

AAUW
Austin, Texas Branch

Next Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 11,
2017

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Austin Woman's Club

RSVP by Oct. 6th

To Judy Reinhart, 512-345-5936,
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Our Mission. *Advancing equity for women and girls through
advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

Professor Brenner: **Journalism in the Era of Fake News**

“Believe nothing you hear, and only one half that you see” is usually attributed to a character in one of Edgar Allan Poe’s macabre stories. We will receive a far more measured view from our October speaker’s experiences in what is now being called an era of “fake news.” R.B. Brenner is the G.B. Dealey Regents Professor and the Director of the School of Journalism at the University of Texas. Prior to coming to UT, he was Deputy Director of Journalism at Stanford University. An Oberlin College graduate, he began his reporting career at the *Winston-Salem Journal* and soon moved to *The Washington Post*, where his roles included Metropolitan Editor, Sunday Editor, Deputy Universal News Editor and Maryland Editor. He was one of the primary editors of the newspaper’s coverage of the Virginia Tech shootings, which was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 2008. At the *Post* he also played a leadership role in merging the digital and print newsrooms.



**Please join us at the Austin Woman’s Club on Wednesday, October 11, at 10 a.m.
to hear how Professor Brenner’s experiences are informing his practice
and teaching of journalism in these fraught times.**

Cost: \$25 with lunch or \$5 without lunch. *(RSVP to Judy Reinhart by Oct. 6th)*

FIRST COURSE	Mixed Green Salad with Pears, Pickled Red Onions, Toasted Walnuts, Gorgonzola Dressing.
ENTRÉE	Marinated and Grilled Flank Steak with an Avocado Chimichurri served with Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes and Seasoned Vegetable
DESSERT	Mixed Berry Cobbler with Crème Anglaise

YUMMY – don’t miss it!
Pick up your **YEARBOOK** too!

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Contemporary Literature at Fern Chester's

Oct. 2 *Tomlinson Hill: The Remarkable Story of Two Families who share the Tomlinson Name*
 Author: Chris Tomlinson
 Leader: Karen Jordahl
 Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102

Out to Lunch:

Oct. 3 Eastside Café
 (11:30 AM) 2113 Manor Road (Central East Austin)
 Hostess: Elaine Penn
 RSVP: Diane Brewer, 512-328-0474
 zdramamom@gmail.com

First Friday AM Book Review

Oct. 6 *First Mothers*
 (10:00 AM) Author: Bonnie Angelo
 Reviewer: Carol Fritz
 Host: Evelyn Boyer
 Contact: Judy Reinhart, 512-345-5936
 jareinhart@att.net

Resurrected Hiking Club

Oct. 7 Enchanted Rock
 (10 AM--) Contact: Jackie Hardee,
 jshtxlx@yahoo.com

Central Books:

Oct. 9 *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
 (10:30 AM) Author: Maya Angelou
 Hostess: Mary Humke
 Facilitator: Maggie Kadleccek
 Contact: Ann Marie Ellis, 512-282-9637

Branch meeting:

Oct. 11 Branch meeting with R.B. Brenner
 (10:00 AM) See page 1 – come pick up Yearbooks!

Southwest Books:

Oct. 16 *Behold the Dreamers*
 (10:30 AM) Author: Imbolo Mbue
 Hostesses: Dixie Schurle,
 and Jennifer Swenson
 Facilitator: Dixie Schurle
 Contact: Jennifer Swenson, 512-288-2894

Creative Stitchery:

Oct. 18 Hostess: Beverly Locklin
 (10:00 AM) Co-hostess: Fern Chester
 Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102
 fernchester@aol.com

Culture & Cuisine:

Oct. 19 France
 (6:30 PM) Hostesses: Barbara Houston,
 and Betty Schmidt
 Contact: Barbara Houston, 512-633-9766;
 barbyhouston@gmail.com

PEARS:

Oct. 21 Gruene Market Days – lunch at Grist Mill
 (12:30) Contact: Anita Knight, 512-329-8575
 dbasknight@aol.com

Art Tour:

Oct. 25 Austin Art Space
 (10:00 AM) 7739 Northcross Drive, Ste. Q, Austin
 Lunch at Star of India (buffet), 2900
 West Anderson Lane.
 Planners/hosts: Maggie Kadleccek, and Terry Whaley
 Contact: Diane Brewer
 Zdramamom@gmail.com

**MORE things we are invited to do this month
 and next: SAVE THE DATES!**

Oct. 18 **Girlstart Game Changers Luncheon**
 (11-1:00) JW Marriott Hotel – join AAUW table!
 Women in STEM awards

Oct. 20 **Austin Woman's Federated Club**
 (11-1:00) Dr. Alex Garcia, "Innovations in
 Population Health", UT/Dell Med. School
 Austin Woman's Club
 Contact: Carol Blanchard, 512-971-0197

Oct. 26 2nd AAUW Hike – TBA by Rebecca Benz

Nov. 4 **GenAustin: "We are Girls"** – see page 4

November Branch program meeting (Wednesday)

Nov. 8 Fred Burton, STRATFOR
 (10 AM) "Global Security Outlook"
 Faith Lutheran Church

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STEM/STEAM News: from Lilac Bauer, 512-743-6338,
la_azucena@hotmail.com



AAUW has been actively involved with promoting STEM education and careers, as well as advocating for educational and economic equity, for women and girls since its beginnings. In the 1990s the Austin branch implemented opportunities for girls in grades 6-8 to participate in STEM hands-on activities with professional women in STEM with our one-day *Expanding your Horizons* Conference.

Since the 2000s, we have volunteered with two non-profits wholly dedicated to bringing hands-on STEM/STEAM education to 4th - 8th grade girls in After School Programs, Summer Day Camps, and Saturday STEM Days throughout the school year. Rachel Muir was a young woman looking for an opportunity with an organization with just such a vision. She fund-raised and founded Girlstart, which is now going national under the current leadership of AAUW member **Dr. Tamara Hudgins** and the dedicated Girlstart staff.

Latinitas was the creation of two UT Austin graduate students, Laura Donnelly and Alicia Rascon, who looked for a way to improve the image and self-esteem of young Latinas. They used media and technology to develop an on-line magazine created by and for young Latinas. They too have used the model of after school clubs, summer camps and STEAM Saturdays to incorporate music media, photography and film, online technology, entrepreneurship, and computer coding, with an extra emphasis on literacy, to encourage the girls in the East and South Austin areas, and El Paso.

The Austin Branch of AAUW has a strong STEM committee whose members had their first meeting in August. We are working on volunteer opportunities for AAUW members in STEM and STEAM with upper elementary and middle school girls. See the list below; those items with an **!!!** mark are needing more volunteers **now!!**

**CO-PRESIDENT
Elaine Penn's
MESSAGE:**



Mary Ellen and I are delighted to have had such a wonderful start to the 2017-2018 Austin AAUW Branch! Our first meeting at Huston-Tillotson was well attended, inspiring, and a perfect kick-off for the year.

Our interest groups have started with a bang, as well! If you haven't signed up for an interest group, please do as soon as you can. I can assure you that each interest group you join will geometrically increase your love of the people in our branch and of AAUW's mission. You will meet people that share your interest. Take some time to really get to know them!

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This coming year's STEM Members and Activities are as follows:

Oct. 3, 2:30 pm - Stuff Latinitas Goody Bags - **Lilac Bauer** at her home (**Ginny Tannebring, Anita Knight, Charlotte May**) - 1 hour

Oct. 14, 8-10:00 am - Start-Up Chica Conference, (Latinitas) - **Lilac Bauer**, at the Capital Factory, Omni Building (**Resa Dunn, Phyllis Gruver, Brenda Hahne, Judy Reinhart, Mary Ellen Scribner**) - 2 hours

!!! Oct. 27, 4:30-8:30 Community STEM at the Bullock, (Girlstart) - **Judy Reinhart**, jareinhart@att.net – 2 hr shifts

January, May - Data Entry for Girlstart - **Ginny Tannebring**, ginnytann7@gmail.com - some training, your own hours

Feb. 4, 12 – 3:00 pm - Community STEM at the Bullock (Girlstart) - **Judy Reinhart**, jareinhart@att.net - 2 hr shifts

Mar-April TBA - Stuff Goody bags for Girls In STEM Conference - **Jackie Hardee**, jshtxtx@yahoo.com - 2 hours

April TBA - College Chica Conference (Latinitas) - **Katherine Staples**, staples@austin.rr.com - 2 hours

4 weeks July - Latinitas Summer Day Camp - **Janani Janakiraman**, janani66@hotmail.com - M-F (1-3 hrs) (one day only)

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A quick update from UT student affiliate and branch member **Kavya Ramamoorthy** on the UT campus AAUW organization:

*We have finished planning out our semester calendar! For each month, we chose a theme/issue to focus on and planned a main activity around that. This month we focused on World Contraception Day and are working with a UT Planned Parenthood campus organization on having an educational event with speakers and a discussion session. We also have monthly volunteer opportunities for our members to get involved in the community with **GenAustin**. The salary negotiation workshop is scheduled to be in the spring. Thank you again for helping us bring the AAUW to UT!*

P.S. She is applying for the Texas Orange Jackets (a service organization at UT that focuses on service as well as leadership), as well as re-applying for the AAUW Student Advisory Council this year. We wish her good luck!! Busy and committed young lady!



On Saturday, November 4th, Anderson High School is hosting a “We are Girls” Conference sponsored by **GenAustin** for girls in grades 3-8.

The We Are Girls Conferences, now in the 10th year, produced by Girls Empowerment Network (GEN), are held in Austin and Houston, Texas annually and are designed especially for thousands of 3rd - 8th grade girls and the adults who care about them. Leadership positions are available for high school girls. Tickets cost \$30 per person and 50% of attendees receive scholarships.

This year’s theme is “Become Unstoppable!” Refer to the website for further information: <https://girlsempowermentnetwork.org/what-we-do/we-are-girls-conference-austin/about-the-event/>

PUBLIC POLICY: **Sylvia Garcia** at 512-826-1371 Call her for special activities and advocacy! Get trained as a Volunteer Deputy Registrar in time for next election or at least the big one in 2018!

Don’t forget to **VOTE**, November 7th

Voters will be asked to consider 7 constitutional amendments, including an authorization of property tax exemptions for surviving spouse of first responders killed in the line of duty. See http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/const_amends for detailed analysis of each amendment.

Putting the FUN in **FUNd-rai\$ing** for AAUW!!

Debbie Starr and **Anita Knight**, co-Chairs

We heartily welcome and encourage straight out donations to AAUW, but we also want to provide some fun events and engagement opportunities that raise funds for AAUW's important work. We invite you to get involved! Here are upcoming opportunities for all:

October: 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 Shopping Night, 6-8:00 pm, 3800 N. Lamar

November General Meeting: Card Sales with fall/winter-themed pictures

December 6: Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Night, 5-8:00 pm, 4803 Burnet Rd.

December (tbd): Holiday Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble stores

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* NOTE: Collin St. Bakery commission goes to the Ann Richards American Fellowship Fund, which AAUW-TX is prioritizing this year, with matching dollars and the **Sisters of Ann** initiative to complete the fund. In 2008 AAUW-TX designated this graduate fellowship fund in honor of former Governor Ann Richards.



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MYSTERY READERS, By Pam Wolfe

Do you read mysteries? Did you know that for years, AAUW Austin had a Mystery Reading Group? Are you interested in helping me “reboot” the group? We had 5 members sign up for this new interest group at the September AAUW Austin Branch meeting. We need to determine when and where we will meet.

The Mystery Group is not like most book reading groups. We do not all read the same book nor the same author. *Each month we have a theme.* And you read a book associated with that theme. **You are invited to join the AAUW Georgetown Mystery Group on Saturday, October 14 at 2:00 P. M.** at the Georgetown Library (2nd floor, 402 W. 8th Street, Georgetown) to see how it works. The theme is “Spooky.” Just in time for Halloween, read a scary book. It can be a cozy, a classic, about ghosts, etc.

Please email **Pam** if you are interested in joining this new group at piwolfe@yahoo.com.



The Austin Community College Foundation reports that the ACC Frances Malmberg Endowed Scholarship has been awarded to Denise Basore and Kelley Spivey for the 2017-18 academic year. Denise is a culinary and pastry arts major with an emphasis on health and nutrition; and she intends to pursue a BS in Hospitality Management and Food Science, hoping to open a custom cake studio in Austin someday. Kelley is first in her family to obtain a college degree with plans to transfer to UT and eventually obtain a Master’s degree in Germanic and Scandinavian studies with an emphasis on Linguistics to be able to become a teacher and academic in this field.

The AAUW Hiking Club held its organizing meeting on September 14th. Contact interest group contact, **Linda Welsh** (lawelsh@gmail.com) to get notification of upcoming hikes.

In April, Jason Gindele stepped into the role of Executive Director at Mainspring Schools. Here is his letter to the entire Mainspring community. Austin AAUW is an historical and current part.

I'm often amazed at how life can change in one year. A year ago, I was spending my days immersed in building online businesses for users around the world. Today, little kids stream past my office every morning, saying "Hi, Mr. Jason!"

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I believe in helping others and tackling issues at the grassroots level, which is why I served on the Board of Directors for 4 years prior and it's why I accepted the Executive Director role at Mainspring.

Poverty and trauma are vicious, generational cycles that impact thousands of families here in Austin. And these lead to a myriad of subsequent issues that negatively affect our community.

The solution is to intervene early in a child's life and help both generations of a family move forward together through education, nutrition, counsel and community. We are dedicated to guiding our children's social, emotional and physical growth during the foundational stage of their lives, when we can really make a long-term difference. And we make sure that our families can provide the support necessary to facilitate that growth.

The model works. Those changes that I mentioned at the beginning? They happen at Mainspring. Every day, we see first-hand the progress shown by our kids, from regulating behavior to learning executive function to making good decisions to building quality relationships and more.

This is how we help our community. As steward of this wonderful school, I'm thrilled to be working with you to bring real change, one precious child at a time.

Thank you for being part of Mainspring. I look forward to seeing you here at the school someday soon.

Sincerely,
Jason Gindele



MORE Branch BUZZzzzzz – WELCOME NEW 2017-18 MEMBERS!

CO-PRESIDENT Elaine Penn's MESSAGE, continued:

I got a little carried away with my own advice and have actually gotten an award for being a part of the most groups – particularly in my first year. The ladies, and of course the topics, inspire me. I have spent many hours enjoying stories of my new friend's lives – lives so different from my own and yet with threads that will forever tie us together. I have met friends I would never have otherwise met and known immediately that we were 'sisters'. Partly because we were sharing something of interest, but mostly because we had the time to really get to know each other and share who we are.

There have been countless meetings for stitchery or Culture & Cuisine or a book group when the laughter never stopped. And, at least for me, nothing brings me closer to people than laughter. There has been sharing in the groups of all things. Sharing how our other friends are doing – whether ill or traveling to great places. Sharing of good times, of things to do (or not do) in the city, where to eat, what to eat, where to find the best 'whatever', and much, much more!

I only learned about AAUW a few months before I joined when Diane Brewer told me I had to quit working so much and join a group of women she knew I would grow to admire and love. Truer words were never spoken (though the work hasn't slowed much)! Each lovely lady I learn more about, *I am awed and want to get to know her better.*

Give yourself an amazing gift and get more involved in AAUW! Gee, I may go join another group!

Hugs, Elaine

Be part of the Bunch.

Welcome to these 18 new members who joined in 2017. Here is just a glimpse at their history studying all over the **USA**. More info about their education (many have graduate degrees) and contact info is in the new **2017-18 Yearbook**, which will be distributed at October meetings.

NAME		EDUCATION
Rebecca	Benz	UT Austin, BS Child Devel.; MSW, Social Work Admin.
Shelley Joyce	Bjorkman	U of Connecticut, BA Child Devel.; Michigan State U, MA Child Devel.
Carol	Blanchard	St. Edwards U, BA Communications
Gail	Boston	Hollins College, Roanoke, VA, BA Poli.Sci.; Manhattanville Coll., Grad. Courses in Multi-cultural
Dr. Colette Pierce	Burnette	Ohio State U, BS Engineering; GA College, MA Business; U. of PA, EdD. Higher Ed. Admin.
Ruth	Deitch	U of Houston, BA French & Spanish
Dr. Phyllis	Folarin	Wilberforce U, Ohio, BA Sociology; S. IL U., MS Education; U. of IL, Ed.D. Leadership & Org.
Phyllis	Gruver	U. of Oklahoma, BS Education; U. of Houston, M.Ed. GT w/ESOL cert.
Judith	Hart	SMU, BA English & French; UT Austin, MA French & English
Shirlene Booker	Justice	Texas Tech U, BS Telecommunication; UT Austin/LBJ SPA, MPAff Public Affairs
Dr. Mary Ann	Leitz	Charity Hospital, NOLA, RN/BA Nursing/Psych.; U. of S.CA, MSW; Tulane U., Ph.D. Social Work
Dr. Marilyn (Marsi)	Liddell	Drake U. (Iowa), BA English/Journalism; Drake U., MA Criminology; U. of Houston, Ed.D. ELSC
Sharon	Lutz	UC San Diego, BA History; AZ State U., MA Education; U. of FL, Ph.D. in progress
Joanne	Purkis	U of Kansas, BFA Textile Design
Brooke	Shannon	U of Colorado, BA Poli.Sci.; U. of Memphis, MA Poli.Sci.; UT Austin, PhD. Government
Sandra (Sandi)	Sykora	UT Austin, BA Psychology; U. of Houston, JD Law
Terry	Whaley	UT, BS Food & Nutrition; UT, MS Public Health
Susan (Sue)	Wiley	U. of Vermont, BS Elem. Ed. w/conc. In Art