

AAUW
Austin, Texas Branch

**Next Meeting
Wednesday,
November 18th
10:00 A.M.**

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

(PARKING IS FREE)

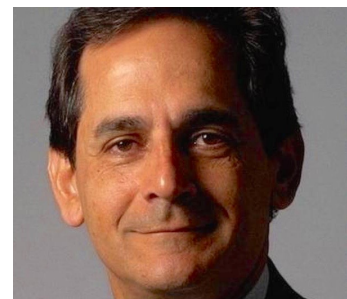
**R.S.V.P. by November 13th
to Diane Brewer**



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November Meeting Guest Speaker – Pulitzer Prize Winning Ken Herman “The Ups and Downs of Austin Politics”

Ken Herman is the Austin American-Statesman's Metro columnist who reports on everything from colonoscopies to Presidential campaigns. He is a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist who began his career in 1975 at The Lufkin Daily News in East Texas. In 1977, Mr. Herman won a Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for a series of stories in the Lufkin News investigating the death of a young recruit in the U.S. military. The series led to congressional hearings and changes in American military recruiting practices. Mr. Herman joined The Associated Press in Dallas in 1977. Later he worked for AP in Harlingen and Austin. In 1988 he became Austin Bureau Chief for The Houston Post. When the Post folded in 1995 (not his fault), Herman joined the Austin American-Statesman as Capitol Bureau Chief.



In 2001, after covering George W. Bush's presidential campaign, Herman went to Washington for a six-month stint as Cox Newspapers' White House correspondent. He returned to Austin in June 2001 to resume covering state government and politics. In June 2004, he returned to Washington to cover the Bush re-election campaign. From January 2005 through February 2009 he was Cox Newspapers' White House correspondent. Now, back in Austin, Mr. Herman writes a wide-ranging column that sometimes covers serious policy topics and often uses humor to make his points. Mr. Herman will speak to us about local, state and national political items with a special emphasis on Austin. Mr. Herman, a newspaperman through and through, will also talk about the future of newspapers.

R.S.V.P. by November 13th: Diane Brewer zdramamom@austin.rr.com or 512-328-0474

Menu: Mixed green salad with pears, pickled red onions, toasted walnuts and gorgonzola dressing; pecan-crusted chicken breast with a whole-grain mustard sauce served with roasted fingerling potatoes with garlic & rosemary and seasoned vegetables; pumpkin white chocolate bread pudding with crème Anglaise. Lunch is \$25.00 – **please bring exact change if possible or a check already made out to AAUW Austin Branch.** This will speed up check in.

OCTOBER BRANCH MEETING



We were expecting a single speaker for our important fall public policy meeting on October 10, but when Attorney Martha Dickie arrived in the company of The Honorable Tim Sulak and Ms. Genevieve Van Cleve, we quickly realized just how serious the topic for the day really was. By the end of the meeting, we had the answer to the title question: “Women and Children Caught in the Middle: What’s a Courthouse Got to do with It?” Ms. Dickie, who is chair of the Travis County Civil and Family Courthouse Community Focus Committee, showed us just how unsafe and uncomfortable it is at the current courthouse that was built in 1931 when Travis County had only about 78,000 residents. Judge Sulak, who presides over the 353rd Civil District

Court, told us some of the consequences of nineteen courtrooms being squeezed into a building designed for three. And finally, Ms. Van Cleve of the Texas Women Vote Project give us numerous reasons why we should vote for The TRAVIS COUNTY BOND PROPOSITION on the November 3, 2015, ballot. AAUW members present were very much in favor of supporting this highly important bipartisan issue and will be reminding their acquaintances of the importance of voting and of voting for this proposition. Early voting begins on Monday, October 19, 2015. Much more information is available at <http://newcourtsforfamilies.com>, and you may contact Ms. Van Cleve (512.573.3630 or genvancleve@gmail.com) if you have additional questions, want someone to speak to a group (large or small she said), or would like to have a yard sign supporting the proposition.

The Austin AAUW branch board voted in October to endorse the new courthouse.

In Appreciation

So many branch members pitched in to make the October branch meeting a success. Lilac Bauer, Evelyn Boyer, Diane Brewer, Lynn Cooksey, Resa Dunn, Anita Knight, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Beverly Locklin, Janie Maldonado, Betty Owen, Elaine Penn, Joyce Pulich, Betty Schmidt, Gayle Smith, and Milli Stecker contributed snacks or money to buy them.

Thanks to the generosity of these members, there was a \$60.00 overage, which I will be giving to Treasurer Soon Merz to deposit to the Branch operating fund. I am very grateful to Elizabeth Newell and Judy Reinhart for their help in carrying in the various containers of coffee, water and food; setting up the refreshments; and reversing those tasks once the meeting was over.

Mary Ellen Scribner

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Contemporary Literature:

Nov. 2 *The Lost Train to Zona Verde: My*
 (7:15 PM) *Ultimate African Safari*
 Author: Paul Theroux
 Leader: Dr. Carol Fritz
 Old Quarry Library
 Contact: Fern Chester - 512-345-1102
 fernchester@aol.com

Friday Morning Book Review:

Nov. 6 *Hotzone: The Terrifying True Story of*
 (10:00 AM) *the Ebola Virus*
 Author: Richard Preston
 Hyde Park Church of Christ
 43rd and Avenue B
 Reviewer: Dr. Delia Quintanilla
 Host: Judy Reinhart
 Contact: Gayle Smith
 512-345-5585
 gaylesmith1@juno.com

Southwest Books:

Nov. 9 *All the Light We Cannot See*
 (10:30 AM) Author: Anthony Doerr
 Hostess: Mary Braunagel Brown
 Facilitators: Cherie Wilson and Mary
 Braunagel Brown
 Contact: Mary Braunagel-Brown
 512-301-4568 / mbbsbb@earthlink.net

Culture & Cuisine:

Nov. 20 Cuisine: Thanksgiving Potluck
 (6:30 PM) Hostess: Dr. Carol Fritz
 Home of Dr. Carol Fritz
 Contact: Barbara Houston
 512-633-9766
 barbyhouston@gmail.com

Out to Lunch:

Nov. 17 Brio Tuscan Grille (**note change**)
 (11:00 AM) 10000 Research Blvd. (Arboretum)
 Hostess: Nancy Myers
 Contact: Ruth Falck
 512-550-6449 / ruthfalck@yahoo.com

Creative Stitchery:

Nov. 18 Hostess: Elaine Penn
 (10:00 AM) Co-Hostess: Nancy Ellison
 Home of Jan Roberts
 Contact: Elaine Penn
 512-345-1102 / fernchester@aol.com

Art Tour:

No meeting in November

PEARS:

No meeting in November

AAUW FUNDS

The Annual Holiday Social will be co-sponsored by the Austin Federated Woman's Club on **Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 PM at the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Mansion at 2312 San Gabriel St.** Our branch Culture & Cuisine Interest group and past presidents will treat us to sweet & savory treats, and the Funds Committee plans a FUN, unique silent auction. This will be an opportunity for you to purchase terrific holiday gifts for family, friends and associates while helping fund important AAUW sponsored programs.

We need your help to make this a success! Members are asked to contribute items or "personal services". Possibilities include creating a tasteful gift basket; obtaining a tax-deductible donation from a local business; offering your own time-limited creative personal service such as baking, preparing a meal, or sharing/teaching the purchaser a skill such as how to create a spreadsheet, make better photos, etc. Gift baskets can be gathered any time from now until Dec 1st when the Funds Committee will create signage and wrap items. We will give you a form for donated items, or you can access it via our branch website at

<http://austin-tx.aauw.net/activities/aauw-funds/>. Please let us know if you are planning to donate something so we can get you the paperwork and plan to get the item from you. Contact co-chair Marsha Endahl Kramer, 512-906-6566, HughMarsha@aol.com and she and the energetic and dedicated Funds Committee will be in touch. For more ideas, see page 6 of our October newsletter.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR FUNDRAISING!

FUNdraising plans include annual gift-wrapping for TIP\$\$ at Barnes & Noble Stores as follows.

You can also sign up at our November meeting.

Sunset Valley on Brodie Lane - contact Lilac Bauer la_azucena@hotmail.com for volunteering

Saturday, Nov. 28, 2-4:00 and 4-6:00

Friday, Dec. 4, 2-4:00 and 4-6:00

Monday, Dec. 21, 6-8:00, 8-10:00

Arboretum on Research Blvd. - contact Anita Knight dbasknight@aol.com for volunteering

Saturday, Dec. 5, 10-noon, noon-2:00

Sunday, Dec. 6, 1-3:00, 3-5:00

Friday, Dec. 18, 9-11:00, 11-1:00

COLLIN STREET BAKERY

The Collin Street Bakery is world-renowned for its fruitcakes, and is located in Corsicana, Texas, USA. Its products are shipped to all US states, overseas possessions and 195 countries. The Bakery is the recipient of the "E-Award" from the US president.



Not just fruitcakes, not just for the holidays!

Branch fundraiser for many years!

Get brochures & order forms at branch meetings or order with Account C012.

IN THE NEWS

This year, GlobalAustin (www.globalaustin.org) will host 75 international Fulbright scholars the first weekend of December, and 150 Fulbright students the second week. Interested Austinites are invited to host small groups of these visitors in their home for a fun evening of food and conversation. The dates for these hosting opportunities are:

Scholars (researchers, teachers): **Thursday, December 3**

Students (mostly master's or doctoral): **Friday, December 11**

It would be helpful if you could host between 2 and 5 of these visitors. If you would like to request visitors from a specific country or those studying a particular discipline, you can indicate that on the host family application form at <http://www.fulbrighthosting.org/>, so you can be matched with appropriate students and scholars. If you are available for both evenings, please indicate this on the form. You will receive a notification that your application has been submitted, and you will be contacted directly when more information is available about the guests and the hotels where they will be staying. For more information, contact Jane Dunham at jane@fulbrighthosting.org.

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED!

Ruth Falck, our current newsletter editor, has decided to move to North Carolina – so we're looking for her replacement. All that's needed is someone who knows Microsoft Word - or any other program of the new editor's choice. It's fun way to know what's happening in the branch. All information is submitted by branch members and the board, so there is no pressure to write lots of articles.

If you have an interest, or want more information on what's involved, please contact Ruth at ruthfalck@yahoo.com or Marina Rivers at marinarivers@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!!!!