

AAUW  
Austin, Texas Branch

Next Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Huston-Tillotson University

RSVP by Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>

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



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

### Dr. Collette Pierce Burnette, "My Journey to the Presidency"

Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette, an experienced leader in higher education with a deep commitment to student success, will share her journey from working for several corporations to having her own computer consulting firm to several higher education positions to finally becoming the first female President and Chief Executive Officer of the merged Huston-Tillotson University (and only the second female president in the institution's 140-year history).

Huston-Tillotson University Board of Trustees announced Colette Pierce Burnette as the institution's sixth President and Chief Executive Officer, effective July 1, 2015.



Dr. Burnette has a vast experience serving on boards and committees with various companies, colleges, and community organizations. At one time, she was a member of AAUW. She is married to Dr. Daarel Burnette, and they have two adult children, Daarel II of Washington, DC and Daana of New York, New York.

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*Enter the campus at 900 Chicon Street with parking in a lot on the right side of the entrance.*

*Parking is also allowed along the street inside the campus. Our meeting will be in the Agard-Lovinggood Lecture Hall, the building directly across from the entrance.*

*Cost: \$20 with lunch or \$5 without lunch. (RSVP with choice to **Judy Reinhart** by Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>)*

*A box lunch will be served with a choice of ham, roast beef, or smoked roasted turkey on a croissant with lettuce, tomato and cheese. A vegetarian wrap with hummus, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, red onion, and olives is a choice. There is also a gluten-free choice. All box lunches include chips, fresh fruit, cookie, bottled water, assorted sodas, and mayo and mustard.*

**→ Come check out Interest group sign ups that we missed at cancelled August social.**

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**Contemporary Literature at Fern Chester's**

**Sept. 4** To Explain the World: The Discovery of  
(7:15 PM) Modern Science

Author: Steven Weinberg

Leader: Mary Ellen Scribner

Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102

**First Friday AM Book Review**

No meeting in September

Contact: Judy Reinhart, 512-345-5936

jareinhart@att.net

**Branch meeting:**

**Sept. 9** Branch meeting with Dr. Burnette  
(10:00 AM) **Come and enjoy HT U!**

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**Come see what you missed  
at the Summer Social, and  
VOTE on budget (p. 6).**

**Central Books:**

**Sept. 11** Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a  
(10:30 AM) Family and Culture in Crisis

Hostess: Mary Humke

Facilitator: Ann Marie Ellis

Contact: Ann Marie Ellis, 512-282-963

**Southwest Books:**

**Sept. 11** Delicious

(10:30 AM) Author: Ruth Reichl

Hostesses: Sylvia Garcia, Susan James

Facilitator: Dixie Schurle

Contact: Jennifer Swenson,  
512-288-289

**Out to Lunch:**

**Sept. 12** Quality Seafood Market & Restaurant  
(11:00 AM) 5621 Airport Blvd.

RSVP: Diane Brewer, 512-328-0474  
zdramamom@gmail.com

**Resurrected hiking club**

**Sept. 14** 11205 Terrace Bluff Drive  
(7-9:00 PM) Contact Linda W., lawelsh@gmail.com

**PEARS:**

**Sept. 16** Tailgate at County Line BBQ in Westlake  
(6:00 PM) Contact: Milli Stecker, 512-263-1075,  
milli1251@gmail.com

**Creative Stitchery:**

**Sept. 20** Hostess: Nancy Ellison  
(10:00 AM) Co-hostess: Elaine Penn  
Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102  
fernchester@aol.com

**Culture & Cuisine:**

**Sept. 21** Down Under  
(6:30 PM) Hostesses: Anita Knight, Jean Bessent  
Contact: Barbara Houston, 512-633-  
9766; barbyhouston@gmail.com

**Art Tour:**

**Sept. 27** Texas State Cemetery (est. 1851)  
(10:00 AM) 909 Navasota Street, Austin  
Lunch at Eastside Café, 2113 Manor Rd.  
Planners/hosts: Mary Ellen Scribner,  
and Milli Stecker  
Contact: Diane Brewer  
Zdramamom@gmail.com

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

**GlobalAustin Regional Summit**

**Sept. 19** "Diplomacy Begins Here"  
(8:30-5:00) Texas State Capitol Building  
Legislative Conference Center

**Branch program meeting (Wednesday)**

**Oct. 11** R.B. Brenner  
(10 AM) "Journalism in the Era of Fake News"  
Austin Woman's Club

**Latinitas "Start Up Chica" Conference**

**Oct. 14** Capitol Factory (top floor of Omni Bldg.)

**Girlstart Game Changers Annual Luncheon**

**Oct. 18** JW Marriott Hotel  
(11-1:00) Women in STEM awards

## AAUW in ACTION


**CO-PRESIDENT  
Mary Ellen's MESSAGE:**

What calendar is embedded in your brain? Oh, I know our civilization has run on the Gregorian calendar

since the 1500s, but many of us live our lives according to calendars that may otherwise define our year: fiscal, liturgical, academic, lunar, etc. Since my very first day of school, I have thought in terms of academic years. On this calendar, New Year's Day comes in late August or early September and brings with it the excitement of new beginnings, fresh starts, learning interesting and exciting things, and seeing our friends and favorite teachers more often.

The AAUW program year is like that also. This year we intended to celebrate its arrival on August 27 with the delightful social planned by Membership Vice President **Dr. Linda Welsh** and her committee (*so sorry it was cancelled*), and now we are launching into a year of fresh programs, of challenging ourselves with new ideas, of new accomplishments, and hopefully, of making some new friends. The executive board has chosen as its slogan for its 2017-18 term of office **"Pay it Forward"**; we want our efforts to count toward a better future for the women our organization "has been empowering ... as individuals and as a community since 1881."

Program Vice President **Judy Reinhart** and a strong committee went to work early in the spring to plan programs with all that in mind. Treasurer **Roberta Coffin** and her finance committee have created a budget (see page 6) that puts the branch on solid financial footing. **Lilac Bauer** has formed a STEAM committee that will certainly let us **"Pay It Forward"** through our work for Girlstart, Latinitas, and probably some new initiatives in that area. **Elaine Penn**, my co-president, and I are eager to get going on this exciting new slate of programs and activities and hope that you are too!

**STEM/STEAM News:** from Lilac Bauer,  
512-743-6338, [la\\_azucena@hotmail.com](mailto:la_azucena@hotmail.com)

Thanks to new committee members for help with STEAM events:

**Jackie Hardee:** Organize support for Girls in STEM Conference

**Ginny Tannebring:** Develop a cadre of data input volunteers for the Girlstart Sept., Jan. & May surveys

**Judy Reinhart:** Develop a core group of volunteers to work in 2 Community STEM hands-on events at the Bob Bullock Museum

**Carol Midboe:** Recruit volunteers for the Latinitas "Start Up Chica" Conference on October 14

**Katherine Staples:** Recruit volunteers for the Latinitas "College Chica" Conference at ACC Eastview in Spring

**Janani Janakiraman:** Coordinate with Latinitas Summer Camp staff for volunteers as needed

**Lilac Bauer & Charlotte May:** Purchase items like pencils and snacks for Goodie Bags.

## FUNd-rai\$ing for AAUW!!

### Almost \$1500 already contributed in 2017.

AAUW Texas is starting a new push to close out the Ann Richards Fellowship. Starting September 1 going up to 2018 convention (April 20-22 in Houston), AAUW Texas will match any and all funds donated to the fellowship.

Also, in January we will start the **Sisters of Ann** initiative. Any individual giving \$250 or more will be recognized as a "Sister of Ann" and will receive a lovely yellow rose pin and listing in the convention program. Any branch giving \$500 or more to the fellowship will be recognized as a "Sisters of Ann Branch" and will get special recognition at state convention. This will not start until January but will run until April. It is not retroactive.

(NOTE: *Collin St. Bakery commission goes to AR Fund.*)

## AAUW in ACTION

We all volunteer and even have favorite charities. Last month **Maggie Kadlecek** submitted the cause of **Donations for Art Camp in Africa.**

Here are 2 other ideas to consider, both improving the lives of prisoners. These come from the SW Book Group discussion about the book Just Mercy, which prompted us to think SOCIAL ACTIVISM!!

<http://storybookproject.org/>  
**Connecting children with their incarcerated moms through the joy of literature.**



Storybook Project of Texas builds relationships between mothers behind bars and their children on the outside. Volunteers record the mothers reading books to their children. The mothers also include a short message. The children receive a copy of the recording and a new book each month. Since 2003, WSP has added prisons and mothers to its program. In 2014, six prisons and approximately 2,500 women were participating.



<https://insidebooksproject.org/>

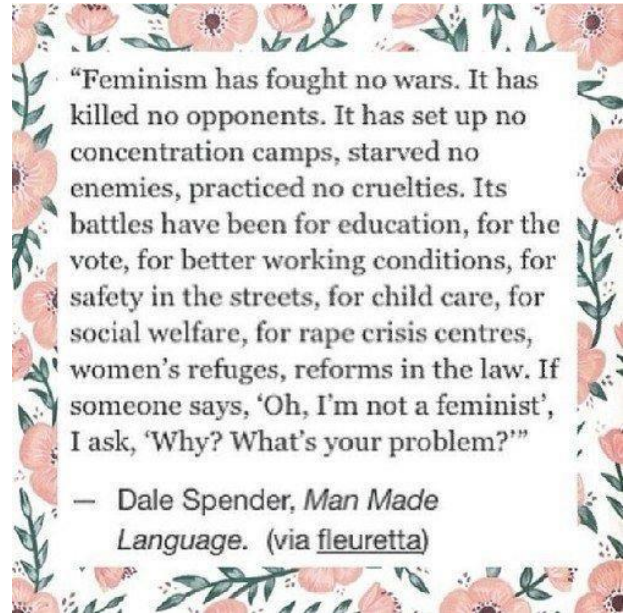
Inside Books Project is an Austin-based community service volunteer organization that sends free books and educational materials to prisoners in Texas. Inside Books is the only **books-to-prisoners program** in Texas, where over 140,000 people are incarcerated. Inside Books Project works to promote reading, literacy, and education among incarcerated individuals and to educate the general public on issues of incarceration.

**Susan James** suggests we could collect books to donate, even if we did not volunteer to open letters from inmates, select books to best fit the request, and make packages of books to send back to each inmate.

Next month, let's learn about member **Lana Kempff's** daughter's project for Moja Tu, One Child, One Education, One Future. Just One.

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can all do small things with great love."* - Mother Teresa

**PUBLIC POLICY:** **Sylvia Garcia** at 512-826-1371  
Sylvia is hoping to have a new co-chair – call her for special activities and advocacy!



A Catholic Nun **Sister Joan Chittister**  
"What It Really Means to Be Pro-Life"

May 19, 2017

*A moral world is one whose societies realize that none of us can manage alone without the help of those who believe that every life is as important as their own.*

*Our morality, in fact, depends on what we do for the poor, the elderly, the children, the men who find themselves caught in an industrial-era job in a computer-era world, the women without health care to sustain them, without day care services to enable them to raise their children, without the equal pay, the decent pay — not the minimum pay — it takes to support a child, and without the government aid it takes to have a life, have the medical care they need and get an education that will get all of them out of the pit into which they have fallen while we all, citizens and government alike, uphold them as they climb.*

More at <http://billmoyers.com/story/what-pro-life-means/>.





## Branch BUZZzzzzzz

Dear **Joyce Pulich** and **Mary Ellen Scribner**,

In 2014, I received both the national AAUW fellowship and one from the Austin branch (Ed. note: *one of 2 we know who have received BOTH*) to support my dissertation work on low-income housing insecurity and mobile home parks. I am now a professor of sociology at the University of Colorado Denver and my book on this subject is coming out next year: Manufactured Insecurity with The University of California Press.

I recently also did a TEDx talk on this subject and I wanted to share it with you so you could share with members and see the outcomes of the kind of research AAUW supports. The support of AAUW was central in undertaking the research for this project, thank you for all your organization does.

Here is the link to the TEDx talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gV8Cy8rlock>

Best,  
Esther Sullivan, Ph.D.  
Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Denver

Women often refer to their life as a juggling act due to the many roles, duties, demands and responsibilities they fulfill.

But author Mary Catherine Bateson, thought the metaphor of "juggling a life" was "a terribly anxiety producing way for women to think about living, so she began to think and talk about women's lives as a composition - an improvisational work of art.

Mary Catherine Bateson wrote:

*"I like to think of women as artists of their own lives - working with what comes to hand through accident or talent, to compose and recompose a pattern in time that expresses who they are and what they believe in, making meaning even as they are studying and working and raising children, creating and recreating themselves....."*

*So, as you get up in the morning, as you make decisions, as you spend money, make friends, make commitments, you are creating a piece of art called your life."*

Best wishes for healing to **Mary Ellen Scribner**, who was preparing for a garage sale, tripped and fell, fracturing her left hip. She had what they call a half hip replacement—replacing the ball but not the socket.



## Austin AAUW 2017-2018 Proposed Budget

RWC, 8/28/17

	Proposed Budget 2017-2018	Actuals 2016-2017	Notes
<b>Branch Income</b>			
Branch Dues	2,700	2,667	Estimate based on current membership - 158 MOB, 12 MBL, 3 Students, 18 MLHL
PayPal fees	(50)	(31)	
Branch Lunches - Net	(975)	907	Based upon reducing meal costs to \$25/per person or less and an attendance of 40 paid lunches and 5 Paid No lunches per program
Branch Contributions	998	386	Budget reflects actual amount (rounded) received to-date for 2017-2018, incl \$522 as paid with renewals prior to 6/30/3017
Lobby Day		100	Awarded by State for branch's participation. No Lobby Day in 2018.
Income Sub-Total	2,673	4,029	
Interest Income	5	6	Branch Checking Account Only
Roll-Over from Prev Lunch Net	907		Move "Profits" from 2016-2017 Branch Lunches into Budget for 2017-2018
Total Branch Income	3,585	4,035	
<b>Branch Expenses</b>			
Officers			
President	150	52	Raised to cover costs of ink, postage and duplicating for co-presidents
Program VP	325	300	Covers misc. expenses and 9 speaker gifts.
Membership VP	650	414	Summer Social, postage, printing, supplies, WeCon & Am Book Fest Tables
Secretary	25		Ink, Copies, Postage, Envelopes
Treasurer	100	15	Thank you gift for Accounting Record Review, plus copying costs, postage, etc.
Total Officer Expenses	1,250	781	
Committee Expenses			
Memorials	120	85	Library book cost increased from \$25 to \$30 in 2017
Newsletter - Printing	225	115	Newsletter copies & postage combined in 2016-2017 actuals
Yearbook- Printing	425	319	
Conference Fees	500	500	State Convention in Houston, April, 2018
Bylaws & Public Policy	25		
UT Fellowships			
Study/ Interest Groups	25		
AAUW Funds/ Fund raising	150	14	2017-2018 Budget based upon estimates submitted for producing additional cards
Past Presidents-Holiday Party	500		2017-2018 budget based upon estimates submitted for Holiday Party
Total Committee Expenses	1,970	1,033	
Non Committee Expenses			
P.O. Box Rental	90	86	Budget reflects actual cost for 2017-2018
Liability Insurance	200	185	
Computer Programs		238	
Signage		80	
Other	75	143	\$100 thank you to GirlStart/\$43 for Past-Presidents Pin
Contributions		100	Transfer of Lobby Day income to UT Student Affiliate branch
Total Non Committee Expenses	365	832	
Total Branch Expenses	3,585	2,646	
Total Branch Net Income	-	1,389	

## Program Expenses - Net

STEM

No budget numbers or expenses recorded for 2016-2017

Mainspring

No budget numbers or expenses recorded for 2016-2017

Latinitas

No budget numbers or expenses recorded for 2016-2017

Girlstart

## Total Program Expenses - Net