

AAUW
Austin, Texas Branch

Next Meeting
Wed., October 12, 2016
10:00 am
Norris Center
Northcross Mall

RSVP by Oct. 6th to Diane at
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Branch Programs to share

Our Mission. *Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

Wednesday, October 12th Meeting:

“Texas Voters: Trends and Issues”

Cinde Weatherby, Austin League of Women Voters & Grace Chimene, TX League of Women Voters

Contacts: Sylvia Garcia & Jean Bessent

At the October meeting, speakers will give us an overview of the latest voter requirements in light of recent court decisions, discuss voter trends and issues such as voting demographics, breakdowns by geographic areas, gender, and race/ethnicity, and share resources available from the League of Women Voters. The speakers are Grace Chimene, Board member of the State League of Women Voters and Cinde Weatherby, President of the Austin chapter of the League. Ms. Chimene recently upgraded the League's website and social media system which can be viewed at LWVTexas.org. She has served in various capacities for the League such as providing legislative testimony and chairing the Child Health Issues at the Capitol. She is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with 30 years of experience. Cinde Weatherby is the 2016-18 President of the League of Women Voters-Austin.

Prior to her election, she was VP for Community Relations and coordinated the Austin League's Capitol Corps. She also has served at the state organization's chair for Voting and Election Issues. Prior to her volunteering, she had a long public and private sector transportation career. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this meeting to hear these very knowledgeable women.

**WOMEN WEREN'T
GIVEN THE RIGHT TO
VOTE, THEY FOUGHT
FOR IT. REMEMBER
THAT IN NOVEMBER.**

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 12 October General Meeting, 10-1:00
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Contemporary Literature, Old Quarry Library

Oct. 3 The Civil Wars of Julia Ward Howe
(7:15 PM) Author: Elaine Showalter
Leader: Karen Jordahl

Friday AM Book Review: Hyde Park Church of Christ

Oct. 7 Last of the President's Men
(10:00 AM) Reviewer: Carol Fritz
Hostess: Mary Frances Rogerson
Contact: Beverly Locklin, 512-343-0782
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First Tuesday Out to Lunch:

Oct. 3 Eastside Cafe
(11:30 AM) 2113 Manor Road
RSVP: Diane Brewer, 512-328-0474
zdramamom@austin.rr.com

Southwest Books:

Oct. 17 A Room of One's Own
(10:30 AM) Author: Virginia Woolf
Hostess: Ann Marie Ellis
Facilitator: Mary Lou Bell

Culture & Cuisine:

Oct. 20 Swedish
(6:30 PM) Hostesses: Marsha Endahl Kramer,
Jennifer Swenson
Contact: Barbara Houston, 512-633-
9766; barbyhouston@gmail.com

Creative Stitchery:

Oct. 21 Hostess: Kay Goodwin
(10:00 AM) Co-Hostess: Martha Van Sickle
Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102
fernchester@aol.com

BRIDGE or new ideas anyone? See yearbook, or
contact **Brenda Hahne**, Interest Group Coordinator
(832-233-4254, bwhahne@gmail.com)

PEARS:

Oct. 22 Group dinner, then Zach Theatre for play
(6:00 PM) "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert"
Contacts: Anita Knight, Diane Brewer
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zdramamom@austin.rr.com

Art Tour:

Oct. 26 Umlauf Sculpture Garden
(10:00 AM) Lunch at Baby Acapulco
Planners: Sue Ellen Jeffers, Ruth Rubio,
and Mary Kate Fredriksen
Contact: Diane Brewer
zdramamom@austin.rr.com

October 22 **Latinitas** "START UP CHICA"

October 26 **Girlstart Gamechanger's Luncheon**

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In 2014-2015 SW Book Group read Amy Brill's novel, The Movement of Stars, a historical drama whose main character was based on pioneering astronomer Maria Mitchell. Austin Playhouse is beginning their 2016-2017 season with ***Silent Sky*** by Lauren Gunderson, a new play about Henrietta Swan Leavitt and the real women working at the dawn of modern astronomy. The play runs **September 23- October 16**, and stars, among others, Babs George, who spoke at our branch meeting some time ago. Performances are at ACC Highland campus, 6001 Airport Blvd. Website is **www.austinplayhouse.com** and box office number is 512-476-0084.

Nov. 8 National Election Day

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**CO-PRESIDENT Marsha's MESSAGE**

I am curious. In the past month how many times has your membership in AAUW come up in conversations?

I just returned from a week in Sundance, Utah and was amazed by the times information arose that was relevant to the topic. I was at a yoga retreat with 11 women from six states....none of whom were members but all who would have been eligible. We conversed about yoga, meditation, the healing arts, horseback riding, children, and grandchildren, significant others, food and drink; however, information often discussed in AAUW circles came up.

Southwest Book group's book for September is Lab Girl by Hope Jahren. One of our resource leaders in Utah had a PhD in Botany and creates natural perfumes. She demonstrated and explained how steaming flowers in water captures oils used to create perfume, air fresheners, etc. She created, then gave us samples. We talked about gender differences and prejudices within the academic community and the sciences (similar to conversations I have had with a Hydrofit friend and new AAUW member about academia.)

I was able to share with one participant the paragraph about Healing from Violence through writing that was featured in the Fall 2015 "Outlook" about writing workshops offered through AAUW Puerto Rico for survivors of Domestic Violence (Members in Action).

A young woman was discussing her frustration with starting salaries, and I shared about the updated salary negotiation debut last fall of "WorkSmart" and "Start Smart." Sitting in first class on the way home (thanks to "free miles" from American Airlines) an HR executive from a well known scientific company glanced over at the "Outlook" magazine I was reading and spent an hour discussing STEM, the difficulty of finding capable women in the sciences to hire and the importance of diversity. He was fascinated to hear about GirlStart, our fellowships, and our research related to STEM programs.

Caitlyn Conners, an AAUW Fellow at UT in Austin interviewed 135 working women to look at how different ideals of motherhood, gender and employment affect mothers in 4 different countries.

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STEM News: from Lilac Bauer 512-743-6338
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Enjoy STEM activities with Girlstart this fall – for more info and to volunteer individually, visit girlstart.org.

Latinitas* will host "START UP CHICA" at ACC Eastview on October 22, 2016, with help from U of Texas MBA mentors. Each girl age 9-18 will plan her own tech or brick/mortar start-up company, and will prepare a marketing video to promote it and present it to some of the top start-up incubators in town.



(For 14 years, Latinitas, a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization, has been empowering Latina youth using media and technology, providing direct digital media and technology training and esteem-boosting services to nearly 3,500 girls and teens across Texas annually. Founded by two journalism students fed up with the lack of representation of Latinas in media and technology industries, Latinitas presents enrichment programs at Texas schools, libraries and community centers that use culture as a thread to teach web and graphic design, blogging, video and audio production, photography and of late: video game and app development and coding. If you are interested in contributing, contact*

FUNd-rai\$ing for AAUW!!

Sign up for holiday gift-wrapping (for tips) at Barnes & Noble stores with either **Mary Kate Fredriksen** (512-366-5214, mary.katef47@gmail.com) or **Lilac Bauer** (512-743-6338, la_azucena@hotmail.com) at a meeting or via a phone call/email.

When you donate to the Fund Raising Committee's new greeting card project you may choose either the Ann Richards American Fellowship or the unrestricted AAUW Fund that supports national projects such as Tech Trek, which introduced cyber security at its camps last summer for middle school girls. They emphasized it was yet another rapidly growing field for future careers that would ensure high incomes and interesting challenges.

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In our monthly Culture & Cuisine dinners we often spend some time sharing about the role of women in the country the host has chosen. My "family of origin" comes from Sweden and new member **Jennifer Swenson** and I will host a Swedish-themed night in October.

Do try to read your quarterly "Outlook," check out the national and local websites of aauw.org and austin-tx.aauw.net for up-to-date information on resources and information you too could insert into conversations or respond to questions others ask.

I want to express my personal gratitude to Co-President **Marina Rivers** for the time and energy she spent preparing this year's program schedule. Many of you offered excellent suggestions, some, which were taken, and others will be saved for other years! Our Board of Directors are strong, creative, dedicated, amazing women who worked hard all summer to ready the branch for this 2016-2017 program year. Loyal members rejoined and new ones have enthusiastically joined, thanks to your welcome invitations and the excellent leadership of Membership VP **Elaine Penn** (assisted by former VP **Diane Brewer**.) Elaine, Diane and new Interest Chair **Brenda Hahne** hosted an outstanding membership Open House. **Kathy Robertson** has taken the ball and run with it handling the large job of Treasurer, and **Ines Garcia** has once again created and published an excellent Yearbook!

Past President **Anita Knight** continues to advise, collaborate with community groups and share her wisdom and skills with everything from newsletter to problem solving. "Have computer will travel and respond quickly" as we call on her in CO, MI, and during international travel. Throughout the fall season you will see the results of careful planning from our public policy leaders, Mainspring Schools leaders, and revision of our by-laws and job descriptions by **Pam Wolfe** et al. As I mentioned during the August Open House: There is a place for **YOU** in this organization whether you want to lead or simply participate and stretch your mind on an art tour, creating a comforting treasure during stitchery, getting out the vote in this historical election, fighting an injustice during a public policy outreach, or enjoying the camaraderie of discussing a book at one of our 3 Book Groups. I'd love to hear your stories of ways you shared about your membership this coming month during "ordinary" conversations. Be proud you are one of 170,000 women affiliated with AAUW. You earned the right to be a member.... share your pride! Blessings! **Marsha**

PUBLIC POLICY: **Sylvia Garcia** at 512-826-1371 and **Jean Bessent** at 512-921-0545

A LWV program on October 2 will be held at El Buen Samaritano on William Cannon Dr, 1-3. Invited speakers include Foundation Communities, El Buen Samaritano, Vamos Austin!, and League of Women Voters Texas (Grace Chimene), and also someone from Children's Defense Fund. The theme is how boosting voter engagement with non-profit organizations is important for affecting change. Focus will be on organizations that have achieved positive success and serve as models.

Besides our commitment to assist ACC with September voter registration events, in addition, the League of Women Voters has requested our assistance in registering voters at many events scheduled throughout the city as follows. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR AS MANY EVENTS AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS AND SEND EMAIL about the number of voters that were registered for Travis County and the number that were given a general form to mail. This information is vital in documenting our efforts. If you have other suggestions, please let Sylvia know as some areas of the city may be underserved.

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 to 4:00 pm. Voter Registration, Travis County Association of the Blind (Lighthouse), 4801 Freidrich Ln., Suite 220.

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 to 2:00 pm. Voter Registration, People's Community Clinic Grand Opening, 1101 Camino La Costa.

Tuesday October 11th, 10:00 to 7:00 pm. Voter Registration, Thundercloud Subs, 2801 S. Lamar.

Sunday, October 23 *Voters Guide* published in *Austin American-Statesman*.

AAUW-TX encourages us to help with the letter writing campaign. Submit non-partisan letters to the editor of a local publication which promote voter registration/GOTV issues, and/or any of the policy issues addressed by AAUW (e.g., pay equity, Title IX, health care). Please send links to any letters that get published to Sylvia.

NEWS and Sharing – please KEEP and SHARE!

AUSTIN BRANCH PROGRAMS & EVENTS, 2016-2017

The 2016 election likely will have the largest gender gap in history. More than ever before, women have the power to elect the next president, decide the makeup of Congress, select state legislators, and shape the national agenda.

Katherine Spillar,
msmagazine,
summer 2016

**September 9
Friday
10 AM**

“Living and Working in China”
Wendell Harwell
Norris Center, Northcross Mall
Contact: Marina Rivers

**October 12
Wednesday
10 AM**

“Texas Voters: Trends and Issues”
Grace Chimene, TX League of Women Voters
Cinde Weatherby, Austin LWV
Norris Center, Northcross Mall
Contact: Sylvia Garcia & Jean Bessent

**November 15
Tuesday
10 AM**

“American Women and their Collections”
Dr. Karen Pope
Westwood Country Club
Contact: Marina Rivers & Diane Brewer

**December 15
Thursday
3:00-6:00 PM**

AAUW/AWFC Joint Holiday Open House
Texas Federated Women’s Club Mansion
Contact: Anita Knight & Lynn Cooksey

**January 13
Friday
10 AM**

“Cuba: Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow”
Dr. Ann Marie Ellis
Austin Woman’s Club
Contact: Ann Marie Ellis & Marina Rivers

**February 11
Saturday
10 AM**

“Tomlinson Hill”
Chris Tomlinson, Author
Norris Center, Northcross Mall
Contact: Mary Ellen Scribner

**March 8
Wednesday
6:30 PM**

International Women’s Day
Joint Collaboration with Austin UNA/USA
Austin Woman’s Club
Contact: Anita Knight & Lynn Cooksey

**April 14
Friday
10 AM**

“Women in the Austin Police Department”
Surei Scanlon, Public Affairs Officer
Election of Officers
Austin Woman’s Club
Contact: Ruth Rubio & Janet Widoff

**May 6
Saturday
10 AM**

Installations of Officers, UT Fellowship Awards
Norris Center, Northcross Mall
Contact: Jean Bessent & Marsha Endahl Kramer

