

AAUW
Austin, Texas Branch
Next Meeting
Thurs. Dec. 15, 2016
3-6:00 PM

Texas Federated Women's Clubs
"Mansion"

Drop in and
Bring a friend



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New Members

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

Thursday, December 15: Women's Holiday Sharing



**Austin Woman's Federated Club* &
Austin Branch of American Association of University Women****

are inviting friends in other educational and community-minded women's organizations to join us, to enjoy holiday **treats** & **music**, and to share history & mission in Austin, as well as a visit by local author Sarah Bird with her book A Love Letter to Texas Women.

3 – 6:00 PM

**Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Mansion
2312 San Gabriel/W. 24th Street, Austin, TX 78705**

A lot with parking for approximately 20 cars, directly behind the Mansion, is accessed from West 24th Street. The primary parking facility, providing 100 spaces, is at the Quarters Parking Garage, located at 2222 Rio Grande Street, about 1½ blocks away. You will receive a code to exit for **FREE**. There is also unmetered street parking in the vicinity.

**Sweets and
savories from
AAUW, drinks
from AWFC**

**Established in 1937 – to promote volunteer service*

***Founded in 1923 – to empower women*

**Music with
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ensemble**

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec. 15 December General Meeting, 3-6:00 PM
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Friday AM Book Review

Dec. 2 Holiday Luncheon
(11:30 AM) Austin Diner, 5222 Burnet Road
Contact: Beverly Locklin, 512-343-0782
blocklin@austin.rr.com

Contemporary Literature, Old Quarry Library

Dec. 5 **The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and their Epic Quest**
(7:15 PM) Author: Daniel James Brown
Leader: Elaine Penn

Out to Lunch:

Dec. 6 Chez Zee
(11:00 AM) 5406 Balcones Drive
RSVP: Diane Brewer, 512-328-0474
zdramamom@austin.rr.com

Creative Stitchery:

Dec. 7 Holiday Luncheon
(11:30 AM) Austin Diner, 5222 Burnet Road
Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102
fernchester@aol.com

PEARS:

Dec. 10 Holiday Party/Potluck
(6:00 PM) Rogersons', 2022 Goodrich Ave.
Contacts: Maggie Kadleck,
512-261-0627, magliz@sbcglobal.net

Southwest Books:

Dec. 12 Quiet
(10:30 AM) Author: Susan Cain
Hostess: Marsha Endahl Kramer
Facilitator: Barbara Fry

Culture & Cuisine:

Dec. 15 **Holiday Sharing of our holiday treats**
(2:30 PM) at December social in lieu of dinner
Contact: Anita Knight, 512-329-8575

Art Tour: No tour in December but save next date
Jan. 25 Contact: Diane Brewer
zdramamom@austin.rr.com

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

MORE things we are invited to do this month:

Dec. 4 Come show your support for **Gigi Edwards Bryant** at the Hilton Austin Hotel, as she takes to the dance floor in the 2016 *Dancing with the Stars* event benefitting the Center for Child Protection. Click for ticket info:
<http://centerforchildprotection.org/events/2016-dancing-with-the-stars-austin/>



Dec. 8 Yasser Bahjatt "*Can Reading Science Fiction Stimulate Scientific Innovation in the Middle East?*", Free and open to public at UT Club, thanks to Global Austin
For more info and to register, see:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/can-reading-science-fiction-stimulate-scientific-innovation-in-the-middle-east-tickets-29582110890>

Dec. 11 **Mary Ellen Scribner** speaking on her recent trip to Iran with Road Scholar – Explorers Class at University United Methodist Church – see page 4.

→ Check out your AAUW **benefits** at ←
<http://www.aauw.org/membership/benefits/>
e.g., AAUW has partnered with Office Depot and Office Max to bring you a free national discount program. Members of AAUW can now save up to 80 percent off preferred products, online and in stores!
Print your store purchasing card at:
http://officediscounts.org/wp-content/uploads/aauw_PYFC.pdf

AAUW in ACTION

**CO-PRESIDENT Marsha's MESSAGE**

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." - Melody Beattie

During this busy holiday season, it's important to take time to express the **gratitude** my Co-President Marina Rivers and I have for each one of you members. We also remember in reverence and admiration the 17 women graduates who had a vision in 1881 of supporting each other at a time when most people believed "educating women who earned degrees would make them infertile or mentally ill!" Membership and affiliation with over 170,000 women who are your AAUW "sisters" with shared beliefs about gender equity, leadership and the worth of being an educated woman hopefully gives you reason to be proud.

Throughout the month we see high levels of **connectedness** as branch members: through provocative discussions in book groups; creative energy being shared in stitchery, laughter, fellowship and information sharing in culture and cuisine; influence being spread through collaborations and support of groups like GirlStart and Latinitas; personal sharing at the new members' coffee at VP of Membership Elaine Penn's lovely home; making our way through 24 items in 1 ½ hours of a monthly Board meeting; and listening to new member, multi-talented Karen Pope in her presentation on American Women in Art at the last general meeting. Our gratitude multiplies!

Many of us struggled with election results, a few in our midst celebrated, but we are proud to live in a democracy where we can decide how we react to the outcome and figure out where to share our time, talent, and resources in the next 4 years. Special thanks to our team who led the "get out the vote" effort: Jean Bessent, Sylvia Garcia and District liaison Marina Rivers. It worked! Thanks too for the leaders of our Interest Groups, some more than full but all with dynamic energy. Many of our members "walk the talk" and we traditionally present "Named Gift" certificates (one for every \$500 donated to National through our fund-raising efforts) to those who have made special efforts leading an activity or group, collaborating on our behalf, participating "above and beyond" or working behind the scenes. We need your nominations for this **recognition**. Please contact Marsha Endahl Kramer, Co-President (512-906-6566) or Anita Knight (512-329-8575), former President and Funds Co-Chair.

The **mission** of AAUW will continue to be significant as we plan ahead for this branch. *"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."* John F. Kennedy. We are setting up a Nominating Committee for the 2017-2018 terms. We need one President or two Co-Presidents and a VP Membership. Detailed job descriptions are being prepared. Consider stepping up!

For this coming holiday season, we wish you peace, joy, good health, and abundance of resources for mind, body, and soul.

STEM News: from Lilac Bauer 512-743-6338
la_azucena@hotmail.com

This year's Game Changers Luncheon was the BIGGEST one yet! Girlstart raised over \$228,000 for Girlstart After School. Because of the generous support, more than 1,600 girls will receive Girlstart After School across Texas. Now **SAVE YOUR TOILET PAPER ROLLS** for STEM.

FUNd-rai\$ing for AAUW!!

Holiday gift-wrapping (for tip\$) at Barnes & Noble stores will have started by the time you read this. If you can help, call **Mary Kate Fredriksen** (512-366-5214, mary.katef47@gmail.com) for a shift at the south B&N store, 5601 Brodie Lane. Still need afternoon help on Wed. 12/14 and Sat. 12/17.

Donations to the Fund-Raising Committee's **new greeting card project** have helped bring our 2016 contributions to >\$5000.

Marsha Endahl Kramer has just a couple cards left for \$25 each to support either the Ann Richards American Fellowship Fund or the unrestricted AAUW Fund that supports national projects. Your **Collin St. Bakery** orders (for C012) also add to our contributions.

**DR. JANICE MAY REMEMBERED AAUW**

Many of our members will remember long-time member, **Dr. Janice May**, who was a Professor in the Government Department at the University of Texas Austin until her retirement. Dr. May was active in the Austin Branch and served as branch President in 1959-1960. With her doctorate in Political Science, she helped keep the branch informed about what was happening in government at the state level.

Dr. May died a few months ago and left a surprise for AAUW. She left AAUW-TX \$50,000 with instructions that the AAUW TX Board of Directors could determine the disbursement of the funds. Dr. May also left \$200,000 to AAUW Funds and \$100,000 to LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund).

We are grateful that Dr. May remembered AAUW. If you would like to learn more about the Legacy Circle, an AAUW program to help you make a monetary commitment to the future of women and girls, please contact one of our Branch Legacy Circle members: **Marsha Endahl Kramer, Anita Knight, or Pam Wolfe.**

AAUW in ACTION

AAUW Advocacy: So Much to Do, So Little Time- Submitted by **Mary Ellen Scribner**

The outcome of the presidential election puts in jeopardy much of what we have accomplished thus far for women and children and gives more urgency to ongoing efforts in health care, education, economic opportunity, and the wide range of civil rights now under assault. Sometimes it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that there is nothing "I" can do or that one voice can't make a difference. While I disagree with that outlook in principle, I do believe there is more power in numbers. If you are not already a part of the AAUW Action Network, please go to <http://www.aauw.org/actionnetwork/> and subscribe.

Being a part of the action network provides scope and guidance to what needs to be done. Then, consider how your strengths fit into the big picture and let that inform your action. If you are blessed with more money than time or energy, direct your contributions where they will do the most good. According to your time, energy, and talents, you may choose to rally, march, write, make phone calls, makes signs and posters for those who rally or march, attend meetings and hearings, testify at those meetings and hearings, or participate in legislative days.

It was gratifying to learn that here in Texas the SBOE has rejected the error-riddled Mexican-American history textbook, but now we learn that evolution deniers on the board are once again challenging the board's own biology curriculum. The first public hearing is in early February, so let's determine what we can best do to be ready for that hearing.

Perhaps you are already aware of the National Women's March on Washington being planned for January 21, 2017, the morning after Mr. Trump's inauguration. The plan is to walk from the Lincoln Memorial to the White House. Our very own Women's March on Austin is being planned, a sister march to the National one in D.C. Learn more and sign up to participate at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1822494244699112/>

If you are moved to write a personal letter to Secretary Clinton to thank her for her heroic effort to get a woman elected to the presidency, you can use this address: The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton; Attn: Bonnie Rubin; Post Office Box 5256; New York, NY 10185.

Finally, I will be talking about my recent 2-week stay in Iran for the Explorers Class at University United Methodist Church on December 11, 2016, at 9:50 a.m. If you are interested, I invite you to attend. The parking lot across the street from the church is free on Sunday.

PUBLIC POLICY: Sylvia Garcia at 512-826-1371 and Jean Bessent at 512-921-0545 – JOIN THEM!

"WE NEED TO STOP LOOKING TO POLITICIANS TO MAKE OUR WORLD BETTER. POLITICIANS DON'T MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE. EVERYTHING THAT'S EVER MADE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE HAS COME FROM INVENTORS, ENGINEERS, SCIENTISTS, TEACHERS, ARTISTS, BUILDERS, PHILOSOPHERS, HEALERS, AND PEOPLE THAT CHOOSE LOVE OVER HATE."

-DON FREEMAN



November 16, 2016 — National AAUW statement:

President-elect Donald Trump has said he wants to unify our nation and be the president for all Americans. We at AAUW applaud the sentiment. Yet it can't be overstated that actions speak louder than words. As President-elect Trump assembles his cabinet and White House team, he must keep in mind that personnel decisions are policy decisions. AAUW and its members and supporters are watching these nominations and appointments with keen interest.

Bias and discrimination of any kind are not acceptable — not in our national dialogue or in a government that truly represents all of us. To make a sincere appeal for unification, we encourage the incoming administration to make appointments that reflect the makeup of our nation. These appointments should reflect the variety of experiences and backgrounds that make the United States the envy of the world. It also, by the way, makes for better policy that addresses the problems facing our country.

AAUW believes in speaking truth to power, and we will be a valued ally or fierce critic as the situation warrants. We can only hope that President-elect Trump stays true to his stated desire for unity and appoints advisers who aim to work for all Americans, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Throughout our more than 135-year history, AAUW has always stood for solutions that work for all women and families. We also stand united against bigotry and bias whenever and wherever they appear. Americans are watching, and our expectations are high.

Brewer's BUZZzzzzz

The November 15th Branch Meeting at Westwood Country Club Garden Room was reserved for nearly 70 members and guests, and noted art historian **Dr. Karen Pope** held her audience in the palm of her hand as she illuminated the Modern Art collection of heiress Peggy Guggenheim. While she herself admits to favoring the more traditional periods of art, she nonetheless showed us how to understand the artists' intentions, and had marvelous photos of Guggenheim's *Palazzo Venier dei Leoni*, which she has toured. With photos of the art in its particular setting, Dr. Pope showed us the scope of the Guggenheim effort. Personally, Guggenheim lived a life of early loss followed by an epiphany of wanting to use her wealth to collect a massive amount of Modern Art. She lived a life filled with groundbreaking new artists like Jackson Pollock who flourished with her help. Dr. Pope, lecturer extraordinaire, followed the program with Q and A, then joined AAUW! She said she had held back until she felt she would have the time to devote to another organization. Karen stays very busy leading art tours all over the country and beyond with Art inSight. We are elated by her decision!

Co-President Marina Rivers led a brief business meeting, and we finished the morning with a crunchy green salad, crepes, asparagus, and a yummy dessert tray. We regret that parking was such a challenge as staff was expected to park on the street to allow room for guests of the club. **Co-President Marsha Endahl Kramer**, wearing her FUNDS hat, reported that our branch has nearly reached our year's goal of \$5000, and Barnes and Noble gift wrapping and Collin Street Bakery cakes sales are still to come. To jumpstart the cake sales, a wonderful cake door prize was contributed by the bakery and won by returning member **Dr. Evelyn Farmer**. **Texas AAUW** President and Austin member **Pam Wolfe** spoke to us of the astounding generosity of deceased UT Professor and honorary member **Dr. Janice May**, who left large amounts of money to AAUW (see page 3).

Of the 12 guests in attendance on the 15th, **Deby Bell**, **Dr. Evelyn Farmer**, **Marilyn Vanderhoof**, and **Dr. Karen Pope** all joined! Also enjoying the day were first year members **Roberta Coffin**, **Jean Driscoll**, **Brenda Hahne**, **Mary Humke**, **Sylvia Huntsman**, **Carol Midboe**, **Connie Munoz**, **Rev. Suellen Myers**, **Dr. Katherine Staples**, **Jennifer Swenson**, **Pam Watson**, and **Dr. Maria Wells**. Several brought friends along. A special treat was in store when longtime beloved member **Veronica Johnson** attended while visiting from Minneapolis. We also loved seeing **Peggy Holland**, who is beginning to participate again following some rough health patches. Besides member **Charles Brewer**, husbands **Tim DeFries**, **Wendell Harwell**, and **Arnold Lesikar** accompanied wives **Larayne Dallas**, **Marina Rivers**, and **Sharon Lesikar**. Honoraries **Mary Ellen Scribner**, **Nancy Myers**, **Jerry Cassidy**, and **Anita Knight** were also there. Special kudos to **Lynn Cooksey**, **Mary Ellen Scribner**, **Barbara Worley**, **Janet Widoff** and others who make it a habit to drive our older members to meetings. Lynn scoops up **Suzy Snyder** quite often. Lynn said that in her day Suzy made sure to drive those who no longer could, and she wanted to help Suzy now in the same way.

The branch is really growing! At the end of October there were 175 members, and by November's end, we had reached **179**, adding vibrant and accomplished women like Dr. Pope! Our newbies are active and visible. **Membership VP Elaine Penn** invited new members to her home November 5th, where **Katherine Staples**, **Marjorie Blackstock**, **Jean Driscoll**, **Mary Humke**, **Brenda Hahne**, **JoAnn Guilford**, **Sylvia Huntsman**, and **Roberta Coffin** all socialized over a delicious brunch with board members **Marsha Endahl Kramer**, **Anita Knight**, and **Resa Dunn**. Marina is correct that excellent programs and interest groups help us grow.

Our transfer members know that moving to a new city is made a breeze when one affiliates with AAUW right away. Still new herself, **Mary Humke** (formerly Minneapolis, Boulder, and McLean AAUW) moved to Austin in 2016, and with AAUW credentials in hand, took on the task of writing bios of our incoming folks for the newsletters. Valued transfers in the past year or so include active **Susan James** of Hilo, HI, **Roberta Coffin**, of Tustin, CA, **Suellen Myers**, of Torrance, CA, who manages to show up all over the place while still working as an assistant Lutheran minister! **Jo Ann Guilford**, of West Harris County-Houston, and **Jean Driscoll**, whose affiliations were in Elgin, IL, and Bradenton State College of FL are getting to know others quickly by getting involved.

We love all our new and returning members who make it a point to get to know us and we them. **Brenda Hahne**, a renewed member, took on Interest Group Chair; **Pam Watson** helps with hospitality and has encouraged three others to join us: sister **Jan Watson**, friend **Cindy Darilek** and her daughter, **Katie Darilek**. We just welcomed back **Evelyn Farmer, PhD**, who was on a health hiatus. Other returning members are **Laurel O'Neill**, **Martha Van Sickle**, and Georgetown member **Pat Rehm**.

As we roll into December, be sure to put the **Austin Women's Holiday Gathering at the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs mansion on Thursday, December 15th from 3 - 6 pm** on your MUST DO calendar! Many of our members wear other hats than Austin AAUW, and we have the chance to mix with friends in other women's groups, thanks to **Anita Knight** and **Lynn Cooksey**. Delightful classical music performers and author **Sarah Bird** will be featured guests. *Have a wonderful holiday season, stay warm, and in the company of your loved ones!*

Meet our new MEMBERS

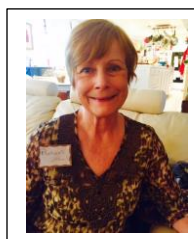
MARJORIE BLACKSTOCK was born in October of 1932 and graduated from Miami University in 1954 with a Geography/History major; she married in 1955 and lived in Dayton, Ohio for a few years while her husband was in the Air Force, in Boston for four years and in Rochester, New York for ten years, before returning to Austin in 1970. She taught high school Spanish (likely new Latinitas volunteer?), AP classes for 23 years and tutored; during those years she enjoyed being part of the University Women's Club. Her sister Mary also lives here, and her son Peter is music editor at the Austin Statesman. She is interested in joining a daytime bridge club.

NOTE: photos below thanks to **Marsha** at **Elaine Penn's** lovely new member coffee.

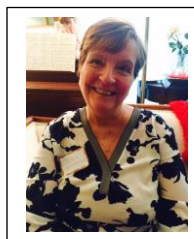


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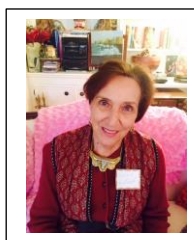
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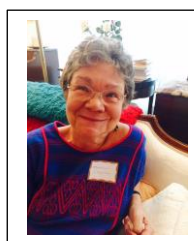
ROBERTA COFFIN has a BA degree in Social Sciences from the University of California Irvine; she continued with graduate studies in communications at California State University, Fullerton. She is owner of Scripta communications, an advertising/public relations agency based in Orange County. She joined AAUW in 2006 and held numerous positions within the Tustin (CA) Branch, including President from 2010-2012, served as Branch Liaison for AAUW CA for three years and on the AAUW CA Marketing Committee for one year. Other community involvements included Tustin Area Council for Fine Arts and Tustin Dollars for Scholars. She was also a member of Romance Writers of America and served as Online Class Coordinator for the Orange County Chapter for several years. Professional involvements include International Assoc. of Business Communicators and, upon relocation this year to Austin, Women Communicators of Austin and Freelance Austin. Immediate family includes 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren. She is also a jazzercise junkie and avid reader.



JO ANN GUILFORD graduated from St. Mary's Dominican College in New Orleans with a BA in Elementary and Special Education; she received her M. Education in Curriculum and Instruction and certification as Educational Diagnostician. Her career was focused on the assessment and educational interventions for children with disabilities. She is married with two children and two grandchildren and recently relocated to Lakeway from Houston. She was involved in the West Harris County Branch of AAUW. Her interests since retirement include bridge and mah-jongg.



SYLVIA HUNTSMAN graduated from Ohio University in 1963 with a BA in Sociology. She wanted to go to California but met her soon-to-be husband (who became the Ohio State track and field coach from 1960-71) who convinced her to be a life guard that summer. She did go to California but when she came home for Christmas vacation they became engaged and later married. She was a social worker for 2 years and taught pre-K for 5 years. They lived in Tennessee from 1971-85 where her husband was assistant coach and then to Austin in 1985 where he was head track coach; he was both assistant and head coach for both the '76 Montreal and '88 Seoul, Korea Olympics. Sylvia owned an antique shop in Austin for 30 years. They have a daughter and three grandchildren in Austin and a son in California. They were married for 53 years. After being with hospice for a short while, her husband passed away on Thanksgiving eve.



DR. KATHERINE STAPLES was born in February of 1947 in Hanover, NH, where she grew up and attended Abbot Academy; she received a BA from Boston University with a major in English and minor in art history. She received her MA from the University of Texas at Austin with a major in English and minor in art history and a Ph.D. in English. Her academic work has been teaching rhetoric, literature, and technical communication at ACC for 34 year and consulting: technical communication and written workplace communication to businesses, organization, and state and federal agencies. Her publications concern literature, technical communication, history of writing programs, and literary translations; she has been honored with the Piper Professorship, Jay Gould Award, Fellow in the Society for Technical Communication, and others. She is interested in tribal and ethnic art, international travel, literature, music, theater, and gardening. Her volunteer work includes service with *La Casa Marianella* and The Dream Come True Foundation. An old friend and classmate introduced her to AAUW this year and she is delighted with AAUW's support for women's education, volunteer opportunities, and great activities. When she first attended, she found all this and enthusiasm and interesting company...Welcome Katherine!

Meet our new MEMBERS

DEBY BELL grew up in Killeen but not in a military family, received a degree in journalism from UT-Austin, and retired 9-10 yrs ago (after 11 football seasons) from UT System in government relations. She is a friend of Marina via the Senior University in Georgetown, which she attends with another friend there. She, like many of us, loves to travel, has no kids but contributed to a book about why she and 11 friends made the choice not to have children. Check it out on Amazon: [Kid Me Not: an anthology by child-free women of the '60s now in their 60s \(Boomers Remember\)](#). She loves art and photography, so she loved the recent meeting with Dr. Pope where she first received our yearbook and was impressed with the choices for AAUW activities.

SUELLEN MYERS is a part-time visitation pastor at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. She visits shut-ins at home and preaches 6-8 times per year. She moved here in July, having retired from 21 years in ministry in WI and 1 in IL. She is originally from NW IL, worked in administration at Carthage College after graduating with a degree in speech and theater arts, then married and moved to Torrance, CA where she was a member of AAUW. Her second career as a minister involved a commute to the seminary in Iowa at 38; she was ordained in 1994. She has 2 boys: a single 36-year old with the Navy in San Diego, and a 33-year old Marine Reservist here in Austin with 2 children (5.5-year-old boy and a 3-year old girl, whom she enjoys living close). Both boys served in Afghanistan, which we pray we do not repeat.



KAREN POPE is well known to many of us as professor of art history at Baylor University (now retired), and the organizer (for 21 years) of public programs via Art inSight Adventures in Art History, offering daytrips to area art museums and exhibitions, and US and international study tours. She has been married to Alex Pope III for 40 years, having celebrated their anniversary on same date as Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. Their son Sandy teaches in the College of Education at Salisbury University in Maryland; his wife, Kat, is a forensic anthropologist currently working for the State of Delaware. They have a son and a daughter. Another cocktail tidbit: she has played tennis with Sylvia Huntsman for many years. Renaissance Woman - shown here with members at our November meeting!

MARILYN VANDERHOOF is originally from NJ where she attended school and received her degree in biological science. She worked in Boston at Harvard Medical School, married first husband, and moved to Madison, WI, where she lived for many years, worked as Senior Research Specialist in the Ophthalmology Dept. at UW-Madison and was also a docent at the University art museum. She retired in 2008 and moved here 4 years ago, to be with son and his first child. She is now busy with 2 grandsons here (4.5 and 2 years old), helping son and daughter-in-law both busy with work, but also joined FORUM. The daughter-in-law works in training at the Zach and maybe in future with Dell Medical School. She married again to an Austin resident just a couple years ago, considers herself athletic but with back issues prefers pool exercise at the Y. Her daughter is still in Madison which is a good place to visit in summers.



PASSAGES:

Cards and calls are still welcome for **Rachel Flake** c/o her daughter Leslie Currens,
6404 Deer Hollow Lane, Austin 78750 or her home at 4300 Endcliff Drive, 78731-1212

Treasurer **Kathy Robertson** had hip surgery on the 29th. We hope you heal quickly, Kathy!

For many years, **Ruth Rubio** and family have cared for their ailing mother who lived in San Antonio. Ruth recently shared that her mother passed away peacefully early October 30th. Her siblings had all spent good time with her to say goodbye. A new daughter-in-law happily joined the family when her son got married that same weekend.

Eve Gilbert, an avid bridge player and one-time member residing at Querencia in Barton Creek Estates, passed away November 3rd following heart surgery. We are sorry for her loss.

New member **Sylvia Huntsman** lost her husband Thanksgiving eve, after 53 years of marriage. Our sympathy to the family.