

AAUW Austin, TX Branch
Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 21

10:00 AM

Austin Woman’s Club

Free parking off Nueces St.

RSVP by noon, March 19th

to Judy Reinhart

jareinhart@att.net



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Our Mission. *Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*
<http://austin-tx.aauw.net>

“Empowered Women Empower Women”

10 things EVERY woman can do to help advance women everywhere.

Why focus on helping others rather than “self-help”? Women are drowning in self-help books, blogs and websites. Most are well-meaning, some give fantastic advice to advance in your career and in life. But few, if any, suggest that we quit worrying about ourselves and focus on others.

Imagine a world where everywhere you turn, especially at the office and in the boardroom, you knew that every other woman in there had your back—and you theirs? What would the female advancement ecosystem look like if all women made it their mission to actively mentor, sponsor, encourage, invest in, hire, refer, educate, invite and show up for other women?

Melinda Garvey’s talk will give you tangible steps, actions and examples of what it looks like to be THAT girl. And consequently, how the movement for the advancement of women kicks into high gear. You will find that your whole mindset will change when you are truly others-focused and then suddenly, as others follow your lead, you will personally reap the rewards of an entire tribe of women who enthusiastically want you to succeed. If we, as women, invest in each other’s success we will all rise together.

Melinda Garvey is a true media innovator and a pioneer and expert in the women’s audience space. She is committed to advancing the success of women and their businesses through her media companies.

Garvey founded *Austin Woman* magazine in September 2002 and revolutionized the way women communicate in Austin by creating a platform and a network, where there was none.

In addition to 15 years of deep media experience with her own media company, Melinda has spent her entire career in the media/marketing/advertising fields: first at a large advertising agency where she worked on the US Airways account, and then at a daily newspaper group, where she served as VP of Sales and Marketing.

Garvey also served as Entrepreneur in Residence for The McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas Austin in 2011-2012.

Melinda Garvey,
Founder and
Publisher of AW
Media, Inc.



MENU: Mixed Green Salad with Grapefruit, Dried Cranberries, Toasted Almonds & a Buttermilk Poppy Seed Dressing; Roasted Pork Loin stuffed with Apples, Onions and Chorizo served with Roasted Sweet Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetable; Vanilla Crème Brulee with Fresh Berries

When you RSVP, be sure to specify that you want lunch for \$25 or just program with beverages for \$5.

MARCH CALENDAR – Interest Groups and MORE

First Friday AM Book Review

March 2 *The Dragon behind the Glass*
 (10:00 AM) Author: Emily Voigt
 Reviewer: Evelyn Boyer
 Hostess: Carol Fritz

PEARS

March 4 **Mame** at Palace Theater, Georgetown
 (2:00 PM) Dinner at Wildfire
 Planner: Phyllis Folarin
 Contact: Milli Stecker
 mstecker@austin.rr.com

Contemporary Literature (at Fern Chester’s)

March 5 *The Immortal Irishman: The Irish*
 (7:15 PM) *Revolutionary Who Became an*
American Hero
 Author: Timothy Egan
 Facilitator: Beverly Locklin
 Contact: Fern Chester, 512-345-1102

Out to Lunch

March 6 **Roaring Fork** (Arboretum location)
 (11:00 AM) 10850 Stonelake Blvd.; 512-431-1640
 Hostess: Carol Fritz
 RSVP: Diane Brewer, 512-328-0474
 zdramamom@gmail.com

Culture & Cuisine

March 15 Vietnamese
 (6:30 PM) Hostesses: Elaine Penn, Fern Chester
 Contact: Barbara Houston, 512-633-9766; barbyhouston@gmail.com

Southwest Books

March 19 *Home Leave*
 (10:30 AM) Author: Brittani Sonneberg
 Hostess: Lilac Bauer at Hampton Library
 Facilitator: Marsha Endahl Kramer
 Contact: Jennifer Swenson, 512-288-2894

March 21 **Branch Program Meeting**
See page 1 and RSVP ASAP
Bring used books to sell for FUNds

Central Books

March 19 *The Plan*
 (10:30 AM) Author: Kelly Bennett Seiler
 Hostess: Mary Humke
 Facilitator: Anita Knight & author
 Contact: Ann Marie Ellis, 512-282-9637

Creative Stitchery

March 23 Hostess: Elaine Penn
 (10:00 AM) Co-Hostess: Jackie Hardee

Hiking Club

March 26 Westcave Preserve
 (9:30 AM) Leader: Rebecca Benz, 512-289-8066
 rebeccabenz0@gmail.com

New Mystery Group

March 26 Humor going hand in hand with
 (11:00 AM) mystery/murder
 Mimi’s in the Arbor Walk
 10515 N. Mopac
 Leader: Pam Wolfe, piwolfe@yahoo.com

Art Tour

March 28 A visit with fiber artist Lynne Brotman
 (10:00 AM) Canopy - Studio 213, 916 Springdale Rd.
 Planners: Sue Ellen Jeffers, and
 Lala Niemeyer
 Contact: Diane Brewer, Zdramamom@gmail.com

MORE things to do this month and next:

March 8 **International Woman’s Day dinner**
 (6:00 PM) See page 6.

March 16, April 28 Check out **STEM** news on p. 3

March 20 **Global Austin: Managing Challenges in**
 (12:30 PM) *Cyber Security: Assessing Public and*
Private Sector Measures – See page 6

April 7 **Girls Impact the World Film Festival**
 (5:00 PM) See page 5.

April 20-22 **AAUW State Convention**, Houston, TX

April 21 **Women’s Empowerment Conference**

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STEM/STEAM News:

Per Lilac Bauer, 512-743-6338, la_azucena@hotmail.com

March 16: GOODY BAG STUFFING for Girlstart's Girls in STEM Conference. Contact **Jackie Hardee**.

March 24: Annual Girls in STEM Conference – The conference cost is \$35, which includes lunch and a t-shirt. Registration closes Monday, March 5th. Girls currently in 4th-5th & 6th-8th grades will discover the fun side of STEM careers at this unique annual conference just for them. The day is packed with three hands-on workshops led by women in science, technology, engineering, and math fields.

April 28: help with **Latinitas "Game Design Chica"** Conference (various duties). Sign up with **Carol Midboe**. Contact **Lilac Bauer** if you are willing to donate specific food items -- and/or help stuff the snack baggies!

Continuing to put the FUN in FUNd-rai\$ing for AAUW!!

Debbie Starr and Anita Knight, co-Chairs



Bring your **used books** to March meeting for a SALE/exchange.



Many of the funds raised by the branch are and have been targeted to help complete the Ann Richards American Fellowship started by AAUW-TX*. At the April meeting, we will present Named Gift Certificates of Appreciation for each \$500 of contributions in 2017 – that will be 10-11 special members deserving of recognition and appreciation. Missing from this year's yearbook on page 11 is this list of 2015-16 honorees:

Larie Amsler, Lilac Bauer, Jean Bessent, Diane Brewer, Mary Humke, Janani Janikiraman, Kay Keys, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Elaine Penn, Marina Rivers, Mary Frances Rogerson, Betty Schmidt, Pam Wolfe.

Since the 1990s >60 members have been honored for their service to the branch each with a Named Gift of \$500 to the Education Foundation (now AAUW FUNDS), based on the annual branch contributions. These are included in the list of Austin Branch Local Scholarships and Awards, on our branch website at <https://austin-tx.aauw.net/about-us/history-of-grants-fellowships-for-austin/>.

*Austin AAUW has had an annual contract with **Collin Street Bakery** for sales commissions since about 1989. This past year the following customers have provided FUNDS with \$133 in commission (15%):*
Myrtle Bell, Judith Bergum, Lynn Cooksey, Larayne Dallas, Betty Grubbs, Anita Knight, Beverly Locklin, Rosemary Morrow, Eileen Pistorius, Judy Reinhart, Mary Ellen Scribner

→If you do not see your name listed here, please let Anita know so we can request credit.

*See page 4 for history of the AAUW American Fellowship program, including the Ann Richards Fund.

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ELAINE PENN: My term as Co-President continues for another year, so I am looking forward to working with our proposed new officers for the 2018-19 program year.

The following self-described members are being nominated for the biennium 2018-20.

Joyce Pulich, Co-President

“I’m retired from the City of Austin where I was a financial manager. I was city manager of Port Aransas for two plus years back in the mid-80s before I got a job with the City of Austin. I’ve been secretary of PBKAAGA board since it started 20 years ago. I volunteer in various prison ministries as well as the secular Women’s Storybook project. Among my many church activities, I serve on the Pastoral Council (advisory to the pastor). I also teach sociology at ACC.”

Jean Bessent, VP Programs

“I’m a native Texan and I consider Austin my hometown even though I’ve lived and traveled throughout Texas and overseas. I have a B.S. degree in political science and a law degree from St. Mary’s University. After law school I practiced environmental and real estate law. I also worked in the Texas Legislative Council. In the AAUW Austin branch, I enjoy serving as public policy co-chair with Anita Sylvia Garcia and working with the U.T. Fellowship awards team. As a member of Culture and Cuisine and PEARS I’ve had a good time socializing with members and their spouses. “

Randi Carter, Secretary

“A fifth generation Texan, most of my life has been in this State. After college, there were a few years teaching public schools in Dallas, Phoenix and San Antonio. After graduate school at UT, I was executive director of governmental and non-profit agencies. Retired since 2005, there is time for volunteering at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library, membership in a social club and a book club. I was involved in Friendship Force for 17 years in several leadership roles and in numerous exchange trips abroad. I like traveling and exercising.”

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee:

Brenda Hahne, Maggie Kadlecek, Anita Knight, Joyce Pulich, and Eugenie Whelan. Per our bylaws, *Elections shall be held at the annual meeting of the branch.* Come vote on the slate in April.

For \$250 donations to the Ann Richards American Fellowship Fund between January 1 and March 1, 2018, individuals will receive a yellow rose pin to signify you as a ***Sister of Ann*** and recognition in the 2018 State Convention program. All branches that donate during this time will receive special recognition at the 2018 State Convention. Donations will be matched by AAUW-TX.

Donate online at www.aauw.org, click on Donate, search for a Specific Program, select Fellowships, then select Ann Richards American Fellowship. Or mail your check to AAUW National designated for fund #4324. OR contribute to your branch’s FUNd-raising events.

The oldest and largest of AAUW’s fellowships and grant programs, the American Fellowships program began in 1888, a time when women were discouraged from pursuing an education. Now one of the largest sources of funding for graduate education for women, AAUW has provided more than \$100 million to upwards of 12,000 fellows and grantees since awarding its first fellowship to Ida Street, a pioneer in the field of early American Indian history.



In the fall of 2008, after completing a fellowship in honor of Barbara Jordan, the board of AAUW-TX established a new fellowship fund in honor of Governor Ann Richards. After reaching the American fellowship level of \$200,000, this fund will become part of the long and illustrious history of women supporting women to achieve their academic & professional goals.



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New member **Brooke Shannon** attended our February meeting. The speaker recognized her as a “Millennial”. Her Ph.D. is in progress in the Department of Government at UT Austin

Marsha Endahl Kramer visited **Betty Grubbs***, who has been an AAUW member since 1948, no longer gets to our meetings and was recently added to the snail-mail list, but still has tickets for her beloved Longhorn sports teams. In gratitude, Betty donated a significant amount to AAUW Funds. Another “**Sister of Ann**”.

(* That's what the Buddy system is all about, which **Linda Welsh** mentioned last month.)



Culture and Cuisine met in February at new member **Shirlene Justice’s** new home in the Mueller neighborhood for a CUBAN dinner. Joining the dinner was Ryan Stimmel, a young former teacher turned tour director, who travels to Cuba regularly. Anyone want to join a tour with him to Cuba, Panama, or Guatemala?



See the website <https://goodtrip.tours/>

7 Feminist Resolutions for 2018

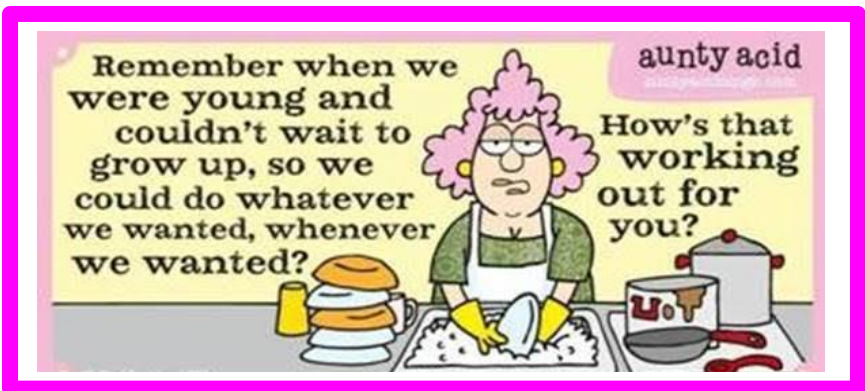
1. Know your rights at work
2. VOTE
3. Negotiate your salary
4. Support the next generation of innovators
5. Help young women find their voices
6. Be an ally
7. Get involved



The **Girls Impact the World Film Festival** is around the corner! Another year and another group of phenomenal films, filmmakers, speakers and entertainment!
Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018
Time: 5 PM (Red Carpet and Live Music begins)
Venue: St. Andrews High School Dell Fine Arts Theater - 5901 Southwest Pkwy, Austin, TX 78735
General Admission: \$25.00
VIP: \$100.00
Tickets: <https://connecther.ticketbud.com/girls-impact-the-world-film-festival---red-carpet-awards-2018>



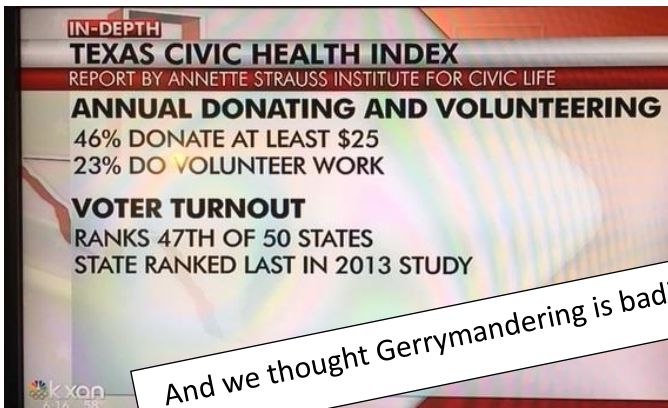
The 2018 **Women's Empowerment Conference** sponsored by the Women's Community Center of Central Texas has many options for volunteering. **Brenda Hahne** is coordinating our participation.



MORE Branch & Community BUZZzzzzz



At left are some photos from the SUPERB Feb. 23rd program at the library with Raheel Reza. Thanks, **Mary Ellen Scribner** & Global Austin!



UNA - Austin Invites you to the 2018 International Women's Day Celebration

PRESS FOR PROGRESS

Thursday, March 8, 2018

6-9:00 PM

Chateau Bellevue (Austin Woman's Club)

With State Rep. Donna Howard & County Judge Sarah Eckhardt

Contact: jsadegh@yahoo.com; 512-496-5771

This looks like a great follow-up to our November program.....

For more information visit: stedwards.edu/Kozmetsky-center-excellence

GlobalAustin, in partnership with the Kozmetsky Center at St.Edward's University, invites you to: Managing Challenges in Cyber Security: Assessing Public and Private Sector Measures

Tuesday, March 20 12:30 PM-2:30 PM Carter Auditorium St. Edward's University

Professor Kay Firth Butterfield

AI- Austin; Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law; IEEE Global Initiative for Ethical Considerations in Artificial Intelligence and Autonomous Systems

Professor Sean S. Costigan

George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies; ITL Security; NATO/Geneva Center for Security Policy/Partnership for Peace Consortium Emerging Security Challenges

Dr. Marios Efthymiopoulos

American University, United Arab Emirates; Strategy International, Greece

Dr. Maura Conway

Dublin City University Ireland; European Union Framework Programme Network of Excellence