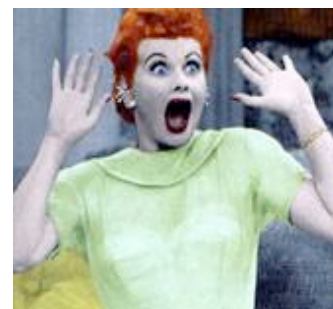




## American Association of University Women AAUW Austin (Texas) Branch

### FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS TO BE REVEALED AT FINAL BRANCH MEETING OF THE YEAR

Because of the large number of applicants and because the University of Texas extended the deadline by two weeks, the names, topics, and even how many fellowships will be awarded are not known at press time! Fellowship Chair **Rana Squires** will reveal all this to us at the Branch meeting on Saturday, May 4. Rana, and her committee of **Joyce Pulich** and **Ann Wright** had thirty-three “awesome applications” to read and evaluate. You definitely want to be present at this meeting to meet and hear from these awesome young women!



Program Vice President **Sylvia Garcia** has arranged for us to return to the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3401 South IH 35 for this much-anticipated meeting with the Branch fellowship recipients. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star Room, and lunch will be served about 11:30 a.m. The menu includes Asian chicken salad with fudge brownies for dessert; iced tea, regular and decaffeinated coffee as well as hot tea will be available. The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00, and the exact amount of cash or a check will be greatly appreciated.

Please make your reservation no later than Tuesday, April 30, either by sending an email to [austinaauw@gmail.com](mailto:austinaauw@gmail.com) or calling **Sylvia Garcia** at 512.221.2863 and leaving a message. Even if you plan to attend only the meeting and not stay for lunch, please let Sylvia know so that enough chairs will be set up.

If you haven't already sent in your membership renewal, the May 4 meeting will be an excellent opportunity to hand carry your membership renewal form and check to the treasurer/membership vice president. You may print the form from this newsletter (page 7).

**Branch Meeting**  
10 a.m., Saturday, May 4, 2013  
Lone Star Room,  
Wyndham Garden Hotel  
3401 South IH 35

**Reservations by Tuesday,**  
**April 30, 2013**  
[austinaauw@gmail.com](mailto:austinaauw@gmail.com) or 512.221.2863  
and leave a message  
**Cost of luncheon is \$20.00**

**Two University of Texas Austin Women**  
**among 245 Offered**  
**2013-1014 AAUW American Fellowships**

Lilian Barger - UT Dallas  
Carol Brochin Ceballos - UT El Paso  
Claudia Rueda - UT Austin  
Heather Sinclair - UT El Paso  
Allison White - UT Austin

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## May Calendar of Branch Activities

**May 1, 2:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Movie & Dinner:** Call Ruth Falck at 550.6449 or Lois Shaevel at 266.0273 (H) for specific details.

**May 3, 10 a.m.**

**Book Review:** Hyde Park Church of Christ. Potluck brunch & planning session for next year. Chair: Gayle Smith, 345.5585.

**May 3, 9 a.m. Rescheduled from April. Hiking.** Lady Bird Lake & coffee nearby afterward. For details contact Ruth Falck at 550.6449 or [ruthfalck@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthfalck@yahoo.com).

**May 4, 10 a.m.**

**Branch Meeting:** Lone Star Room, Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3401 South IH 35.

**May 5, 7:15-8:30 p.m.**

**Contemporary Literature:** Old Quarry BL. Choose books for next year & *Half Broke Horses* (Jeanette Walls). Discussion leader: Fern Chester. Chair: Fern Chester, 345.1102.

**May 8, 4 p.m.**

**Second Wednesday Bridge.** Contact: Judy Reinhart, 345.5936.

**May 9, 6:30 p.m. Second**

**Thursday Night Bridge.** Contact: Elaine Penn, 970.5051.

**May 13, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**SW Book Group.** *Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes behind the Veil* (Deborah Rodriguez). Facilitator/hostess: Kathy Csoltko; co-hostess: Lilac Bauer. Chair: Marsha Endahl Kramer, 906.2033 (H) or 906.6566 (C).

**May 15, 10 a.m.**

**Creative Stitchery** at home of Nancy Ellison with co-hostess Dorothea Berasley. Chair: Dorothea Berasley (343.0370).

## EcoNetworking , Earth Day & More



Kudos to **Sally Scott** who invited Brandi Clark Burton, an Austin social entrepreneur, trusted green advisor, and recognized community leader, to present our “green” April program! Brandi’s special passion is food waste, and she had some very shocking facts for those in attendance at the LCRA Redbud Center. Twenty-five percent of the food that comes into American households every month is wasted; on average that amounts to about \$133.00 a month. Annually in the U.S., forty percent of food in the farm-to-family pipeline is wasted. Globally, half of the food produced does not get eaten!

Brandi challenged us with the question “Where is away?” as in when food is thrown “away,” where does it go! Then she gave us an excellent overview of several models of composting recommended by the Food Recovery Hierarchy Council. Brandi has created Austin EcoNetwork and compiles and sends a twice-weekly EcoNews email. It is a great way to keep up with environmental news and events in the Austin community. You can sign up to receive it at [www.AustinEcoNetwork.com](http://www.AustinEcoNetwork.com).

## AAUW Expands Global Partnerships as Strategic Sponsor of CGI U

Last month, AAUW announced our strategic partnership with the Clinton Global Initiative and the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U). A contingent of AAUW staff and student leaders attended the sixth annual CGI U meeting in St. Louis April 5-7 to explore how students can make a commitment to turn their ideas into action on their campuses, in their local communities, and around the world. Check out <http://storify.com/AAUW/aauw-at-cgiu> for more details on the inspiring event.

May Calendar of Branch Activities  
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**May 16, 6:30 p.m.**

**Culture & Cuisine:** Hostess: Inés García (444.5643). Potluck planning meeting.

**May 18, 6:30 p.m. AAUW**

**PEARS:** Home of Arlo and Dixie Schurle, 6022 Tasajillo Trail. Planning for next year & cookout on the deck. Dress is very casual, and the only thing that you need to bring are ideas for next year's programs. RSVP to 284.8629 or [arlodixie.schurle@gmail.com](mailto:arlodixie.schurle@gmail.com).

**May 21, 11 a.m.**

**Out to Lunch:** La Madeleine French Café, 9828 Great Hills Tr. (<http://www.lamadeleine.com/>; 502.2474). RSVP: Veronica Johnson, [veronicajj@aol.com](mailto:veronicajj@aol.com) or 338.1254.

**May 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Third Tuesday Book Group** with hostess & facilitator Ruth Falck (550.6449). *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLane. Chair: Ruth Falck (550.6449).

**May, 10 a.m.**

**Art Tour:** Planning meeting & brunch at home of Mary Frances Rogerson, 2022 Goodrich Avenue, Austin 78704 (394.5688). All are welcome; bring ideas for 2013-14! Chair: Diane Brewer (328.0474).

**May 22, 4 p.m.**

**Fourth Wednesday Bridge.** Contact Sara Ezell (343.8494).

**May 24, 9 a.m. Hiking.**

Hike Stillhouse Hollow Nature Trail; have lunch at Spicewood Tavern. Contact Beverly Locklin for more information: 343.0782 or [blocklin@austin.rr.com](mailto:blocklin@austin.rr.com).

**Every Thursday, 9:30 a.m.**

**Bridge** at the Senior Center. Call Dorothy Ramsey (442.3841).

## BRANCH BUSINESS

### Board Clarifies Communication/Networking Policy

At the March board meeting, the board clarified the Branch's policy for communications and networking to read:

1. AAUW business, including newsletter distribution, emergency information such as cancellation of a meeting, and death notices, may be distributed via the branch e-mail tree.
2. No member may use membership emails for any purpose other than AAUW BRANCH business.
3. The newsletter will be the main channel of communication, but very occasionally the President with the chair of the relevant committee may approve the sending of timely notices of benefit to individual members and/or the Branch as a whole. Members have the option to OPT-out\* of this email information.

\*If you want to opt-out, you may send a blank email to **Mary Ellen Scribner**, newsletter editor, with "No extra AAUW email" on the subject line.

### Recommendations for New Interest Groups Sought

AAUW Austin interest groups provide members with opportunities for learning, socializing, and enrichment. Our members are fortunate to have many diverse interest groups from which to choose. If you would like to suggest a new interest group for 2013-2014, please contact Beverly Locklin, interest group chair, with those suggestions by emailing her at [blocklin@austin.rr.com](mailto:blocklin@austin.rr.com) or by calling her at 512.343.0782.

### Southwest Book Group Will Continue Through Summer

While most interest groups take a short break in the summer, the Southwest Book Group will meet in June and July. Some revision of the schedule for those meetings has been required. **Dixie Schurle** will host the June 17 meeting at which the books for 2013-14 will be selected. The July 8 meeting will be hosted by **Marsha Endahl Kramer**, and **Dixie Schurle** will facilitate the discussion of Jamie Ford's *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. The time is always 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Marsha Endahl Kramer at [HughMarsha@aol.com](mailto:HughMarsha@aol.com) or 512.906.6566.

### AAUW Voting Is Open Now!

Make your voice heard by voting on AAUW's leadership, Public Policy Program, and bylaws. [Vote online](#) now through June 10. For more information, reference the voter guide in your Spring/Summer issue of *Outlook* magazine or the e-mail that you received recently. You will also find [an instructional video](#) and [FAQs online](#). E-mail [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) with any further questions. We have two Texas candidates, Kathy Anthon and Malinda Gaul, and a Texas past president, Pat Ross, in the running, all of whom would be great AAUW directors.



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS with Diane Brewer

I am very happy to announce that this past month we have welcomed four new members to our Branch, and our membership is now 180!

The first, **Dr. Kay Elaine Keys**, joined in late March and attended the April Branch meeting at the LCRA Redbud Center. Kay retired in 2003 as a systems analyst at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Her working history also includes public school teaching at Odessa HS and some years as an associate instructor at UT. At the Women's History Month event organized by **Melinda Townsel** at ACC, **President Anita Knight** recognized Kay as a fellow Long Center usher and touched base with her. We are now thrilled to have her in the Branch and hope she can put her interests in photography, computers, and web work to good use! Kay and partner Cindy Tincher live at 6702 Hondo Bend, Austin, TX 78729-7509; home phone is 918.3323; and email is [kay@kaykeys.net](mailto:kay@kaykeys.net). She also has a website: <http://kaykeys.net>. Kay earned her B.A. in English and history at UT Austin in 1970 and followed that with an M.A. in English also at UT in 1971. She earned her Ph.D. in English (again at UT) in 1978, writing her dissertation on *Victorian Studies and Bibliography*. In her spare time Kay also ushers at the Performing Arts Center and is a docent at AMOA-Arthouse. She is ready to get involved and attend AAUW functions; she is especially interested in our hiking and our art tour groups. On another note, her mother, Frances Mulkey Keys, was active for many years in the AAUW San Angelo Branch.

We welcome **Dr. Ruramisai Charumbira**, who joined us in mid-April. Ruramisai's address is 12011 Scribe Drive, Austin, Texas 78759-3147. Her home phone is 505.8544, and her email address is [ruramisaic@gmail.com](mailto:ruramisaic@gmail.com). Ruramisai's education includes a B.A. (1997) in history and international development from studies at both the University of Zimbabwe and St. Mary's University. She



Dr. Kay Keys

earned her M.A. (2004) in history following work at both the University of Toronto and Yale, and then earned her Ph.D. in history from Yale in 2006. We hope Ruramisai will be interested in sharing some of her experiences through our interest groups.

**Prez Anita** is such an awesome recruiter! She invited newest member **Jean Dixon Bessent** to come to the LCRA on April 13 to hear food conservationist and environmental activist Brandi Clark Burton. Jean liked what she saw and experienced so immediately joined to become member #179! Jean and husband David reside at 1821 Westlake Drive #114; Austin, TX 78746-3707. Her home phone is 328.2709 and her work number is 921.0545; you can email Jean at [jeanbessent@gmail.com](mailto:jeanbessent@gmail.com) and find her website at <http://Reikijean-AustinTx.com>. Jean is a graduate of Southwest Texas State, now Texas State, and earned her B.A. in political science in 1984. She then earned her Doctorate of Jurisprudence in 1990 from St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio, Texas. She is retired from a law practice which focused on women's issues, real estate, and environmental law. She is a Reiki Master Teacher, loves to read, and is a lifelong learner. She enjoys continuing education opportunities through the UT OLLI Nova program, exercises four days a week at the gym, loves water aerobics, and walking her dog Bailey. She is especially fond of both dogs and horses. I hope this busy lady can find time to pursue some of our many interest groups!

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Branch members listen and learn at the April 13 Branch meeting.

## MORE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Member **Janani Janakiraman** is the mother of three exceptional daughters, one of whom is our newest and 180th member! **Divya Ramamoorthy** is a student affiliate, a Plan II and biomedical engineering student at UT Austin, who plans to graduate in 2016. Divya lives at home at 9520 Aire Libre Drive; Austin, Texas 78726-2455; her mobile is 672.9887 and her email is [divya.r123@yahoo.com](mailto:divya.r123@yahoo.com). Divya is a very busy young woman with a very bright future!

The April news that two of our biggest contributors and most enduring friends are leaving us over the summer to embark on new adventures is leavened with their excitement for their fresh challenges. We will certainly miss **Dorothy Vance** and **Veronica Johnson**! Dorothy is making a much-anticipated move to Colorado, and Veronica is returning to Minnesota to live among family. Both plan to continue their AAUW memberships in their new locations!

Our new members will find Austin AAUW to be very rewarding once they explore some of our many opportunities for “advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.” Everyone, please note that our annual membership event will once again be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd parish hall, located at the intersection of Windsor and Exposition in Central Austin, on Sunday, August 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. For those of you who are new, the open house is not only for encouraging potential members, but also for existing members to fully explore all our interest groups and to sign up for the activities that are most meaningful to them. It is a terrific time to mingle, visit, and rally everyone together for our 90th year of Austin AAUW, 2013-2014!

Our membership drive for the year 2013-2014 has begun, and by this writing, we have already received renewals from thirty-three current and new members! Thanks to all of you who took a moment to send in the form, and to those who will do so soon. When completing the form, remember to include those pesky new prefixes to your phone numbers and to share your opinions and ideas with us!

Inasmuch as this is our last newsletter until August, let me urge you to return your forms and dues for membership year 2013-2014. Newsletter Editor **Mary Ellen Scribner** is once again including the renewal form for your convenience! In a minor change, please forward your forms and dues to **Diane Brewer**, 910 Dartmoor; Austin, Texas 78746-5163 as indicated on the updated form.

**Diane Brewer**

Membership Vice President  
[zdramamom@austin.rr.com](mailto:zdramamom@austin.rr.com)  
 512.328.0474



### Recent Changes in Members'

#### Contact Information

Honorary member **Etta Endahl**, mother of **Marsha Endahl Kramer**, is now listing Marsha's address as her own: 6907 Telluride Trail; Austin, Texas 78749-1793.

**Ruth Epstein** moved recently. Her new address is 9611 Bell Mountain Drive; Austin, Texas 78730-2716, and her new phone is 512.657.8701.

**Louise Jordan** has a new email address:  
[Louiselbond@yahoo.com](mailto:Louiselbond@yahoo.com).

**Mary Owens**, who recently moved to Bastrop, was injured in an automobile accident in April and suffered some bone fractures, cuts, and bruises. She is currently in Room 3B at North Austin Rehab (St. David's on N. MOPAC) and will remain there for a some time. She has a direct line 512-901-5505 and would appreciate your calls. And to keep your yearbook up to date, her new phone number in Bastrop is 512.985.5349.

### Newsletter Information

Do you know that our newsletters are available on our website shortly after you receive it by email? If you accidentally delete or misplace your copy, it is always available at: [austin-tx.aauw.net](http://austin-tx.aauw.net).

Also, did you know that all national AAUW publications, including *Outlook* can be read online? Go to <http://www.aauw.org/>, login with your membership number, and set your mail preferences.

As Diane mentioned above, this is the last Branch newsletter until August. I would like to take this opportunity to say “thank you” to **Sylvia Gregory** for being such a diligent proofreader for me this year!

Mary Ellen Scribner, Newsletter Editor

## GIRLSTART & LATINITAS with Lilac Bauer

The Girls in STEM Conference has come and gone with 576 girls attending the Conference on April 6 at the University of Texas Educational Conference Center. There were 95+ presenters (each was given an AAUW pencil) and 150+ volunteers from the colleges and volunteer organizations in Austin.

Twelve AAUW members and a visiting grand-daughter contributed forty-eight hours of service preparing the reminder postcards to mail to the girls; preparing 'robot' activity kits for the girls to do as they arrived at the conference; and stuffing the goodie backpacks with schedule, instructions for the robot, Girlstart stickers, the pencils our Branch contributed, Girlstart lipgloss, and phone screen cleaners. Two of our members, **Ruth Falck** and **Veronica Johnson**, went through the online volunteer registration portal for Girlstart, and were each asked to sit in on one session of a hands-on activity as two of five helpers. This will be available for anyone who wishes to participate as an individual next year. Where Girlstart needs us as a group is in stuffing the goodie bags; the thirteen of us worked long and hard, and had to come back an extra day to finish that many totes/backpacks! Participating members were **Myrtle Bell**, **Ruth Falck**, **Rachel Flake**, **Veronica Johnson**, **Anita Knight**, **Beverly Locklin** and grand-daughter **Elena Rodriguez**, **Adrian McCulloch**, **Mary Owens**, **Judy Reinhart**, **Lois Shaevel**, **Gail Simpler**, and **Lilac Bauer**.



A collective of Fortune 500 companies awarded Girlstart Afterschool Program and Girlstart Summer Camp the "Programs that work" recognition for significantly impacting Girls in STEM education. It will cost \$300 for one girl to attend one week of camp this summer. I will be setting up a donor page under my name as the AAUW Liaison for anyone who would like to contribute any amount they can to send a girl to Girlstart Summer Camp. Of course, you can also sponsor a girl yourself!

We are building a new connection with the Latinitas organization, which is based in South Austin. We learned of them last May when Lauren Gonzalez Donnelly, one of the co-founders, gave a wonderful presentation on the beginnings of this program and what they hope to accomplish. They are organized similarly to the Girlstart Afterschool program; the focal point for the group is to reach middle and high school girls through the publication of an online magazine, which develops skills in technology, marketing, literacy, and encourages confidence and an interest in going to college. They planned their first half-day Saturday conference last September and are hoping to enlarge on it this year, again in September. They need mentors, female role models, volunteer assistance with clerical and publicity tasks, presenters, etc. So far, **Mary Ellen Scribner** and **Lilac Bauer** have completed the online volunteer app, and taken the on-site orientation; **Sylvia Garcia** and **Inés Garcia** have completed the online app and are scheduled to take the orientation the third Thursday in May at 6 p.m. Anyone else who is interested, please contact me so that we can also place you in the May orientation.



**Lilac Bauer**

Girlstart Liaison &

Women's Issues Chair

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**American Association of University Women  
AAUW – Austin, TX Branch  
Membership RENEWAL Information 2013-2014**

Please make checks payable to AAUW–Austin and mail check with completed forms to:  
Diane Brewer, 910 Dartmoor Drive, Austin, Texas 78746-5163

**Or use PayPal option, with your personal changes & ideas sent back online. (\$1 processing charge)**

<http://austin-tx.aauw.net/join/>

**Dues:** (Please mark status/\$ amount, and NOTE: All but \$3.00 of National dues is tax deductible.)

Branch Member	\$75 (National - \$49; State - \$10; Branch - \$16)	\$ _____
Life Member	\$26 (paid 20x National dues one time)	\$ _____
Honorary Life Member	\$0 (member has completed 50 years continuous membership)	\$ _____
Student Affiliate	\$25 (non-voting) (National - \$17; State - \$1; Branch - \$7)	\$ _____

**AAUW FUNDS donations: \***

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Austin Branch Operating Funds	\$ _____
Girls in STEM Conference	\$ _____
Mainspring Schools Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
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\* For a complete description of AAUW FUNDS, please go to <http://www.aauw.org/contribute/support.cfm>

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Check your listing in last year's yearbook, and please fill in below if there have been any changes to your information in the past 12 months. If not, please just sign and date.

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle (or initial) \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred name if different \_\_\_\_\_ Name of spouse/S.O. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
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AAUW Membership: Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Dual \_\_\_\_\_ (with which branch?) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Interest Groups in AAUW-Austin where active \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW member since \_\_\_\_\_ Austin Branch member since \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Your ideas, suggestions, comments for programs, events, projects for the coming year: \_\_\_\_\_