

AAUW
Austin, Texas Branch

Next Meeting
October 10th
10:00 A.M.

ACC
Eastview Campus
3401 Webberville Road,
Austin, Texas 78702



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October Meeting Guest Speaker - Martha S. Dickie **Women and Children Caught in the Middle** **Travis County's need for a New Family Courthouse**



The speaker for the October 10 branch meeting is Austin attorney Martha S. Dickie. A partner in Almanza, Blackburn & Dickie since January 1, 2010, Martha received a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas in 1980 and was admitted to the bar that same year. She had previously earned a B.A. in Plan II with Special Honors in Economics and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In addition to general civil and commercial litigation and legal and professional malpractice defense litigation, she practices employment and Title VII litigation. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a federal law that prohibits employers from discriminating against employees on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, and religion. Martha has received a number of recognitions for her work including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Travis County Women's Lawyer Association in 2010 and the Distinguished Lawyer Award from the Austin Bar Association in 2012. She

has served as the president of and on the board of both the State Bar of Texas and the Travis County Bar Association.

The shortcomings of the aged Heman Sweatt Travis County Courthouse are well known to Martha through her law practice and her service to the legal community. She will be speaking to our guests and us from the community as the chair of the Travis County Civil and Family Courthouse Community Focus Committee. Martha will make sure that we know "what happens at the civil and family courthouse," i.e., who comes there and why. The facts and statistics are quite enough to convince most listeners of the need for a new courthouse, but it is the stories of the people waiting in the crowded hallways and stairwells that make clear just how critical that need is. When Martha finishes her presentation, you will be ready to vote "FOR" on the "TRAVIS COUNTY BOND PROPOSITION, TRAVIS COUNTY BOND ELECTION" come November 3!

BRANCH MEETING continued

MEETING LOGISTICS

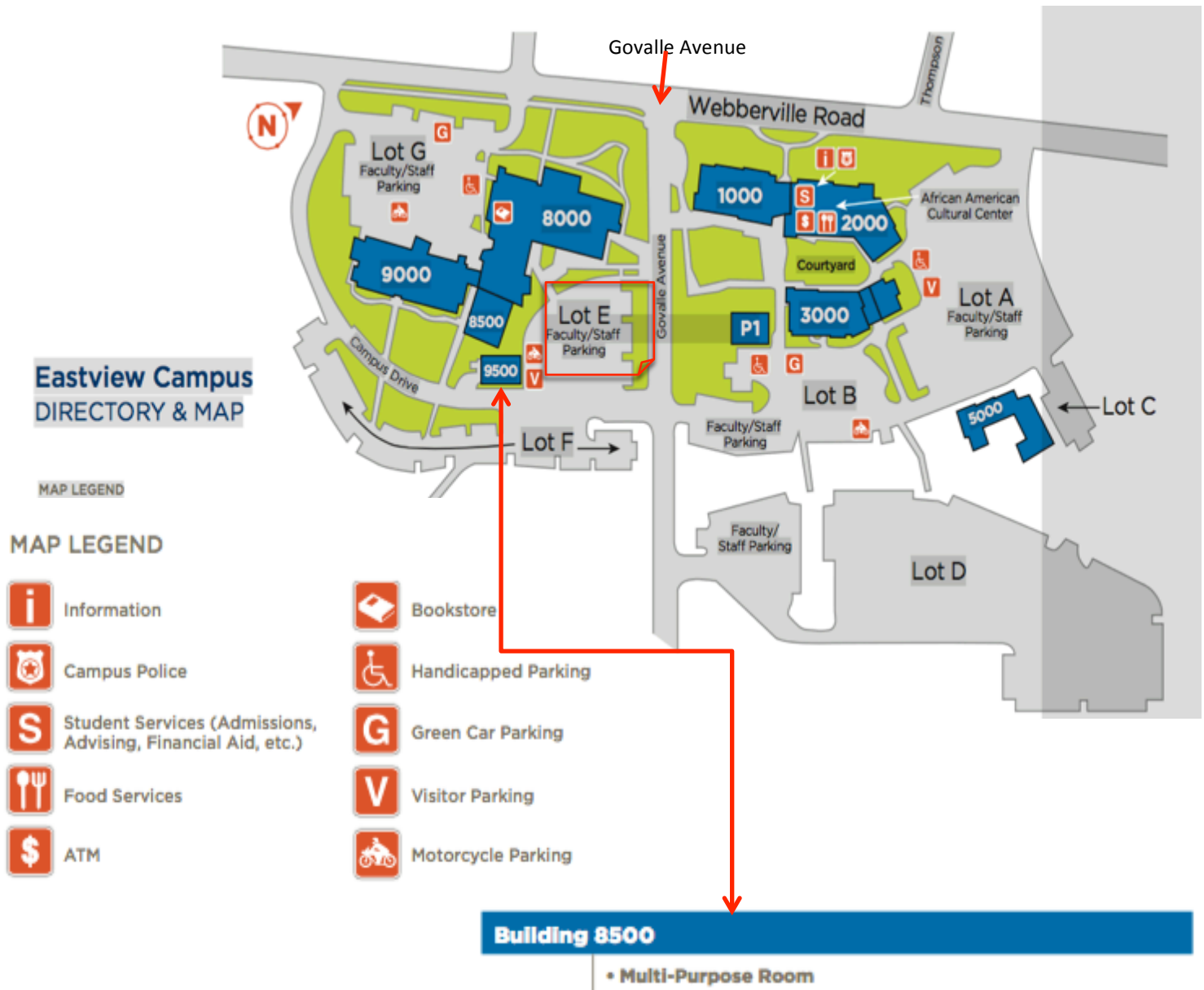
The public is invited and members are encouraged to bring friends, family, neighbors, and to publicize the event in their own communities. Coffee, water, and snacks will be available. Gathering at 10 a.m. The program begins at 10:30 a.m.

MEETING LOCATION

ACC Eastview Campus, 3401 Webberville Rd. Multipurpose Room in Building 8500. Parking is free! ACC just asks that we don't use the faculty and staff spots. **Lot E** should have plenty of space. Disabled parking is available in **Lot G**. The ADA accessible entrance to building 8000/8500 is on the Webberville side.

MORE INFORMATION

Mary Ellen Scribner at maryescribner@gmail.com or 512.255.8428



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Friday Morning Book Review:

Oct. 2 *The Daughter of Time*
 (10:00 AM) Author: Josephine Tey
 Hyde Park Church of Christ
 43rd and Avenue B
 Reviewer: Dr. Carol Fritz
 Host: Lilac Bauer
 Contact: Gayle Smith
 512-345-5585
 gaylesmith1@juno.com

PEARS:

Oct. 3 1001 Arabian Nights Orchestra
 (6:30 PM) Marrakesh Café and Grill
 301 Steck Ave Suite 106
 Hosts: Anita and Don Knight
 Contact: Anita Knight
 512-329-8575 / dbasknight@aol.com

Contemporary Literature:

Oct. 5 *The Last Viking: The Life of Roald*
 (7:15 PM) *Amundsen*
 Author: Stephen Brown
 Leader: Karen Jordahl
 Old Quarry Library
 Contact: Fern Chester - 512-345-1102
 fernchester@aol.com

Board Meeting:

Oct. 10 Girlstart offices
 1400 W. Anderson Lane
 After branch meeting

Southwest Books:

Oct. 14 *The Roses Underneath*
 (10:30 AM) Author: C. F. Yetmen
 Hostess: María Inés García
 Facilitator: Connie Levy
 Contact: Mary Braunagel-Brown
 512-301-4568 / mbbsbb@earthlink.net

Culture & Cuisine:

Oct. 15 Cuisine: Moroccan
 (6:30 PM) Hostesses: Jan Roberts & Fern Chester
 Home of Jan Roberts
 Contact: Barbara Houston
 512-633-9766
 barbyhouston@gmail.com

Out to Lunch:

Oct. 20 Manuel's (Mexican)
 (11:00 AM) 5404 W. William Canon
 Contact: Ruth Falck
 512-550-6449 / ruthfalck@yahoo.com

Creative Stitchery:

Oct. 21 Hostess: Kay Goodwin
 (10:00 AM) Co-Hostess: Martha Van Sickle
 Home of Jan Roberts
 Contact: Fern Chester
 512-345-1102 / fernchester@aol.com

Art Tour:

Oct. 28 Gallery at the J
 (10:00 AM) Dell Jewish Community Center
 7300 Hart Lane
 Lunch: Chez Zee
 Planner: Sue Ellen Jeffers
 Contact: Diane Brewer - 512-328-0474
 zdramamom@austin.rr.com



Southwest Books

A Message from Co-President Marina Rivers

Greetings!! Summer is over and we are getting back in the swing of things. The Branch kicked off the new term at the September meeting held at the Norris Center. The guest speaker was Dr. Jennifer Duthie, who presented a stimulating talk about the traffic in Austin. Of course, all of us get “stuck” in the traffic. The Program Committee, composed of Judy Reinhart, Ruth Rubio, and Janet Widoff, continues to offer us interesting and timely programs. Thanks for a great job!

The Branch was fortunate to have The Steel Bluebonnets at our September meeting. Two of the group, Rachel Flake and Beverly Locklin, are long-time members of AAUW. The Steel Bluebonnets formed a group of six friends 50 years ago and they are still together! They have shared all the joys and sorrows of life in this time.

Kudos to Janani Janakiraman, a long-time member, and one who has given so much to the Austin Branch. Janani works for IBM, and it was due to her efforts that IBM has once again awarded the Austin Branch a grant for \$1,000. Last year this grant was used to fund notebooks for STEM Students.

Marsha Endahl-Kramer, another staunch member of AAUW, has received the Legacy Circle Pin. AAUW Legacy members commit to the mission of AAUW through a planned gift or a bequest through their estates. Marsha, we applaud you for your continued support in time and money and to your dedication to empower women and girls in the generations to come.

Finally, a loss and a gain. In the spring, Kay Watson, past President, died. She had been very ill for some time. Larie Amsler gave a moving tribute to Kay and offered some insights into Kay’s contribution to AAUW. On the plus side, Jerry Cassidy celebrated her 92nd birthday at the meeting. May you have many more good years, Jerry!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the October meeting or at some of the Special Interests get-togethers. Don’t see news here and want it mentioned in the newsletter? Contact me at marinarivers@gmail or 512 386-1905, or you can email Ruth Falck, Editor. I would love to hear from you!

Membership News from Elaine Penn

We have received dues from 165 members to date! About a quarter of us met at the first program meeting and had a wonderful time.

A big welcome to our new members: Nancy Andren, who is splitting her time between Austin and California; Kay Binder, who was referred by Anita Knight and is also a good friend of member Sally Scott; Randi Carter and Chantal Eldridge complete the current list of members.

The interest groups have started and personally it has been a great month seeing everyone again since the summer break! Most I have talked to feel the same. If you have not joined an interest group, please find something that appeals to you and get involved! It is the best way to get to know and enjoy our wonderful members!

The Thursday bridge group met recently to celebrate the life of Joyce Wallace, who passed away last year. About ten members met her daughter Diana at her favorite haunt, Chuy’s, and shared wonderful stories and many laughs! Lucky to be included, it was a very delightful lunch and another example of what an amazing group of women comprises AAUW.

In Memoriam

Condolences go to long time AAUW member, Brenda Scholin for the loss of her husband, Allan Scholin. A memorial service will be held Sunday, October 4 from 3 – 5 at the Ben Hur Shriner's Center, 7811 Rockwood Lane, Austin. Please bring a covered dish if you would like to stay after and share a meal with Brenda. Allan was a Legion of Honor for the Shriner's. He was a retired engineer who enjoyed many of the activities at Sun City including the computer club and the radio control club.

Former branch president Betty Himmelblau died September 3 at the age of 92. Betty was branch president in 1961-62, a time when branch officers were still known by their husbands’ name, thus Mrs. David Himmelblau. She later served on the Austin City Council.

STEM NEWS

It was a great summer for Girlstart Summer Camps! There were over 20 total weeklong camps! We sponsored four girls locally for a fun-filled week of STEM activities at day camp.

We enjoyed Latinitas Summer Camps, which were held at the new Latinitas Center. They invited AAUW members to come one day each week in July and be interviewed by the girls about their education and careers, how they got there, what struggles they overcame to achieve their goals. Thanks to Sylvia Garcia and Mary Braunagel-Brown for being interviewed as the girls made a documentary film of them during Cine Chica Camp; to Inés García, Tulis Escobar and Lilac Bauer for being in the filmed panel discussion and Q&A session on Fashion Forward; to Janani Janakiraman and daughters Priya and Kavya for their interactive presentation at Tech Chica; and for Anita Knight and Mary Ellen Scribner for positive role modeling and letter to the girls at Healthy Chica (Body and Soul).



Latinitas summer camp group enjoying tour at Dell Headquarters in Round Rock.



More opportunities are coming in the fall with the Gamechangers Luncheon for Girlstart on Wed. Sept. 23 (see photo left of attendees) and the Latinitas College Chica Day at Austin Community College on Saturday October 24. Contact Lilac Bauer directly (la_azucena@hotmail.com or 512-743-6338) to participate in these events.

There are other events listed in the Girlstart turquoise pamphlet that you may assist with by individually signing up for on-line, beginning with the Spooky Extravaganza on Oct 30th and the deSTEMber Fest on December 6th, both at the Bob Bullock Museum. Be sure to mention you are an AAUW member. Contact Lilac for assistance with registration if needed.



AAUW FUNDS

AAUW has a new emphasis: **ONE AAUW. ONE MISSION. ONE FUND.** This is designed to meet the “Greatest Opportunity, Greatest Need.” Donations are encouraged for this unrestricted AAUW FUND, so they can help many important efforts including NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders), member leaders programs, TechSavvy, Elect Her, Start Smart, C/U Partners, Student Activity Councils, new program development, Outlook, AAUW Advocacy, and research. (See also pages 37-38 in your new yearbook.)

Thanks to our Funds Committee, which now includes Lilac Bauer, Jean Bessent, Susan James, Elaine Penn, Mary Ellen Scribner, and Eugenie Whalen, we have several fundraising activities planned for the coming year. We will repeat the Collin St. Bakery sales for commission, gift-wrapping in December at Barnes & Noble bookstores for tips, and offer two Collin St. cakes as door prizes or raffle items. Austin branch member donations for fiscal year 2015 have already totaled over \$1800 to various National AAUW funds, including the unrestricted AAUW Fund, and we can’t thank you enough!

We have some new FUNdraising ideas for the 2015-16 calendar and will appreciate your support for the following: a special silent auction at our Saturday, December 13 holiday celebration, possibly a shopping night or afternoon this fall at Kendra Scott (jewelry), and a possible film night in early spring. The committee would also like feedback on these 2 suggestions: a wine-tasting or tequila theme party, and a group garage sale in late spring. It’s great to be social while helping a good cause!

Please begin to plan ahead if you are willing to donate some merchandise or solicit donations from your favorite local stores for our **Holiday Silent Auction** tables, such as a basket of beauty products from Nordstrom’s, Mary Kay, Arbonne or Avon, and a basket you put together from the wonderful pre-season sales happening right now at TJMax, Walgreens or Neiman Marcus! Popular items include a bottle of wine, stemware, cocktail napkins, gourmet nuts and chocolates. Think creatively. What gift would you like to receive during this busy time of year? Christmas or Hanukkah items for adults, families or children, treats for your pet or a special best friend, your mother, AAUW sister, swim or yoga instructor?

You will receive a letter from us thanking for your donation. The person bidding on it and buying the product will give us cash or a check that will go to our AAUW funds in Washington D.C. for very important programs, our branch will be credited for your generosity, and you or someone you care about will receive an awesome gift! We ALL win!

Starting next month we will have letters available for soliciting items if you are going to a business. We’ll have forms available on-line and hard copy where you will list the items, the “retail value”, your name, and your suggestion of a starting bid. That way our graphics team, headed by Mary Ellen Scribner, can begin to create signage. Marsha is willing to store all non-perishable items in her home starting anytime after Oct. 1. If you are not comfortable putting together a basket or box, our creative team will do that task! We may combine individual gifts to create something special.

We will also have a table for “Personal Services” (a tasteful graphic display of something you will offer). Popular items include: your homemade pecan pie, two hours of your time and professional expertise as an accountant, mending, help organizing your garage or attic, help doing personal errands, a gourmet dinner for two in your home, a ride in your boat on Lake Travis, a ride to the airport someday, help de-cluttering your book shelves, two hours prepping your garden for spring, a private violin concert for you and a friend, a consultation of how to attract butterflies to your spring garden, help decorating your holiday tree, a piano lesson, word processing your family address list. The possibilities are endless! These will be time limited (used within 3-6 months max.), to be done at a mutually convenient time.

For more information or help making a donation, please contact Funds Co-Chairs:

Anita Knight, dbasknight@aol.com, (512) 922-4469 or Marsha Endahl Kramer, hughmarsha@aol.com, (512) 906-6566

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.



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IN THE NEWS

The Austin Community College Foundation had a strong investment year and was able to award the following two students \$2,500 each from the AAUW Frances Malmberg Endowed Scholarship: Marianna Guzy and Morgan Hinojosa. Both are "returning to learning" adult students and single mothers. Last year's scholarship recipient, Maylin Molina, completed 3 hours this past summer with a 4.0 GPA and was accepted into the nursing program at Texas State University this fall.

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AAUW's 2015-16 Fellowship and Grants awardees join the ranks of Nobel Prize winners, celebrated authors, social entrepreneurs, prominent scholars and more. For more information about these 7 recipients at UT Austin, see http://www.aauw.org/aauw_check/fellowships_directory/. Let's hope we meet some at our branch meetings!

AMERICAN FELLOWSHIPS

Cynthia Blanco – Linguistics
 Claudia Cervantes-Soon - Education
 Caitlyn Collins - Sociology
 Alexis Harasemovitch-Truax - History
 Carrie Veilleux - Anthropology

CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Martha Bohrt - Public affairs
 Lisa Wauters - Speech/language pathology

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Anita Knight, immediate past AAUW Austin president and volunteer extraordinaire, was a finalist for the 2015 Diana L. Gorham Lifetime Achievement Award given annually by the YWCA of Austin. She is pictured (l-r) with the recipient, Virginia Marie Raymond, JD, PhD.

