



Breaking through Barriers

for Women and Girls

American Association of University Women – Austin Branch

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MARCH ACTIVITIES

Mar. 1 – Classic Book Study Group at Ralph Yarborough BL. 7 p.m. *Maggie, a Girl of the Streets* by Stephen Crane. Discussion leader: Evelyn Boyer. Chair: Evelyn Boyer, 836-1492.

Mar. 4 – First Friday Book Review at Hyde Park Church of Christ, 43rd & Ave. B. 10 a.m. *Maybel Bell, Alexander's Silent Partner* by Liliias Toward. Reviewed by Annette Haslund. Chair: Natalie Balden, 288-7748.

Mar. 6 – Immigration Policy Forum. 2-4:15 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 2409 Guadalupe. (See p. 5)

Mar. 7 – Contemporary Literature at Old Quarry BL. 7:15 p.m. *The Help*. Discussion leader: Dorothea Berasley. Fern Chester (345-1102) or Dorothea Berasley (343-0370).

Mar. 8 – Mah-Jongg. 7:00 p.m. 7920 Mesa Trails Cove. Ann Berasley (837-2250) or Janie Patterson (343-3058).

Mar. 9 – Second Wednesday Bridge. 4 p.m. Call Judy Reinhart (345-5936) for more information.

Mar. 12 – Branch meeting & lunch at Wyndham Hotel, 3401 IH35 & Woodward St. Speaker: Maggie Miller, Executive Director of DiscoverHope, plus Women's History Month Celebration. Registration: 9:45 a.m. Program: 10:15 a.m.

Mar. 14 – Books & Brunch Southwest with hostess & facilitator Sandi Causey. 10:30 a.m. *Born to Rule: Five Reigning Consorts, Granddaughters of Queen Victoria* by Julia P. Gelardi. RSVP: Marsha Endahl Kramer (906-2033 [h], 906-6566 [c]) or hughmarsha@aol.com.

Mar. 15 – Light Cuisine—Out to Lunch. 11 a.m. The Steeping Room, 11410 Century Oaks Terrace, Suite 112 at the Domain. Hostess & Chair: Veronica Johnson, (338-1254).



2011 THEME - OUR HISTORY IS OUR STRENGTH

At the March 12 Branch program we will honor our history by looking back and ahead and by looking around our local community and outward to the global community to celebrate how far we have come and to gather strength to break through the barriers still ahead.



Maggie Miller, Founder and Executive Director of DiscoverHope, an Austin-based international development nonprofit, will present on the DiscoverHope model (**Giving a HandUP, not a Handout; Exploring Roots-Up Development/Education for Global Entrepreneurs**) promoting abundance for women and their families living in economic poverty through microcredit and sustainable training and education. DiscoverHope Fund began in 2004

as a volunteer grassroots pilot project called “HopeBank” in Cajamarca, Northern Peru, where Maggie resided for two years. The HopeBank project lasted approximately two years and implemented successful microcredit concepts from other well-respected microcredit institutions such as Grameen Foundation USA. After nearly two years of living in Cajamarca, Maggie was chosen as a research fellow for FINCA and FriendshipBridge to conduct grassroots research on poverty and the power of microcredit with indigenous communities in Panajachel, Guatemala. The HopeBank project became DiscoverHope Fund in the USA in February 2007, upon receiving the IRS 501c3 public charity exemption.

Previously, Maggie worked for six years as a nonprofit program director in San Diego, focusing on program design and evaluation for youth development programs for peace. In addition, Maggie served as an adjunct instructor of communication theory and research methods for five years during and after the completion of her MA in communication at San Diego State University. Maggie has over ten years of work experience in the nonprofit field, specializing in program management and evaluation. She received her certificate in nonprofit leadership & management through Texas Associations of Nonprofit Organizations and works also as a freelance consultant, specializing in the process of nonprofit formation and evaluation of programs. Maggie was named as one of the 2010 recipients of the Profiles in Power award by the *Austin Business Journal* as a woman who has created inspiration for the next generation of women leaders and recently was nominated as a finalist for Austin nonprofit/community service leaders by Austin Under 40. She is also a 2010-11 new AAUW Austin member!

Maggie will share some of the highlights and stories of the entrepreneurial path to create global gifts for women in hopes to inspire you on your path!

MARCH ACTIVITIES (continued)

Mar. 16 – Creative Stitchery. Hostess: Gail Simpler, 9451 Singing Quail Dr., Austin 78758 (834-9481). Chair: Dorothea Berasley, (343-0370).

Mar. 17 – Culture & Cuisine with Jan Roberts, 5942 Highland Hills Drive, 78731 (371-0762). Co-hostess: Fern Chester. “Thailand.” 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 20 – "PEARS bowling date, venue to be confirmed. Contact Anita and Don Knight for more details." (h 329-8575, c 922-4469)

Mar. 21 – AAUW (Action, Armchair, Unparalleled, & Wannabe) Travelers. All-day trip to Schulenberg to visit Painted Churches. Contact Raemar Shown (258-1069) or Adrian McCulloch for more information. Co-chairs: Mary Ellen Scribner (255-8428); Adrian McCulloch (820-1917).

Mar. 22 – Mah-Jongg. 7: 00 p.m. 7920 Mesa Trails Cove, Ann Berasley (837-2250) or Janie Patterson (343-3058).

Mar. 23 – Fourth Wednesday Bridge. 4 p.m. Call Sarah Ezell (343-8394) for more information; hostess & location change monthly.

Mar. 23 – Art Tour Group. 10 a.m. Hostess: Anita Knight. Emma S. Barrientos Mexican-American Culture Center, 600 River Street, Austin. No admission fee, free parking. *10th Annual Mosaic Arts Intl.* Lunch @ Cisco's Chair: Diane Brewer, (328-0474).

Mar. 26 – Girls in STEM Conference (Girlstart's unique Expanding Your Horizons conference) at the UT Teaching Center. Girlstart Liaison Adrian McCulloch (820.1917 / adrian.mcculloch@gmail.com).

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

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MORE MARCH PROGRAM DETAILS

This meeting is back at the Wyndham, and registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Maggie's presentation beginning at 10:15 a.m. The luncheon menu is lemon & basil grilled chicken breast with wild rice and seasonal fresh vegetables served with a house salad, rolls & butter, chef's choice dessert, iced tea, regular and decaffeinated coffee or hot tea. The cost is \$20 for a timely reservation with payment to be made the day of the luncheon; a check is preferred or you need to have the correct change.

Sylvia Gregory needs your reservation by 6 p.m. on Wednesday before the Saturday meeting. She also needs to know if your luncheon reservation has any special dietary requirements such as a vegetarian meal, if you are attending the program but not staying for lunch, and the name of any visitors you are bringing even if they are not making a lunch reservation.

March program coordinator Mary Ellen Scribner Has prepared a couple of WH Month quizzes with which you may compete for prizes and the prestige of knowing a lot about women's history! There will be a prize drawing from the membership numbers of everyone who has returned a completed mini-survey (survey and more information elsewhere in newsletter). To further celebrate “our” month—and to stimulate conversation--feel free to wear a significant hat, a campaign button or ribbon from the past, a uniform, a relevant t-shirt, a bit of academic regalia; carry a protest sign; sling a diaper bag over your shoulder; etc., whatever reminds us of our struggles and accomplishments as educated women! Share your stories with your tablemates—we have all lived through such “interesting times!” And we will vote on revised Branch goals (page 3) during the business meeting, so this is a meeting not to be missed!



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PROPOSED REVISION
AAUW AUSTIN BRANCH GOALS
January 2011 – Vote at Branch Meeting on March 12

GOAL 1

The Branch will be an advocate in achieving educational and economic equity for women and girls.

Objective: Collaborate with community organizations and individuals to support our mission.

- Volunteer in programs, such as Mainspring Schools and Expanding Your Horizons.
- Research and develop public policy positions on current women's issues.
- Educate the public on policy issues that impact women.

GOAL 2

The Branch will provide a forum for developing women's intellectual and social potential.

Objective: Conduct activities which stimulate members' intellect and social consciousness.

- Provide a variety of study groups.
- Publish a monthly newsletter and a yearbook.
- Have trips to events and programs of interest to members.

GOAL 3

The Branch will support philanthropic initiatives providing women and girls with resources for success in educational and professional endeavors.

Objective: Raise funds through donations and projects for fellowships and grants.

- Plan events to meet philanthropic goals.
- Obtain support of local businesses to augment funding.
- Award fellowships and grants to individuals and programs that target girls from preschool through college and women for professional development.

GOAL 4

The Branch will sustain itself and be recognized for adherence to its goals, leadership, and membership diversity.

Objective: Adopt a budget, recruit and retain members, and organize activities and programs that stimulate members' interests.

- Communicate with members through email, phone calls, and a system which links veteran members with new members.
- Organize activities that celebrate many cultures.
- Maintain and recruit members of diverse backgrounds and cultures.
- Pursue recognition from Texas AAUW.

“HAVE YOUR SAY” WITH MINI-SURVEY

As we approach the end of the 2010-2011 Branch program year and as we are celebrating our past history with Women's History Month activities, it is appropriate to ask Branch members what they think about the “state of the Branch” and its future. The survey appears on the next page of this newsletter. It may be printed and responses written on it. Everyone who uses e-mail for Branch communications will also receive the survey via an e-mail attachment which can be filled out on a computer and returned via e-mail attachment or which may be printed and returned by regular mail. Whichever method you choose, if you want to be entered in a drawing from all who return a completed survey, be sure to include your AAUW membership number on your survey. That number is on your membership card, on mailing labels from National, and is always available online in the Member Center at <http://www.aauw.org/>. The drawing will be made at the March 12 meeting. You do not have to be present to win, but we'd like to see you there!

Please return all surveys to me (Mary Ellen Scribner) by March 10, 2011: maryscribner@gmail.com or mail to 13022 Silver Creek Dr.; Austin, TX 78727-2816. If you have questions about the survey, you may e-mail or call me (255-8428).

AAUW Austin Branch Membership Survey - March 2011

1. How long have you been a member of AAUW?

- 0-3 Years
- 4-10 Years
- 11-20 Years
- Over 20 Years

2. How long have you been a member of the Austin Branch of AAUW?

- 0-3 Years
- 4-10 Years
- 11-20 Years
- Over 20 Years

3. List three top reasons why you are a member of AAUW and/or the Austin Branch.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

4a. Do you regularly attend the monthly program/meeting/luncheon? ____ Yes ____ No

4b. List main reasons you attend/do not attend these events?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

5a. Do you belong to any study groups? _____ How many? _____

5b. List three top reasons you are a member of a study group(s):

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

6. List some favorite things about being a part of the Austin Branch:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

7. List some ways in which you wish the Austin Branch were different/would change:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

8. List your suggestions for AAUW Branch programs:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

9. List your suggestions for AAUW Branch projects:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

10. Please write any additional comments/suggestions on the back of this page or on a separate sheet.

Membership Number if you wish to be included in the completed survey prize drawing: _____

Return to Mary Ellen Scribner by March 10, 2011: maryscribner@gmail.com or mail to 13022 Silver Creek Dr.; Austin, TX 78727-2816

BRANCH BULLETIN BOARD

AAUW EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Thanks to our Collin Street Bakery customers, we received a check for \$132.41 as the 15% commission on sales in our Branch account. This money is earmarked for the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund, formerly EF, in particular the Ann Richards American Fellowship which now stands at \$47,101.66. Let me know if you are not included in the following customer list, so we can check on missing credit: Berasley, Arrigona, Evans, Patterson, Fritz, Knight, Parkhurst, Owen, Plunkett. **Janie Patterson** is our best customer (since 1982!), next to the unknown Mr. James Black! Remember the Collin Street Bakery cakes and gift packs for holidays, special events, or hostess gifts-they are not just for winter holidays such as Christmas!

Submitted by Anita Knight, AAUW Funds Co-Chair

ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE

AAUW's first every-member election, authorized by delegates at the 2009 National Convention and scheduled for this spring, represents a remarkable leap forward for our 130-year-old organization. This unprecedented event reflects, in many ways, AAUW's unique spirit: passionately historic and keenly cutting edge. Carolyn H. Garfein, AAUW President, writes "This year for the first time ever, all AAUW members may discuss and then vote on a variety of compelling issues in our 2011 national election." The Winter 2011 issue of *OUTLOOK* is filled with information about proposed amendments, public policy proposals, candidates for national office, etc. The same information is online at <http://www.aauw.org/>.

IMMIGRATION POLICY FORUM OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

This forum on immigration policy is an opportunity to learn more about a complicated social and legal issue and to learn how to get involved in a social justice issue of particular importance to Texans. Both speakers will answer questions from the audience following their presentations. Come for this informative afternoon and bring your questions! In addition to the speakers, several non-profit organizations helping immigrants in Austin will bring information about their organizations' mission and programs.

Featured Speakers:

Dr. Ray Marshall, former U.S. Secretary of labor, Rapoport Centennial Chair in Economics and Public Affairs, LBJ School of Public Affairs – Dr. Marshall, an expert on the current federal immigration law, will discuss the need for reform and his ideas for an effective policy.

Professor Denise Gilman, Professor and Co-Director of Immigration Clinic, School of Law, University of Texas – Professor Gilman mentors UT Law School students whose clients are attempting to resolve their legal status as immigrants. UT Law School's Immigration Clinic represents vulnerable low-income immigrants in matters such as family detention, deportation, and claims for asylum from persecution.

Immigration Policy & Pathways:

Can We Get It Right?

Sunday, March 6, 2011 – 2-4:15 p.m.

Fellowship Hall, University United Methodist Church, 2409 Guadalupe, Austin 78705

Submitted by Mary Ellen Scribner, International Relations



LAF (LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND) NEWS

LAF Supports Plaintiffs in Wal-Mart Lawsuit - In January, the AAUW Board of Directors approved LAF case support for our first case outside of academia. AAUW will sign at least one amicus brief in support of the plaintiffs in the Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. lawsuit. AAUW also will invite local AAUW members and staff to show support for the plaintiffs during the oral argument at the U.S. Supreme Court on March 29, 2011. The court will review lower court decisions that allowed female Wal-Mart employees to pursue employment discrimination claims as a class. If approved, the case will become the largest civil rights class action in U.S. history, including as many as 1.5 million women who will seek billions of dollars in back pay.

AAUW Receives Cy Pres Award - You already know that AAUW does great work to fight gender discrimination, but it's always nice when others acknowledge it, too. AAUW was recently honored to receive a "cy pres" award of \$23,500 as part of the judgment in the largest gender discrimination case to ever go to trial. A "cy pres award" is a mechanism for distributing funds to charitable organizations that promote the interests of the class and that typically conduct activities to discourage the behavior penalized in the case. The class action lawsuit against Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation included approximately 5,600 women sales →

LAF (LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND) NEWS (continued)
 force employees who claimed gender discrimination based on pay, promotion, and pregnancy. A jury found Novartis liable for gender discrimination in May 2010, and the subsequent settlement to allocate award funds to the plaintiffs was filed in federal court in New York in July 2010. Judge Colleen McMahon of the U.S. District Court for Eastern New York approved the final settlement agreement in November. It is an honor for AAUW's work to fight gender discrimination to be recognized by this award. We will use it to support our mission to advance equity for women and girls.

Submitted by Gail Simpler, AAUW Funds Co-Chair



ADULT WORKSHOP AT GIRLS IN STEM CONFERENCE

AAUW members and volunteers have a unique opportunity to attend the first adult workshop given at the Girls in STEM conference. Sign up to attend the Power Preview from 10:30–11:30 a.m. and hear a panel of professional STEM women. You will enjoy coffee, pastries and networking in an exhilarating environment. Following the Power Preview, you are invited to attend one of the girls' workshops and see Girls in STEM in action. Please RSVP by March 17th, to receive a VIP parking pass, to Stephanie Sheppard, stehanie@girlstart.org, Manager, Stewardship and Donor Relations.

In Other Girlstart news: Girlstart has just received funding that will allow them to take their Summer Camp to five communities across America. This is part of AMD's Changing the Game foundation initiative. Twenty-five girls in these locations will participate in a full week of summer camp, with no cost to them. One location for these camps will be Ft. Collins, Colorado; other sites will be selected soon. Girlstart is stretching its wings!

Submitted by Adrian McCulloch, Girlstart Liaison

TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERS NETWORKING, OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

The Texas Library Association was established in 1902 to promote, support, and improve library services in Texas, and now more than a century later, it is the largest state library association in the U.S. Its 7,000+ members are employed in all types of libraries (academic, public, school, and special). TLA's membership also includes library vendors and citizens who support libraries as trustees, members of Friends of the Library organizations, and library users. TLA offers members a wide range of services, including an annual conference that attracts more than 7,000 librarians and exhibitors. This year's conference is April 12-15 at the Austin Convention Center.

As part of the local arrangements committee for the conference, I have seen firsthand the work that goes into a successful conference, and I can also see what an excellent experience parts of it might be for interested AAUW members. While non-member registration rates aren't cheap—unless you just happen to be a library board member or a member of a Friends of the Library group, there is a way that you can be a part of the conference excitement and also have access to the exhibits area. By volunteering for four hours, you receive a free pass to the exhibits which again has the reputation of being the best of any state conference! Publishers (most sell at 20% discount) and software companies predominate, but there is everything from ergonomic furniture to bling to spend your money on! If you choose to volunteer four hours to earn your way into the exhibits, please consider volunteering for "Registration," the committee I chair! If you decide it is worth the money to register for one day at the conference, you will probably want to make that Thursday, the day Greg Mortensen is the keynote speaker!

<http://txla.org/annual-conference>

Submitted by Mary Ellen Scribner, International Relations

LOOKING FOR A JOB OR THINKING OF CHANGING JOBS?

At recent Branch events, several members have spoken of being laid off or of fears of being laid off from their jobs. For Branch members in this situation, **Anita Knight** shares the following information about support provided by her church: **Austin Employment Group [AEG]** is sponsored by Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in West Lake Hills. The Austin Employment Group is designed for the unemployed, under-employed, and individuals considering a career change; it meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For a complete list of class topics visit the website at www.austinememploymentgroup.org.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS:



Susan Richardson received a BA in business administration from the University of LaVere (California) in 1998. She is currently volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Austin Information Radio reading local magazines, newspaper

articles and weekly grocery ads on air for the print-disabled; i.e. the blind, dyslexic, etc. In addition to doing voiceovers, Susan enjoys reading, day hikes, cinema, dining, golf, and museums. Contact information for Susan: 8908 Ovilla Dr., Austin, TX 78749; (Cell) 512.431.0063 (Fax) 512.292.6711; E-mail: svrichpro@gmail.com.



Rima Xoyamayagua-Undavia received her BA in early childhood education in 1982 and an MA in Montessori and reading education in 1986. She is currently employed by St. David's Episcopal Day School in the field of early childhood education. Rima

has joined Culture & Cuisine, and her interests include NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children), The Bali Children's Project, and other children's causes. She enjoys gardening, classical Indian dance, fashion design, reading, travel, current affairs, history, garage sales, cooking, textiles and sewing. We are especially happy to welcome Rima back as she was previously a member and represented the Branch on the Mainsprings Schools Board for six years! Contact information: Rima Xoyamayagua-Undavia (and Ajit Adsule) live at 8515 Parkfield Dr., Austin, TX 78758-7321; (Home) 512.491.0522, (Work) 512.491.1175; E-mail: Taksi2000@yahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CHANGES/ CORRECTIONS:

In addition to adding Susan's and Rima's contact details to your directory, please make the following directory changes or corrections:

Kate Cadenhead's work number is 512.936.7807 and cell number is 512.695.8918.

Nancy Greer Ellison's e-mail address is nancye406@sbcglobal.net.

Jan Roberts's e-mail address is jgroberts3@att.net.

Adrian McCulloch's address is 2807 Hummingbird Circle; Cedar Park, TX 78613-5484.

Carol Fritz' e-mail is carolfritz@ymail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS AUSTIN BRANCH ON REGISTERING 163 MEMBERS!

As we move into the "home stretch" of our program year, please do us a favor and take a look at the names in your directory (and newsletter for our newest members) to see how many you actually "know." Are any your neighbors or alums from your alma mater? Does someone work in same field you do? Have you personally shared the reasons that you are involved in AAUW with a friend, a potential member, or a colleague?

At last year's state convention we were asked to give a "one minute elevator recruiting speech" to each other. For fun, here is a summary of facts you may want to share: *The American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Since 1881, AAUW has been one of the nation's leading voices promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW has a nationwide network of more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches, and 500 college/university institutional partners. Since AAUW's founding 130 years ago, members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. AAUW's commitment to educational equity is reflected in its public policy advocacy, community programs, leadership development, conventions and conferences, national partnerships, and international connections. As branch members you are the main reason some amazing women have joined this year. Your outstanding newsletters, programs and personal welcomes,*

inspired history, and interesting projects have given our members reasons for pride. Your membership committee thanks you and looks forward to seeing the results of the “mini” survey now in progress.

One Member, One Vote insures that every one of our 163 Austin members will have a voice on national issues, but you **MUST** have a national AAUW member number. It is on the membership card sent from our treasurer last fall with your yearbooks, is available online, or can be located for you by any AAUW friend who has access to the members only section of www.aauw.org where one can print a branch directory! For you who may not have access to computers or who have sight disabilities, feel free to contact me for help! If calling please call after 9 a.m. or before 8 p.m. (512.906.2033) or e-mail anytime!

National Convention: There is still time to qualify for the early bird discount for our national convention to be held in Washington, DC June 16-19, 2011. For information on the agenda, speakers, special events and registration, visit www.aauw.org.

If you are planning to attend or have questions, please let me know as soon as possible as some delegates are looking for roommates and to share travel plans. If you cannot attend but would like to underwrite some delegate expenses, also please contact me to help make that connection.

Submitted by Marsha Endahl Kramer, Membership VP

CONDOLENCES:

Funeral services were held for Eloisa C. Maldonado, mother of **Janie Maldonado**, at the San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio on February 1.



Virginia Newell, mother-in-law of **Elizabeth Newell**, passed away at the age of ninety-six in New Braunfels on January 28.

Our condolences to both of these hardworking Branch members on the loss of their close family members.

AUSTIN BRANCH LEADERSHIP 2010-2011

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*Indicates elected officers; all others are appointed.

A Grand Time Had by All at Mainspring School "Shower"!



Many thanks to the program committee's **Nancy Myers** for coordinating with **Betty Owen**, our Mainspring liaison, and **Rudi Andrus**, Mainspring director, to provide a very enjoyable February meeting! It even included a "shout out" to **Mary Ellen Sims** who served faithfully as Mainspring liaison for a number of years before "retiring" to New Mexico. Rudi gave tours and expressed hope that the school will be able to return to its newly renovated home campus by summer.



On behalf of the Branch, Treasurer **Inés Garcia** presented a scholarship check for \$500 to Rudi, who in turn, introduced Kelly Cavanaugh, the Mainspring teacher who will use the money to complete her teaching degree.



Dixie Schurle (with Lilac Bauer & Dale Willimack) talks about her experiences teaching in Saudi Arabia while Dorothy Vance, Adrian McCulloch, & Betty Owen are proof that "women in black" get the job done and done well!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, April 2, 2011

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations
And The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
invite you to attend

"Global-Local Partnerships for the 21st Century: A UN Collaborative"

Guest speakers from the **United Nations** will join with local experts in content-rich presentations--keynote addresses, panel discussions, workshops--on the topics of social justice, sustainability, and current educational trends. An Info Fair will have resource material which will help you make practical and relevant connections to the curriculum.

Join your fellow educators and concerned citizens at the **LBJ Auditorium at the University of Texas at Austin** for this day of professional and personal challenges to the way you think.

Registration has begun. More details: www.teachun.org

Contact Elizabeth Newell to volunteer (345.1686 – enewell4@austin.rr.com).