

**BRANCH MEETING – MAY 12, 2012**

**MAY PROGRAM HONORS FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS**

**Dr. Sylvia Garcia**, The University of Texas at Austin Fellowship Selection Committee Chair, will introduce the four recipients of the AAUW Austin Branch Fellowships for the 2012-2013 academic year. Each will receive \$2,500 to assist them in their doctoral studies. They are Andrea Gustavson in the field of American Studies; Marisa Miller in Cell and Molecular Biology; Shahana Khurshid in Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering; and Beibie Zou at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. **Dorothy Vance** and **Larie Amsler** assisted Dr. Garcia in the difficult selection of the recipients from a field of outstanding candidates.

Andrea Gustavson's dissertation, "What Comes Home: Vernacular Photography and the Cold War, 1945 - 1991," considers photos taken by military men and women and explores how they construct their own visual archives of war. She will view digital, institutional, and literary archives as well as non-profit institutions and photographic albums.

The goal of Shahana Kurshid's dissertation is to study the potential health effects of an emerging airborne contaminant, reactive oxygen species (ROS) in various indoor and outdoor environments. Her dissertation is titled "Particulate Reactive Oxygen Species in Indoor Environments—Prevalence and Health Effects."

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**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. **Tuesday May 8, 2012** via e-mail at [auw.satgreg@yahoo.com](mailto:auw.satgreg@yahoo.com) or by phone—345-2420. This includes members *only* attending the meeting, as well as those staying for luncheon 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 luncheon will also receive a card to put at the place of their choosing. This procedure will encourage all members to mingle and allow the wait staff to serve more efficiently.

**Menu:** Texas Barbecue Chicken 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 salad, rolls and butter, Chef's Choice dessert, iced tea, hot tea, regular and decaffeinated coffee.

Marisa Miller's research interest is to improve the productivity of crops, many of which are hybrids and polyploids. Hybrids show increased growth vigor when compared to their parents, but the molecular mechanism for the increased vigor is relatively unknown. "Regulation of Circadian Rhythms and Growth Vigor in Arabidopsis Hybrids and Polyploids" is the title of her dissertation.

Beibie Zou's work focuses on insurance regulation; her research examines title insurance across five states. Title insurance is the charge added to the cost of buying a home to insure the title of the property is clear and good. Her dissertation is "Regulation versus Competition: How Regulation Explains Price Variation in Title Insurance among States."

Always one of our most interesting programs of the year, it is very stimulating to learn about the important research being done by women right here in Austin. All branch meetings are open to the public, so you are welcome to invite a neighbor, members of your family and friends. This also would be an excellent opportunity to ask a prospective branch member to attend with you!

After the program **Judy Reinhardt**, Central District State Representative, will install the newly elected Austin Branch Executive Committee for 2012-2014: President, **Anita Knight**; Program Vice President, **Dr. Sylvia Garcia**; Membership Vice President, **Diane Brewer**; Secretary, **Janet Widoff**; Treasurer, **Ruth Falck**.

Luncheon follows the meeting. Please make your reservations by Tuesday, May 8th. Details are on first page. We hope you will join us for this extra special occasion!

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



The sands of time have slowly moved over the past two years, and it is now time to pass the gavel to our new President, Anita Knight. I have some sadness about this as it has been an honor to serve the Austin Branch of AAUW in the position of president. Many of our members are now past presidents, and I look forward to joining this distinguished group. The chain of authority will soon reside in the newly elected Executive Committee. The appointed board members help see that things get done. It makes the president's job so much easier when so many members know how to do theirs. The members of the Austin Branch of AAUW have worked exceedingly hard to accomplish the Branch goals, as well as to make certain in every way that our Texas Convention was a success. I salute you and your efforts for an outstanding two years (2010-2012).

Respectfully Yours,

*Kay Watson*, President, Austin Branch

#### AUSTIN BRANCH ARCHIVE ALERT!!

Austin Branch Archivist **Larayne Dallas** needs your assistance. In reviewing the list of materials already in the archives, there are quite a few years of information missing. Please check your attic, closets and filing cabinets and let her know if you have saved any directories, minutes, or newsletters on her "WANTED" list. Larayne can be reached at [ldallas@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:ldallas@austin.utexas.edu) or 346-6830.

1978-79 **Directory, Minutes, Newsletters**  
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 2006-07 **Minutes**  
 2008-09 **Minutes**  
 2009-10 **Minutes**  
 Other things are bonus!

23 of the 39 active AAUW branches in Texas sent representatives to the AAUW Texas 45th Biennial Convention at the Austin Sheraton Hotel at the Capitol April 13-15, 2012. The Credentials Committee reported a registration total of 91. That included branch members, past state presidents, AAUW Texas Board members, a College/University Partner, students and guests.

During the convention participants heard keynote speakers, attended workshops and elected officers for the 2012-2014 biennium. The flag ceremony opening the General Session Saturday morning was led by the Walnut Creek Service Unit of the Girls Scouts of Central Texas. Former State President, Austin Branch member **Ann Berasley** is the Troop Leader. Austin Branch President, **Kay Watson**, and Diane Melton, Georgetown Branch President, welcomed the delegates and guests.

**Public Education in Texas was the main focus — “31st Isn’t Good Enough for Her”** [In recently released rankings of how states’ primary education systems are preparing students for careers in engineering, Texas Public Education ranks 31st, as reported in the November 14, 2011 and March 16, 2012 issues of *The Huffington Post*.]

Outstanding speakers included four panelists: **Mark Strama**, State Representative District 50; **David Hinojosa**, Southwest Regional Counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund; **Kathy Miller**, Texas Freedom Network; **Linda Bridges**, Texas Federation of Teachers. The discussion about public education in Texas was led by Moderator Georgia Kidwell, founding president of the Hurst (now Northeast Tarrant County) Branch and former Public Policy Chair on the Texas State Board.

AAUW Director-at-Large, **Sandy Camillo**, relayed updates from national AAUW during the Saturday luncheon. During a breakout session she presented the new AAUW research, *Crossing the Line*, a study of bullying in schools.

Other Breakout sessions included: *Title IX in Vocational Education*, Jayma Vaughan and three students from the Institute of Hospitality and Culinary Arts at Travis High School in Austin; *Mother/Daughter STEM*, Lane Powell and Joy Vann, Lubbock Branch; *Bylaws Changes*, Mary Ann Huslig, State Bylaws/Parliamentarian; *Membership Matters*, Stephany Compton, State Membership VP; *Membership Payment Program*, Margo Johnson, Fort Bend County Branch and State Webmaster; **Inés García**, incoming State Finance Officer, current Treasurer and former President, Austin Branch.

Guest speaker at the AAUW Funds Dinner Saturday night, Austin Branch member, AAUW Fellow at The University of Texas at Austin 2011-2012, **Denise Amy-Rose Forbes-Erickson**, described her work—*Performance as Public Practice*.

Austin Branch member **Linda Young**, Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs at Austin Community College and President of the National Women’s Political Caucus, concluded the convention with comments on *Coalitions and Sisterhood* Sunday morning.

State Officers elected for 2012-2014 were:

- President – Jeannie Best, Abilene Branch
- Program Vice President – Lucy Barrington, Lubbock Branch
- Membership Vice President – Stephany Compton, Denton Branch
- AAUW Funds Vice President – Martha Matthews, Northeast Tarrant County Branch
- Finance Officer – **Inés García**, Austin Branch
- Secretary-Historian – **Elizabeth Newell**, Austin Branch

Delegates from the Austin, Georgetown, Huntsville, Kerrville, Schreiner University Faculty AAUW Satellite Branch, Nacogdoches, Polk County and San Antonio Branches elected **Judy Reinhart**, Austin Branch, as Central District Representative.

The Austin Branch was recognized for its contributions to AAUW Funds in 2010 and 2011. We also received a R.E.A.P. Recognition Award “...for commitment to Research, Education, Advocacy and Philanthropy sowing seeds that reap benefits to our members and all women and girls in our communities...”

Hostesses for the convention were members of the Austin and Georgetown Branches.



Girls in STEM Conference



AAUW Texas Convention

Culture and Cuisine



## MAY ACTIVITIES/Calendar

**May 1** - Classic Book Study Group meets at the Ralph Yarborough Branch Library, 2200 Hancock Dr. at 7 p.m. *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte. Discussion leader: Karen Jordahl. Chair: Evelyn Boyer, 836-1492.

**May 4** - Book Review Group meets at the Hyde Park Church of Christ, 43rd & Avenue B at 10 a.m. to discuss a biography of Sam Houston's wife. Discussion Leader: Kay Watson. Hosts: Natalie Balden and Judy Reinhart. Chair: Natalie Balden, 288-7748.

**May 5** - Cinco de Mayo 

**May 5** - PEARS will gather at 6:30 p.m. for a "Mystery Wine Tasting" party at the home of Hugh and Marsha Endahl Kramer, 6907 Telluride Trail, 78749. The Kramers will provide several hors d'oeuvres, fruit and veggies. Couples are asked to bring a bottle of wine of their choice. Members will try to identify the wines. RSVP to Marsha ASAP at 906-6566. Chair: Veronica Johnson, 338-1254.

**May 7** - Contemporary Literature meets at the Old Quarry Branch Library, 7051 Village Center Dr. at 7:15 p.m. A *Thousand Times More Fair: What Shakespeare's Plays Teach Us About Justice* by Kenji Yoshino. Discussion leader: Carol Fritz. Chair: Fern Chester, 345-1102.

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

**May 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. The University of Texas at Austin Fellowship Recipients will be honored. Luncheon follows the installation of the newly elected Executive Committee.

**May 13** - Mother's Day 

**May 15** - AAUW Out to Lunch meets at La Madeleine French Café, 9828 Great Hills Tr, at 11 a.m. Bring your calendar for planning next year's locations. See: <http://www.lamadeleine.com> RSVP to Hostess Sara Ezell, 343-8494. Chair: Veronica Johnson, 338-1254.

**May 16** - Creative Stitchery meets at 10 a.m. at the home of Dorothea Berasley, 7920 Mesa Trails Circle, 78731. RSVP to Dorothea, 343-0370. Please remember to bring sack lunch and suggestions for projects for next year. Co-chairs: Jan Roberts, 371-0762 and Dorothea Berasley, 343-0370.

*Thank you . . .*

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*To all members of the Austin Branch  
for your contributions to and support  
of the 2012 AAUW Texas Convention.*

*Because of your many efforts, the  
convention was heralded as a rousing  
success by all.*

*Convention Co-chairs,*

*Elizabeth Newell*

*Rosemary Morrow*

*Pat Rehm*



### GIRLSTART LIAISON REPORT—2011-2012

#### Expanding Your Horizons Committee:

Anita Knight, Adrian McCulloch, Julie Schneider,  
Rima Xoyamayagüa-Undavia, Lilac Bauer, Chair

5 members 30 hours

Fundraising Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble

12 members (\$286) 20 hours

Purchase of "Flair" for STEM Conference

(silicone bracelets & AAUW imprinted pencils)

3 members (-\$286) 15 hours

Words of Encouragement for Girlstart

After School Girls in Engineering Program

35 members 75 hours

3/16 Clerical help at Girlstart Office

3 members 6 hours

3/23 Stuffing Goodie Bags; Assembling

'Asteroids' for Girls in STEM Conference

13 members 32 hours

3/31 Girls in STEM Conference Registration

at University Teaching Center for 500+ girls

22 members 67 hours

**Total Austin Branch Members Participating = 52**

**Total number of volunteer hours = 245**

Many thanks to all; this was a tremendous response!

Sincerely, *Lilac Bauer*, Girlstart Liaison

*"Education is the best provision for old age."*

Aristotle

## MAY ACTIVITIES/Calendar, continued

**May 16 - Mainspring Schools Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Please deliver food to school. Questions? Call Betty Owen, 444-6015.

**May 17 - Culture and Cuisine** meets at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brenda Hahne, 6202 Tasajillo Trail, 78739 for a pot luck supper and planning session for the coming year. Each guest should bring a dish of choice. RSVP to Brenda, 433-5757. Chair: Mary Owens, 454-9339.

**May 21 - World Day for Cultural Diversity**

**May 21 - Books and Brunch Southwest\*** will gather at 10:30 a.m. at the home of hostess Ruth Falck, 8110 Ranch Road 2222 #83, 78730 to discuss *You Know Where the Men are Gone*. Facilitator is Lilac Bauer. RSVP to Ruth, 550-6449. Chair: Ruth Falck, 550-6449.  
\*Note this is the 3rd Monday.

**May 21 - AAUW Travel Study Group** will meet at 2 p.m. at the North Village Branch Library, 2505 Steck Ave. Mary Ellen Scribner will tell share her experiences regarding "Hard Times in a Beautiful Country: Zimbabwe." Co-Chairs: Mary Ellen Scribner, 255-8428 and Adrian McCulloch, 820-1917.

**May 23 - Annual Art Tour Brunch/Planning Meeting** Members will gather at 10 a.m. at the home of Hostess Lilene Payton, 10631 Floral Park Drive, 78759. *Bring your ideas to make next year's tours even better!* Chair: Diane Brewer, 328-0474.

**May 23 - 4th Wednesday Bridge**. 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.

**May 28 - Memorial Day** 

**May 29 - International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers**

*Please note Updates to Branch Yearbook:*



**Effat Al Hossainy** has moved:  
12151 Hunters Chase Dr., Apt. 221  
Austin, Texas 78729-7962  
phone 336-4100

**Denise Amy-Rose Forbes-Erickson** has a new email: forbes.erickson.d.a@utexas.edu

Please delete email for **Theresa Robbins**.

## STUDY GROUPS MEETING DURING THE SUMMER INCLUDE:

### Books and Brunch Southwest:

**June 18** - Meets at 10:30 a.m. to choose books for next year at the home of hostess Lilac Bauer, 2621-A Adcott Lane, 78748. RSVP to Lilac, 291-9032.

**July 16** - Meets at 10:30 a.m. at the home of hostess and facilitator Ann Wright, 1705 Resaca Blvd., 78738, to discuss *The Dirty Life*. RSVP to Ann, 263-5051. Chair: Ruth Falck, 550-6449.

**BRIDGE:** All three bridge groups play year round. The two Wednesday afternoon groups have a different hostess each month and the Thursday group has 11 members who rotate the hostess duties weekly. For more information please contact one of the Chairs.

*"Diversity requires effort. Effort to learn about and respect difference, to be compassionate with one another, to cherish our own identity and to accept unconditionally the same in others."*

Barbara Bush



## SAVE THE DATE

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OPEN HOUSE

**August 19, 2012**

We will celebrate the start of the new branch programming year in the Parish Hall of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Watch for details in the August Newsletter!

*Have a Wonderful Summer!*



AAUW members can give a recent grad — a friend, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece, or nephew — a FREE AAUW membership within two years of graduation. At no cost to you or them!

Expose the grad to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 100,000 members who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.

Expand their networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects. They will experience the rewards of working with and learning from successful AAUW mentors. Keep them current on the events and people that affect their life as they receive Mission & Action, *AAUW Outlook*, Action Network alerts, and more.

Increase their buying power with access to discounts at *The Princeton Review*, Barnes&Noble.com, health and life insurance, auto insurance, AAUW research reports, credit cards and other members-only benefits such as CareerBuilder.com and TravelSmart. See <http://aauw.org/about/join/discounts.cfm> for a complete list of benefits.

**Best of all, she/he will receive a free one-year AAUW membership at no cost to you or them. YES, this is for BOTH women AND men!** So send no money! Remember, **ONLY MEMBERS** can take advantage of this offer. It's easy to do— Log on to <http://aauw.org/login.cfm> Enter your AAUW ID number. That will take you to the Member Center. Click on Member Resources, then Forms, then Give-a-Grad-a Gift link. Complete form and submit!

### MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES!

There are few organizations that provide spirited camaraderie, delightful opportunities for intellectual and social interaction, and work to elevate others. The American Association of University Women enriched my life as a young mom, and today provides me with wonderful experiences and satisfying relationships. Plus, our national platform supports all the values we as educated women espouse and support.

Locally, busy volunteers work to raise self-esteem and interest in STEM careers for girls in Girlstart programs like the annual Girls in STEM Conference; strive to ensure that women utilize their right to vote and be treated equally; still others find purpose in financially supporting programs in AAUW FUNDS to further our mission. Our organization ROCKS!!

You have recently been asked to submit your updated personal information and your annual dues, which are spread among the national, state, and local branch. I am a newly-minted VP charged with not only helping our branch grow, but also with collecting your annual obligations of dues and information. With what we gain from our interaction with one another, the collection of dues from our participants should be forthcoming on a timely basis.

I have recently learned from those who have come before me, that it is a challenge. I think you can prove it to be different. Please do take this annual drive seriously and handle it promptly. Membership has its privileges, but also its responsibilities.

We are collecting dues of \$75 for regular membership for 2012-2013 starting in May. This includes \$49 Association dues, \$10 State dues and \$16 Branch dues. Value? **Priceless.**

Dues received after July 30, 2012 will result in your information not being included in the annual branch yearbook.

*Diane Brewer*

Membership Vice President



**American Association of University Women**  
**AAUW – Austin, TX Branch**  
**Membership RENEWAL Information 2012-2013**

Please make checks payable to AAUW–Austin and mail check with completed forms to:  
Ruth Falck, 8110 Ranch Road 2222 #83, Austin, TX 78730  
 Or try new PayPal option, with your personal changes & ideas sent back online. (\$1 processing charge)  
<http://austin-tx.aauw.net/join/renewal/>

**Dues:** (Please mark status/\$ amount, and NOTE: All but \$3.00 of National dues is tax deductible.)

Branch Member	\$75 (National - \$49; State - \$10; Branch - \$16)	\$ _____
Life Member	\$26 (paid 20x National dues one time)	\$ _____
Honorary Life Member	\$0 (member has completed 50 years continuous membership)	\$ _____
Student Affiliate	\$25 (non-voting) (National - \$17; State - \$1; Branch - \$7)	\$ _____

**AAUW FUNDS donations: \***

The Public Policy Fund #4337:	\$ _____
The Educational Opportunities Fund #4336:	\$ _____
American Fellowship in honor of Ann Richards #4324	\$ _____
The Legal Advocacy Fund #3999	\$ _____
The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund #9170	\$ _____
The Leadership Programs Fund #4339	\$ _____
Other – please specify _____	\$ _____

**LOCAL Donations:**

Austin Branch Operating Funds	\$ _____
Girls in STEM Conference	\$ _____
Mainspring Schools Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Miriam Tormollan Scholarship Fund	\$ _____

Total payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* For a complete description of AAUW FUNDS, please go to <http://www.aauw.org/contribute/support.cfm>

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Check your listing in last year's yearbook, and please fill in below if there have been any changes to your information in the past 12 months. If not, please just sign and date.

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle (or initial) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred name if different \_\_\_\_\_ Name of spouse/S.O. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website URL \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW Membership: Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Dual \_\_\_\_\_ (with which branch?) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Interest Groups in AAUW-Austin where active \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW member since \_\_\_\_\_ Austin Branch member since \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date form completed \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**

Your ideas, suggestions, comments for programs, events, projects for the coming year: \_\_\_\_\_

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