



American Association of University Women AAUW Austin (Texas) Branch

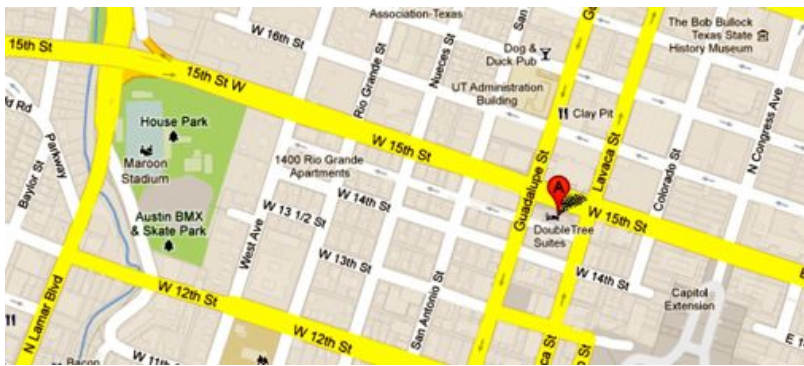
Professor Peter Trubowitz to Speak at January 19 Branch Meeting



Peter Trubowitz, Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin, will discuss "Presidential Politics and US Foreign Policy" during a January 19th breakfast meeting at the Doubletree Hotel. Professor Trubowitz is the author of three books on international affairs and has published research in both professional and popular journals. His book *Politics and Strategy* was named a *Choice Magazine* "Outstanding Academic Title" for 2011. Dr. Trubowitz has held the J. William Fulbright Distinguished Lectureship in American Foreign Policy (Beijing Foreign Studies University), and has served as a visiting scholar at Harvard's Center for International Affairs, Princeton's Center of International Studies, and the Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas in Mexico City. He received his PhD from MIT.

Again, the first AAUW Austin meeting of 2013 will be held January 19th at the Doubletree Hotel, 303 West 15th Street, and the meal for this event is a breakfast beginning at 9:30 a.m. The menu includes fresh fruit salad, fluffy scrambled eggs, apple wood bacon and sausage, breakfast potatoes, and biscuits with butter and jellies. Beverages included are fresh chilled orange juice and a choice of regular or decaffeinated coffee. The cost is \$20.00

Complimentary parking is available and is located at the east side of the building. Drive up to the grated gate and it will open automatically. Parking is very tight {Editorial comment: Carpool!} and several steps are required to get to the hotel elevators, so disabled members will need to park in front or have someone drop them off.



**Please RSVP by
Monday, January 7,
2013, at
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or contact Sylvia
Garcia at 826.1371**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS with Diane Brewer

The new year begins with lots of promise for the year ahead, but sadly, we also mourn the loss of a good friend to AAUW, **Natalie Balden** (Obituary, p. 4).

The holiday social was a very nice event planned by former AAUW presidents. **Kay Goodwin** was instrumental in making all the arrangements, and it was fun seeing former leaders **Barbara Wedel, Judy Reinhart, Kay Watson, Dale Willimack, Elizabeth Newell, Nancy Myers, Pam Wolfe, Veronica Johnson, Rosemary Morrow, and Kay Goodwin** hosting. **Inés Garcia** and **Delia Quintanilla** were missed due to family commitments, but **Marsha Endahl Kramer** brought

along her mom, long longtime member **Etta Endahl** for the fun. **Anneliese Ellerton** stayed busy snapping lots of photos cataloging our fun occasion. A good time was had by all!

It was a lovely surprise when **Claire Michelle Barrett**, looked us up online and joined the Branch on the spot. We are hoping to see her at some of our upcoming Branch meetings and certainly hope to have her join in some of our activities in January. Claire told me that after teaching environmental science for eleven years, she decided to enter St. Edward's University and pursue an advanced degree in environmental management and sustainability. She is very excited about this

new goal in her life and said she wanted to affiliate with a meaningful organization like ours. She enjoys camping and hiking, travel, reading, and animal advocacy as well as her serious interests in sustainability and waste reduction. I am certainly glad we have gone to online newsletters—that helps reduce our paper waste for sure. I hope to see Claire get involved in the hiking group and at least one of the book groups. Her address is 2931-B Eckert Street, Austin, Texas 78722; her contact number is (512) 740-1256; and her email is: trochiliphoenix@gmail.com.

Mary Douthit, who joined our branch in early 2011 has been given the opportunity to relocate this month to Bentonville, Arkansas. She has accepted a position with the Crystal Bridges Museum of Art. Those of us who are regulars on art tours will remember Mary as the Blanton Museum Gift Shop manager who accompanied art expert Karen Pope to Westwood Country Club in 2011. We wish her the best in what sounds like a terrific opportunity in a beautiful area. Mary plans to connect with the Bentonville Branch of AAUW once her relocation is complete.

Several of our members have been on major trips this fall! Three I know of are President **Anita Knight** and



Former Branch presidents (Seated l-r: Dale Willimack, Kay Goodwin, Barbara Allen Wedel, Kay Watson. Standing l-r: Judy Reinhart, Rosemary Morrow, Pam Wolfe, Elizabeth Newell, Nancy Myers, Veronica Johnson.

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member **Sally Scott**, who both traveled to New Zealand and Australia in November. And hard-working AAUW member and treasurer, **Ruth Falck** spent a couple of weeks in Antarctica following Thanksgiving. This camera-at-the-ready friend was delighted to take photos of seals, penguins, and red-jacketed traveling companions. **Liz Kesterson** has now recovered from knee replacement surgery, and the bridge group is really glad she can return to her rightful place at the table. We recently learned that **Eleanor Morris** is making a move to Northwest Austin to be closer her family. Watch for a change of address for her.

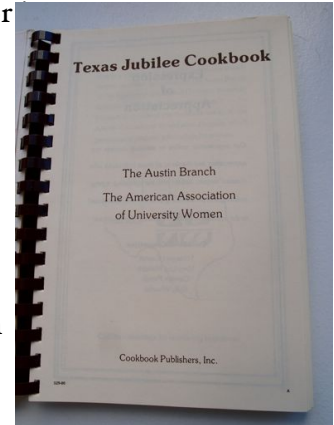
Our new hiking group has been on several exciting excursions this fall. These gals love the outdoors, and they are staying fit! **Adrian McCulloch** took the art tour group on an amazing experience and quasi-hike to the Gault Site, a major North American archaeological site in Bell County.



Judy Reinhart, Betty Owen, and Diane Brewer take a break during the art group's of the Gault Site.

Some of us who joined AAUW in the past twenty years probably have no idea that we produced a cookbook in 1986, the *Texas Jubilee Cookbook*. Not long ago I received an email from a relative of onetime Branch member, **Dr. Frances M. Phillips**, who died March 18, 2012, in Santa Fe, NM. Dr. Phillips had a celebrated career in education having taught in public schools in both Texas and Colorado, and after earning her advanced degrees, at Sul Ross State College (Alpine) and Mankato State College (Minnesota). She then served as dean of graduate studies and chair of the history department at Sul Ross. She finished her career in education as Baccalaureate Program Coordinator with the Texas Coordinating Board for

Higher Education. She was a longtime member of Delta Kappa Gamma as well as AAUW. Clearly, this lady was too busy to cook! Her executor, James S. Phillips, wanted us to have her "pristine" copy of the cookbook for historical value; the placement of this clean copy will be discussed at our next board meeting. In looking through it, I found quite a few familiar names, and upon inquiring about it to members who have been part of our Branch longer than I, found that there were several



copies still in use in their homes. Many of our members enjoy Lifetime Learning classes, and Dr. Phillips also taught classes and served on the advisory council for that group following her retirement in Austin. She was also honored with the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Trailblazer Award in 2008. I was touched by the care and concern shown by her relatives in disposing of her property. This productive woman embodies the image of our organization: purpose, commitment, value, and service. Because of her excellence and high standards, she broke glass ceilings throughout her career. She did not spend much time in the kitchen!

I love January! It is a quiet time, a time of new beginnings, new opportunities, and new commitments. Stay warm and well, and get involved with something new this year. We have a brand new baby girl in our family, and her newness is just perfect for the season. My daily inspirational has this to say about January 1: *The New Year lies before us like a spotless track of snow. Be careful how you tread it, for every mark will show.*

Diane Brewer,
Membership Vice President
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January Calendar of Branch Activities

January 2, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Movie & Dinner: Call Dorothy Vance at 373.3612 (H), 673.9696 (C) or Lois Shaevel at 266.0273 (H) for specific details.

January 4, 10 a.m.
Book Review: Hyde Park Church of Christ. *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, to be reviewed by Judy Reinhart. Chair: Gayle Smith, 345.5585.

January 7, 7:15-8:30 p.m.
Contemporary Literature: Old Quarry BL, 7051 Village Center Dr. *Lady in Gold: the Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Baur* (Ann-Marie O'Connor). Discussion leader: Mary Ellen Scribner. Chair: Fern Chester, 345.1102.

January 8, 6:30 p.m. Second Tuesday Night Bridge. Contact: Elaine Penn, 970.5051.

January 9, 4 p.m.
Second Wednesday Bridge. Contact: Judy Reinhart, 345.5936.

January 14, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. SW Book Group. Hostess is Ines Garcia & facilitator is Ruth Rubio. *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, by Jamie Ford. Chair: Marsha Endahl Kramer, 906.2033 (H) or 906.6566 (C).

January 15, 11 a.m. Out to Lunch: PF Chang, 10114 Jollyville Rd. Hostess: Martha VanSickle (478.8307). Chair: Veronica Johnson (338.1254).

January 16, 10 a.m.
Creative Stitchery with hostess Jan Roberts (371.0762) and co-hostess Frances Tomlinson (899.9240).

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DEATH OF NATALIE BALDEN

Branch members were shocked and saddened by the death of Natalie Balden on December 5. Born and raised in the Ukraine, Natalie came to the United States in 1947. She earned a B.A. at California State University Northridge with a major in English and a minor in Russian. She also did graduate work in economic and cultural geography at CSUN and sometimes served as a translator.



Natalie joined AAUW while still in California; she served as program vice president for the San Fernando Valley Branch from 1990 to 1992. After moving to Austin and joining our Branch, Natalie served as the education fund vice president from 2000 to 2004 and then was Branch secretary from 2005 to 2007. The former chair of the art tour group, she was the current chair of the Friday morning book review group, and Natalie and husband Harry Lysyj were regulars in PEARS activities. She was very generous with her time and talents and will be greatly missed by her family and her many AAUW and LWV friends.



CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to Inés Garcia, Sylvia Garcia, and Delia Quintanilla, all of whom lost close family members during the past month.

UPDATE ON YOUNG FILMMAKER



Several of us enjoyed meeting the young filmmaker Shiprah Meditz at our August Open House. She wrote recently with an update on her feature film *The Dying Eye*. Since arriving in Edinburgh, she has gathered an incredible cast and crew, obtained locations, and now they are in the home stretch to production on January 16th. The team is working pro bono and much of the equipment is borrowed from around Edinburgh, so for interested supporters, she has a fund-raising page at: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/thedyingeyemovie/how-do-sexless-angels-sing-a-feature-film>

(contributed by Branch President Anita Knight)

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January 17, 6:30 p.m.

Culture & Cuisine: Hostess: Barbara Houston (453.2289); co-hostess: Brenda Hahne. Swedish Smorgasbord. Chair: Mary Owens (454.9339).

January 19, 9:30 a.m.
Branch Breakfast meeting.
Doubletree Hotel. Complete program information on page 1.

January 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Fourth Tuesday Book Group with hostess & facilitator Cheryl Page. *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. Chair: Ruth Falck (550.6449).

January 23, 4 p.m.
Fourth Wednesday Bridge.
Contact Sara Ezell (343.8494).

January 25.
Hiking. Wild Basin Preserve. Contact: Anita Knight (329.8575; dbasknight@aol.com).

January 27, 3 p.m.
AAUW PEARS: Baker Gaslight Theatre, Lockhart, followed by dinner. Leaders: Diana & Fred Thom, 836.2278.

January 28, 12:30 p.m.
Branch Board Meeting:
Howson BL.

Tuesday, January 29, 10 a.m.
Art Tour: Terra Rosa Studio, 2308 Longmont. Lunch: Gusto Italian Kitchen & Wine Bar, 4800 Burnet Road. Hostess: Sally Scott. Chair Diane Brewer (328.0474).

Every Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
Bridge at the Senior Center. Call Dorothy Ramsey (442.3841) for more information.

GIRLSTART

On November 29 **Lilac Bauer, Veronica Johnson, Anita Knight, Adrian McCulloch, Gail Simpler, and Dorothy Vance** attended a morning 'Workday at Girlstart' at which we assembled crystal-making kits for the DeSTEMber Extravaganza at the Bob Bullock Museum on December 1st. **Lilac Bauer** also helped at the museum with an activity station for making gingerbread houses by future architects! Also on the 29th, **Mary Ellen Scribner** attend a volunteer orientation with Latinitas in preparation for working with that organization in South Austin!

Upcoming Opportunities to Be Involved with Girls in STEM

☆ January 24 (Thursday), 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Latinitas: Volunteer orientation. If you would like to work with this organization, call me for instructions on how to register online as a volunteer, and how to find 1207 South 8th Street. We will be hearing about all the opportunities available to us, which could include mentoring, preparing materials, or preparing/working at the Saturday Activity Day in September.

☆ February 21 (Thursday), 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Girlstart: Another morning workday preparing materials for the "Weather Fest Extravaganza" to be held at the Bob Bullock Museum on February 23. Sign up at the January 19 meeting.

☆ March 22 (Friday) 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. at Girlstart: Clerical assistance for the Girls in STEM Conference which is April 6th. Sign up at the January 19th meeting.

☆ March 28 (Thursday), 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Girlstart: Stuffing goodie bags for the Girls in STEM Conference and any other job needed. Sign up at the January 19th meeting.

☆ April 27 (Saturday) 10 a.m.-3 p.m at Girlstart: Community STEM Day on "Going Green." We may also have a workday (possibly in the evening) for this; duties on Saturday TBA.

Please note that Girlstart is trying a streamlined checkin for the conference, so we will not be working that day. If anyone knows of someone who could be a presenter, please send or give a business card to Lilac, as Girlstart welcomes our referrals.

Lilac Bauer

Girlstart Liaison & Women's Issues Chair
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BRANCH BUSINESS

**A Night at the Theater to Benefit the
AAUW Ann Richards Fellowship**

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)

All 37 Plays in 97 Minutes! This irreverent, fast-paced romp through the Bard’s plays was London’s longest-running comedy – 10 years in the West End! Join these madcap men in tights as they weave their wicked way through all of Shakespeare’s comedies, histories and tragedies in one wild ride that will leave you breathless and helpless with laughter.

Thursday, February 21st at 8:00 pm

Howson Hall Theater, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4700 Grover Avenue

(between Burnet and Lamar, south of North Loop Blvd)

This comfortable venue is small (only 90 seats), so get your tickets now. You won’t want to miss the play the *Montreal Gazette* has called, “The funniest show you are likely to see in your entire lifetime.”

Interested in being a Sponsor?

Sponsors help cover the costs of the production, increase our contribution to the Ann Richards Fellowship, and are eligible for a tax deduction. Sponsor-level support can be made by check (print and mail order form below) or online via PayPal at www.austin-tx.aauw.net .

Sponsor Levels

Ann Richards - \$200 includes 2 tickets & recognition in program [\$160 tax deductible gift]

Barbara Jordan - \$100 includes 2 tickets & recognition in program [\$60 tax deductible gift]

Annie Webb Blanton- \$50 includes 1 ticket & recognition in program [\$30 tax deductible gift]

Tickets are **\$20 in advance** [\$25 at the door, if available], include light refreshments, and can be purchased by check (print and mail order form below) or online via PayPal at www.austin-tx.aauw.net .

Contact Mary Braunagel-Brown for more information (mbbsbb@earthlink.net; 512-301-4568)

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___ Ann Richards level Sponsor - \$200 includes 2 tickets & recognition in program [\$160 tax deductible gift]

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_____ # tickets @ \$20/ticket = \$_____

Make your check payable to “AAUW-Austin” and mail check and form to branch treasurer
Ruth Falck, 8110 Ranch Road 2222 #83, Austin, TX

BRANCH BUSINESS

**ARE YOU KEEPING
YOUR YEARBOOK UP
TO DATE?**

Contact information for all new members is published in the newsletter as are changes in contact information of established members as it is made available to the membership vice president. You can keep your yearbook up to date by noting these additions and changes each month.

**IMPORTANT NEW
EXHIBIT AT THE BOB
BULLOCK MUSEUM**

**Women
Shaping Texas
in the 20th
Century**
December 8, 2012
- May 19, 2013

Take a step back into the Texas that your mothers and grandmothers knew, and discover how their contributions helped forge the Texas that you live in today. The story of Texas wouldn't be complete without the many histories of the determined women who stepped out and stepped up to fight for rights, improve public services, and help create the state that we know today. Re-encounter inspirational and pioneering Texas women such as Barbara Jordan, Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Clara Driscoll, and Juanita Craft ... but then discover the impact of countless

other women and women's groups in the fields of business, education, civil rights, health-care, government, the arts, and the preservation of both natural and historic landmarks.

Women Shaping Texas in the 20th Century is guest curated by Dr. Paula Marks, a professor of American Studies at St. Edward's University and prominent author on women's history. It is the first major exhibition in 30 years to tell the story of Texas women's critical impact in forging our state's development.

CLASSIFIED

We are looking for a couple of members who would like to help with the logistics for A/V at our program meetings. We have our own projector and audio equipment that we bring to use for speakers' presentations. We can take turns as needed. Great opportunity to be involved directly with the program! Call Sylvia Garcia or Anita Knight to volunteer your interest and availability.

2013 AAUW National Convention

Breaking through Barriers: Leading across Generations • June 9–12, 2013 • Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

Dear Friend,

In 1929, AAUW women met in New Orleans to celebrate our sixth national biennial convention. In June 2013, we'll return for our 47th biennial convention and applaud the accomplishments of women leaders past, present, and future. At our June 9–12 meeting, we will celebrate leading across generations, honoring AAUW's accomplishments and women at the forefront of the fight for equal rights.

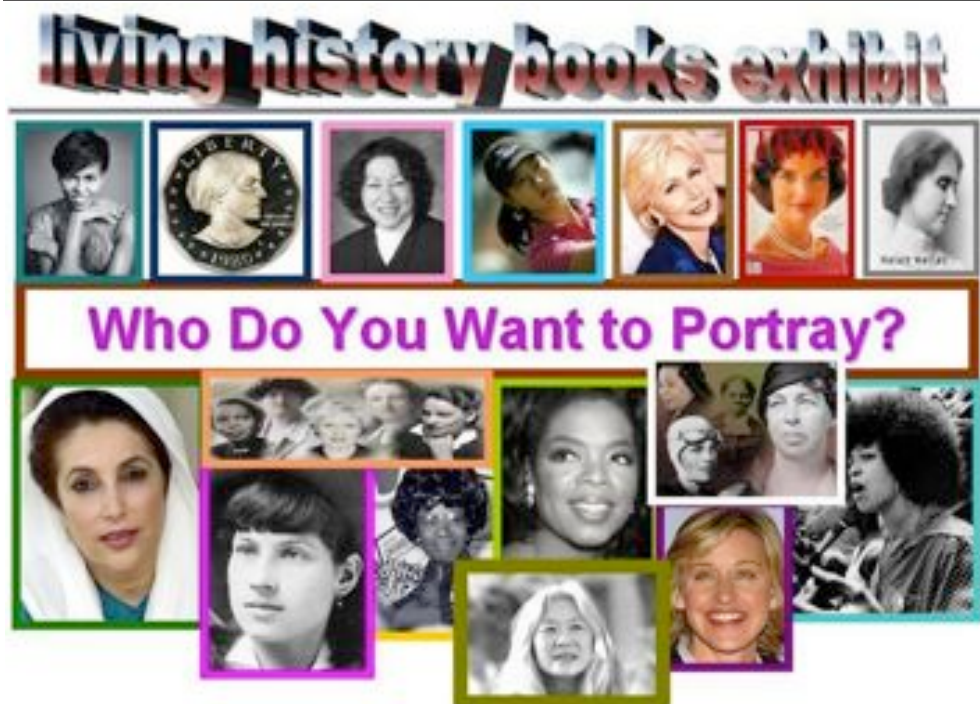
Join Melissa Harris Perry, Lilly Ledbetter, and other exciting keynote speakers as they share their struggles, triumphs, and how the members of AAUW helped them become the inspiring leaders they are today. Celebrate 125 years of fellowships and grants and the legacy they provide. Take advantage of more hands-on skill-building and leadership sessions than ever before. Reconnect with friends from across the country, and make many more new ones.

Come early, stay late, and enjoy the rich history and culture of New Orleans. Stroll the avenues of the French Quarter during your own private walking tour. Excite your taste buds with a Cajun cooking class. Savor the beauty and romance of New Orleans on a jazz dinner cruise.

Registration goes live on December 4! Please visit convention.aauw.org to take advantage of our best-value rates, or call Connect2AAUW at 800.326.2289. You can also register right now for the pre- and post-convention tours and activities at www.aauw.org/convention/tours.cfm.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
Linda D. Hallman, CAE
AAUW Executive Director



Thursday
March 7
2013
at ACC's
Northridge
Campus

Branch member and ACC faculty member Melinda Townsel invites Branch members to take part in the annual Women's History Month program designed to show ACC female students how women have contributed to the world. Complete information is available at <tinyurl.com/LHBE-ACC>. Contact Melinda at 512.223.4741 or mtownsel@austincc.edu to learn more and sign up to volunteer.

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