

**AAUW**  
**Austin, Texas Branch**  
**Next Meeting**  
**Friday, Jan. 13, 2017**  
**10 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Austin Woman's Club**

RSVP by Jan. 9th to Diane at  
 512-328-0474 or  
 zdramamom@austin.rr.com



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

**Friday, January 13, 2017 -----> CUBA**

**YESTERDAY,**

**TODAY.....**



**AND TOMORROW**

**Speaker Ann Marie Ellis, PhD**

**MA in Sociology, U. of FL, and Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration, University of North Texas**  
**Dean of College of Liberal Arts, Texas State University, 1996-2012**

*Three trips to Cuba in Summer 1956, Spring 1959 (post-revolution) and Spring 2016, gave Dr. Ann Marie Ellis a unique perspective on Cuban history, revolution and US-Cuban relations. A summer in Oriente Province when Fidel Castro and Che Guevara were in the nearby Sierra Maestra Mountains inspired Ellis' lifelong interest in sociology, social revolutions, and international issues. Ellis tells the story of Cuba, in part, through the life of "Tanya," her girlhood Cuban friend. Ann Marie has been an advocate for international study and study abroad experiences for students throughout her career at Texas State, and through her church she has worked on refugee resettlement.*

**Buffet lunch at the Austin Woman's Club is always a treat. \$30 pay at the door.**

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THANK YOUS for Holiday social on December 15th, especially Past Branch Presidents, members of the Culture & Cuisine Interest Group, Austin Woman's Federated Club President Carol Blanchard, **Lynn Cooksey**, YounYoung Hur & her talented children, author Sarah Bird, Anne Wheat for photos, and members and friends\* who came to share history & mission.

(\* see list of invitees, page 5)



## JANUARY CALENDAR

**Friday AM Book Review****No January meeting****Contemporary Literature, Old Quarry Library**  
**Cancelled for January****Out to Lunch:****Jan. 3** Jack Allen's Kitchen 360  
(11:00 AM) 3600 N. Cap. of Texas Hwy (360)  
RSVP: Diane Brewer, 512-328-0474  
zdramamom@austin.rr.com**Southwest Books:****Jan. 9** The Perfume Collector  
(10:30 AM) Author: Kathleen Tessaro  
Hostesses: Eugenie Whalen, and  
Randi Carter  
Facilitator: Maggie Kadlecsek**Jan. 13** January General Meeting, 10:00 AM*See you in  
CUBA –  
more info  
on page 1***Creative Stitchery:****Jan. 18** Hostess: Nancy Ellison, Kay Goodwin  
(11:30 AM) Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102  
fernchester@aol.com**Culture & Cuisine:****Jan. 19** Israel  
(6:30 PM) Hostesses: Milli Stecker, Tulis Escobar,  
Ines Garcia  
Contact: Barbara Houston, 512-633-  
9766; barbyhouston@gmail.com**Jan. 20** Branch Board meeting, at Girlstart  
(1:30 PM)**PEARS:****Stay tuned for date for Jan. or February plan ????**  
Contact: Maggie Kadlecsek,  
512-261-0627, magliz@sbcglobal.net**Art Tour:****Jan. 25** Day Trip to Cypress Mill, TX  
Bunkhouse Gallery Docent: Dena  
Wenmohs; Lunch TBA  
Planners: Judy Reinhart, Fern Chester,  
and Betty Owen  
Contact: Diane Brewer, 512-328-0474  
zdramamom@austin.rr.com**MORE things we are invited to do this month:****Sat., Jan. 21** Women's March  
If you cannot go to D.C., come to the  
Texas Capitol – see page 2.**Sun., Jan. 22 MEETUP for basketball players**  
(3:00 PM) For women 50 years and over who simply  
want to play the game. Despite the focus, any person  
who wants to join and participate may play basketball  
with us - no matter age or gender.

at NW Family YMCA, 5806 McNeil Dr.

Contact: **Melinda Townsel**, mtownsel2@gmail.com  
<https://www.meetup.com/Women-50-Hoopsters/>**SAVE FUTURE DATES:****Thursday, April 13, 2017**Individuals may volunteer to help with the Girls in  
STEM annual program on the 22<sup>nd</sup> via Girlstart, but  
the branch will help stuff goodie bags again.  
Minimum of 15 stuffers needed. Call or email **Lilac  
Bauer** 512-743-6338 or **la\_azucena@hotmail.com**.**Saturday, April 22, 2017**4<sup>th</sup> WE CON, ACC Eastview  
Help requested with the registration**Also SAVE YOUR TOILET PAPER ROLLS for STEM**  
(and bring to branch meeting).

## AAUW in ACTION

**WOMEN'S MARCH AT THE TEXAS CAPITOL**

By Pam Wolfe, AAUW TX President

Many of you have heard of the January 21 Women's March in Washington. Did you know we having a similar march in Austin? Why the Women's March? **We will be walking for social justice: the rights, safety, and health for all.**

**Who:** Anyone who cares about social justice  
**When:** Saturday, January 21 – starting at noon  
**What:** Wear purple. (AAUW will have purple ribbon.) Wear comfortable shoes.  
**Where:** March will begin at the South Gate of the Capitol (Congress and 11<sup>th</sup> St).  
 We will march down Congress Ave to 6<sup>th</sup> Street, turn and walk back to the Capitol on Lavaca. There will be a rally at the Capitol after the march.

**AAUW:** Please begin to gather at the **southwest corner of the Capitol** (close to the Spanish American War Memorial) beginning at 11:30. Remember parking will take some time.

**Rally:** If you do not feel like you can participate in the march itself, please attend the rally afterwards.

Please refer to the Women's March on ATX at <https://marchonaustin.com/> for additional information.

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

**Holiday gift-wrapping:** Thanks to **Mary Kate Fredriksen** and **Mary Ellen Scribner** for organizing shifts at both N. and S. Barnes & Nobels book stores. TIP\$\$ amounted to over \$300 !!



Above tip\$\$ and donations to the Fund-Raising Committee's **new greeting card project** have helped bring our 2016 contributions to ~\$5800. **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. Thanks for your **Collin St. Bakery** orders (for club account C012), which also add to our contributions for next year.

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

**“AAUW will make sure women’s issues are not forgotten as new leaders take office in January.** We are determined to advance AAUW policy priorities in the year to come. Women are facing unequal pay and calling for relief through the Paycheck Fairness Act and Pay Equity for All Act. Students are waiting for real action on college affordability and high student debt, and they expect our continued commitment to combating campus sexual assault. Parents are looking for good jobs with paid family and medical leave and other workplace equity policies. And Americans still don’t have the basic necessity of a full Supreme Court.”

Other key issues to watch: Affordable Care Act, reproductive rights, career & technical education, K-12 public education vs. vouchers, status of Office of Civil Rights, Title IX enforcement. AAUW will be watching Senate confirmation hearings with our mission and goals in mind.

Make yourself heard on issues by becoming a 2-Minute Activist. AAUW makes it easy for you to contact your representatives. Join the AAUW Action Network today!

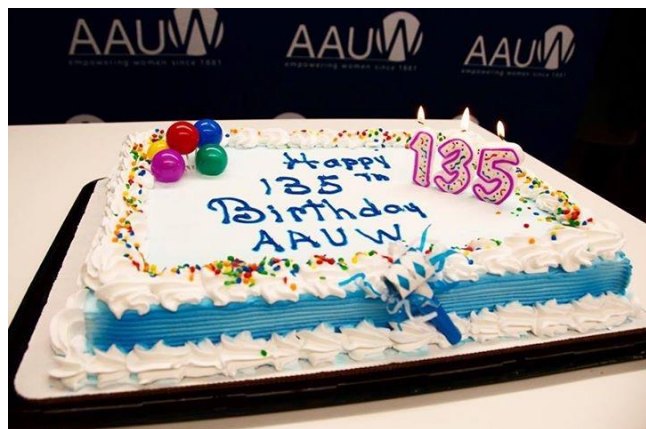
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## AAUW Special Interest Groups

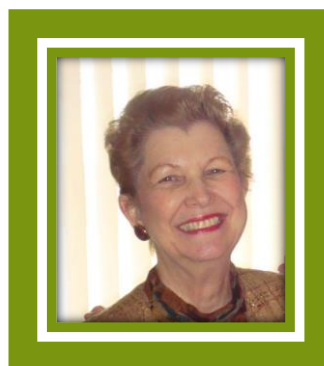
**Happy Holidays!** The AAUW Austin Branch Special Interest Groups are thriving. Each group is special and unique in its own way, and a few are bursting at the seams. Although there is always room for more fun and adventure, there may be a few groups that are not currently accepting new members. The Southwest Book Club is in the process of reconfiguring itself, and the Culture and Cuisine Group is at its upper limit since the group meets at member's homes. The Art Tour Group, Out to Lunch and Creative Stitchery Groups are always looking for new members, so please reach out to their leaders as listed in the Membership Directory.

Also, if you have ideas for new groups, remember that to start a new group, you simply need to have three members who are interested and be willing to act as the organizer. Just let me know at 832-233-4254 or **bwhahne@gmail.com** and we will add your group to our list of Special Interest Groups. I look forward to hearing from each Special Interest Group about the fun things that you all are doing.

- Brenda



On January 14, 1882, a group of 65 college women graduates met and officially formed the Association of Collegiate Alumnae to "unite in practical educational work." The rest is history, right? Our branch website HERstory is currently being updated by **Dr. Kay Keys**. *Happy 135<sup>th</sup>, AAUW!*



**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!  
2017**

A Happy 2017 to everyone! This past six months has been one of continued membership growth and large meeting turnouts for the various programs. At the same time, the Austin Branch is in a strong financial position. All of these positive trends are due to you, the membership, and I hope you will continue to support the Branch in its various special interest groups and events during the coming year.

The Holiday Open House was one of great fun and active learning. Special thanks to **Anita Knight** and all the members who brought a dish, worked on the set-up, or offered help in the success of the day.

The January Program promises to be one of high interest and timeliness on Cuba, especially with the recent death of Fidel Castro. **Dr. Ann Marie Ellis** will present this program on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, at the Austin Women's Club. Make your plans to attend and get your reservation in to **Diane Brewer**, **zdramamom@@austin.rr.com**.

I wish for all of you a healthy and happy year!

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Our branch nominating committee, including **Ines Garcia**, **Anita Knight**, **Dr. Tamara Hudgins**, **Dr. Delia Quintanilla**, and **Dr. Janet Widoff**, is working on a slate of officers for 2017-18 (president, membership VP) to be elected at the April business meeting. Meanwhile, consider YOUR role in the branch – perhaps joining a committee like Program, Membership, Funds, in addition to your favorite interest groups described by Brenda to the left.



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**Congratulations** to SAF (student affiliate) **Sara Huff**, a young mom and member who LOVES being associated with all of us oldies. She can now be considered an MOB (member of the branch). She is the first in her family to have a degree, is the mom of a sweet little girl, and is married and works full time. She just graduated from Texas Tech U. on December 16th, earning a Bachelor of General Studies with concentrations in English, History, and Sociology, SUMMA CUM LAUDE. She is proud to be a member of AAUW. And we are proud of her!

**Condolences** to family and friends of **Adrian McCulloch**, our member since 2008 - Adrian's contributions to our art tour interest group were numerous and exceptional. She was a sweet and giving soul, attained her MLS at the age of 45, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her, including her 3 children and 5 grandchildren, her Unitarian Church, and AAUW friends. Let the Tecumseh quote here, which was read at Adrian's memorial service, inspire you and your life.

We also mourn **Susan Welker**, who joined national AAUW following the Pelosi event, then joined our branch in October, 2013. She was a notable architect and designer, and also owned a grain-free bakery. Architect, Mother, Wife, Serial Entrepreneur, volunteer. Brilliant and caring, Susan has left the world better than when she found it.

**Corrections**: phone for **Delia Quintanilla**, 512-928-8423 (p. 63 in Yearbook)

**Connections**: Holiday greetings were received from **Dr. Sue Worden**, former branch webmaster, now working in VA. She describes an interesting cross-country train trip. She is also a member of several Toastmasters Clubs.

Ask **Mary Ellen Scribner** about Iran! She gave an excellent program at the University Methodist Church last month!



"So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide.

Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and grovel to none.

When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself.

Abuse no one and no thing, for abuse turns the wise ones to fools and robs the spirit of its vision. When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with the fear of death, so that when their time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way. Sing your death song and die like a hero going home."

Tecumseh

| <i><b>Austin Women's Organizations<br/>Invited to our Holiday Social</b></i> | <b>Founded</b> |
|--|----------------|
| <b>AAUW, Austin Branch</b>   | <b>1923</b>    |
| <b>Assistance League</b>   | <b>1973</b>    |
| <b>Austin Junior Forum</b>   | <b>1969</b>    |
| <b>Austin Opera Guild</b>  | <b>1986</b>    |
| <b>Austin Woman's Club</b>   | <b>1929</b>    |
| <b>Austin Woman's Federated Club</b>   | <b>1937</b>    |
| <b>Ballet Austin Guild</b>   | <b>1975</b>    |
| <b>Daughters of the Republic of Texas</b>                                    | <b>1891</b>    |
| <b>Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chapter</b>                                      | <b>1929</b>    |
| <b>Delta Kappa Gamma, Epsilon Kappa</b>                                      | <b>1958</b>    |
| <b>Junior League</b>   | <b>1934</b>    |
| <b>League of Women Voters, Austin area</b>                                   | <b>1919</b>    |
| <b>National Council of Negro Women, Inc.</b>                                 | <b>1946</b>    |
| <b>Pan American Roundtable</b>   | <b>1922</b>    |
| <b>Pathfinders</b>   | <b>1890</b>    |
| <b>Texas Federated Women's Clubs</b>   | <b>1897</b>    |
| <b>Thankful Hubbard, DAR</b>   | <b>1899</b>    |
| <b>Women's Community Center, Central TX</b>                                  | <b>2013</b>    |
| <b>Women's Symphony League</b>   | <b>1953</b>    |
| <b>Young Woman's Alliance</b>  | <b>1993</b>    |
| <b>YWCA Greater Austin</b>   | <b>1885</b>    |
| <b>Zonta Club of Austin</b>  | <b>1951</b>    |
| <i><b>Speaking of HERstories.....</b></i>                                    |                |
| <i><b>Check out ALL this history and mission!</b></i>                        |                |