



# Breaking through Barriers

for Women and Girls

American Association of University Women – Austin Branch  
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**DECEMBER ACTIVITIES**

**Dec. 1** – Creative Stitchery. Hostess: Kay Goodwin (467-8255) has arranged a holiday luncheon at the Women’s Center. Chair: Dorothea Berasley, (343-0370).

**Dec. 3** – First Friday Book Review at Hyde Park Church of Christ, 43<sup>rd</sup> & Ave. B. 10 a.m. *A Christmas Story*. Presented by Ramona Nance. Hostesses: Carol Fritz & Hester White. Chair: Natalie Balden (288-7748).

**Dec. 4** – Second Wednesday Bridge will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday (Holiday schedule!) at the home of Sally Scott. Call Judy Reinhart (345-5936) for more information.

**December 5 – Holiday Open House for Branch Members & Guests. 6310 Abilene Trail (Home of Inés Garcia). 2-5 p.m.**

**Dec. 6** – Contemporary Literature at Old Quarry BL. 7:15 p.m. *The Fatal Shore: The Epic of Australia’s Founding*. Discussion leader: Sue Rodi. Co-chairs: Fern Chester (345-1102) & Dorothea Berasley (343-0370).

**Dec. 8** – Fourth Wednesday Bridge (Holiday schedule!). 4 p.m. Call Judy Reinhart (345-5936) for more information.



December 10  
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 HUMAN  
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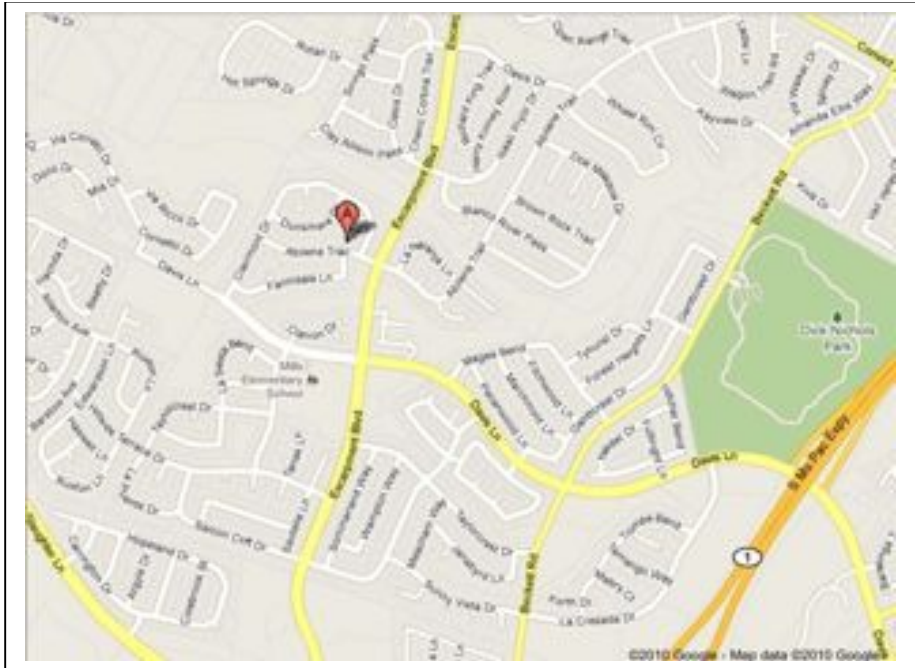
**Dec. 11** – PEARS. Holiday Party at Veronica & Don's, 7600 Cat Tail Cove. 7 p.m. Fun games, everyone bring their favorite finger food! RSVP Veronica, 338-1254.

*The Past Presidents’ Council  
 of the Austin Branch of the  
 American Association of University Women  
 invites members and guests to a  
 Holiday Open House*



*Sunday, December 5, 2010  
 2 - 5 p.m.*

*6310 Abilene Trail  
 Austin 78749*



## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES (continued)

**Dec. 13** – Books & Brunch Southwest with hostess & facilitator Marsha Endahl Kramer, 6907 Telluride Trail. 10:30 a.m. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. RSVP: Marsha Endahl Kramer (906-2033 [h] and/or 906-6566).

**Dec. 14** – Classic Book Study Group at Ralph Yarborough BL. 7 p.m. *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway. Discussion leader: Karen Jordahl. Chair: Evelyn Boyer, (836-1492).

**Dec. 14** – Mahjongg. 7:00 p.m. 7920 Mesa Trails Cove. Ann Berasley (837-2250) or Janie Patterson (343-3058).

**Dec. 16** – Culture & Cuisine with Veronica Johnson, 7600 Cat Tail Cove, 78750. Co-hostess: Fern Chester. “World War II Victory Gardens.” 6:30 p.m. The deadline for reservations is Monday, December 13, to Veronica (338-1254).

**Every Thursday** – Bridge at the Senior Activity Center. 9:30 a.m.-12 noon. Call Dorothy Ramsey (442-3841) for more information.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**March 26, 2011** – Girls in STEM Conference (formerly Expanding Your Horizons) at the UT Teaching Center. Contact Adrian McCulloch to volunteer (820.1917 – [adrian.mcculloch@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.mcculloch@gmail.com)).

**April 2, 2011** – “Global-Local Partnerships for the 21st Century: A UN Collaborative,” sponsored by The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Contact Elizabeth Newell to volunteer (345.1686 – [enewell4@austin.rr.com](mailto:enewell4@austin.rr.com)).

**June 16-19, 2011** – 2011 Annual AAUW National Conference. Renaissance Hotel, Washington, D.C. Learn more at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

## A SATURDAY MORNING WITH GIRLSTART: FUN & INFORMATIVE

Before Girlstart purchased its building on West Anderson Lane, the structure was a nursing home so there are no really large rooms in its space configuration. A big turnout for the Branch brunch/program on November 9 turned the largest classroom into a very cozy and friendly meeting place. Anita Knight had arranged for Jason’s to cater a delicious brunch which we enjoyed before meeting Tamara Hudgins, the executive director of Girlstart, who gave us an update on the programs and future plans of the organization and then led a tour of the facility.

Since taking over as executive director about a year ago, Tamara has made use of a variety of tools including a “competitive survey” and some AAUW-funded studies to clarify and refine Girlstart’s mission,



programs, and practices. “We are,” she enthusiastically says, “informal by design, and we are all about STEM education for girls!” Thus, when AAUW Branch members assist Girlstart with its spring conference, it will no longer be called Expanding Your Horizons, but instead will be named the Girls in STEM Conference.

Girlstart appreciates assistance in whatever form it is offered: in-kind or cash donations, volunteering, etc. Any skill—assembly of equipment, painting, data entry, etc.—is appreciated! See [www.girlstart.org](http://www.girlstart.org) for more information. Tamara’s e-mail is [tamara@girlstart.org](mailto:tamara@girlstart.org).



**AAUW Funds**

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In order to get "club" credit for the Austin Branch of AAUW, use the CLUB ORDER FORM or call CLUB SALES at 800-747-8836. Our club account is C012. Pick up a brochure and order form at a general meeting, or go to the online catalog at [https://www.collinstreet.com/pages/online\\_bakery/shop\\_by\\_catalog](https://www.collinstreet.com/pages/online_bakery/shop_by_catalog). For questions, call Anita Knight at 329-8575.



**EYH Becomes “Girls in STEM”**

New Girlstart Liaison Adrian McCulloch is pleased to announce that twenty-six AAUW members have already volunteered to assist at the March 26, 2011, conference previously known as Expanding Your Horizons. Girlstart has announced that it has severed its ties to the Expanding Your Horizons model of inspiring girls to consider careers in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics and will follow its own highly successful model. The first conference under the new name of Girls in STEM is scheduled for March 26 at the University Teaching Center at the University of Texas from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Please email Adrian at [adrian.mcculloch@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.mcculloch@gmail.com) if you can volunteer for this worthwhile effort!

**Study Groups Roundup**

**Culture & Cuisine:**



In November the C&C group met at the home of Peggy Holland to enjoy “Italy: Past, Present, and Food.”



**AAUW Travelers:**

In November this small but enthusiastic group enjoyed “springtime in Japan” with Adrian McCulloch as she spent a month in Tokyo with a Japanese couple with whom she has enjoyed a long friendship. The next meeting is January 17 at which Mary Ellen Scribner will highlight Ethiopia’s long history and culture. All AAUW members are welcome to attend meetings, and no reservations are required for the third Monday meetings at the Yarborough Branch Library!



You will, however, need—and want—a reservation to go with the group to Schulenburg to tour Texas’s famous “Painted Churches” on March 21! Raemar Shown is coordinating this program/tour and says that she also anticipates the sight of many beautiful wildflowers along the way. The cost will be between \$15 and \$20 plus whatever you want to spend for lunch.

Whether it would be your first or your fifth time to see these beautiful old churches, you are sure to enjoy this little road trip with other AAUW members! Contact Raemar (258-1069) for more information or to make a reservation.

You can learn all about the churches at the KLRU website: <http://www.klrु.org/paintedchurches/index.html>

## MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Marsha Endahl Kramer, Membership VP

### We are pleased to welcome two new members this month.

**Judith G. Loredo** is the Assistant Commissioner for P-16 Initiatives at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. She earned a BA in 1968 in communication disorders, an MA in 1972 in Speech Pathology, and her MEd in 1975 from Our Lady of the Lake University. In 1980 she earned a PhD at the University of Texas, Austin. Judith's spouse is Sonny Loredo, and she is interested in traveling, reading, and entertaining. Home (512) 327-6004; Cell (512) 656-0014; Work (512) 427-6545; Fax (512) 928-1602; [judlor@aol.com](mailto:judlor@aol.com)

Although retired from teaching, **Judy Alpert** is a singer, pianist, professor, arranger, and published music researcher. She was born in Hungary to Holocaust survivors. During the 1956 revolution, she and her parents escaped to the United States from Budapest. She began her music studies in Hungary with the Kodaly Method which led her to a PhD in music education from the University of Texas. She currently sings for festivals and charitable organizations, and in addition to her musically oriented volunteer work, Judy is interested in exercise, reading, and bridge. Judy both produced and sang on her 2002 CD "A Single Violet" which is still available. She is married to Dr. Mark Alpert. 5956 Highland Hills Dr., Austin, TX 78731; Home (512) 453-5365; [JudyAlp101@aol.com](mailto:JudyAlp101@aol.com)



### Member Highlights

**Sylvia Gregory** earned a BS in pharmacy at the University of Texas and served as the director of pharmacy at Austin State Hospital until her retirement. She has served the Branch as the study group coordinator and secretary, and she currently serves as the telecommunications co-chair sending out our newsletters and important information to members as well as handling reservations for the monthly programs/luncheons. Sylvia is interested in mahjongg, canasta, reading, and crocheting.

**Martha Van Sickle**, a member of the Austin Branch since 2003, is a dual member of AAUW-Puyallup Valley, in the state of Washington. A "snow bird," Martha will rejoin us in December after many months on the West Coast! She earned a BS in business administration from the University of Montana and worked for the US Civil Service several years, as a claims representative in the

Social Security offices in Colorado Springs and then Salt Lake City. Her last job before retirement in 1993 was as a contract-hearing assistant in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Salt Lake City, dealing with appellants and their lawyers, and assisting the administrative law judge during the hearing. She is a CPS (certified professional secretary) having passed their two-day, six-part exam in 1971 (after a year of study) that covered business law, economics, office procedures, and management. Martha is interested in music, antiques, art, geology, travel, and reading; she has also inspired several members to join Facebook as a great way to keep in touch with children and grandchildren!

**Nell Peterson**, a Branch member since 2006, has a BS in nursing and is a registered nurse. She earned her master's degree in health professions administration from Southwest Texas University (now Texas State University) and is a retired program specialist for utilization review.

**Mary Ellen Scribner**, current newsletter editor/publisher, is also the Branch coordinator for international relations and co-chair of the new travel study group. Mary Ellen joined AAUW in 1963 after earning a BA in English at North Texas State University (now University of North Texas). She also has an MLS from the University of Texas and enjoyed a long career as a teacher and school librarian in DODD Schools in Japan and Italy; international schools in Russia, China, Viet Nam, and Ghana; as well as in several school districts in Michigan and Texas. In 1997 she received the Texas Intellectual Freedom Award. Even in retirement, she has remained active in the Texas Library Association and enjoys both teaching and taking Lifetime Learning Institute classes.

**Betty Grubbs**, a member of AAUW since 1949 and the Austin Branch since 2000, says that when she graduated from college there were very few jobs available. She was fortunate to teach in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and California before arriving in Texas in 1951. As project chair of the Branch, she coordinated such money-raising efforts as selling newspapers to a paper scrap company in Austin, selling magazines from a company now listed on the AAUW website, and working out an arrangement with the TH Williams Department Store that was located at 5<sup>th</sup> and Congress to allow AAUW to receive a percentage of its weekend profits. In 1955 Betty went to work for the Social Security Administration in Austin, working as a field representative until her retirement. Anyone who knows Betty raves about her ongoing enthusiasm for

learning (currently attends the NOVA Program at UT with Anita Knight and Marsha Endahl Kramer) and marvels at her enthusiasm and loyalty to sports at UT-- she is a great Longhorn fan with awesome season tickets.

**Anita Knight**, a member of AAUW since 1966, is currently co-chair of AAUW-Funds and served as the vice president for EF on the AAUW-Texas Board for the past two years. She is retired from the chemical industry (product safety, database administration) but continues to prioritize environmental education for kids, recently giving a seminar on butterfly gardening. Anita is active in the Austin Newcomers Club and serves on its leadership team as co-facilitator of art tours with

another AAUW member, **Janet Widoff**. She is also active in Phi Beta Kappa, the Sierra Club, Dell Children's Medical Center Grandparent's Club, and is a Texas Hill Country Dow Chemical alumni, a member of the International Hospitality Council of Austin Board, a docent at the Wild Basin Preserve, and a National Federation habitat steward. Anita has served on various AAUW boards including as president in Michigan and Illinois and was a named gift honoree as well as the recipient of a UN travel grant. She and her husband Don are active in the UT Nova lifelong learning program, and despite being such an active volunteer, she still finds time for travel, sewing, exercise, reading, and grandchildren.

**BRANCH BULLETIN BOARD (continued)**

**PEARS:**



The PEARS study group enjoyed a November 20 ride on the steam train to Burnet arranged by Tom and Kay Watson. Chair Veronica Johnson (338-1254) insists that one does not have to be a PEAR to join in the activities of this fun group!

**YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS**

Corrections for **Pamala D. Myers**: New cell number (512) 423-3934--please delete home #; new e-mail [pamalamyers@att.net](mailto:pamalamyers@att.net).

Correct address for **Adrian McCulloch**: 2807 Hummingbird Circle, Cedar Park, TX 78613-5484.

**UN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY  
December 10, 2010**

**What are human rights?**

Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, whatever our nationality, place of residence, sex, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, language, or any other status. We are all equally entitled to our human rights without discrimination. These rights are all interrelated, interdependent and indivisible.

Universal human rights are often expressed and guaranteed by law, in the forms of treaties, customary international law, general principles and other sources of international law. International human rights law lays down obligations of Governments to act in certain ways or to refrain from certain acts, in order to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms of individuals or groups.

<http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/2009/>



Eleanor Roosevelt holds a copy of the International Declaration of Human Rights.

The realization of all human rights - social, economic and cultural as well as civil and political rights – is hampered by discrimination. All too often, when faced with prejudice and discrimination, political leaders, governments and ordinary citizens are silent

or complacent. Yet every one of us can make a difference. You are encouraged to celebrate Human Rights Day by advocating non-discrimination, organizing activities, raising awareness and reaching out to your local communities on 10 December and beyond.

## IN MEMORY

### MARY LOU MATLOCK AND JESSIE MCGREW, TWO LONGTIME MEMBERS OF THE AUSTIN BRANCH, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

**Mary Lou Matlock** was born September 21, 1913, in Marshall and died on October 29, 2010, in Austin. Her long life spanned much of the 20th century, and her story is a fascinating social history of those times. She learned to sew, garden, cook, can, preserve, and to make jelly, jams and dry fruits. A 4-H Club member, she won many cash prizes including one of only 25 state Gold Star awards. She graduated Harlton High School as valedictorian, and using prize money she had saved, paid for her first semester of college at East Texas Baptist College graduating in 1932. In 1934 she graduated from SMU and received a contract for one year of cadet teaching with pay of \$40 per month the first semester and \$50 the second. At the end of the year, she became a full time teacher for \$100 per month. She continued her education earning a master's degree from SMU writing her thesis on Dr. George Washington Carver, whom she personally interviewed.

In Dallas on November 10, 1943, Mary Lou married Joseph Dixon Matlock, and they settled in Newport News, Virginia, where Dixon served in the army's embarkation center. As a WWII army wife, Mary Lou called on families of wounded or dead soldiers to explain the services provided by the army, joined the Grey Ladies to help serve coffee and doughnuts to debarking and returning soldiers, rolled bandages five days a week, and knitted scarves and mittens for soldiers. After the war the Matlocks returned to Texas where Dixon had a job teaching history at UT.

When Mary Lou was offered a job teaching science at University Junior High, she requested math classes. During twelve years at UJH and fourteen at Martin Junior High, Mary Lou mentored numerous students and young teachers including **Janie Maldonado**, current Austin Branch historian. She also supervised graduate students and wrote "Classroom Control" to help student teachers with discipline. For three years she was chairman of the Texas Council of Teachers of Mathematics, attended National Council of Teachers of Mathematics meetings, and presented programs to both. She presented to UT classes in person and on tape. Dr. Irby Carruth named her to his first superintendent's council, and she served many years helping to secure social security for teachers, and to negotiate salaries and get paychecks before holidays. She spent many years on various legislative committees and was one of ten founders of the Austin Area Federal Teachers Credit Union. She was a 50-year member of Alpha Chapter

of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and received the Chapter Achievement Award. She was a longtime member of the Austin Retired Teachers Association and the Texas Retired Teachers Associations, the University Ladies Club, the Optimistic Garden Club, and the American Association of University Women. She served on the board of the Senior Citizens Center and organized the Arm Chair Travel Group for which she was awarded the Senior Working for Seniors Award.

Memorials may be made to the Austin Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Foundation; Linda Harvey; 5602 Westminster Drive; Austin, TX 78723.

**Jessie S. McGrew** was born on August 11, 1926, in



Edison, New Jersey, and passed away November 15, 2010, in Austin. She received a degree in teaching from Montclair State College and married her husband James after graduation. They then moved to Denver, Colorado, where she worked while James earned his master's degree. In 1949 they returned to New Jersey where they welcomed their first two children Bradley and Leah. In 1955 they moved to Austin where they were blessed with their third child, Patty.

Jessie's first priority throughout her life was to provide a safe and loving home for her family. As her children grew, Jessie kept busy by volunteering and participating in several clubs including a term as president of the American Association of University Women (1979-1981), the League of Women Voters, Women's Golf Club, and as a docent at the LBJ Library. She enjoyed staying active and traveling the globe with trips to England, Kenya, and China among other destinations. Jessie had a passion for life and was always willing to share her smile with everyone.

Memorials may be made to the Jessie McGrew Memorial Fund in care of Covenant Presbyterian Church at 3303 Northland Drive in Austin.



Condolences are extended to **Tom and Kay Watson** on the death of Tom's brother, Foy Wallace Watson, who passed away on October 30 at age 84. A naval veteran of WW II and retired from the Internal Revenue Service, he was a long time member of the Masonic Lodge here in Austin.

## BRANCH MEMBER “WALKS THE WALK”

Maggie Miller, a new member of AAUW-Austin this year, is the founder and executive director of the non-profit DiscoverHope. The organization promotes abundance and entrepreneurship for impoverished women through microcredit, education and training.



“DiscoverHope has a dual approach to poverty alleviation – microloans plus training. We provide access to credit and develop the entrepreneurial training our loan recipients request in order to grow their businesses. We invest in the potential of those we serve.” Learn more about Maggie’s organization and the work it is currently doing in Peru at [www.discoverhopefund.org](http://www.discoverhopefund.org).

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Support DiscoverHope, do holiday shopping, and just have a good time at the Holiday of Hope Fund raiser on December 8, 2010! It takes place at Mercury Hall (615 Cardinal Lane, Austin 78704) from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at <http://gifthope.eventbrite.com/>

Maggie is the speaker for the March 12, 2011, Branch meeting. “Money, Women, and a Global Economy” is the topic—one she knows well!

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