

AAUW Austin, TX Branch
Next Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 8,
2017

9:30 AM - noon

Faith Lutheran Church

6600 Woodrow Ave.

RSVP by Nov. 3th

To Judy Reinhart, 512-345-5936,
jareinhart@att.net



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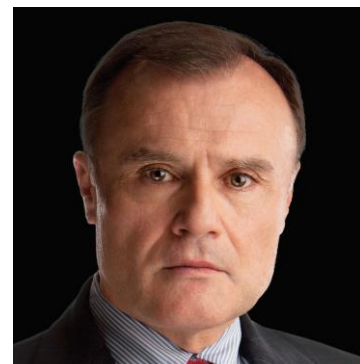
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Fred Burton: “Global Security Outlook: Counterterrorism in Today’s World”

Mr. Fred Burton, one of the world’s foremost authorities on security and terrorism, who as Vice President of Intelligence and Chief Security Officer oversees Stratfor’s analysis of global security developments, will address the topic of “Global Security Outlook: Counterterrorism in Today’s World”.

Fred Burton is one of the world's foremost authorities on security and terrorism. He consults with clients on security-related issues affecting their business assets or personal safety. He also guides the firm's coverage of situations involving terrorism, hostages and hijackings, and plane crashes. Before joining Stratfor, Mr. Burton was a counter-terrorism agent with the U.S. State Department from 1985 to 1999.



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Mr. Burton is the author of three books, including the best-selling memoir, *GHOST: Confessions of a Counterterrorism Agent* (Random House, 2008), in which he tells the story of his role in the fight against the burgeoning terrorist threat in the 1980s and beyond. (*Copies of his book will be on hand for sale, at a discount price, and for autographs.*) Mr. Burton has been featured as a terrorism and security expert in numerous media outlets, and we are lucky to hear him in person!

In April, **Stratfor**, the world's leading source for geopolitical intelligence, analysis and forecasting, launched **Stratfor Worldview™**, a new, innovative digital platform that provides the globally aware individual with unbiased and actionable geopolitical analyses in order to make sense of an increasingly chaotic world.

<https://worldview.stratfor.com/>

- Mr. Burton will speak from 10:30 – 11:30 AM, and we will have a brief business meeting following his remarks.
- We will meet at a new time (9:30 AM) and have a buffet brunch from the Corner Bakery featuring a variety of pastries, and a medley of fresh fruit and a variety of breakfast casseroles.
- We will also meet at a new venue, Faith Lutheran Church, 6600 Woodrow Avenue.

Directions: take MoPac to West Anderson Lane, turn right on Woodrow Avenue (at a stop light just before the railroad tracks) and continue south to 6600. The church is on the right.

Cost: \$15 with brunch or \$5 without brunch. RSVP to Judy Reinhart, jareinhart@att.net, by Nov. 3rd.

OCTOBER CALENDAR – Interest Groups and MORE

First Friday AM Book Review

Nov. 3 *Delicious*
 (10:00 AM) Author: Ruth Reichl
 Reviewer: Judy Reinhart
 Host: Mary Frances Rogerson
 Contact: Judy Reinhart, 512-345-5936
 jareinhart@att.net

Contemporary Literature (at Fern Chester's)

Nov. 6 *Great House: A Novel*
 Author: Nicole Krauss
 Leader: Roberta Coffin
 Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102

Out to Lunch:

Nov. 7 County Line on the Lake
 (11:30 AM) 5204 RR 2222 (at Loop 360)
 Hostess: Resa Dunn
 RSVP: Diane Brewer, 512-328-0474
 zdramamom@gmail.com

Branch meeting:

Nov. 8 Branch meeting with Fred Burton
 (9:30 AM) See p. 1 – **Bring guests again!**

Resurrected Hiking Club

Nov. 9 Hamilton's Greenbelt, Lakeway
 (10 AM) Contact: Milli Stecker,
 milli1251@gmail.com,

Southwest Books:

Nov. 13 *The Sandalwood Tree*
 (10:30 AM) Author: Elle Newmark
 Hostesses: Joan Lazarus
 & Susan James
 Facilitator: Joan Lazarus
 Contact: Jennifer Swenson, 512-288-2894

Central Books:

Nov. 13 *Gertrude Bell. Queen of the Desert,*
 (10:30 AM) *Shaper of Nations*
 Author:
 Hostess: Mary Humke
 Facilitator: Ruth Rubio
 Contact: Ann Marie Ellis, 512-282-9637

Creative Stitchery:

Nov. 15 Hostess: Elaine Penn
 (10:00 AM) Co-hostess: Beverly Locklin
 Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102
 fernchester@aol.com

Culture & Cuisine:

Nov. 16 Chinese Festivals
 (6:30 PM) Hostesses: Carol Fritz & Terry Whalen
 Contact: Barbara Houston, 512-633-9766;
 barbyhouston@gmail.com

Art Tour:

Nov. 29 Lost Pines Fine Arts Center
 Bastrop Fine Arts Guild, Lost Pines Art
 Center & Sculpture Garden
 1204 Chestnut Street, Bastrop
 Planners/hosts: Dr. Linda Welsh & Milli Stecker
 Contact: Diane Brewer
 Zdramamom@gmail.com

MORE things to do this month and next:

Nov. 6 Kendra Scott **GIVES BACK PARTY**
 (6-8 PM) (FUNd\$ shopping night → 20% of \$ales)
Enjoy sips, sweets and jewels
 3800 N. Lamar Blvd, Suite 140
 (50% off if Nov. is your birth month)



Nov. 10 Austin Woman's Federated Club (AWFC)
 (11-1:00) *Sustainable Leadership*
The Woman's Way, with
 Linda Lattimore, Attorney, Business
 Strategist, Architect for Change
 Lt. Governor's Reception Room, Capitol
 Seated formal lunch for \$25
 Contact: Carol Blanchard, 512-971-0197

December Branch program meeting (Sunday)

Dec. 3 Annual Holiday Social, with AWFC
 (3-5 PM) *Celebrate V* *lunteerism*
 Texas Federated Women's Club Mansion
 Contact: Marina Rivers, 512-386-1905

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STEM/STEAM News:

from Lilac Bauer,
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STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics



L to R: Marsha
Endahl Kramer,
Linda Welsh, Lilac
Bauer, Jackie
Hardee, Tamara
Hutchins, Mary Ellen
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Photos from the October 18th annual Girlstart GameChangers luncheon come from **Marsha Endahl Kramer**. Bravo to **Tamara Hutchins** and her staff for another outstanding event! And huge appreciation to **Lilac Bauer**, our Girlstart liaison (as well as Funds Committee member)!

On October 18, the Program Administrator of IBM Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs wrote to tell us that a cash grant of \$2,000.00 has been approved to support American Association of University Women, Inc.'s STEM Programs. This community grant has been awarded in recognition of the volunteer service of **Janani Janakiraman** (Developer and Master Inventor at Linux Technology Center). IBM's Community Service grants are based on requests from employees or retirees who have a record of active and ongoing involvement with not-for-profit organizations and schools. The money will be used as in past 2 years for buying hardware and software to promote STEM in organizations like Latinitas, GirlStart and MainSpring. But now that we are getting double the money, we can also think of additional uses for it.

Putting the FUN in FUNd-raising for AAUW!!

Debbie Starr and Anita Knight, co-Chairs

Plans for the coming year's fund-raising events and activities were inadvertently omitted from the yearbook, so here are some for the rest of this year. Many of the funds raised by the branch are targeted for the Ann Richards American Fellowship. See p. 5.

- **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.
- **November 6:** Kendra Scott Party, 6-8:00 pm, 3800 N. Lamar Blvd. Shop OR call in your order!
- **December 6:** Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Night, 5-8:00 pm, 4803 Burnet Rd.
- **December** dates: Holiday Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble stores:
B&N Arboretum - **Thurs. 12/14**, 9-11am, 11am-1pm and **Sun. 12/17**, 10am-12pm, 12-2pm
B&N Sunset Valley - **Mon. 12/11**, 2-4pm, 4-6pm and **Fri. 12/22**, 10am-12 pm, 12-2pm

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

We would like to thank the following businesses for contributing to our general meeting raffles and upcoming fundraisers. *We hope that you will consider giving these businesses your support and a nice thank you for supporting AAUW Austin.*

- **Embellish Nails and Boutique**, \$55 gift card, Sept. raffle, 3663 Bee Cave Rd and 3010 W Anderson Ln
- **Face2Face Spa**, \$149 gift card, October raffle, 5701 W Slaughter Lane
- **Kendra Scott**, 20% jewelry shopping proceeds on Monday, 11/6, 6-8pm, 3800 N. Lamar Blvd.
- **Ten Thousand Villages**, 10-15% gift shopping proceeds on Wed. 12/6, 5:30-8pm, 4803 Burnet Rd.
- **Collins Street Bakery**, 15% on sales and complimentary cakes* for our account, www.collinstreet.com
- **Barnes & Noble**, tip\$ for gift wrapping, Sunset Valley and Arboretum, volunteer with **Lilac Bauer**
- **Alamo Drafthouse**, movie tickets, upcoming raffle, valid at all Austin locations
- **Amy's Ice Cream**, vouchers

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

PAYING IT FORWARD

When the executive board chose “Pay It Forward” as our slogan for this year, we talked about some of the ways the Branch and our members are already paying forward as well as ways the practice might be enhanced or expanded.

Our capital for paying forward is our time, our energy, and our money. Do you give yourself a little hug every time you contribute to a scholarship, a fellowship, or the national action funds? You should; you’re paying forward! Helping AAUW Texas complete the Ann Richards American Fellowship Fund (see page 5 and below) would be worth a group hug!

Just as you give generously of your money, many of you also pay forward with volunteer efforts such as stuffing goody bags for Girlstart or Latinitas or helping those organizations with their conferences and workshops—that’s paying it forward in the trenches! STEM coordinator Lilac Bauer has formed a committee and is looking for ways to expand our volunteer efforts in STEM—or STEAM now that art is sometimes included. Contact Lilac if you are ready to get involved.

The area of public policy is where we can really pay forward by informing ourselves and taking action when appropriate. AAUW publishes a bimonthly e-bulletin that “offers news you can use, opportunities to take action, and the latest resources for your work for women and girls.” This e-bulletin is sent to every member nationwide. If you are not receiving the *AAUW Mission & Action E-bulletin*, you may need to update your member record—especially if you have changed your email address. Rallying or testifying at the Capitol may not be your cup of tea, but you can still help the cause by becoming a Two-Minute Activist and receive urgent email notices when your advocacy is needed most. Learn more and sign up at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>.



AAUW has one other e-bulletin that I consider required reading for myself. *AAUW in the Statehouse* provides updates on state policy from across the country, tips and resources for more effective advocacy, and insider information from AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Department about good and bad bills in the states. Subscribe at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-in-the-statehouse/>.

We can all pay forward by voting in our upcoming local election on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Early voting began Monday, October 23, 2017, and the League of Women Voters’ Guide is already available. (See http://www.lwvtexas.org/Voters_Guide.html)

**Become a SISTER OF ANN!
Donate to the Ann Richards American
Fellowship**



NOTE: AAUW-Texas has begun 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.



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**, 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.

*Thoughts and best wishes are with the following members.
All our friends are nourished by our cards and concern.*

Terri Whaley's father passed away, and she traveled to West Virginia for his funeral. She returned in time for enjoying Culture & Cuisine and co-hosting the Art Tour's visit to Austin Art Space and Star of India restaurant on October 25th.

Betty Owen was in the hospital earlier in October being treated for pneumonia and other distresses. Happily, she is doing much better now and has moved to West Oaks Rehabilitation Center on West Slaughter. While she builds her strength back to return to her regular activities, she prefers not having visitors other than immediate family due to her therapy schedule. She is very appreciative of the notes and cards she has received and is gaining strength quickly. According to her bridge friends **Diane Brewer** and **Dorothy Ramsey**, she is motivated to return home and be able to return to her card groups. Pal **Marilyn Arrigona** has made the move to a Brookstone senior living facility, but is happily continuing most of her activities. **Dorothy Horsley**, another bridge maven, has recently undergone testing at the Heart Hospital of Austin, but has returned home.

A quick update from UT student affiliate and branch member **Kavya Ramamoorthy**, a sophomore on the UT campus: She not only was accepted to the Texas Orange Jackets (a service organization at UT that focuses on service as well as leadership), but also the AAUW Student Advisory Council this year. She will definitely keep us updated on the student org and everything they do for the council. She can easily say that working with the local branch on a Title IX project in 7th grade changed her life, and she is so happy to be part of such an amazing community.

If you are new, you may want to read about how Kavya and other "Austin Students work with AAUW & Win TWO National History Day Competitions." Our branch website is full of HERstory like this!!

<http://austin-tx.aauw.net/2012/06/08/title-ix-display-and-website-empowerment-through-education/>

CALL FOR ENTRIES: GIRLS IMPACT THE WORLD FILM FESTIVAL 2018

PLEASE SHARE WITH STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND OTHERS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED ...

WHAT: In partnership with Presenting Sponsor, **Eloise DeJoria**, *Connecther* is hosting the annual Girls Impact the World Film Festival and now seeking original, short film submissions (3-6 minutes) from girls and boys that address global women's issues, such as: education for girls, maternal & global health, poverty alleviation, violence against women and girls, girls in STEM, women and the environment, beauty issues and more...

WHO: Seeking submissions from girls and boys, **9th - 12th grade + undergraduate students.**

DEADLINE: January 20, 2018

WHERE: Submissions **accepted online** until January 20, 2018. The festival and awards ceremony to take place in Austin, TX at St. Andrews High School on Saturday April 7, 2018 (more details soon).

AWARDS: Winners will be awarded over \$25K in prizes, scholarships and film industry mentorship + distribution.

QUESTIONS: filmfest@connecther.org

COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING

KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS

WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS

- Henry Ford



MORE Branch BUZZzzzzz – WELCOME all members to Interest Groups!

Yearbooks are being distributed at general meetings and interest groups. Just like in this newsletter, there is information for y'all of historical as well as current relevance, particularly Interest Group dates and plans. (Some additions and corrections will be sent as addendum in December.)

Interest Groups Chair **Brenda Hahne** said sign-ups were very successful at the September meeting. Fifteen signed up for the renewed Hiking Group. **Linda Welsh** said that 3 women joined just so they could be in the hiking group! That interest group has already had 2 hikes by the time you read this. **Pam Wolfe** reports that several members are interested in a Mystery Group, similar to AAUW-Georgetown's.

Jackie Hardee has already been introduced as a new member. Since then she has joined the AAUW hiking club and organized a four-mile hike, helped the STEM group by stuffing goodie bags for their conference, and attended the Girlstart GameChangers luncheon. She also assists the Branch Treasurer with the national data base, and is a member of the Creative Stitchery Club as a quilter. KUDOS, Jackie!

Be part of the Bunch.

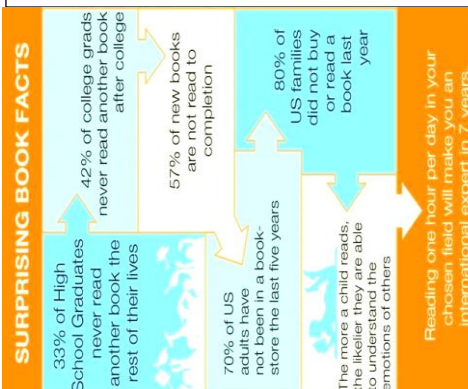
Thanks to new member **Jackie Hardee**, here is the first hike at Enchanted Rock last month.



See the original hiking group at lower left.



PEARS, a couple's group of AAUW members and their significant others, enjoy exploring the many diverse activities offered in the exciting, vibrant city of Austin and local areas. PEARS' success depends on members' participation. They choose a month, plan an activity, either one previously enjoyed or a new one. Several members had not been to GRUENE before, but all 15 of us enjoyed lunch at the Grist Mill and Market Days there for our October date.



So many things from which to choose! Who has time to **READ???** Wonder how many of us belong to a book group or even **more** than one??

Is there anything you want to change or add to this newsletter?
Send editor **Anita Knight** a note at dbasknight@aol.com. Recruiting a successor.....