



# American Association of University Women

## MAY 9 BRANCH MEETING IS A REALLY “BIG DEAL” DON’T MISS IT!

We are back at the Norris Conference Center for this wrap-up meeting of our 2014-2015 year. What a year it has been! Membership numbers have increased and so have branch involvement and visibility in the Austin community. Branch members have made their presence known at the Capitol to lobby for equal pay, at the Women’s Community Center of Central Texas’s WECONference; at Girlstart and Latinitas in a variety of roles; wrapping gifts for tips at Barnes & Noble; at Mainspring Schools; and supporting high school and university women in scholarship and advocacy. And there was still time to have fun and learn in so many ways: art tours, playing bridge, reading and talking about a variety of books, hiking, and of course, eating!

It will be a busy morning. **Marina Rivers** and **Milli Stecker** will be installed as co-presidents for the next biennium, and **Elaine Penn** will be installed as membership vice president for the same period. **Joyce Pulich**, fellowship selection committee chair, will introduce the five UT doctoral candidates who will receive our \$2500 dissertation fellowships (see p. 4), and we will hear about their research projects. Memorials will be presented by **Larie Amsler**, and outgoing co-presidents, **Anita Knight** and **Inés Garcia** will present named gift certificates. You will want to sign the graduation congratulations card for Bonnie-Claire Duren, the recipient of the Miriam Tormollan Memorial STEM Scholarship (p. 8). Check with **Lilac Bauer** if you want to be involved with summer camp activities for Girlstart or Latinitas, or maybe you would prefer to make a donation in support of those activities. Lilac will be happy to accept that also. This meeting is also an opportunity to pay your 2015-2016 dues if you have not already done so. (A membership form is a second attachment to the email.) If you did not complete a program survey at the April meeting, please print a copy of it (p. 9), complete it and hand it to the program vice presidents at this meeting. They are eager for your input.

After such a busy morning, you will be hungry so plan to stay for a delicious buffet luncheon featuring pecan-encrusted chicken with Cajun cream sauce, mushroom pilaf, glazed carrots, garden salad, and assorted pastries for dessert. The cost of the luncheon is \$30; please pay by check or with the correct amount of cash. Reservations are due to **Diane Brewer** by noon on May 6. She can also help you if you would like to make it possible for a member who would not otherwise stay for lunch, do so.



**The absolute reservation deadline is noon on Wednesday, May 6, 2015.**  
**Send email RSVP to Membership VP Diane Brewer at**  
**[zdramamom@austin.rr.com](mailto:zdramamom@austin.rr.com) or make your reservation by phone at**  
**512.328.0474.**

### May 2015 Calendar of Branch Activities

**May 1, 10 a.m. First Friday Book Review.** Hyde Park Church of Christ. *84 Charing Cross Road* (Helen Hanff) & *Under Foot in Show Business* (Helen Hanff); reviewer Beverly Locklin. Hostess: Dr. Delia Quintanilla. Chair: Gayle Smith (512.345.5585).

**May 3, 3-5:00. Global Austin Scholarship Forum.** Yarborough Branch Library.

**May 4, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Contemporary Literature:** Old Quarry BL. *The Great Railway Bazaar* (Paul Theroux. Discussion leader: Fern Chester. Select books for next year. Chair: Fern Chester, 512.345.1102.

**May 6, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Branch program (2015-2016) committee meeting.** GirlStart, 1400 W. Anderson Ln.

### May 9, 2015 Branch Meeting Norris Conference Center 2525 W Anderson Ln. #365

**10 a.m.-** Registration & name tags

**10:30 - 11:45 a.m.** - Installation of new officers; introduction of fellowship recipients; etc.

**11:45 a.m.** - Lunch

**May 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Board Meeting.** Lamar Senior Center.

**May 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. SW Book Group.** Home of hostess. *Let the People in: The Life and Times of Ann Richards* (Jan Reid). Hostess is Cherie Wilson & facilitators are Cherie Wilson & Lilac Bauer. Chair: Inés Garcia, 512.444.5643.

**May 13. Second Wednesday Bridge.** Contact: Lynn Cooksey, 512.477.2774.

### From Co-President Inés Garcia



Co-presidents Anita Knight & Inés Garcia.

As we bring this year in AAUW to a close, I am once again reminded of the reason that we join this venerable organization and why we commit ourselves to working so hard to make its mission concrete. "Joining our voice on critical issues that make women stronger" is at the heart of membership

in AAUW. We just finished a successful visit to the state capitol to rally legislators for the successful passage of HB 187. This piece of legislation, authored by Representative Senfronia Thompson (District 141), addresses unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation. We ask that you follow the progress of the bill and lobby the governor for his signature at the bill's successful passage through both houses. In addition, as the Texas Legislature works through the summer, take a stand on those issues that especially affect women and girls and take action.

Another of our important mission statements addresses the empowerment of women. "The Branch will support philanthropic initiatives providing women and girls with resources for success in educational and professional endeavors." (Austin Branch Goal #4). We will award our yearly fellowships to women working on their Ph.D.'s at The University of Texas at Austin at the May 9 General Meeting. This important event involves five outstanding students working in a variety of fields. You will be impressed as you will hear from each one regarding the important research that she is conducting. Expect to also meet past recipients who will be able to update us on their progress after the fellowship that they received from the Austin Branch.

At the April meeting we voted to fill two positions for the next biennium. The new co-presidents that will serve the 2015-2017 term are **Marina Rivers** and **Milli Stecker**. The new second vice president of membership is **Elaine Penn**. These committed members will be installed into their new positions at the May 9 meeting, also. Selections to appointed positions and committees will undoubtedly follow in the next few weeks. Be receptive to lending your expertise if asked to serve. As you know, I always proudly describe our Branch as "blessed with exceptional talent among our members." Come forward and help lead our Branch into the next biennium.

A special word of gratitude to **Diane Brewer** for her service as second vice president of membership in 2013-2015. Under Diane's leadership, the Austin Branch has grown in numbers, both in terms of membership and in attendance at events. Diane has lent her special brand of graciousness to our AAUW Austin face. As the one whose voice a new member

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**August 16, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.**  
Membership Summer Social. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2128 Barton Hills Drive, Austin 78704. RSVP is not required. The August newsletter will have all the details—just save the date!

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## Albert Einstein

We look forward to the final meeting of the new 2014-2015 fiscal year, set for May 9, 2015, at the Norris Center. This final meeting is traditionally the one where those members who died this year are memorialized. Our special **Larrie Amsler** will lead this important portion of the program. The co-presidents will also honor those members whose outstanding contributions to the Branch are publicly noted and they will be presented with a Named Gift designation. Information regarding reservations for this event will be available shortly.

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## STEM Conference = AAUW @ Girlstart



On April 9th nine branch members joined STEM liaison Lilac Bauer at the Girlstart STEM Center to stuff goodie bags for distribution to the participants of the annual spring STEM Conference.



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## AAUW Fellowship Recipients 2015-2016

by Joyce Pulich, Selection Committee Chair

Twenty-six doctoral candidates from a broad range of disciplines at the University of Texas submitted applications for the AAUW fellowships for the 2015-2016 academic year. The scholarship committee consisting of **Ruth Rubio**, **Mary Ellen Scribner**, **Jean Bissent**, **Charlotte May** and **Joyce Pulich** reviewed the students' applications, statements, references and academic credentials. The committee members agreed that the applications were exceptional and the choice was difficult. After careful consideration, they selected the following five women to receive awards of \$2,500 each.

**Karen Chilstrom**, a student in the Slavic/Eurasian Studies Department, is exploring how the geopolitical relationship between Ukraine and Russia affects language policy and the teaching of Russian in the Ukraine. She has been drawn to Ukraine since she first traveled there fourteen years ago. Her greatest achievements to date are serving as a Peace Corps volunteer, advocating tirelessly for her special needs adopted son, and juggling family responsibilities with full-time research and dissertation writing. Following completion of her doctoral degree in May 2016, she hopes to share her love of languages with college students.

**Cornelia Loos**, a native of Germany, is a doctoral candidate in the Linguistics Department. Her dissertation research explores the expression of complex events in two sign languages (German and American). Her greatest achievements include a strong publication record, organizing the Texas Linguistic Society conference in 2014 and serving as a literacy volunteer with underprivileged middle school students through Austin Partners in Education. She wants to obtain a teaching and research position at the university level following completion of her degree. She hopes to encourage students from groups underrepresented in higher education to pursue academic careers and to serve as a role model for aspiring female social scientists.

**Megan Pfitzinger**, a doctoral student in the School of Nursing, is studying how to improve undergraduate nurses and other health care professionals' preparation for caring for dying patients (End of Life Nursing Care Education Guidelines). She is on track to complete her degree in May 2016 and wants to obtain a tenure track position at a university where she can teach and do research. Her long-term goal is to become dean of a School of Nursing. Her achievements include having an article on end of life care published in the Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing and being selected as a Jonas Scholar, an honor for doctoral students identified as future nursing leaders.

**Carey Pulverman** is a clinical psychology doctoral student who plans to defend her dissertation in April 2016. Her research project explains the development of sexual dysfunction among women with a prior history of childhood sexual abuse. She has been working in sexual abuse prevention and education for the past 15 years and currently volunteers as a community educator with Safe Place. Her greatest accomplishments thus far include completing her BA at New York University and her MA at Hunter College. Her professional goal is to combine academic research with clinical practice that uncovers mechanisms that lead to the development of sexual dysfunction among women with a history of abuse. To that end, she hopes to become a university college professor or research scientist.

**Alesha Stewart** is a doctoral candidate in the Pharmacy Department who plans to complete her degree in May 2017. The title of her dissertation is "Investigation of Ligand Binding and Processing by Members of the Metallo-B-Lactamase Superfamily: NDM-1 and AidC." She is a first generation college student raised by a single mother in a rough neighborhood in Louisiana. Her greatest accomplishments lie in her continuous pursuit of education from a residential high school that offered an accelerated curriculum to her enrollment in the doctoral program at the University of Texas. Following graduation she wants to work in Research and Development in the pharmaceutical industry where she can contribute to medicine or therapy that can improve someone's life.

Members of the Austin Branch of AAUW are proud to provide contributions to support the important research efforts of the 2015-2016 fellowship recipients.

Our Austin Branch membership has reached 190 for the first time in AGES! The high-quality branch meeting programming (thank you **Judy Reinhart**, **Ruth Rubio**, and **Janet Widoff**), our colorful and informative website (thank you **Janani Janakiraman** and **Vandana Nayak**), and this stellar newsletter, which scribe **Mary Ellen Scribner** has crafted so well these past three years, have all inspired women to join and served as the hooks that have spurred our growth.

The April Branch meeting at the Wildflower Center featured the marvelous Tom Mason, who kept us in thrall for the better part of an hour. Rarely looking at notes, he spouted a fount of information that left us more aware of the severity of our water issues, and yet oddly hopeful that Texas is among the nation's leaders in water management strategies and conservation.

Among the 42 in attendance on April 8th were three new members introduced below, **Mia Dia**, **Kathy Robertson**, and **Judy Leibovich**; special guests Aileen Vilim, a friend of **Betty Owen**; Dorothy Vance, a visiting former member now living in Denver; Dr. Marta George, a friend of **Ruth Rubio's** visiting from Scotland; Charyl Rojas, a friend of Honorary **Lillian Kwas**, and Honorary **Jerry Cassidy**. Recent new members **Tommie Kozak** and **Tulis Escobar** were also there enjoying the lovely salad plate luncheon and presentation.

The nominating committee presented their choices for the shared presidency, **Marina Rivers** and **Milli Stecker**; and VP Membership nominee **Elaine Penn**, all of whom were elected by acclamation, to be installed in May.

Don't miss the Saturday, May 9th branch meeting at the Norris Conference Center! This last meeting of our year is a personal favorite because **Joyce Pulich** and her Fellowship Committee will introduce the AAUW Austin UT Fellowship recipients for 2015, and we will hear from the honorees personally as they share their Ph.D. dissertation work with us. In addition, our new officers will be installed, and thoughtful **Larie Amsler** will remember our departed friend **Joyce Wallace**.

As we reach the final weeks of this membership year, our busy interest groups will be making fun plans for the coming year. Our new co-presidents **Marina Rivers** and **Milli Stecker** will chart a new course for the branch leadership; and our new VP of membership **Elaine Penn** and her committee will be planning the August 16th membership social and completing the task of membership renewals. At least a third of our members have already renewed and for that we are very grateful. Non-renewed memberships become null and void at the end of June, officially.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to write a check for your dues (\$75 for members of the branch, \$26 for lifetime members, and \$25 for our student affiliates (undergrads); refer to the yearbook to see if any changes are required; and simply mail your AAUW dues to me: **Diane Brewer**, 910 Dartmoor Drive, Austin, TX 78746. Or come to the branch meeting and submit them in person!

We like to have a membership form but that is really not necessary if you have no changes to bring your information up to date. The PayPal option has also been very effective. Go to our NEW website and check us out! It helps incoming officers a great deal to have dues collection over and done with quickly! Many of our renewing members have also made generous donations to our national funds and local initiatives such as Girlstart and Latinitas, which are STEM concerns. Donations to Mainspring Schools and our branch operations are also very welcome. Member generosity is awesome.

First, member-at-large **Elizabeth (Liz) Badger** recently decided to affiliate with our local branch. Liz hails from Houston where she earned her B.S. in life sciences in 1974 from Rice University. Continuing her education, she earned a masters degree in regional planning from the University of Pennsylvania in 1978. Liz, husband Lansing Pugh, and three sons then nested in Barton Hills while Liz worked for the City Planning Department as a principal planner. Liz and Lansing live at 2316 Westrock Drive, Austin, 78704-5819. Her email is [lizbadger9@gmail.com](mailto:lizbadger9@gmail.com), and her home phone is 512.441.0676. Retired, Liz enjoys her family, reading, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Welcome to our growing group of Barton Hills members, Liz!

**Ruth Rubio** invited Barton Hills neighbor and member-at-large **Judith Leibovich** to attend our April branch meeting featuring Tom Mason, our super knowledgeable speaker on water issues. Judy

enjoyed the meeting and joined local on the spot. Judy and husband Lewis live right across the street from St. Mark's, where we will host our August 16th membership social, so I hope she will mosey on over to join in the fun! Judy and Lewis have one grown daughter, and they live at 2131 Barton Hills Drive, Austin, 78704-4659.



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Her home phone is 512.636.3777, and her email is [dewolf456@gmail.com](mailto:dewolf456@gmail.com). Judy earned her B.A. in English in 1970, and her M.A. in journalism in 1973, both from the University of Colorado. She then received a J.D. in law from Golden Gate University in 1983. Judy is a freelance writer who is looking forward to exploring our terrific interest groups.



Our members who attended the recent WE Conference met bright-eyed civil engineer **Mia Dia** and told her of Austin AAUW. She attended the April water meeting and took advantage of our Shape the Future new member offer. Mia works with the Bowman Consulting Group as a project manager. She acquired her B.S. in civil

engineering from UT Arlington in 2007. She lives in Central Austin at 2202 North Loop Boulevard, #332, Austin 78756-2309. She uses a cell (972.363.4212) and her email is [mia.m.dia83@gmail.com](mailto:mia.m.dia83@gmail.com). Mia is out there wanting to make a difference and bring other young women into STEM careers like herself. She lives close to the Norris Conference Center, so we hope to see her at this month's branch meeting!

Former Austin member Dorothy Vance thrilled us with her recent branch visit. Now living in Denver, where she has affiliated with two different branches, Dorothy attended the water meeting and brought her friend **Kathleen S. Robertson**, who also took advantage of the Shape the Future new member rate. Kathy lives in Southwest Austin at 6317 Zadock Woods Drive, 78749. Her cell is 972.658.0924; email is [k4robertson@yahoo.com](mailto:k4robertson@yahoo.com). Kathy earned her B.A. in business administration at UT Austin in 1972. She then acquired an M.B.A. at UT Dallas, and an M.A. at the University of North Texas in public administration. She is newly retired and recognizes that AAUW Austin offers her lots of opportunities to broaden her life through inner city outings, hiking, biking, reading, and travel among other interests. We hope that Kathy will quickly imbed herself in our branch's many opportunities to mix, mingle, and learn!

Our last new member, **Erin R. Helfrich**, Ph.D., who prefers the handle Gina, found our website and joined this month. While Gina currently wants to keep some contact info private, she can be reached at [gina.helfrich@gmail.com](mailto:gina.helfrich@gmail.com). This women's issues activist is the owner of the

startup Feminist Hack ATX and is also eager to get more women schooled in technology. This brilliant young member earned her B.A. at Boston College in 2003; her M.A. at Emory University in 2007; and completed her Ph.D. at Emory in 2009, all three in philosophy. On Linked In she indicates an interest in activism. We hope she finds her way with us!

Our 5 new members are all mega-accomplished, and we hope to see them get involved, as that is essential to networking with like-minded, smart women here in Austin.

On the subject of smart women, please take note that beautiful and brilliant **Divya Ramamoorthy, Janani Janakiraman's** eldest daughter and a current student affiliate member working in Plan II, Biomedical Engineering at UT Austin, is featured in a recent article on brains and beauty in *Glamour Magazine*. Check it out! <http://www.glamour.com/inspired/glamour-top-10-college-women>.



The apple doesn't fall far from the tree, **Janani!** While working full-time at IBM and raising astounding daughters, Janani has been making our website a marvel. She is also planning a slide presentation for our August social of this year's accomplishments. Meanwhile, her twins and soon-to-be Westwood HS seniors Kavya and Priya Ramamoorthy continue making presentations and a big name for themselves on a variety of important subjects including Title IX, voting rights, bullying, and sexual discrimination. Both girls have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the same level of achievement as the Boy Scout's Eagle. Priya recently made a documentary presentation for Round Rock's Grisham Middle School students on student rights regarding bullying, while Kavya's presentation focused on 1972's landmark education victory for women, Title IX.

The girls have made strides in leadership and achievement each year starting with the National History Day Project honors in 8th Grade where they, with friends Maanasa Nathan, daughter of member **Ranjani Vaidyanathan**, and Smrithi Mahadevan, daughter of member **Seetha Mahadevan** journeyed to Washington to present their views on Title IX rights. Each year since, the girls have made themselves stand out among their peers. Brains and beauty rule!!

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Another of our accomplished members, former UT Fellowship awardee **Mine Tafolar** has told us that her cell phone number has changed. Please note the change in your book: 512.521.8633.

Many of you have exciting summer travel plans and we hope you enjoy them and return home to us safely. Before you go, please remember to renew your membership. Shoot me an email if you are unsure whether or not you have renewed already:

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As this is the last month of my three years as membership vp, this is also my last membership article. It feels odd to be typing those words! I have really enjoyed getting to know all of you more. You enrich my life in so many ways! Thanks for being AAUW and thanks for your friendship. See you on the art tours, and please don't miss the **Sunday, August 16th Membership Social, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2128 Barton Hills Drive, Austin 78704!**

With affection,

Diane Brewer

Membership Vice President

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## Have You Cast Your One Very Important Vote?



You should have received your personalized voter link in an email just a few days ago. Your ballot includes the candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors, amendments to the AAUW Bylaws, and proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program. Details about the candidates and ballot issues are available on the website and in your Spring/Summer *Outlook* magazine. Online voting began on April 15 and ends on June 19 at 9 p.m. PDT.

There are two Texans on the ballot running for the board of directors, and both are very deserving of your vote. **Malinda Gaul** is an attorney (J.D. Baylor University) from San Antonio. **Traci Jensen** (Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction) is currently the president of AAUW-West Harris County Branch in Houston.

## April 14 = Equal Pay Day at the State Capitol



As one might expect, the Austin Branch had the most equal pay advocates at the Capitol on April 14. Back row l-r: Inés García, Anita Knight, Tulis Escobar, Ruth Rubio, Mary Ellen Scribner, Freda Bryson, Myrtle Bell. Not pictured, Dr. Carol Fritz. Other branches represented included Abilene, San Angelo, Houston, and San Antonio. Melodía Gutiérrez, AAUW Regional Field Representative, is holding the sign.

Advocates received a briefing, and then visited legislators to lobby for the equal pay bill introduced in the House by Representative Senfronia Thompson or to deliver certificates of appreciation to the legislators who voted for the bill in last session which passed but was later vetoed by Governor Perry.

Branch public policy chair Freda Bryson is asking all branch members to connect with their legislators via email, phone, Facebook or Twitter until we see this bill passed. We especially want a media storm on the 14th of June and July to remind our senators and representatives that the women of Texas want equal pay, and they want it now!

## Summer STEM News (May, June, July)

There is still time to make a contribution to send a girl (from Girlstart or Latinitas) to summer camp! You can send me a check made out to the organization of your choice, or send it directly to Girlstart or Latinitas with 'AAUW—Summer Camp' in the memo.

The last thing on the horizon is Latinitas Summer Camp Mentoring in July. If you might be available during the week in July, either morning or afternoon, to talk with girls about your journey to getting a degree and finding a career, while handling all the social and family things you also do, please email or call me!

Thanks so much to the wonderful AAUW members who helped with preparations for the Girls in STEM Conference held April 11 at Travis High School: **Jean Bessent, Lynn Cooksey, Resa Dunn, Tulis Escobar, Mary Kate Fredriksen, Sue Ellen Jeffers, Anita Knight, Elizabeth Newell, Judy Reinhart, Marsha Endahl Kramer.** (See photo p. 3) We had a great social time as well as filling 615 goodie bags in two hours! Woohoo!

We also provided snacks for 65 girls at Code Chica Conference held April 18 at Austin Community College, bought with the contributions our members made at membership renewal time last year.

In other related news, Bonnie-Claire Duren, the recipient of the \$3000 **Miriam Tormollan** Memorial Scholarship has graduated! AAUW Austin presented the one-time only scholarship to her for the 2013-2014 school year at the University of Texas. It provided the “bridge” that Bonnie-Claire needed to enable her to continue her studies as a biochemistry major and begin working toward a cure for the cancer that took her mother’s life. Her graduation is a hallmark that also honors the life of **Miriam Tormollan** who was passionate about making careers in STEM reachable for girls and women. Be sure to sign a congratulations card for Bonnie-Claire at the May 9th branch meeting!

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**GlobalAustin Scholarship Forum**  
**Sunday, May 3, 3-5:00**  
**Yarborough Branch Library**

Come meet past and new winners of Global Austin Study Abroad and Joe Neal International Student Scholarships. Share experiences of living and studying abroad.

**Nominated by Anita Knight, Priya Ramamoorthy Receives Zonta Scholarship**

Priya Ramamoorthy has been named the recipient of the 2015 Zonta International Club of Austin Young Women in Public Affairs Award.



Priya is the daughter of branch member **Janani Janakiraman** and was recommended for the award by branch president **Anita Knight**. She won a Regional scholarship ( \$1000 ) for the "Young Women in Public Affairs" award, and her application has now moved to the district level where she competes against candidates from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana, and has the opportunity to win additional awards.

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

For five of the last six years, it has been my privilege to edit and send your AAUW Austin newsletter to you via email. The time has come to relinquish that opportunity to someone else. If that someone else could be you, please email **Marina Rivers**, the incoming president. She would love to hear from you.

It has been an exciting time to be a part of the AAUW Austin leadership team, especially the last three years working with **Anita Knight** as president and **Diane Brewer** as membership vice president. I have been a member of this branch since 1978-1979, so I have seen it through “thick and thin” as the saying goes. It has been a thrill to witness the revitalization these two, with the support of their board and the membership, have achieved.

Thank you for your support and patience over the years. I would also like to thank **Sylvia Gregory** who has been my eagle-eyed proofreader the last few years. I look forward to continuing to enjoy your company at branch programs, art tours, and contemporary lit, etc.

Mary Ellen Scribner  
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Please print this survey, complete it, and return it to the program VPs at the May 9 meeting.

### Austin AAUW Branch Program Survey

- I. Please rank only the top 5 ideas for possible programs for the 2015-2016 year. Number 1 is the most interesting program, number 2 is the second most interesting and so on through number 5 only.

- \_\_\_\_\_ AAUW Liaison, Melodia Gutierrez
- \_\_\_\_\_ Art: behind the scene venue tour, e.g. Long Center
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental concerns
- \_\_\_\_\_ Feminist theory and application in our lives
- \_\_\_\_\_ Genealogy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Texas Women's History Project – Ruth Winegarten
- \_\_\_\_\_ Judy Maggio, A public life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kelso, Keep Austin Weird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ken Herman and Austin Politics
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mexican history of Texas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rebecca McInroe, public radio in Austin
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social Justice issues
- \_\_\_\_\_ Traffic congestion in Austin
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation/ Toll Roads
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other suggestions: Please use the back if necessary.

- II. Venues: Please rank, 1-4, the venues we used for meetings during this 2014-2015 year. Number 1 is the one you liked the most, number 2 is the one you liked second most and so on.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Norris Conference Center
- \_\_\_\_\_ Austin Woman's Club
- \_\_\_\_\_ Austin Playhouse
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wildflower Center

Please list your suggestions for other places for our meetings next year.

Please share other ideas and comments with the Program Planning Committee.

Thank you,  
Janet, Judy, & Ruth