



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

### BRANCH MEMBER GIGI BRYANT WILL SPEAK AT OCTOBER 13 MEETING



**Gigi Edwards Bryant** survived twelve traumatic years as a foster child in Austin. After aging out of the foster care system, she worked full time to put herself through Austin Community College one course at a time before transferring to St. Edwards University where she earned a bachelor's degree. She also put herself through the University of Texas at Dallas to earn her M.B.A. in global leadership, graduating in December 2002. Gigi says, "I came out of the foster system with a lot of rage, like most of the children do. But I didn't come out thinking anyone owed me anything." She goes on to say that she overcame "prejudice, mistrust, and low self-esteem to become a happy and successful businesswoman, mother, and community volunteer."

Gigi is, indeed, a successful businesswoman, focusing on business development, community outreach, and employee engagement. She has organized several non-profits, worked in state-level appointments from three Texas governors. In 2010 Governor Perry appointed her as chairwoman of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Council. Gigi will share with us her insight into the Texas foster system and her hopes for its improvement.

The meeting on Saturday, October 13, is from 9 a.m. to noon at the Wyndham Garden (3401 South IH-35) and features, in addition to Gigi's presentation, a buffet breakfast and the first business meeting of the new year. Members of the AAUW Texas Board are meeting in Austin that weekend and will be introduced to the membership by Branch President **Anita Knight**.

The breakfast buffet includes sliced seasonal fresh fruit, fluffy scrambled eggs, O'Brien potatoes, warm buttermilk biscuits, and country gravy. Refreshments will consist of assorted chilled fruit juices, regular and decaffeinated coffee, and assorted teas. There will be a choice of breakfast meats: bacon, sausage, or honey cured ham.

**Please RSVP in one of two ways as soon as you know you will be attending the October meeting. Send a short e-mail to [austinaauw@gmail.com](mailto:austinaauw@gmail.com) OR call Judy Reinhart at 345-5936 after 5 p.m. by Tuesday, October 9, 9 a.m. The cost is \$20.00, and a check or the correct amount of cash will be greatly appreciated. If you will be attending the program and meeting but not the breakfast buffet, we still need to know that you are coming so that there will be enough chairs available. Also, if you are skipping the buffet, please arrive by 9:45 a.m.**

## BRANCH BUSINESS

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Following our exciting 2012 summer social at which we recruited several new members, we have tallied up our current membership at 169. We are always sorry to lose members, but we did lose a few this year owing to a variety of life changes.

We are delighted to have so many new members and urge all of you to find ways to participate this year, either as a volunteer in one of our worthy causes, as an active attendee at Branch events, or as a participant in one of the many interest groups we have. There are new members signed up for most activities, but attending and participating are the keys to finding fulfillment in our local Branch. We are making a big effort with name tags this year, a routine to make it easier for newbies (and some oldies) to learn names. Please wear them when offered! Becoming an integral part of our local Branch means getting to know other members and enriching the relationships you will develop among our membership. Established members, please seek out new faces and extend an Austin AAUW welcome to each and everyone.

On another note, I want to personally thank all who made the membership drive and renewal process a big success. When you take the time to fill out the form and send it in, you are affirming yourselves as caring and committed members to the causes of this organization, in particular, this year's focus on One Woman, One Vote. If you are out there registering voters, or



Summer Social: Natalie Balden, Delia Quintanilla, Marsha Endahl-Kramer

driving voters to the polls, or working the polls, you are an activist for the rights of women! If you are helping a child or a teen realize her potential, you are an activist for the rights of women! If you are reaching out to co-workers, friends, and neighbors sharing your AAUW experiences, you are an activist for the rights of women! It is through the influence of numbers that our voices are heard.

Finally, thanks again to all who committed time and energy to our summer membership social; the "generals," as former prez **Kay Watson** dubbed you, made our red, white, and blue membership gathering an awesome event!

Your very appreciative  
membership veep,  
**Diane Brewer**, 328.0474

## AAUW FUNDS NEWS

Although it still seems like summer, red and green decorations are beginning to show up in all the stores. The Austin Branch has two fundraising activities planned for the holiday season.

Firstly, we'll be earning money wrapping gifts at Barnes & Noble on Saturday, December 15, at the West Lake Hills

location (shifts are 5:00-7:30 p.m. and 7:30-10:00 p.m.); on Saturday, December 15, at the Sunset Valley location (shifts are 6:00-8:00 p.m. and 8:00-10:00 p.m.); and on Sunday, December 16, at the Arboretum location (shifts are from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.). Last year participants had so much fun that most have signed up again, but we have vacancies in all shifts, so please contact me if you can join us on one of the shifts.



The Austin Branch will again participate in the Collin Street Bakery's club sales program, where a portion of your purchase price of fruitcakes and other holiday treats will benefit the Branch. Order forms with our Branch code will be available shortly.

Thanks for your continued support of our fundraising activities.

**Dr. Mary Braunagel-Brown**,

AAUW Funds Chair - 301.4568;  
mbbsbb@earthlink.com

## PROPOSED BUDGET

Branch members will vote on the proposed budget (next page) for 2012-2013 at the October 13 Branch meeting. If you have questions about the proposed budget, you may address them to Treasurer **Ruth Falck** at [ruthfalck@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthfalck@yahoo.com) or 550.6449.

**AUSTIN AAUW BRANCH BUDGET - AUGUST 2012**

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
	2011-12	2011-12 Yr End	2012-13
<b>BRANCH INCOME</b>			
Dues collected	\$2,256.00	\$2,429.00	\$2,240.00
Carry Forward	96.72	0.00	0.00
Donations for Branch Operations	308.00	566.00	400.00
Interest - Checking	0.25	0.00	0.00
Interest - Money Mkt. Branch		11.17	15.00
Interest - Money Mkt. Mainspring	5.00	2.75	0.00
Fund Raisers for Branch Ops	0.00	0.00	400.00
<b>TOTAL BRANCH INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,665.97</b>	<b>\$3,008.92</b>	<b>\$3,055.00</b>
<b>BRANCH EXPENSE</b>			
President	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Program VP	65.00	20.00	150.00
Membership VP	300.00	85.00	300.00
Open House/Summer Social	200.00	200.00	200.00
Secretary	25.00	0.00	25.00
Treasurer	50.00	0.00	0.00
Past Pres.: Holiday Social	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Subtotal: OFFICERS</b>	<b>840.00</b>	<b>405.00</b>	<b>825.00</b>
AAUW Funds	17.00	28.24	90.00
Bank Charges/Paypal	5.00	5.00	50.00
Committees (ByLaws & Public Policy) <sup>1</sup>	25.00	0.00	50.00
Girls in STEM/Women's Issues	50.00	0.00	100.00
Memorials (formerly called Awards)	275.00	150.00	150.00
Newsletter Expenses (incl. post)	193.97	466.49	500.00
PO Box Rental	60.00	56.00	60.00
Study/Interest Groups	25.00	0.00	30.00
UT Fellowships	0.00	12.77	150.00
Website	30.00	30.00	0.00
Yearbook Expenses (incl. post)	1,100.00	1,197.40	900.00
<b>Subtotal: COMMITTEES</b>	<b>1,780.97</b>	<b>1,945.90</b>	<b>2,080.00</b>
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Liability Insurance	200.00	150.00	150.00
<b>Subtotal: OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>TOTAL BRANCH EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$2,820.97</b>	<b>\$2,500.90</b>	<b>\$3,055.00</b>
<b>NET BRANCH INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>-\$155.00</b>	<b>\$508.02</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME &amp; EXPENSES</b>			
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Fund Raisers for STEM	\$155.00	\$286.00	\$200.00
Branch lunch income	0.00	3,633.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>155.00</b>	<b>3,919.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
Girls in Stem (EYH) Conference	0.00	286.00	200.00
Branch lunch expense	0.00	3,609.76	0.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,895.76</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>	<b>\$23.24</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>BRANCH GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$531.26</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>RESERVES EXPENSES</b>			
PECU Checks	\$121.85	\$121.85	\$0.00
President's Pins	70.00	0.00	0.00
Past President's Pin	65.00	65.00	0.00
LCD Projector	500.00	339.00	0.00
Misc (prior yr conf + scholarship)	1,500.00	400.00	0.00
Seminars & conferences	1,500.00	650.00	1,500.00
<b>TOTAL RESERVES EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,756.85</b>	<b>\$1,575.85</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>AS OF JULY 31,</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2011-12 Yr End</b>	<b>2012</b>
PECU Checking Acct.	\$1,540.15	\$3,743.78	\$1,712.11
Prosperity Bk. Money Market Acct.	2,799.97	0.00	0.00
PECU Savings Acct.	25.00	25.00	25.61
PECU Money Market Acct.	3,994.72	4,612.99	5,145.06
Dues/funds collections for 2012/13	-2,799.97	-3,784.88	0.00
<b>Subtotal: GENERAL ASSETS</b>	<b>5,559.87</b>	<b>4,596.89</b>	<b>6,882.78</b>
PECU Tormollan Money Market		1,760.00	2,170.00
CD - Mainspring <sup>2</sup>	12,023.68	11,039.79	11,039.79
Funds payable (in PECU Mmkt acct)	0.00	0.00	459.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$17,583.55</b>	<b>\$17,396.68</b>	<b>\$20,551.57</b>

<sup>1</sup> Formerly included Bylaws, DBA, Diversity, International Relations, Public Policy, Women's Issues

<sup>2</sup> \$1,000 spent in 2011-12 for scholarship

## October Calendar of Branch Activities

**October 1, 7:15-8:30 p.m.**

**Contemporary Literature:** Old Quarry BL, 7051 Village Center Dr. *A Covert Affair* (Jennet Conant). Discussion leader: Carol Fritz. Chair: Fern Chester, 345.1102.

**October 1-3.**

PBS (KLRU) broadcasts *Half the Sky*. Learn more on page 5.

**October 2, 10 a.m.**

**Book Review:** Hyde Park Church of Christ. *Master of Shadows* by Mark Lamster to be reviewed by Carol Fritz. Chair: Natalie Balden, 288.7748.

**October 3, 2:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Dinner & a Movie:** Call Dorothy Vance at 373.3612 (H), 673.9696 (C) or Lois Shaevel at 266.0273 (H) for specific details.

**October 8, 10:30 a.m.-12:30**

**p.m. SW Book Group.** Westlake Presbyterian Church. Hostess & facilitator: Ann Wright. *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. Chair: Marsha Endahl Kramer, 906.2033 (H) or 906.6566 (C).

**October 9, 6:30 p.m. Second**

**Tuesday Night Bridge.** Contact: Elaine Penn, 970.5051. (More information in Study Group News.)

**October 10, 4 p.m.**

**Second Wednesday Bridge.** Contact Judy Reinhart (345.5936)

**October 13, 9 a.m.-noon.**

**Branch meeting.** Wyndham Garden Hotel.

**October 16, 11 a.m. Out to**

**Lunch:** Mimi's Café, 10515 Loop I. (mimiscafe.com - 241.0309). Hostess: Betty Owen (444.6015). Chair: Veronica Johnson (338.1254).

## STUDY GROUP NEWS

**The new second Tuesday night bridge group** is in the process of forming. Our first meeting will be held October 11. We are looking for additional members and also names of those who would like to substitute. We will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. (the time is open until we confirm members and all decide). We're looking forward to a fun year of cards and friendships! Please contact **Elaine Penn** (970.5051 or [epenn@mindspring.com](mailto:epenn@mindspring.com)) if you are interested in joining or getting on the sub list.

On Thursday September 20, 2012, seventeen members of the **Culture & Cuisine** group met at the home of **Marsha Endahl-Kramer** for the first meeting of the year. Marsha and co-hostess **Peggy Holland** prepared a very delicious, authentic Brazilian dinner for the group. This was the largest group we have had for Culture & Cuisine in recent years. The October meeting will be held at the home of **Dr. Carol Fritz** and will feature German cuisine.

**Marsha Endahl-Kramer** is once again serving as the chairperson, and the group has changed the name from Books and Brunch back to **Southwest Book Group**. We are fourteen strong now, including **Dixie Schurle** and two brand new AAUW Branch members, **Ruth Rubio** and **Eleanor Morris**. We are looking forward to a great year!



Southwest Book Group

**The new group Movie & Dinner** meets on the first Wednesday of the month. The next gathering is scheduled for October 3, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Each month the exact time, theater, and restaurant will be subject to change due to chosen movie location and theater showtime; details will be sent out a week in advance. For information about participating in the group, call **Dorothy Vance** at 373.3612 (H), 673.9696 (C) or **Lois Shaevel** at 266.0273 (H).



October Calendar of Branch Activities  
(continued from preceding page)

**October 17, 10 a.m.**

**Creative Stitchery** with hostess Nancy Ellison (264.8404) and co-hostess Dorothea Berasley (343.0370).

**October 18, 6:30 p.m.**

**Culture & Cuisine:** Hostess: Carol Fritz (837.6835); co-hostesses: Gail Simpler & Anita Knight. Southern Germany.

**October 20**

**AAUW PEARS:** Tour of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center & lunch. Leaders: Natalie & Harry Balden, 288.7748.

**October 22**

**Branch Board Meeting:** Time & venue to be determined.

**October 23, 1 p.m.**

**NW Book Group** with hostess & facilitator Marina Rivers. *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. Chair: Ruth Falck (550.6449).

**October 24, 10 a.m.**

**Art Group Tour:** Bob Coffee, sculptor; 804 Wayside Drive, Austin. (474.5261); Hostess: Fern Chester (345.1102). Lunch: Shoal Creek Saloon, 909 N. Lamar. Chair: Diane Brewer (328.0474).

**October 24, 4 p.m.**

**Fourth Wednesday Bridge.** Contact Sara Ezell (343.8494).

**October 26**

**Hiking.** Lost Maples State Natural Area. Overnight in Utopia. Contact: Ruth Falck (550.6449).

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

**Bridge** at the Senior Center. Call Dorothy Ramsey (442.3841) for more information.

**AAUW MISSION & ACTION**

**Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide**

The September *AAUW Mission & Action* e-newsletter asked, “Will You Join the Half the Sky Movement?” It goes on to say “Like thousands across the globe, AAUW has joined the Half the Sky Movement in support of women and girls.”

This landmark transmedia project features a four-hour PBS primetime national and international broadcast event, a Facebook-hosted social action game, mobile games, two interactive websites, educational video modules with companion text, and an impact assessment plan all inspired by *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, the widely acclaimed book by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.

The series follows Kristof, WuDunn, and six celebrity activists including Diane Lane, America Ferrera, Olivia Wilde, and Meg Ryan as they travel to nine countries and meet inspiring, courageous individuals. Across the globe oppression is being confronted, and real meaningful solutions are being fashioned through health care, education, and economic empowerment for women and girls. Embedded in the linked problems of sex trafficking and forced prostitution, gender-based violence, and maternal mortality — which still needlessly claims one woman every 90 seconds — is the single most vital opportunity of our time — and all over the world, women are seizing it.



Join the movement: <http://www.halfttheskymovement.org/>

Follow AAUW’s involvement: <http://blog-aauw.org/2012/09/10/half-the-sky-movement/>

*Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* will air October 1 and 2 on PBS. KLRU will air the documentary twice for viewing or recording to watch at a more convenient time.

Date	Time	Episode
10/01/12	8:00 PM	<a href="#">EPISODE #101</a>
10/02/12	3:00 AM	<a href="#">EPISODE #101</a>
10/02/12	8:00 PM	<a href="#">EPISODE #102</a>
10/03/12	3:00 AM	<a href="#">EPISODE #102</a>



**Beyond the Branch**

**October 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Girlstart Game Changers Luncheon.** AT&T Conference Center, 1900 University Avenue. Details and registration information elsewhere on this page.

**October 24, 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. United Nations Association, USA Austin Chapter** Annual Anniversary Dinner at Green Pastures Restaurant. More information next column.

**October 27-28: Texas Book Festival** State Capitol Bldg. Free for everyone! <http://www.texasbookfestival.org/>



**October 30, 6:30 p.m. Interfaith Action of Texas.** "The Red Bench: Interfaith Conversations that Matter" is a dialogue program centered on moderated small group discussions that are genuinely respectful and safe. No one has to be an expert--individual participants are invited to share from their personal experiences and listen with their hearts. First United Methodist Church Family Life Center at 1300 Lavaca Street. October's topic is "Civility & Polarization."



**THE BRANCH AND BEYOND**



Celebration of 67 years of United Nations!  
UNA Austin's Annual Anniversary Dinner:

*Working Toward a More Prosperous World*

Wednesday, October 24, 2012  
6:00-9:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30pm  
Cost: \$30 - Students \$20

Green Pastures Restaurant  
811 West Live Oak Street

Keynote Speaker: Andrea Gay, Executive Director of Children's Health, United Nations Foundation  
**Make your reservations now!**

**Payment by Paypal or check by 10-20-2012**

**Contact Judy Sadegh, [jsadegh@yahoo.com](mailto:jsadegh@yahoo.com) or 496.5771 for further information.**



**FRANCES MALMBERG SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

The ACC Foundation has informed Branch President **Anita Knight** that the recipient of the \$2,500 scholarship is Elaine Everett. Ms. Everett is a single mother with a twelve-year-old daughter. She is pursuing a degree in psychology and works full-time. She plans to complete her core coursework this year and transfer to Texas State University for the 2013 fall semester. Her interest is in sleep research and the therapy techniques that can be developed for PTSD patients. She is enrolled in nine hours of coursework this fall and maintains a 4.00 cumulative GPA.

**CTAUN CONFERENCE**

The Branch had a strong presence at the Conference on Teaching about the United Nation held on September 22. **Dr. Rosemary Morrow** presided over several sessions. **Elizabeth Newell** and **Inés Garcia** were greeting participants and presenting them with their credentials. At lunch a full table of members discussed the morning's keynote and panel discussions.

The theme for the conference was "Promoting Tolerance: Solutions for Change," and Maher Nassar of UN Outreach reiterated the six principles of the **Manifesto 2000** drawn up by Nobel Peace Laureates. These simple guidelines which they believed - if followed - would help build a culture of peace: *"respect all life; reject violence; share with others; listen to understand; preserve the planet; rediscover solidarity."*



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[https:// secure.commongroundconvio.com/girlstart/annualluncheon2012/](https://secure.commongroundconvio.com/girlstart/annualluncheon2012/)

# IT'S MY VOTE

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