



American Association of  
University Women  
AAUW Austin (Texas) Branch

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*1916 - Margaret Sanger opens the first birth control clinic*  
*1903 - Marie Curie is awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics for the discovery of radioactivity*  
*1854-1860 - Susan B. Anthony crusades for women's rights in the United States and internationally*  
*1920 - With the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, U.S. women get to vote*  
*1542 - Mary, Queen of Scots is the first known female golfer*  
*1928 - Women compete for the first time in Olympic field events*  
*1849 - Elizabeth Blackwell becomes the first American woman to receive a medical degree*  
*1966 - National Organization for Women (NOW) is founded*  
*1969 - Golda Meir becomes prime minister of Israel.*  
*2570 B.C. - Queen Nefertari rules Egypt, calling herself "God's wife."*

# Women's History Month

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**During the month of March, opportunities abound in Austin for AAUW women to continue making history and to learn more about the women who have made history. From those described in the following pages, you may choose the one(s) that best fit(s) your interests and your schedule.**

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## March Calendar of Branch Activities

### March 1, 10 a.m.

**Book Review:** Hyde Park Church of Christ. *The Next 100 Years* by George Friedman, to be reviewed by Kay Watson. Chair: Gayle Smith, 345.5585.

### March 4, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

**Contemporary Literature:** Old Quarry BL. *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet*. (David Mitchell). Discussion leader: Adrian McCulloch. Chair: Fern Chester, 345.1102.

### March 6, 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.

### March 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**SW Book Group.** *Don't Make Me Go to Town*. by Rhonda Lashley Lopez. Hostess & facilitator is Sylvia Garcia; co-hostess is Bari Sandstedt. Chair: Marsha Endahl Kramer, 906.2033 (H) or 906.6566 (C).

### March 13, 4 p.m.

**Second Wednesday Bridge.** Contact: Judy Reinhart, 345.5936.

**March 14, 6:30 p.m. Second Thursday\* Night Bridge.** Contact: Elaine Penn, 970.5051.

**\*Change of day from Tuesday to Thursday hoping to draw more players.**

### March 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Third Tuesday Book Group** with hostess & facilitator Lois Shaevel. *Pope Joan*. by Donna Woolfolk Cross. Chair: Ruth Falck (550.6449).



## GREETINGS FROM BRANCH PRESIDENT

It's that time of the year: State of the Union/State/Branch messages, National Women's History Month, Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, etc. Do you remember the long-ago cigarette ad that proclaimed, "You've come a long way, Baby!"? Well, the AAUW Austin Branch has come a long way since its founding in 1923, and I want y'all to start thinking of celebrating our Branch's ninetieth anniversary next fall! The Austin Branch of the American Association of University Women was organized by fifteen women on November 15, 1923, at the Driskill Hotel. The many contributions and accomplishments made by Branch members since then are recorded in *HERstory*, which you can read on our website. Updates to this Branch history since 2003 are in progress.



Meanwhile in March, there is much to recognize and celebrate also. Did you know that the theme of the 2013 National Women's History Month is *Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*? We did not plan a formal program meeting for March because we wanted to save your time and energy for traditional help with the annual Girls in STEM Conference (something our Branch has done since it was a co-sponsor in 1990 of the middle school conference *Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics*). If you have not yet signed up and still want to, please contact Girlstart Coordinator Lilac Bauer at 291.9032.

There are also two special exhibits at the Bob Bullock Museum through May 19 featuring women's history. "Women Shaping Texas in the 20th Century" was guest-curated by Dr. Paula Marks, a professor of American Studies at St. Edward's University (a college/university partner of AAUW) and prominent author on women's history. See Program VP **Sylvia Garcia's** article about these exhibits and the multi-part lecture series featuring Texas women describing their impact on the state in their own words. In celebration of Women's History Month, Sylvia especially encourages AAUW members to attend the first lecture "Educating for the Future" to be held at 6 p.m. on March 26th. Maybe I'll see some of you there! Or at the *Women's Living History Books Program*. at ACC and/or at the Planned Parenthood lobby day on women's health, both on March 7th.

Enjoy a busy but healthy spring in Austin!

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 329.8575

March Calendar of Branch Activities  
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**March 19, 11 a.m.**

**Out to Lunch:** East Side Cafe - [www.eastsidecafeaustin.com/](http://www.eastsidecafeaustin.com/). 2113 Manor Road, (476.5858). Hostess: Gail Simpler, 834.9481. Chair: Veronica Johnson (338.1254).

**March 20, 10 a.m.**

**Creative Stitchery** with hostess Dorothea Berasley (343.0370) and co-hostess Fern Chester (345.1102).

**March 21, 6:30 p.m.**

**Culture & Cuisine:** Hostess: Fern Chester, (345.1102). Co-hostess: Anneliese Ellerton (241.8425). Spain. Chair: Mary Owens (454.9339).

**March 22. Rescheduled for**

**April 5, 9 a.m. Hiking.** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center <http://www.wildflower.org/>. Contact: Veronica Johnson (338.1254; Veronicajj@aol.com).

**March 23, 7:30 p.m.**

**AAUW PEARS:** Texas Stars ice hockey game at the Cedar Park Center [www.texasstarshockey.com/](http://www.texasstarshockey.com/) Leader: Lilac Bauer, 291.9032.

**March 27, 10 a.m.**

**Art Tour:** Hostess: Geneva Davis (512.856.2524). Earthen Metals, Tiger and Erin Flores, (512.281.2801). 202 E. 1st Street, Elgin, TX. Lunch: Southside Market. Carpooling is encouraged! Chair: Diane Brewer (328.0474).

**March 27, 4 p.m.**

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

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our Branch is alive, well, and growing! This month, **Anita Knight, Lois Shaevel, Dorothy Vance**, and our informative website have generated contacts leading to the new members named below. Several other referrals are still in the works which may ultimately translate to new members also. This year, our 90th, should be the best of all! Newsletter editor **Mary Ellen Scribner** has attached an addendum to the yearbook for you to download and print to keep your contact information current for our ever-changing Branch.

Welcome to new dual member **Gail Ellenbogen** of Franklin, Michigan! Gail is currently a member of both AAUW Austin and AAUW Birmingham/Bloomfield, MI; she leads a snowbird lifestyle spending half her time in Austin in the Steiner Ranch neighborhood not far from **Dorothy Vance** and **Lois Shaevel**, who invited her to come along on a dinner/movie interest group occasion. She also attended our Shakespearean fundraiser and enjoyed the delightful performance with the rest of us. Gail manages her dual residency by keeping her contact information solely in Michigan. Her home phone number is 248.626.4123 her mobile is 248.568.5410. Her postal address is 26794 Captains Lane, Franklin, MI 48025, so you'll probably want to email her instead at [gellenbo@yahoo.com](mailto:gellenbo@yahoo.com)! This fun grandmother shared with me that on Friday, February 8, her Detroit grandchildren were home for a snow day while she was speaking from her Austin digs on a 72-degree day!

New member **Karen E. Parchman** just dropped out of the sky one afternoon in February! This Lakeway resident is currently working on her dissertation and teaches part time with Fuller Theological Seminary, a school based in California but has multiple regional campuses. Karen is currently teaching classes in both Houston and Colorado Springs, plus she also teaches online courses. Karen is married to Wayne Parchman and lives at 110 Desert Forest Court, Lakeway, TX 78738. Her home number is 512.297.2057, and her mobile is 512.507.3663; Karen's email address is [parchman.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parchman.karen@gmail.com). She graduated from St. Edward's University with a B.A. in political science, obtained her M.A. at Fuller in global leadership, and has been working on her Ph.D. (ABD) in organizational change and leadership. While Karen's work and study schedule is pretty heavy right now, she is very interested in participating in occasional projects in the community where she can make a difference. She wants to be of service, so there may be some way she can help through STEM, Mainspring Schools, or one of our other volunteer opportunities. She is also interested in our Branch gatherings where she can network. I really enjoyed my phone visit with her and look forward to meeting her.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS &amp; BRANCH NEWS

Congratulations are in order to longtime AAUW member and former Branch president, **Janie Maldonado**, who retired January 31 from AISD after forty years! We hope to see Janie more often now that she has more free time!



Recent new AAUW Austin member from South Carolina, **Jerry Cassidy**, has moved to The Clairmont; 12463 Los Indios Trail, Apt. 235; Austin, Texas 78729. Her home number is 243.8255, and her mobile is 633.8299. Jerry is not able to drive much anymore but would love to participate more in our activities. If you are able to offer her a ride to some activities, please do!

Spring is in the air and with it are more opportunities to get involved and to participate. Hope to see our newest members enjoying themselves and getting to know others in our Branch! Be sure to extend a welcoming hand to Gail and Karen!

**Diane Brewer**

Membership Vice President

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### Newsletter Correction

In last month's newsletter, Mary Frances Rogerson's email address was incorrect. It should have read: [drogerson6642@att.net](mailto:drogerson6642@att.net).

### AAUW FUNDS

Results of this year's fundraiser on February 21 in support of the AAUW Ann Richards Fellowship will not be available until next month's newsletter. This month I want to thank everyone who has contributed so much to making the event a success:

★ Sponsoring members: Ann Richards level – **Mary Braunagel-Brown, Ruth Falck**; Barbara Jordan level – **Larie Amsler, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Veronica Johnson, Joyce Pulich, Janet Widoff**; Annie Webb Blanton level – **Ines Garcia, Anita Knight, Adrian McCulloch, Judy Reinhart, Mary Ellen Scribner, Mary Zeitler**

★ **Maggie Kadlecek** and **Eugenie Whalen**, event team members, who organized, created, and donated the wonderful refreshments for the event

★ **Jocelyn Brandt**, who handled publicity for the event

★ **Ruth Falck**, who set up the PayPal option and kept everyone informed of ticket sales

★ The more than seventy members, families, and friends who purchased tickets for the event.

Ann would be proud!

**Mary Braunagel-Brown**

AAUW Funds Chair

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### NEW PROJECT SEARCH UPDATE

As a framework for our first meeting together, we looked at what other nonprofits with similar missions are doing; potential or existing partnerships with other nonprofits; AAUW Programs in a Box; and our own observations of the Austin community. The members of the task force represent a diversity of age, experience, and expectation of AAUW, and the importance of that variety quickly became evident as we began brainstorming around the previously accumulated information and ideas. We were quick to see that many of our "big" ideas were already being addressed by other organizations or were too costly for the Branch to undertake at this time.

Thanks to input from new Branch members **Ruth Rubio** (recently retired) and **Katie Jackson** (Ph.D. candidate), we got some fresh perspectives on ways the Branch can take on a more visible and mission-oriented role in the community. We are now looking at a variety of projects/coordinated actions under the Branch umbrella that would appeal to the interests and experiences of different demographic groups within the Branch. Katie was quick to let us know that we won't reach her demographic through the newspaper, and so we must get our social media act together! **Veronica Johnson** provided the wisdom of a longtime member and past president. **Anita Knight**, current president, sat in on the meeting adding her extensive knowledge of the Austin community.

**Mary Ellen Scribner**

Project Chair

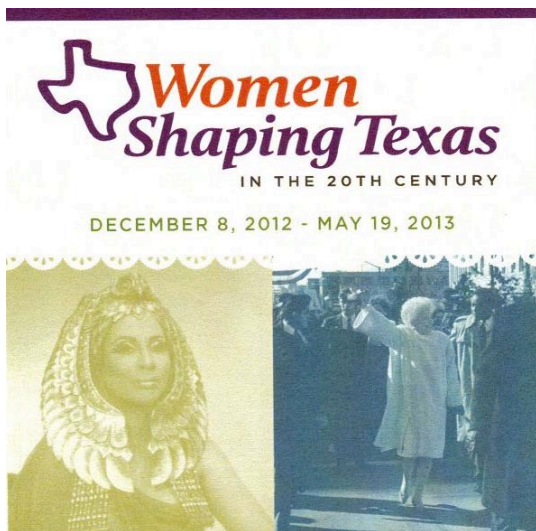
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## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN AUSTIN

### Exhibits, Lectures, and Discussion Groups on Women at The Bullock Texas State History Museum

The Bullock Texas State History Museum has two exhibits on women of interest to members of AAUW. The first exhibit, titled "Women Shaping Texas in the 20th Century" highlights the contributions of Texas women in the fields of business, education, civil rights, healthcare, government, the arts, and preservation of both nature and historic landmarks. There are pictures, recordings, apparel, and documents that bring to life the accomplishments of these women. The website states that this exhibit is the first major exhibit in thirty years to focus on the impact women have had on the development of Texas.

The second exhibit, "Enduring Women: Photography and Oral History," features women who are ranchers in various parts of the state. Photographs of the women and their ranches are matched with recordings in which each rancher describes her personal experiences and the challenges faced in continuing the stewardship. Both exhibits will be on view through May 19, 2013.



Two different series of discussions on women, the *In Her Own Words* lecture series and the *Conversation* series, complement the exhibits. The former consists of four formal lectures that run from March through May. In celebration of Women's History month, AAUW members are especially encouraged to attend the first lecture "Educating for the Future" to be held at 6 p.m. on March 26. The presenter will be Dr. Ann Stuart,

chancellor and president of Texas Women's University. She has won accolades for increasing enrollment and for constructing new facilities that offer programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The other three lectures are:

- ★ "Lady Bird Johnson" by Dr. Michael Gillette - April 9, 6 p.m.
- ★ "An Evening of Poetry" by Celeste Guzman Mendoza - April 25, 7 p.m.
- ★ "Pom-Pom to Center Court" by Diane Henson - May 9, 7 p.m.

Please call 936.4649 to RSVP for each lecture.

The Conversation series consists of informal discussions on one of the exhibit's seven themes and are held during the day. For a schedule of topics and dates, please check the museum website at <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/>.

Sylvia Garcia, Program Vice President  
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# MARCH 7 LOBBY DAY 2013



**Planned Parenthood  
Statewide Lobby Day  
Thursday, March 7,  
2013, at the Capitol  
Building  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Join hundreds of Planned Parenthood supporters from across the state as we rally on the Capitol Lawn, meet with legislators, and build support for women's health in Texas.

It's important now, more than ever, to raise your voice in support of women's access to health care.

No experience necessary. Training and materials will be provided.

The last day to register for Lobby Day is Tuesday, March 5, 2013. The \$10 cost is:

- For participants from Austin and others who do not need transportation.
- Includes lunch at the Capitol and a tote bag.
- Check-in begins at 9 am at the tent on the South Lawn.

Buy tickets online at <<http://www.ppaction.org/site/Calendar/1904645114>>.

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International

Women's Day

Celebration

Featured Topic:

*"The Gender Agenda, Gaining Momentum"*



Keynote Speaker:

**Rebecca Powers**

Founder of Impact Austin

*"Ordinary women... extraordinary impact"*

Speaker & Emcee:

**Kate Brodock**

Girls In Tech, Syracuse University



Speaker:

**Felora Derakhshani**

Founder and Executive Director for ACT Women, UNA Austin, Peace Through Commerce

*"Women Entrepreneurs Contributing to Peace"*

RSVP by March 4

Thursday March 7th, 2013 - 6:30-9:00 PM

Austin Woman's Club, 708 San Antonio St., Austin, TX

UNA Friend - \$70, Includes UNA membership

Guests - \$40

UNA Members - \$35

Students - \$30

Sponsor a student to attend - \$30

Paypal: jasadegh@yahoo.com or 512.496.5771



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## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN AUSTIN

### Johnson Space Center Coming to Austin for NASA Day March 19, 2013

The Johnson Space Center is coming to Austin for NASA Day at the Capitol on March 19, 2013, and would like to invite our AAUW Austin Branch to join them.

“The last two legislative sessions JSC has offered activities on the Capitol lawn. The days were well attended with more than a 1,000 students representing public and home schools attending. This year we're asking local organizations to join us and offer hands-on activities for 3rd – 8th graders and showcase their organizations.”



Set-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the event beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding at 3 p.m. NASA will have a section as well as exhibits inside the Capitol. Simultaneously, JSC senior management and representatives will be visiting with state legislators. Additionally, during the week, we'll be offering educational programs to the local ISDs and organizations.”

Lisa Roberts

[lisa.roberts-1@nasa.gov](mailto:lisa.roberts-1@nasa.gov)

Note: This invitation was received by Branch President **Anita Knight** via the website. The Branch is not offering any activities at the Capitol. However, if this is an event/day that interests you, you could email Lisa and offer your assistance. Be sure to say that you are an AAUW Austin member!

### Living History Books Exhibit ACC Northridge

There is so much happening on March 7, but if your schedule isn't full, volunteers are still needed for the *Women's Living History Books Program, Celebrating Women's History Month* on March 7, at the ACC Northridge Campus. Contact Branch member **Melinda Townsel** at [mtownsel@austincc.edu](mailto:mtownsel@austincc.edu) or 223.4741 to learn more and sign up to volunteer.

### Texas Lonestars's Project Princess

In another email received via the website, U.T. student Kathryn Middlebrook reached out to AAUW members on behalf of Project Princess. She writes, “I am a part of a service organization on campus called Texas Lonestars and also the assistant to the chair of our philanthropy, Project Princess. Project Princess is a registered non-profit charity that helps underprivileged, central Texas high school girls go to their proms by alleviating the heavy cost this event requires. We accomplish this feat by collecting gently used or new donations of dresses, shoes, accessories, and more throughout the year that are then given to girls on our annual Boutique Weekend held in the spring. We also collect donations in the form of gift cards from local restaurants, hair salons, florists, etc. that are raffled off to girls throughout the Boutique Day. Our motto is ‘Every girl deserves to be a Princess’ and we strive all year long to raise not only funds, but awareness for our cause. Project Princess began in 2002 helping a total of 10 girls and after many years of growth, we ended 2012 Spring Boutique Weekend having helped approximately 350 girls!

My reason for writing you today, is...in the hopes of raising awareness of Project Princess, reaching out for donations from members, and even possibly finding individual members of AAUW who may be interested in volunteering for our 2013 Spring Boutique Weekend, which is taking place in little over a month on March 23 and 24.”

Note: Again, if this is a project that interests you, Kathryn's contact information is:

Kathryn Middlebrook

College of Undergraduate Studies

Texas Lonestars -Service Organization

Assistant to Project Princess Chair, 2013

The University of Texas at Austin

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Be sure to say that you are an AAUW member!





## AAUW Introduces New Logo, Tagline, and Website

<http://www.aauw.org/2013/02/20/aauw-introduces-new-logo-tagline-and-website/>



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