOU KNOW?...

- ♦ **The Girls in STEM Conference** has officially been set for Saturday, March 31, 2012. The tips received for gift wrapping at the two Barnes and Noble Booksellers locations in December have been earmarked for supporting the conference. There are still a few time slots available to volunteer for this fun and community visibility event. Contact Anita Knight for more information—[dbasknight@aol.com](mailto:dbasknight@aol.com) or 512-329-8575.
- ♦ **December 1st** is the deadline for Board Members to give Rosemary Morrow suggestions for updates needed for additions/corrections/deletions to job descriptions, or any other pages, from the old 2006 Policies and Procedures notebook. Please contact Rosemary if you have any questions. She can be reached at [rmorr5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rmorr5@sbcglobal.net) or 251-7212.
- ♦ The new Austin Branch website is up! Be sure to check it out— <http://austin-tx.aauw.net>
- ♦ **YOU CAN MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN CONGRESS!** Get an alert when your involvement can make a critical difference. Sign up for **Two-Minute Activist Alerts**: <http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/> Click on the "Action Network" link under Stay informed at the bottom left side of the page. You will also see links for the current day's House and Senate schedules and Committee Hearings. Want to find out what is going on in the Texas Legislature that AAUW is or *should* be supporting? Would you like to start a Lobby Corps? Public Policy Chair Carol Fritz will be glad to talk with you. She can be reached at [carolfritz@ymail.com](mailto:carolfritz@ymail.com) or 837-6835.
- ♦ If you have any ideas regarding the program, speakers, committees, etc. for the AAUW Texas State Convention next April, contact Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Newell, [enewell@prismnet.com](mailto:enewell@prismnet.com), 345-1686; Rosemary Morrow, [rmorr5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rmorr5@sbcglobal.net), 251-7212; Pat Rehm, [roosterrock2@gmail.com](mailto:roosterrock2@gmail.com), 1-512-876-4211.
- ♦ The Austin Branch Board is looking for a few more members to be: 1. **FACEBOOK Manager**, 2. **Public Relations (PR) Chair**; 3. **Reporter/Photographer Assistant** for Newsletter. If interested, please contact Gail Simpler at [gsimpler@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:gsimpler@mail.utexas.edu) or 834-9481.

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## NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES, *continued*

**November 16** - Creative Stitchery meets at the home of hostess Beverly Locklin, 7507 Long Point Dr., at 10 a.m. Co-Hostess: Gail Simpler. Remember to bring sack lunch. RSVP to Beverly, 343-0782 or Gail, 834-9481. Co-Chairs: Jan Roberts, 371-0782 and Dorothea Berasley, 343-0370.

**November 17** - Culture and Cuisine meets at the home of hostess Inés Garcia, 6310 Abilene Trail, at 6:30 p.m. Co-hostess is Marsha Endahl Kramer. Persian and Armenian food will be featured. RSVP to Inés, 444-5643, or Marsha, 906-2033. Chair: Mary Owens, 454-9339.

**November 20** - Universal Children's Day



**November 20** - PEARS will meet at the Georgetown Palace Theatre at 2 p.m. to see "A Christmas Carol, The Musical 2011." After the play, they will gather at Nancy and Roger Danley's home for a party, 120 Cowen Creek Drive, Georgetown. RSVP to Nancy, 512-864-1544. Chair: Veronica Johnson, 338-1254.

**November 21** - AAUW Travel Study Group will meet at the Ralph Yarbrough Branch Library, 2200 Hancock Dr. to hear about "The Baltic Countries" with Carol Fritz. at 2 p.m. \*Note change of location for this month. Co-Chairs: Mary Ellen Scribner, 255-8428 and Adrian McCulloch, 820-1917.

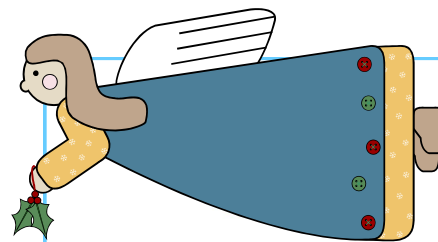
**November 24** - Thanksgiving Day

**November 25** - World Day to Eliminate Violence on Women

**November 28** - Austin Branch Board meets at 7 p.m. at Girlstart Headquarters, 1400 West Anderson Lane.

**November 30** - Art Tour Group will go on a field trip to tour the Benini Foundation Galleries and Sculpture Ranch, 377 Shiloh Road, Johnson City, Texas 78636, 1-830-868-5244 ([www.benini.com](http://www.benini.com) or [www.sculptureranch.com](http://www.sculptureranch.com)). Hostess is Veronica Johnson; Guide is Lorraine Benini. \*Note this is on the 5th Wednesday this month. The group will gather at the Oak Hill Y (Hwy 290 W and 71) parking lot (where the old Albertson's used to be) at 9:15 a.m. to carpool. Lunch will be at the Silver K Café (<http://silverkcafe.com/menu/lunch.html>). Please contact Chair: Diane Brewer, 328-0474, if you need additional information.

**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

December 4, 2011

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Inés Garcia's Home

6310 Abilene Trail, Austin

**2 - 5 p.m.**

"We might feel powerless to change the world events we are caught up in, but we are not, so long as we can sit around a table, break bread together, and have a conversation."

*Patty Speier*

CLIP AND SAVE ! — — — — —



**Ten Thousand Villages**  
**1317 S. Congress Ave., Austin**  
**AAUW**  
**Special Benefit Shopping Night**  
**Monday, December 5, 2011**  
**5 - 9 p.m.**

Do your Holiday shopping and help raise funds for the Legal Advocacy Fund at the same time. 10 - 15% of the total sales during this time will be donated to LAF by 10,000 Villages. **Tell your friends! Tell your neighbors!** There is a prize for the Austin Branch member who brings the most friends and family to shop. Refreshments will be served.

