

AAUW
Austin, Texas Branch

Next Meeting
Friday, Sept. 9, 2016

10:00 am

Norris Center
Northcross Mall

RSVP by Sept. 2nd to Diane at
zdrmamom@austin.rr.com



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Budget for vote

Our Mission. *Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

Friday, September 9 Meeting:

Wendell Harwell: "Living in China"



Come hear R. Wendell Harwell, retired CPA and husband of our Co-President **Marina Rivers**, tell about living in China. He has a delightful presentation that will address some of the practical problems and joys of living abroad.

Wendell spent his career as a practicing CPA in the Houston, San Jose, and San Francisco offices of an international CPA firm. During that period, from 1994 to 1998, Wendell took a 4-year sabbatical and moved, with his wife Marina, to American Samoa and served as the Territorial Auditor.

Upon retiring from public accounting in 2002, he began lecturing full time for California State University in its East Bay campus, teaching Auditing, Accounting and Fraud. In 2007 he and his wife moved to Shanghai, China for 3-1/2 years. Marina taught English to 5th graders at the Shanghai Singapore International School and Wendell taught Advanced International Auditing at LiXin University.



CO-PRESIDENT Marina's MESSAGE

"There will never be complete equality until women themselves help to make laws and elect lawmakers." - Susan B. Anthony, Activist, 1820-1906

Susan Anthony didn't live to see women get the vote 96 years ago in 1919-1920. However, this election year begins a significant period in our country's history with the first woman nominated for a major political party. The National Office of AAUW has put together some key actions on "Get Out the Vote!" The Texas State has received a grant and part of it is to promote the upcoming national elections. We will have more details during the next month.

The Austin Branch is celebrating 93 years of existence. During that time, both the boards and a vibrant membership have accomplished some remarkable milestones. We continue to have a strong mix of diverse women with strong ideas. Both **Marsha** and I look forward to this 2016-17 fiscal year.

I want to tell everyone in the Branch how pleased I am with our results. **Elaine Penn**, VP Membership, was responsible for a lovely afternoon in August for the annual Membership Social. She and her committee did an outstanding job, and the event resulted in new members and renewals. The ongoing challenge is to recruit and retain members.

I urge you to engage yourself in the Branch activities—the special interest groups, the monthly programs, or the overall commitment to the principles of AAUW. Be a vital part of the membership and volunteer your skills and talents to ensure the continued growth of the Austin Branch.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept. 9 September General Meeting, 10-1:00

Contemporary Literature, Old Quarry Library

Sept. 12 The Moor's Account
(7:15 PM) Author: Laila Lalami
Leader: Sharon DuBoise
Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102
fernchester@aol.com

Friday Morning Book Review:

No meeting this month

Southwest Books:

Sept. 12 Lab Girl
(10:30 AM) Author: Hope Jahren
Hostess: Cherie Wilson
Facilitator: Anita Knight & Sylvia Garcia

Out to Lunch:

Sept. 13 Quality Seafood (512-452-3820)
(11:00 AM) 5621 Airport Boulevard
RSVP: Diane Brewer, 512-328-0474
zdramamom@austin.rr.com

MORE things we are invited to do in the FALL:

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Sept. 27 A Night Under One Sky **
6:30-9:00 PM Umlauf Sculpture Garden



Creative Stitchery:

Sept. 16 Hostess: Jan Roberts
(10:00 AM) Co-Hostess: Fern Chester
Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102
fernchester@aol.com

PEARS:

Sept. 17 Dinner at County Line on Bee Cave
(6:30 PM) Usher in fall and football
Contact: Milli Stecker,
stecker@austin.rr.com

Culture & Cuisine:

Sept. 22 English Tea
(6:30 PM) Hostesses: Carol Fritz & Myrtle Bell,
Contact: Barbara Houston, 512-633-
9766; barbyhouston@gmail.com

Voter Registration Drive Kick-off

Sept. 23 ACC Highland Campus
Contact: Sylvia Garcia, 512-826-1371

Art Tour:

Sept. 28 People's Gallery at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd
(10:00 AM) Lunch at Threadgill's, 301 W. Riverside
Planner: Barbara Worley
Contact: Diane Brewer
zdramamom@austin.rr.com

WANTED: YOUR article/editorial/
stories for the branch monthly newsletter

Please send to **Anita Knight** at **dbasknight@aol.com**.

**** A Night Under One Sky** (from iACT, Interfaith Action of Central Texas) *has become a beloved tradition in our community. It celebrates the notion that there is common ground, that we can all walk in search of peace and respect in this world. The setting is magical. The food is delightful. The music is inspiring. The conversation is uplifting.*

*"We may be of different tribes,
but we all live under one sky."*

AAUW in ACTION

2015-2016 Branch UT Fellowship Reports

Joyce Pulich, UT Fellowship Chair, 2015-16

Austin Branch members' contributions provided funding for an endowment at the University of Texas to award fellowships to women doctoral candidates each spring. Since 1985, ninety women have received funds to help them complete their studies. Five fellowships were awarded for the 2015-2016 academic year. In accepting the funds, recipients agree to provide written reports describing their use of the fellowship. Highlights from the reports submitted by the 2015-2016 fellows are provided below.

Karen Chilstrom's dissertation documents the evolution of language policy in post-Soviet Ukraine using interviews with teachers of Russian in Ukraine to develop an ethnographic portrait of Russian-language education. She plans to defend her dissertation this summer and work as a lecturer at the University of Texas while seeking a tenure-track position in a Slavic language department. Karen used the fellowship funds to offset tuition and research expense. She offered to make a presentation on her completed dissertation at a future AAUW meeting.



Megan Pfitzinger Lippe used the AAUW financial support to focus on her dissertation work. Her study evaluated the integration of palliative and end-of-life care content into the University of Texas at Austin's baccalaureate nursing program. Student outcomes revealed significant improvement in knowledge and attitudes toward caring for dying patients. Megan is working with the curriculum committee to integrate changes to the nursing program. She will begin a tenure-track faculty position at the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Carey Pulverman successfully defended her dissertation in May and began a clinical internship in South Texas. The AAUW funds supported her living expenses while she worked on the dissertation. She studied the relationship between affective appraisal of physiological sexual arousal and sexual dysfunction among women with a history of childhood sexual abuse (CSA). Women with a history of CSA are a higher risk of experiencing sexual dysfunction than non-abused women. Clinical findings call for changes in treatments for sexual dysfunction in women with a history of CSA.

Alesha Stewart, a doctoral candidate in Pharmacy – Medicinal Chemistry, used the AAUW fellowship to focus more on research and less on finances. She is investigating the ligand binding and processing by members of the Metallo-B-Lactamase superfamily: NDM-1 and AidC. Her research will contribute to the design of drugs to treat antibiotic resistance. Alesha is on track to complete her doctoral degree in May 2017.

Cornelia Loos, a doctoral candidate in linguistics, presented her work at three academic conferences in early 2016. Her dissertation focuses on a particular syntactic construction in American and German Sign Language. She identified and evaluated syntactic and semantic tests that help determine whether a particular utterance constitutes a single sentence or contains more than one such unit. The AAUW financial support allowed her to develop her ideas on the topic further and present them at linguistic society conferences. Cornelia plans to complete her dissertation during academic year 2016-2017 while applying for a post-doctoral position in Germany.

2016-17 RECIPIENTS OF NATIONAL AAUW FELLOWSHIPS AT UT, AUSTIN:

	<p>Name: Abimbola Adelakun Award: International Fellowship Institution: University of Texas, Austin Citizenship: Nigeria Location: Austin, Texas Discipline: Humanities & arts Degree and Specialization: Ph.D., Performance</p>		<p>Name: Katrina Ramirez-Meyers Award: Selected Professions Fellowship Institution: University of Texas, Austin Location: Discipline: Engineering - mechanical Degree and Specialization: M.S., Materials</p>
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AAUW in ACTION

STEM News: from Lilac Bauer 512-743-6338
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Enjoy STEM activities with Girlstart this fall – for more information and to volunteer individually, visit girlstart.org. Did you get your ticket to the Oct. 26th Gamechangers' Luncheon?

The fall Latinitas College Chica Conference will still be on the ACC-Eastview Campus, and we will be helping with the registration, providing snacks, and handing out T-shirts and goody bags from 8am - 10 am on an upcoming Saturday.

FUNd-rai\$ing for AAUW!!

The gift-wrapping of books and toys is a fun activity, bringing the face of AAUW to the book shoppers at Barnes and Noble, as we accept 'TIPS' to go to the AAUW Ann Richards Fellowship Fund (>\$300 in 2015). The dates for the South Barnes and Noble, in the Sunset Valley Shopping Center, are:

Wed. Dec. 14, 2-6pm	Wed. Dec. 21, 2-6pm
Sat. Dec 17, 10am-2pm	Fri. Dec. 23, 10am-2pm
Mon. Dec 19, 2-6pm	

The dates for the North Barnes and Noble, in the Arboretum, are to be determined. Sign up with either Mary Kate Fredriksen or Lilac Bauer at a meeting.

PUBLIC POLICY: Sylvia Garcia at 512-826-1371 and Jean Bessent at 512-921-0545

Please be aware of the Texas State Board of Education's continued efforts to minimize the contributions of Tejanos in this state. It seems that as Tejanos attempt to recover the strong Spanish Mexican roots of Texas and include them in mainstream Texas history curriculum, we take one step forward and two backward. The reason for that bleak assessment is the disappointing news that the SBOE is on the verge of approving a textbook written by a former SBOE member who holds blatantly negative views toward Mexican Americans and *Chicanos*.

Friday, September 23: Come to the ACC Highland Campus for Kickoff of Voter Registration Drive.



Congratulations!

2016-18 AAUW Texas State Board



Back Row: Traci Jensen AAUW Funds, Ginny Phoenix VP Membership, Brenda Moss S. District Representative, Barbara Cager N. District Representative

Front Row: Gayna Dupont Finance Officer, **Freda Bryson** C/U Partner Chair, Gloria Long N. District Representative, **Pam Wolfe** President, Dixie Christian VP Program, Kinta Parker Public Policy Chair

Not Pictured: Deborah Ashley S. District Representative, Susan Roehrig Secretary, **Marina Rivers** Central District Representative, Kathleen Darcey W. District Rep.

Check out the state website, AAUW-TX.aauw.net, which is managed by our Austin Branch member **Janani Janakiraman**.



BRANCHES ACROSS TEXAS
Empowering Through Connections

One major takeaway from both party conventions was the importance of voting. The AAUW Action Fund **It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard** campaign has resources that can help in your get-out-the-vote efforts. Women will decide this election. Candidates must understand they need to speak to and act on issues important to women and that we will hold them accountable, in November and beyond. See the AAUW Action Fund **2016 voter guides** at <https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/voter-guides/>.

Let's work together to build upon the legacy of the brave women who came together to call for equal rights 168 years ago. Remember—when women vote, we change the conversation.

NEWS and Sharing

Your work is to discover your world and then with all your heart give yourself to it.

- Buddha

Dr. Carol Fritz, former Public Policy Chair, discovered AAUW like this: She writes: *"I joined AAUW because an active member convinced me I should. In my professional life, I joined groups of women in business, or my subject matter area, or public policy formation.*

*AAUW, I was told, was primarily for teachers. In Austin, I met a lady who actively campaigned to convince me otherwise. Those who knew **Dr. Isabel Wheeler** (English professor and DKG professional) know how committed she was, whether trick-or-treating for UNICEF as a child and leaving papers at each door saying 'Vote for X'; or writing letters to the editor well into her later years; volunteering for AAUW; or working on me as her local precinct chair!*

She proved that AAUW members were the folks to know, and that no area of interest was out of reach. One discussion, on the use of profanity in literature, favored usage in character definition, but rejected usage for shock effect 'in the absence of talent'.

Yes, much of our work is related to education, but other efforts have emerged, and I hope will continue to grow."

Editor's Note: here's to discovering these efforts!!



Last month we introduced new members. At this time, we want to honor the memory of longtime members who left us in the past year. Each had a deep attachment to AAUW and the Austin branch, and they will always be missed.

Dorothea Berasley, 1922-2016

Member in Austin since 1991; loved travel, reading, needlework, quilting, and Mah Jongg

Ethelwyn (Etta) Endahl, 1922-2015

Honorary 50+ member; poet and teacher; active in 8 branches in 6 states

Dr. Janice May, 1923-2016

Member in Austin since 1966, but honorary 50+ year member since 1956; past-president of branch; active in civic affairs - she served on two Texas Constitutional Revision Commissions.

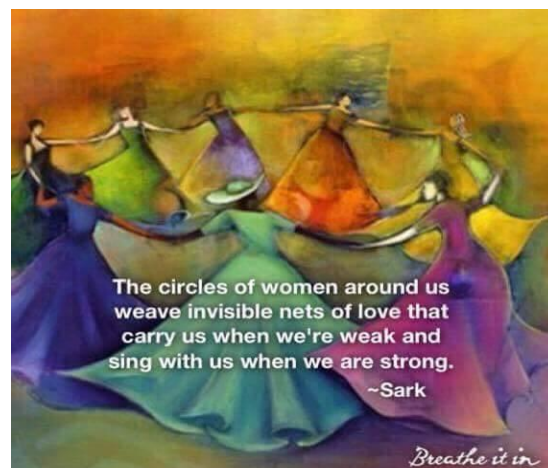
Dr. Dolores Suzanne (Sue) Bissel Rodi, 1942-2015

Member since 1975, English Literature Professor, Branch past-president

Raemar Shown, 1926-2016

Member since 1986; active in Girl Scouts; charter member and long-time volunteer with EYH; recognized as one of 100 Women of Distinction at the Texas Centennial Biennium Convention in 2008

We also remember **Mary Ellen Scribner's** only child Tod Keeble; and members **Brenda Scholin, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Gayle Smith, Suzy Lindeman Snyder** and **Dorothy Horsley**, who all suffered the loss of their beloved husbands Allan Scholin, Hugh Kramer, Barry Smith, Bryan Snyder, and Joe Horsley. Gayle also recently lost her brother.



LWV Fall Kick-off Meeting

National and Texas Perspectives on Voting Rights

League of Women Voters of Austin

in Collaboration with the

UT Student Chapter and local Austin Chapter of the

American Constitution Society

Sunday, September 18, 2016

1:30 - 4:00 Program

4:00 - 5:00 VDR Training for interested attendees

Admission is free. Open to the public.

LBJ School/Library

Bass Lecture Hall, UT Campus

2300 Red River St.

Austin, TX 78712

**Hosted by LBJ School of Public Affairs Student Organization:
Feminist Policy Alliance**

Nationally Recognized Speakers:

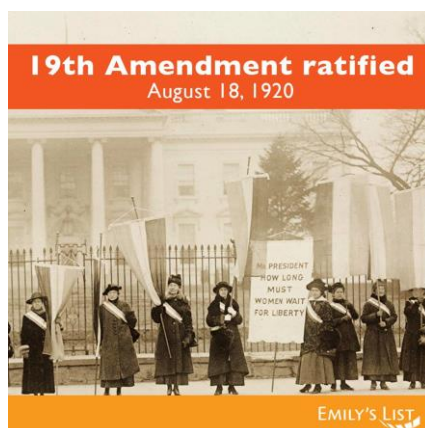
Nancy Abudu, Director of Legal Operations, ACLU of Florida

Chad Dunn, Chief litigator for plaintiffs in the Teas Voter ID case

Cassandra Champion, Texas Civil Rights Project litigator

on Texas Motor Vote Act voter registration enforcement

For more information and to register for above, see: lwvaustin.org



96 years ago, the 19th Amendment was ratified, enshrining the women's right to vote in the Constitution.

Please review and be ready to vote on this proposed budget at September meeting.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES			AAUW - AUSTIN, TEXAS BRANCH					
			ACTUAL Year Ended		BUDGET Year Ended			
			June 30,		June 30			
Branch Income			2015	2016	2,015	2,016	2,017	
	Branch Dues		\$ 2,613	\$ 2,519	2,500	2,500	2,500	
	PayPal fees		(32)	(21)	(60)	(40)	(30)	
	Program Income (net)		-	-	300	150	-	
	Branch Lunches - Net		948	760	100	-	400	
	Branch Contributions		598	395	600	600	450	
			4,127	3,653	3,440	3,210	3,320	
	Grants from Businesses **		1,000	1,000				
	Fundraising Income		372	-				
	Interest Income*		87	104	50	50	10	
	Total Branch Income		5,586	4,757	3,490	3,260	3,330	
Branch Expenses								
Officers								
	President		33	-	100	100	100	
	Program VP		75	195	350	350	325	
	Membership VP		523		500	500	450	
	Secretary				25	25	25	
	Treasurer				25	25	25	
	Total Officer		631	195	1,000	1,000	925	
Committee Expenses								
	Memorials		50	125	100	100	100	
	Newsletter - Printing		84	227	250	250	225	
	Newsletter - Other		70	57		-	60	
	Yearbook- Printing'		348	173	800	770	635	
	Conference Fees		100	575	500	500	500	
	By-laws & Public Policy				25	25	25	
	UT Fellowships				25	25	25	
	Study/ Interest Groups				25	25	25	
	AAUW Funds/ Fund raising				25	25	25	
	Total Committee Expenses		652	1,157	1,750	1,720	1,620	
Non Committee Expenses								
	P.O. Box Rental		80	82	80	80	86	
	Liability Insurance		175	185	180	180	195	
	Computer Programs		216	-	200		239	
	Signage						80	
	Other		85	-	280	280	185	
	Contributions		300	-				
	Total Non Committee Expenses		856	267	740	540	785	
	Total Branch Expenses		2,139	1,619	3,490	3,260	3,330	
	Total Branch Net Income		3,447	3,138	-	-	-	
Program Expenses for Other - Net								
	STEM		(280)					
	Mainspring		190	400				
	Latinitas		462	500				
	Girlstart		960	100				
	Total Program Expenses - Net		1,332	1,000	**			
	Net Income		\$ 2,115	\$ 2,138	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

*Additional interest earned for Mainspring Accounts was \$98 in 2016. 2017 Budget has only AAUW Branch interest.