

**AAUW**  
**Austin, Texas Branch**

**Wednesday, April 12**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Norris Conference Center**  
**Northcross Mall**

**RSVP by April 5<sup>th</sup> to Diane at**  
**zdramamom@austin.rr.com**



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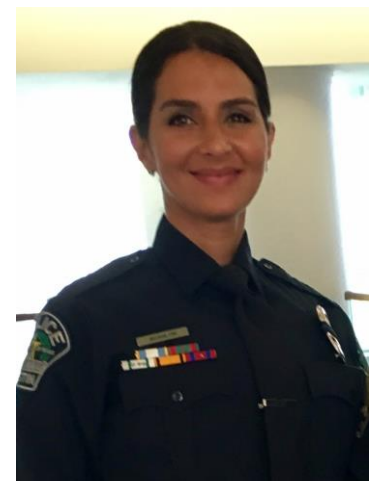
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**Our Mission.** *Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

## *April 12: Women in the Austin Police Department*

Senior Police Officer Surei C. Scanlon will speak about women in policing at the Austin Police Department and being a female police officer today. She is an 18-year veteran of the Austin Police Department, and has lived in Texas 20 years. She grew up in upstate New York with a dream to be a police officer or go into the military, and has had the privilege of serving the Austin community. Officer Scanlon's experience in the APD includes patrol, street response unit, the Organized Crime Division, Public Information Office, Citizen Police Academy, and special training in Hostage Negotiation officer and Mental Health officer.



**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING WILL INCLUDE VOTE ON SLATE OF OFFICERS**  
 including co-Presidents and co-Membership VPs – see page 4

**\$30 with check or cash at the door\***

**RSVP: Diane Brewer by April 5<sup>th</sup>, at [zdramamom@austin.rr.com](mailto:zdramamom@austin.rr.com)**

**Bring:** business clothes & accessories for ***Dress for Success***  
 (for details, see <https://austin.dressforsuccess.org/get-involved/donate/>)  
 and your annual dues for **membership** renewal

**(NOTE:** State dues have increased from \$10 to \$13, so confirm your total on form.

Membership pins for 5-year increments will be presented at our next meetings, so you can wear them proudly as members of our esteemed organization. Dr. Kay Keys is the first official renewal of 2017-18!)

**FYI - \*** The Austin Branch of AAUW will assess a \$5.00 seat fee/service charge to members who attend a branch meeting without staying for the meal. (Feb., 2015 branch policy)

## APRIL CALENDAR

**PEARS:** TBA – dinner at local restaurant?  
Contact: Maggie Kadlecsek,  
512-261-0627, magliz@sbcglobal.net

**Contemporary Literature at Fern Chester's****April 3 The Secret Chord**

(7:15 PM) Author: Geraldine Brooks  
Leader: Carol Fritz  
Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102

**Out to Lunch:**

**April 4** MANUEL'S GREAT HILLS  
(11:00 AM) 10201 Jollyville Road  
RSVP: Diane Brewer, 512-328-0474  
zdramamom@austin.rr.com

**First Friday AM Book Review**

**April 7** The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu  
(10:00 AM) Author: Joshua Hammer  
Reviewer: Mary Frances Rogerson  
Hostess: Dr. Delia Quintanilla  
Contact: Beverly Locklin, 512-343-0782  
blocklin@austin.rr.com

**Southwest Books:**

**April 10** The Kitchen House  
(10:30 AM) Author: Kathleen Grissom  
Hostess: Anita Knight  
Facilitator: Eugenie Whalen

**Branch meeting:**

**April 12** Branch Program and business meeting  
**Come and VOTE!** See page 1.

**Creative Stitchery:**

**April 19** Hostess: Jan Roberts  
(10:00 AM) Co-hostess: Nancy Ellison  
Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102  
fernchester@aol.com

**Culture & Cuisine: Russia**

**April 20** Hostesses: Jean Bessent, Anita Knight  
(6:30 PM) Contact: Barbara Houston, 512-633-9766; barbyhouston@gmail.com

**Art Tour:** A Visit to the Blanton Museum  
**April 26** Planners: Maggie Kadlecsek, and  
(10 AM) Eugenie Whalen  
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. at the Blanton Café  
Contact: Diane Brewer  
zdramamom@austin.rr.com

**MORE things we are invited to do:  
SAVE THE DATES!**

**Since January, every Monday at noon,** Texas Impact holds a short, focused advocacy training on a "focus issue of the day," as well as updates and next steps on other issues that are on our **legislative agenda**. Murchison Chapel at First United Methodist Church, Austin. See <http://texasimpact.org/Weekly-Witness> for topics and webinar connections.

**RENEW YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIP NOW!**

**April 3** Pre-Lobby Day Celebration – see page 4  
(4-6:00) Contact: Jean Bessent, 512-921-0545

**April 4** **Texas AAUW Equal Pay Day** – see page 4  
(9-1:00) REJ Conference Center, Capitol

**April 7, 13, 15** See STEM news on page 3

**April 9** 5th annual **Girls Impact the World Film Festival Awards Ceremony**,  
(3-5:00) St. Andrew's Dell Fine Arts Center  
Contact: events@connecther.org

**April 21** *"Mother Earth: Water, Trees & Breeze"*  
(11-1:00) Chris Searles & Frank Cooksey at  
Austin Woman's Federated Club  
Contact: Lynn Cooksey, 512-294-0092

**April 22** Fourth Annual **WE CON** (Women's  
(9-5:00) Empowerment Conference), ACC Eastview  
Come help at our table. And/or register at  
<http://www.womenctx.org/wecon/>

**June 14-17** AAUW Biennial National Convention –  
See One-Member-One-Vote info in our  
mail and spring issue of *AAUW OUTLOOK!*

## AAUW in ACTION



## CO-PRESIDENT Marina's FAREWELL MESSAGE

### THANK YOU!

My two years as President of the Austin Branch have been filled with joy and excitement. I have had the pleasure to work with so many of you on the Board, committees, projects, special interest groups, and bridge.

In 2012, I joined the Austin Branch searching for like-minded women with a dedication to helping other women through education. It has been a wonderful time for me. I first served as Treasurer for 2-1/2 years and then assumed the Presidency for the 2015-2016 term. I was fortunate to have such solid support from the Board and the membership. My second year, 2016-2017, brought new challenges and growth. I know that each of you added to my positive experiences as President. As I leave office, the Branch is on sound financial footing and consists of a vibrant and dynamic membership base. *I believe I am leaving an organization that is as strong, or stronger, than it has ever been. I am confident that AAUW-Austin is well positioned for coming years.*

You have shared your wisdom and hospitality with me and offered me strong friendships that I treasure. I want to express my special thanks to my Co-President, **Marsha Endahl Kramer**, who has proven to be just as good a friend as she is competent. We share the same birthday month and she has made this past year extremely rewarding.

When I reflect on all of you, I think of this saying: *"Every person's life that touches yours will leave some part of themselves with you."* All of you have touched my life in so many wonderful ways!

**And the branch THANKS YOU, Marina!**

**STEM News:** from Lilac Bauer 512-743-6338  
la\_azucena@hotmail.com

We need a few volunteers (3-4) to assemble the 60 goodie-bag 'snack bags' for Latinitas on **Friday, April 7, 11:30 AM** at my house (2621-A Alcott Lane) ....and/or if you would like to contribute some fruit, breakfast bars, chips, raisins, or candy, please CALL ME.

We have 15 volunteers for **Thursday, April 13, 12-2:00 PM** at Girlstart on Anderson Lane to assemble hundreds of Girlstart "goodie bags"! Anyone who still wishes to come, please be sure to call, text, or send email to me!

We still need a few more volunteers for the **Sat., April 15 College Chica Conference--on Design!** It will be held at ACC Eastview Campus, Room 8500. Looking professional from 8-10:00 AM, WE do the set-up, check-in, handout of goodie bags and t-shirts, and welcome participants.

Thanks for the great response!

## FUNd-rai\$ing for AAUW!!

**Join Co-Chairs, Anita Knight (512-329-8575) and Debbie Starr (512-771-4497) on March 27 to plan 2017 .**

Thank you posthumously again to **Dr. Janice May** – total bequest at end of year was \$50,000 to AAUW-TX and \$650,000 to AAUW National (\$200,000 to Ed. Opp. Fund, \$100,000 to LAF, and \$350,000 to AAUW FUND). We appreciate ALL contributions, and branch total was \$6073 for 2016. So thanks to all, and let's see if we can beat that total for 2017. Special recognition goes to those who gave > \$100: **Jean Bessent, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Marina Rivers, Mary Humke, Maggie Kadlecsek, Anita Knight, Kay Keys, Soon Merz, Nancy Myers, Elizabeth Newell, Karen Pope, Kathy Rider, Mary Frances Rogerson, Mary Ellen Scribner, Jennifer Swenson, Sue Worden, and Barbara Worley.** The card project was very popular, and Debbie Starr will be announcing repeat at April meeting pre-Mother's Day. With board approval, we will have the first raffle as well to support supplies for the card project.

**See INFO about Collin St. Bakery – page 5**

## AAUW in ACTION

**Election at April meeting:** see March newsletter

RE: CO-presidents and Co-Membership VPs :  
**COME & VOTE**  
on the slate!!



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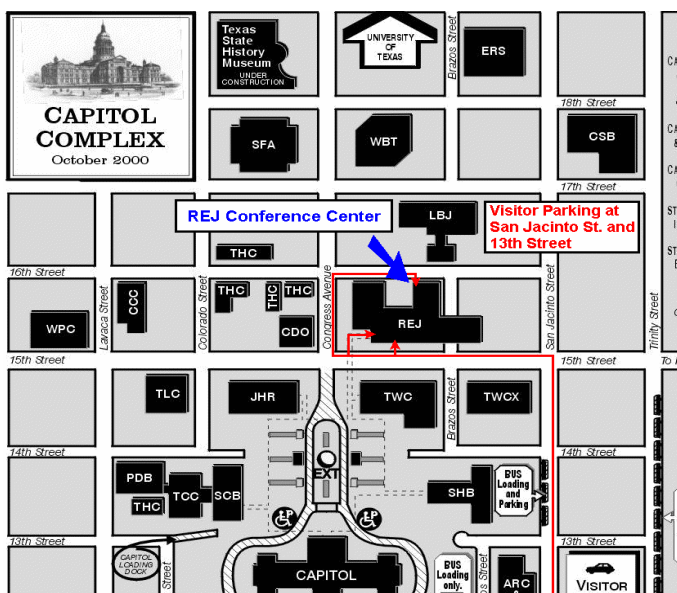
Elaine Penn, Roberta Coffin, Mary Ellen Scribner, and Dr. Linda Anderson Welsh

**Cities for CEDAW Campaign**

This year, **International Women's Day** was themed "Make It Happen," a much-needed call to get cracking on some of the biggest issues for women around the world - "awareness" is out — action is in! That's why the March program we co-sponsored, (see page 5 for photos and more info), dealt with **Cities for CEDAW**, which is a UN campaign to protect the rights of women and girls by passing ordinances establishing the principles of CEDAW in cities and towns across the United States.

**WE CON, Saturday, April 22**

Join **Janani Janakiraman** and her girls to volunteer (needed at our table: networking, distributing AAUW information, recruiting members). Sign up at April meeting or call **Elaine Penn**.



**PUBLIC POLICY:** Sylvia Garcia at 512-826-1371 and Jean Bessent at 512-921-0545 – COME JOIN THEM for special activities and advocacy!

**TEXAS LOBBY DAY EVENTS**

You are invited to two AAUW TX Public Policy events in April.

Monday, April 3 will be a Pre-Lobby Day event at **Jean Bessent's** home (#18 Tourney Lane, The Hills) beginning at 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP by March 31 to [tx.aauw.policy@gmail.com](mailto:tx.aauw.policy@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. We are limited in space so we appreciate the RSVP. We will spend the afternoon engaging with local coalition partners about the importance of equal pay, strategizing for lobby day and deepening relationships. Alicia Wiegel, of *Deeds Not Words* (Wendy Davis' organization) will join us and share lobbying best practices and updates on Equal Pay bills.

Tuesday, April 4 is Lobby Day at the Capitol. Please join us in the Center Room, REJ Conference Center (1501 N Congress Ave. - see map to left) beginning at 9:00 a.m. No need to RSVP this event. More info can be found at <http://aauw-tx.aauw.net/>.



For questions, please contact **Melodia Gutierrez** or **Shenee Simon** at [tx.aauw.policy@gmail.com](mailto:tx.aauw.policy@gmail.com).

The 7 branches with the greatest participation will receive a \$100 mini grant from our state Impact Grant. Each member will need to sign in to be accounted for. **Wear RED to honor the day!**



## GET ACQUAINTED



Thanks,  
Mary  
Humke  
for these  
bios.

More  
next  
time.....

*If we have  
missed any  
other new  
members,  
please let **Mary  
Humke** or  
**Anita K.** know.*

**Cindy Darilek** - Cindy grew up in Lubbock Texas and went to college at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, TX. She graduated in 1975 with a B.S. degree in Health, Physical Education & Recreation and a minor in Business. She moved to Austin after graduating where she started teaching and coaching at Grisham Middle School in Round Rock ISD when it first opened in 1976. In 1979 she moved to the Eanes School District to teach and coach at Hill Country Middle School. She retired from Eanes ISD with 37 years of teaching/coaching where she taught Physical Education at all levels, Kindergarten through 12th, and taught computer classes for middle and high school students. She coached Volleyball, Basketball, and Track at the middle school and high school levels. She loved every minute of her 37 years of teaching and coaching!!

She is married to Jim Darilek, who taught Biology and coached Baseball and Football at Westlake High School and is now also retired. She and Jim have 25-year-old twins, Jon and **Katie** (also a new member), who both graduated from Texas A&M. She has a stepson, Craig, who is 44 and who graduated from The University of Texas. Craig and his wife, Laurie, have two daughters - MacKenzie, 18, and Avery, 16.

She and Jim like traveling, scuba diving, boating, hiking, camping and family, and love being retired!

(Editor's note: sound like a good couple to join us in PEARS!)

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**L to R:** Panel member **Linda Young**, co-Pres. **Marsha Endahl Kramer**, newbie **Dr. Katherine Staples**, **Anita Knight**

Austin Branch of AAUW partnered with UNA-USA Austin Chapter, GlobalAustin, AFWC (American Woman's Federated Club), Circle of Health International, International Multicultural Community, YWCA Greater Austin, and Austin Chapter of WAC (World Affairs Council) for a dinner event and working session about **CEDAW** (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women). The prominent panel of speakers addressed: *"Why it is Important to Build Cities' Awareness for Women's Issues."*

- Dr. Rita Maran, Lecturer, University of CA and VP for Advocacy UNA-USA (AAUW member too)
- Felora Derakhshani, CEO, Crimson Woman Global Academy
- Jessica Robledo, Chief of Police, Pflugerville
- **Linda Young**, President/CEO at Catalysts for Innovation, L3C, former President of NWPC

Several UT foreign affairs and journalism students attended (thanks to their Prof. Anderson). **Marsha Endahl Kramer** took photos and collected emails to share with our new UT student affiliates. Marsha said: *"It does my heart good to see these amazing young women leaders! There is much hope for the world!"*



About 50 Austinites have already signed a petition promoting the effort to make Austin a City for **CEDAW**. Adopting **CEDAW** as local law effectively addresses barriers that reduce the quality of life and equity of opportunity for women and girls. Dr. Maran promises to consult for this. **5**



## Branch BUZZzzzzzz

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Soon Merz**, who will be married on May 6 to Brian Flynn in Port Aransas.

**GOOD WISHES** to longtime member **Betty Owen**, who has been recently hospitalized with pneumonia. At last report she was recovering nicely.

### DID YOU KNOW?

At our recent FUNds Committee meeting, we realized that some have the mistaken impression that Collin Street Bakery is just for holiday fruitcakes. Check their website at [www.collinstreetbakery.com](http://www.collinstreetbakery.com) and see their specialty cakes baked fresh to order, using the traditional recipes and fresh ingredients that has made their gourmet cakes world famous. For example, they have the following:

- White House Pumpkin cake
- Triple chocolate cake
- Cinnamon Pecan coffee cake
- 9 different cheesecakes
- Texas Pecan & Fudge Pies
- Mouthwatering cookies

Coffee & unique gourmet gifts, including dog treats

The family-owned-and-operated bakery, located just 50 miles south of Dallas, Texas, has been baking the world-famous DeLuxe® Fruitcake since 1896. The Austin branch has contracted for sales (with 15% commission) since at least 1989.

Our annual commission (in recent years earmarked for the Ann Richards American Fellowship) has dwindled from >\$300 to just over \$100, with fewer customers. However, we won TOP 100 AWARDS for 4 years before 2002. Tell your friends, order year-round for special occasions.

Thanks to those who placed a holiday order with Collin St. in 2016, and **if you do not see your name here**, call or email Anita (512-329-8575, [dbasknight@aol.com](mailto:dbasknight@aol.com)): **Larie Amsler, Nancy Arrigona, Lilac Bauer, Jerry Cassidy, Lynn Cooksey, Larayne Dallas, Phillis Folarin, Betty Grubbs, Anita Knight, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Barbara Parkhurst, Eileen Pectorius, Judy Reinhart.**

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE Foundation reports:

Our 2016-17 AAUW Frances Malmberg Endowed Scholarship recipients completed the spring semester at ACC with great success. Emily Rejack earned 11 hours with a 3.64 GPA, and transferred to TX State U. in January to pursue a B.S. in Engineering. Tashala Thompkins completed 12 hours, maintained her 4.0 GPA, and enrolled in 12 hours for this spring semester.

Decades of Austin AAUW archives (now in boxes at the Austin History Center) are expected to be moved to the Faulk Library.

UT students **Kavya** and **Priya Ramamoorthy** talked with a staff person who works with Dean Lilly (our AAUW College-University Partner sponsor), and she mentioned that the new UT student organization could possibly get graduate students from the School of Information to work on the process of digitizing and indexing our branch archives as their capstone project.

Do any of our retired (or working) librarians want to help coordinate this?

UT AAUW Organization now has a website up - its URL is: <http://www.aauwutaustin.com/>



### Yearbook **ADDENDUM:**

#### **Hardee, Jackie**

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#### **Hunt, Zosia**

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#### **Justice, Shirlene**

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[shirlenejustice@gmail.com](mailto:shirlenejustice@gmail.com), 512-507-1003

#### **Wiley, Susan**

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[2slobberdog@gmail.com](mailto:2slobberdog@gmail.com), 512-431-9893

## GET ACQUAINTED with more new members

**Shirlene Justice** - Shirlene recently retired from the Austin Independent School District where she served as the Afterschool Coordinator. She oversaw grant-funded afterschool and summer learning programs in low-income schools. She started her career in education as a volunteer parent in the Austin school system. Shirlene taught middle school before returning to school to get her Masters of Public Affairs with a focus on Education Policy. She is a founding member of Learn All the Time (LATT) (formerly CTAN) and the Texas Partnership for Out of School Time (TXPOST). Shirlene continues to support programs that work to ensure good outcomes for at-risk children and youth.

Shirlene grew up in Lubbock and moved to Austin in 1975. She has been married for 40 years, has two grown daughters and 6 grandchildren. She enjoys traveling, reading, walking and being outdoors in nature.

**Jan Watson** – Sister of **Pam Watson**, Jan graduated from the University of Texas with a BA in Psychology and moved to Houston after graduation. She had a 34-year career with Nabisco, Kraft and Nestle working as an Operations Manager for 30 years and then with the Sales group as an analyst the last 4 years. She moved back to Austin in 2007 and traveled 42 weeks a year during her last 2 years with Nestle, retiring in 2012. Jan is single and her 92-year-old father moved in with her over a year ago so her life is busy taking care of him. She is also a Board Member (Secretary) for Central TX Children's Home in Buda. Her grandfather donated most of the land in 1969. Presently she is challenged being the caregiver for her dad, who is a kind and wonderful human being!

**Susan Abston Wiley** - As an Army brat, Susan lived all over the country and in The Netherlands and Germany while growing up. After retirement from the service, her father settled them in Roslyn, Long Island, where she graduated from Roslyn High School in 1965 and from the University of Vermont in 1969 with a B.S in (Elementary) Education and a minor in Art. She moved to Dayton, Ohio, where she was an elementary teacher for several years. The career hat she wore changed, and she became first a teller, then a head teller, for First National Bank of Dayton, which became National City Bank.

When her son was born in 1975, she quit work, but after a divorce returned to banking and quickly became a marketing manager. She left that position to go into a brief stint in non-profit marketing, then marketing for an engineering firm, Woolpert Consultants. Upon becoming engaged to her husband, John, she moved her son and household to Houston and began work for Turner Collie & Braden engineers as a marketer in their Public Works division.

In 2000, she and John both left their corporate jobs and moved to Georgetown, where they established the San Gabriel House Bed & Breakfast, directly across from Southwestern University. They renovated a carriage house into guest quarters and created a large rose and perennial garden on the grounds. The B&B, with rooms still under construction, was on the Georgetown Heritage Society's Holiday Homes tour in 2000. Two years later, their gardens were on the Heritage Society's Spring Garden tour.

For health reasons, they sold the B&B in 2005 and moved to Austin, where they quickly became involved in Austin Newcomers and (for her) various art societies. John passed away in 2014, and Susan began volunteering for the Assistance League Austin (ALA). She has served in leadership for professional and service organizations in college and all her adult life, as well as for numerous art organizations in Georgetown and Austin.

Susan continues to be involved in Newcomers and ALA, stays busy with a son and his family in town, has an active life with many friends, and enjoys the sweet company of three thugs (aka cats) and a small Perrier (poodle-terrier mix) that she found ten years ago on the streets of Mexico.

Her mother was an enthusiastic member of AAUW on Long Island and in Maryland until she passed away in 1992, and she also has a cousin in PA who is a current member of AAUW.