

AAUW Austin, TX Branch  
Next Meeting  
**Sunday, December 3**  
**3 – 5:00 PM**  
“The Mansion”  
2312 San Gabriel  
RSVP by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>  
to Marsha Endahl Kramer,  
(512) 906-6566 or  
MEKSpirit66@gmail.com



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**Our Mission.** *Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*  
<http://austin-tx.aauw.net>

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY SOCIAL**

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



**Invite you to a Holiday Party**

**CELEBRATING**

**YOUR GENEROUS HEART.....**

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

**3:00-5:00 PM**

**at the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs "Mansion"**

**2312 San Gabriel Street, Austin, TX 78705**

***Join us to connect and reconnect with***

***AAUW-Austin, AWFC and DKG members.***

***Invite a friend and potential members to celebrate the Season.***

***RSVP (including names of guests) to Marsha Endahl Kramer***

***(512) 906-6566 or MEKSpirit66@gmail.com.***

**Valet Parking will be provided.**

**Limited Handicapped Parking behind the building and parking garages in the neighborhood**

**Hors d'oeuvres, Desserts, Coffee, Tea & Punch**

PHILANTHROPY

EDUCATION

ADVOCACY

EMPOWERMENT

VOLUNTEERISM

*One of Austin Branch's traditions is the annual holiday social in December. It is planned and hosted by past presidents of the branch. It has been held in members' homes, the Hirshfeld House, Westminster Manor, and The Mansion of TFWC. In 2013, we did not have a December social, because we splurged with our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon in November.*

## DECEMBER CALENDAR – Interest Groups and MORE

**First Friday AM Book Review**

**Dec. 1** *First Mothers*  
 (10:00 AM) Author: Bonnie Angelo  
 Reviewer: Carol Fritz  
 Hyde Park Church of Christ  
 Out to lunch thereafter  
 Contact: Judy Reinhart, 512-345-5936  
 jareinhart@att.net

**Contemporary Literature** (at Fern Chester's)

**Dec. 4** *The Pigeon Tunnel: Stories from My Life*  
 (7:15 PM) Author: John le Carre  
 Leader: Jan Roberts  
 Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102

**Out to Lunch**

**Dec. 5** Chez Zee Bistro and Bakery  
 (11:00 AM) 5406 Balcones Drive  
 Hostess: Diane Brewer  
 RSVP: Diane Brewer, 512-328-0474  
 zdramamom@gmail.com

**Hiking Club**

**Dec. 9** Yegua Knobbs Preserve (w/ guides)  
 (10 AM) Pines & Prairie Land Trust  
 Colorado River Refuge, McDade  
<http://pplt.org/preserves/>  
 Contact: Roberta Coffin, 714-679-8697

**PEARS**

**Dec. 9** Annual Holiday Party at Rogersons'  
 Contact: Milli Stecker, 512-468-1088  
 milli1251@gmail.com

**Southwest Books**

**Dec. 11** *The Train to Crystal City*  
 (10:30 AM) Author: Jan Jarboe Russel  
 Hostesses: Marsha Endahl Kramer  
 Facilitator: Ines Garcia  
 Contact: Jennifer Swenson, 512-288-2894

**Art Tour: HOLIDAY HIATUS**

Contact: Diane Brewer  
 Zdramamom@gmail.com

**Central Books**

**Dec. 11** *Nickel and Dimed:*  
 (10:30 AM) *On (Not) Getting By in America*  
 Author: Barbara Ehrenreich  
 Hostess: Mary Humke  
 Facilitator: Sue Ellen Jeffers  
 Contact: Ann Marie Ellis, 512-282-9637

**Culture & Cuisine (NOTE that this is a MONDAY.)**

**Dec. 11** Salads, Soups, and Sweet Things  
 (6:30 PM) Hostesses: Marsha Endahl Kramer and  
 Brenda Hahne  
 Contact: Barbara Houston, 512-633-  
 9766; barbyhouston@gmail.com

**MORE things to do this month and next:**

**Dec. 6** Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Night  
 (5-8:00 PM) 4803 Burnet Rd. (parking behind)  
 AAUW will get a percentage of your  
 purchases for Funds.

**DON'T FORGET ANN RICHARDS IN 2018!**

AAUW-Texas is matching donations made to the Ann Richards American Fellowship. Our goal is to announce the completion of the fellowship at the 2018 state convention.

This money can then be put to work to provide scholarships in Ann's name for women across the country. **See page 5.**

Fund-Raising Opportunities at the December Holiday Social will support (tax deductible) **The Ann Richards American Fellowship**

**Fund:** our **Card Project** (\$25 with inserts "In Celebration of, In Memory of, and In Honor of")

and a beautiful boxed **HEART** ornament (\$15), handmade in Vietnam from real recycled newspapers, will be available for donations.



For the special price of \$30, you can purchase (for your donation) both the **heart** ornament and a winter card.

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### STEM/STEAM News:

from Lilac Bauer,  
512-743-6338,  
[la\\_azucena@hotmail.com](mailto:la_azucena@hotmail.com)



The National Girls Collaborative Project is proud to promote [The Female Lead](#) to increase awareness of the free book and teaching materials available to schools.

Did you know that teenage girls who follow two or more female role models on social media are three times more likely to use the word "aspire"? [The Female Lead](#) is a non-profit project dedicated to making women's stories more visible, and to provide positive role models for future generations, nurturing young women's confidence and ambition in all spheres. *The Female Lead* is a book with 60 images and profiles of accomplished women from around the world, including women in the arts, sciences, sports, business, and activism. The book is available for free along with teaching materials for schools. See <https://www.thefemalelead.com/for-schools>.

➔ Stay tuned for help next year with Girlstart and Latinitas! ⬅

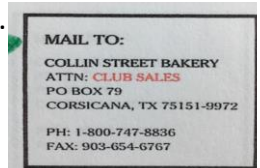
## Continuing to put the FUN in FUNd-rai\$ing for AAUW!!

Debbie Starr and Anita Knight, co-Chairs

Many of the funds raised by the branch are targeted to help complete the Ann Richards American Fellowship started by AAUW-TX.

- **NOW:** Purchase your Collin Street Bakery items for the holidays, but remember that their baked goods & gifts are delicious year-round. Use Club Account **C012** to give branch credit.
- **December 6:** Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Night, 5-8:00 pm, 4803 Burnet Rd.
- **December** dates: Holiday Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble stores

***We wrap for free and we hope for tip\$! If you can still volunteer, please contact Lilac today!***



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| Arboretum:     | Thursday, Dec. 14 | 9-11am, Anita Knight (need <b>2 more people needed</b> )              |
|                |                   | 11am-1pm, Fern Chester, Carol Fritz, ( <b>1 more person needed</b> )  |
|                | Sunday, Dec. 17   | 10am-12pm, Pam Wolfe, ( <b>need 2 more people</b> )                   |
| Sunset Valley: |                   | 12pm-2pm, Judy Reinhart, Janet Widoff ( <b>1 more person needed</b> ) |
|                | Monday, Dec. 11   | 2-4pm, Nancy Andren, Ines Garcia, Tulis Escobar, Elaine Penn          |
|                |                   | 4-6pm, Jonesie Abernathy, Sue Ellen Myers, Joyce Pulich               |
|                | Friday, Dec. 22   | 10am-12pm, Susan James, Lilac Bauer ( <b>1 more person needed</b> )   |
|                |                   | 12-2pm, Brenda Hahne, Joan Lazarus ( <b>1 more person needed</b> )    |

Last month we thanked the following businesses for contributing to our general meeting raffles and upcoming fund-raisers. *We hope that you will consider giving these businesses your support and a nice thank you for supporting AAUW Austin.*

**Embellish Nails and Boutique, Face2Face Spa, Kendra Scott, Ten Thousand Villages, Collin Street Bakery, Barnes & Noble, Alamo Drafthouse, Amy's Ice Cream**

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### Co-President Mary Ellen Scribner's Message

Co-President **Elaine Penn** is collecting additions/corrections for the 2017-18 yearbook. Send to [epenn9915@gmail.com](mailto:epenn9915@gmail.com).

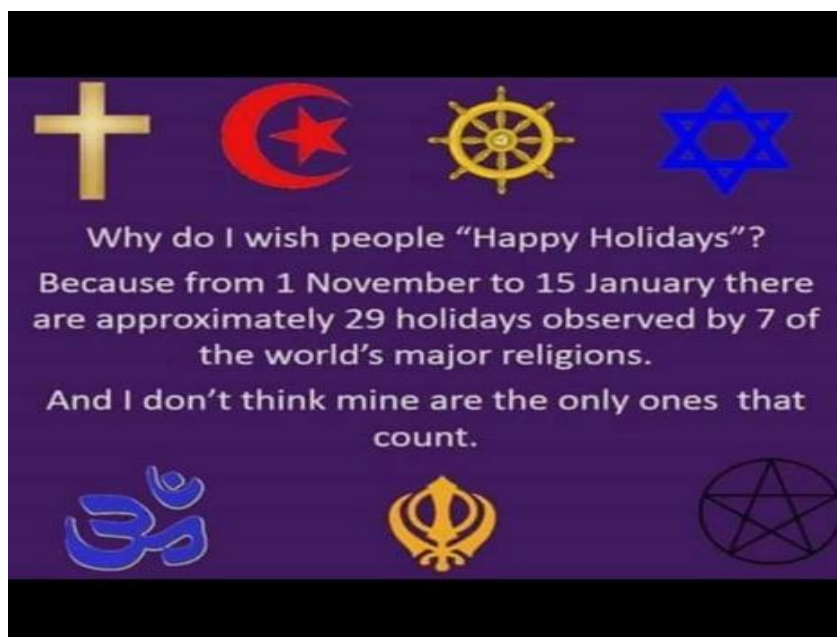
We have come to the time of the year when many of us grow more reflective about the past year and wonder about the one to come. "Reflect upon your present blessings -- of which every {person} has many -- not on your past misfortunes, of which all {people} have some," wrote Charles Dickens in *A Christmas Carol and Other Christmas Writings*. Even though gender equity was not on his radar, Dickens was insightful in other ways.

In looking back over your past year as an AAUW member, you could consider these questions. Did you vote in the AAUW election last summer? Did you vote in the November general election? Have you volunteered with Girlstart or Latinitas this year? Have you made a contribution to an AAUW fund or the Branch in the past year? Did you participate in at least one of the interest groups? Were you a regular at Branch meetings? Maybe there is a "no" answer or two that you want to flip to "yes" in 2018.

Is 2018 the year you really want to get more involved in AAUW? I thought so! We will be appointing a nominating committee in the next few weeks. If asked to be on it, will you say "yes"? That committee will be looking for a slate of officers that will include a co-president, program vice president, and secretary. Is it time for you to take on an executive role?

AAUW has been a big supporter of Title IX from its beginning, and now its enforcement is under attack. Our branch public policy chair, **Dr. Sylvia Garcia**, is working on ways we can help ensure that the protections of Title IX continue to benefit women and girls. She would welcome your help.

**Dr. Linda Welsh**, membership vice president, is thinking of doing a survey of members to get a better idea of branch strengths and weaknesses. I hope she does, and I hope you will take part in it. Together we can make our Branch stronger than ever!



**Editor's NOTE:** Have you noticed what great AAUW programs have been planned this year? We had 3 substantive programs in September, October, and November. You can keep track via your yearbook, and also the branch website at <http://austin-tx.aauw.net>. The annual holiday social will celebrate our membership, volunteering, fund-raising, and friendships.

Can you believe the new (re-organized) Hiking Group now has 19 members?! And book groups and PEARS are just some of our worthwhile AAUW activities. I still wonder how many of you are in more than one book group (AAUW or other)?





## Branch BUZZzzzzz

For donations to the Ann Richards American Fellowship Fund between January 1, 2018 and March 1, 2018, individuals will receive a yellow rose pin to signify you as *a Sister of Ann* and recognition in the 2018 State Convention program. All branches that donate during this time will receive special recognition at the 2018 State Convention.

Individual *Sister of Ann* Member--- \$250 and higher

Branch *Sister of Ann* Member-- \$500 and higher

Donate online at [www.AAUW.org](http://www.AAUW.org), click on Donate, search for a Specific Program, select Fellowships, then select Ann Richards American Fellowship. Or mail your check to AAUW National designated for fund #4324. OR contribute to your branch's FUNd-raising **per page 3**.

*Best wishes to the following members.*

**Brenda Hahne** had abdominal surgery in early November and has been recovering nicely at home after 8 days in the hospital.

**Betty Owen** has been able to return to her home and enjoy Thanksgiving with her family. While she is currently recovering at home, she plans (or has already managed) a return to her bridge groups soon.

**Janie Maldanado** returned from visit with sisters in San Francisco, CA, and checked into acute care hospital in San Antonio with good prognosis after "small stroke" in CA.

Keep up safe travels around the state for AAUW-TX, **Marina Rivers!**

### MORE HEARTS TO RECOGNIZE:

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center believes in **Hearts** at Home in **Nature**. May you find home in the people, places and plants you love this holiday season and delight in nature's bounty!

*"My **heart** found its home long ago in the beauty, mystery, order and disorder of the flowering earth."* – Lady Bird Johnson

**Mainspring Schools** is a community institution whose mission carries on because of donations, time, ideas and advocacy. They thank us for being part of this community effort to help under-served kids and families learn the skills necessary to succeed in life.

Mutabar Tadjibaeva defends human rights through her organization, the Fiery **Hearts** Club. This Uzbek activist is recognized internationally as a Woman of Courage.

Place your Amazon order at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), and Amazon will make a donation to **American Association of University Women**.

AAUW's anniversary was Tuesday, November 28 —celebrating 136 years of helping to level the playing field for women and girls. It was 136 years ago when 17 trail-blazing women came together and formed what is today AAUW. Their mission to empower women and girls lives on, embodied by a powerful network of dedicated and passionate members, supporters, and volunteers. AAUW continues to impact the lives of countless women and girls because of more than 170,000 who have committed to making our mission a reality.

Beginning at 8 a.m. EST on November 28, donations made to AAUW through Facebook will be matched dollar for dollar by Facebook and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. You can help us make the most of this matching opportunity by taking two minutes to create a Facebook fundraiser on behalf of AAUW!

Your tax-deductible contribution will help AAUW close the gaps in pay equity, science and tech fields, and leadership in the workforce and push for more robust Title IX enforcement. Thank you for helping build a brighter future for women and girls.

***"You really can change the world if you care enough."***

— Marian Wright Edelman, children's advocate and  
AAUW Achievement Awardee

**Whether through advocacy, education, philanthropy, or research, AAUW members, supporters, and volunteers — a group of thoughtful, committed citizens — are changing the world.**

(Like our own **Dixie Schurle!**)

