

AAUW  
Austin, Texas Branch

**Next Meeting**  
**February 17, 2016**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Austin Woman's Club**  
708 San Antonio Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

**R.S.V.P. by February 11th**  
**(see below for RSVP info)**



### **February Meeting** **“Challenges, Strengths in Austin Public Schools Today”**

Three education experts will join us to discuss “Challenges, Strengths in Austin Public Schools Today.” They are Jennifer Griffis of Communities in Schools of Central Texas, Dr. Jennifer Jellison Holme from the UT faculty and Dr. Barbara ten Brink with Austin Independent School District. Each comes to the topic from a different perspective. Jennifer Griffis is Deputy Program Director of Communities in School, a dropout prevention program with the mission of surrounding “students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.” She writes, “Children cannot learn at their potential when they are in crisis or face significant non-academic needs. Communities In Schools provides support by bringing resources and relationships to school campuses--surrounding students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.”

Dr. Holme is an associate professor of educational policy and planning in the Department of Educational Administration at the University of Texas. Her department prepares aspiring educational leaders for both public schools and higher education institutions in the Austin area and nationally. It also prepares the next generation of scholars, researchers, and analysts who will significantly and positively change public education. Dr. Barbara ten Brink is a middle school science specialist with AISD and brings a love of science and forty-five years of experience to her work. The sole goal of her career is to improve the scientific literacy of students, teachers, and community members through improving the delivery of science instruction to all learners.

Lunch will include a potato and leek soup with orange vanilla cream, chicken piccata with lemon and caper sauce, fingerling potatoes laced with garlic and rosemary, colorful seasonal vegetables, and cherry pie with vanilla whipped cream. Vegetarian requests may be made. The lunch is \$30, cash or check. Members may attend without lunch for a \$5 seat fee. Coffee, tea, and water will be available to everyone.

**RSVP: Diane Brewer at [zdramamom@austin.rr.com](mailto:zdramamom@austin.rr.com) or 512.328.0474 by Thursday, February 11, 2016.**

Directions: The Austin Woman's Club is located in the Chateau Bellevue, 708 San Antonio Street (between 7th and 8th Streets). However, the parking lot is accessed from Nueces Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets; parking is free to AAUW members on the day of the event. Enter the door at the lower back of the building and take the elevator up to the meeting.

## DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR

**Contemporary Literature:**

Feb. 1 *All the Light We Cannot See*  
 (7:15 PM) Author: Anthony Doerr  
 Leader: Jan Roberts  
 Old Quarry Library  
 Contact: Fern Chester  
 512-345-1102  
 fernchester@aol.com

**Friday Morning Book Review:**

Feb. 5 *The Star Thrower*  
 (12:00 PM) Author: Loren Eiseley  
 Contact: Gayle Smith  
 512-345-5585  
 gaylesmith1@juno.com

**Southwest Books:**

Feb. 8 *America's Queen: The Life of*  
 (10:30 AM) *Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis*  
 Author: Sarah Bradford  
 Hostesses: Eugenie Whalen/Maggie  
 Kadlecek  
 Facilitator: Maggie Kadlecek

**Creative Stitchery:**

Feb. 9 Hostess: Beverly Locklin  
 (11:30 AM) Co-hostess: Frances Tomlinson  
 Contact: Fern Chester  
 512-345-1102  
 fernchester@aol.com

**Out to Lunch:**

Feb. 16 Chez Zee American Bistro  
 (11:00 AM) 5406 Balcones Drive  
 Hostess: Sara Ezell  
 Contact: Ruth Falck  
 ruthfalck@yahoo.com **OR**  
 Lois Shaevel 512-266-0273

**Culture & Cuisine:**

Feb. 18 Cuisine: Vietnamese  
 (6:30 PM) Hostesses: Elaine Penn & Kay Goodwin  
 Home of Elaine Penn  
 Contact: Barbara Houston  
 512-633-9766  
 barbyhouston@gmail.com

**Art Tour:**

Feb. 24 Visit with Painter & Muralist Fidencio  
 (10 AM) Duran  
 1211 Applegate Drive  
 Lunch: Santorini Café  
 11800 North Lamar Blvd.  
 Planners: Planners: Ruth Rubio & Sally  
 Scott  
 Contact: Diane Brewer  
 512-328-0404  
 zdramamom@austin.rr.com

**PEARS:**

Feb. 27 David Russell/Austin Classical Guitar  
 (8:00 PM) AISD Performing Arts Center  
 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd.  
 Contact: Ruth Rubio  
 ruthrubio@utexas.edu  
 (Ticket deadline was December 11<sup>th</sup>)

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## AAUW FUNDS

**What a wonderful Holiday Social, thanks to many**

The FUNDS committee for the silent auction, **ESPECIALLY** Mary Ellen Scribner for the record-keeping and special forms for the silent auction, Susan James for the personal services idea, Kathy Robertson for help preparing the silent auction items, and Jean Bessent for coordinating the set-up with help from Janet Widoff and Mary Kate Fredriksen:

- ❖ members of our branch interest group Culture & Cuisine and past presidents who contributed both sweet & savory treats, as well as timely help at the event, namely: Jean Bessent, Tulis Escobar, Ines Garcia, Kay Goodwin, Barbara Houston, Anita Knight, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Janie Maldonado, Dr. Rosemary Morrow, Elizabeth Newell, Elaine Penn, Dr. Delia Quintanilla, Judy Reinhart, Jan Roberts, Milli Stecker, Glenda Summers, and Pam Wolfe
- ❖ Lynn Cooksey, President of the Austin Woman's Federated Club, who arranged for the special venue and provided the coffee & tea service, as well as the mulled wine, in silver
- ❖ a planned but missed string trio, which would have embellished the venue and holiday spirit, but enjoyable holiday music added by Lynn's friend Kay Race on the piano
- ❖ gracious Membership VP Elaine Penn who did multi-tasking, managing the name tags and bringing food, as well as purchasing 3 auction items when she was not busy
- ❖ Larie Amsler, HOSPITALITY PERSONIFIED, willing to help wherever needed
- ❖ past president Brenda Scholin, who came from Georgetown for the afternoon to assist Lynn Cooksey with the special beverage service
- ❖ Betty Schmidt, who volunteered to help with the check out and money

And THANKS to everyone who attended, donors and buyers of the 38 various silent auction items, who helped raise **over \$1,000 for the AAUW FUND**, or over \$2,700 including direct donations. It was a wonderful way to share holiday spirit with members of Austin AAUW and the Austin Woman's Federated Club. The FUNDS committee is proud that in 2015 our branch has now contributed a total of **over \$5,000** to the AAUW funds, including the unrestricted AAUW FUND, the Ann Richards American Fellowship Fund, and other funds like Public Policy, Leadership Programs, LAF, and Eleanor Roosevelt.

*Marsha Endahl Kramer and Anita Knight, Co-Chairs, Funds Committee*

*Ines Garcia, Past President*