

**AAUW Austin, TX Branch
Saturday, September 8
10:00 AM**

Spider House Ballroom
2908 Fruth Street
(one block East of Guadalupe on
29th Street)

EVITE coming!

RSVP to Jean Bessent
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512-328-2709)



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Calendar BUZZzzz AAUW in Action Budget

NEW Mission. To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Jeremi Suri holds the Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin. He is a professor in the Department of History and the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

Professor Suri is the author and editor of nine books on contemporary politics and foreign policy. His most recent book is *Liberty's Surest Guardian: American Nation-Building from the Founders to Obama*. He writes for several major newspapers and magazines, as well as various online sites and blogs. He is a popular public lecturer, and he appears frequently on radio and TV programs.

Dr. Suri teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on strategy and decision-making, leadership, globalization, international relations and modern history. He also serves as academic director for the Executive Master in Public Leadership program (EMPL) at the LBJ School.

His research and teaching have received numerous prizes. In 2007 Smithsonian magazine named him one of America's "Top Young Innovators" in the arts and sciences.

Dr. Jeremi Suri: *The History of the Presidency (The Rise and Fall of America's Highest Office)*

The Spider House Ballroom is a little different from our usual venues; but it is a true Austin original. So in the spirit of "Keeping Austin Weird", we will have our first meeting at the whimsical Spider House Ballroom. This venue is home to poetry slams, film events and live music. Program VP Jean Bessent invites us to put on our cowboy or hipster clothes and meet at the Spider House for a fascinating lecture by Dr. Jeremy Suri on the changes in the duties and expectations the Office of the U.S. President has undergone from George Washington to Donald Trump.

There is a free parking lot on 29th Street and Fruth (one block East of Guadalupe on 29th Street).

Menu: all food and beverage items will be self-serve. \$25 each or \$5 without the meal. A beverage station will be set up, with all items on a catered chicken fajitas buffet kept hot and ready to serve.

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SW BOOK GROUP

Sept. 10 *Educated*

10:30 AM Author: Tara Westover
 Hostesses: Joan Lazarus and Dr. Anita Sylvia García
 Facilitator: Dixie Schurle

CENTRAL BOOK GROUP

Sept. 10 *A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies and*

10:30 AM *Leadership*
 Author: James Comey, 2018
 Hostess: Mary Humke
 Facilitator: Ann Marie Ellis

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE (at Fern Chester's)

Sept. 10 *Leonardo da Vinci*

7:15 PM Author: Walter Isaacson
 Leader: Jan Roberts

PEARS

Sept. 15 **Tailgate at County Line BBQ** in Westlake
 6:00 PM Leaders: Milli Stecker & Philip Craft

OUT TO LUNCH

Sept. 18 **The Grove Winebar & Kitchen- Lakeway**

11:15 AM 3001 RR 620 S
 Planner: Mary Ann Leitz
 512-263-2366 thegrovewinebar.com

CREATIVE STITCHERY

Sept. 19 Hostess: Fern Chester
 10:00 AM Co-hostess TBD

MYSTERY INTEREST GROUP

Sept. 25 **What I Read Last Summer** - Share the
 11:00 AM mysteries you read this summer.
 Mimi's Café, at the Arbor Walk

ART TOURS

Sept. 26 **Nina Jolly Wearable Art Studio &**

10:00 AM **Home** ("Clothing that wraps you in love
 & beauty") 3828 Arrow Dr. -
Ninajolly.com
 Lunch: Cafe Malta
 3421 William Cannon - at Brodie Lane
 Co-Planners: Terry Whalen and Phyllis Folarin

HIKING GROUP

Sept. 27-28 **Excursion to Lost Maples State Park**

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lost-maples>

Leader: Jackie Hardee

MORE things to do this month and next:

News from Texas Girls Collaborative Project

Sept. 6 **Million Women Mentors Texas**

(MWM-TX) announces the 2018 MWM Stand Up for STEM Awards to recognize and elevate the work of incredible mentors, companies and organizations within Texas. Self-nominations welcome. Award applications are due September 30th and will be announced by November 5. Awardees and nominees will be recognized during the **Texas Women and Girls in STEM Summit** on **December 7**. Award applications are due September 30th. See <http://www.txgcp.org/standupforstem>.

Sept. 19 **Peace through Diplomacy**

A Celebration of the 11 Days of Global Unity and the U.N. International Day of Peace, St. Edward's University, Mabee Ballroom at Ragsdale Center
 See more details on p. 3

Sept. 28 Celebration of the life of our **Nancy**

Ellison, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Auditorium; Service 10:15-11:30, followed by lunch in the great room adjacent to the auditorium. A large post oak tree will be dedicated to Nancy's memory at 1:00 PM. Contact Dennis Ellison, 512-264-8404.

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STAY TUNED FOR 2020

The AAUW National Convening Task Force and Board of Directors are pleased to announce plans for 2020 and a celebration that marks the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, as well as an important election year and AAUW's role for 137 years and counting as a national leader for gender equity.

Branch & Community BUZZZZzzzzzz



We celebrated the 100th birthday of **Betty Grubbs** in May, and **Kay Goodwin** in August. Here they are together at Westminster Manor. *Congratulations!*



And what honors Kay received: the Marsha Washington Medal from the Sons of the American Revolution – and a commission as a *Yellow Rose of Texas* from the Mayor!!



Peace Through Diplomacy
A Celebration of the 11 Days of Global Unity and the U.N. International Day of Peace

September 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm

St. Edward's University, Mabee Ballroom at Ragsdale Center

The Eleven Days of Global Unity begin on September 11 and culminate on September 21, the U.N. International Day of Peace. In Austin, this is an opportunity to come together in spirit and action for greater peace. For a listing of events throughout the community, go to www.peacedayaustin.org.

Peace Through Diplomacy, a GlobalAustin event, recognizes the important role of diplomacy in creating greater peace. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a networking reception, followed by a delicious dinner provided by Bon Appetit Catering. Special guests include Julie Kavanagh, Department of State Diplomat-in-Residence for Texas, and keynote speaker Kevin Tuerff, author of "Channel of Peace: Stranded in Gander on 9/11", and lead in Broadway musical. Read more about Kevin at <https://www.mystatesman.com/entertainment/this-austin-man-character-hit-broadway-musical-come-from-away/ibZMsm2alwMEMYk0IwkGK/>.

For additional information, and to purchase tickets, go to www.globalaustin.org.

PIANO LESSONS WITH DR. MARIA LYAPKOVA

Welcome to my Piano Studio! I provide a comprehensive musical education based on the classical European traditions. Whether your goal is to play piano for pleasure or to pursue a professional career, you will have a fulfilling experience and learn the great joy of music making. My integrated and rigorous teaching approach provides compelling and lasting results in your musical development and piano proficiency. I carefully guide my students on their musical journey, cultivate a sense of wonder and discovery, and motivate them to reach their full potential.

Dr. Lyapkova's credentials :

19 years teaching & 30 years performing
 Master of Music , Moscow State Conservatory, Russia
 Doctor of Musical Arts , UT, Austin

To inquire about availability and fees or schedule a FREE TRIAL LESSON, please contact Dr. Maria Lyapkova at marialyapkova@gmail.com



AAUW in ACTION – people and projects



Co-President **Elaine Penn** shares:

Heat and meetings and more traffic – OH MY! Looks like the start of another school year and the beginning of our AAUW 2018 – 2019 year. SO EXCITING!

The programs committee has outdone itself – again! The programs they have lined up are spectacular and we hope all can participate! **Joyce Pulich** and I are really excited to start this year and get back involved with the programs and policy and interest groups that have been on vacay through the summer! We sincerely hope you are too! Involvement is so key to membership – as you will hear me say over and over ... and over!

Personally, I have really missed the interest groups that did not meet in the summer! Fortunately, some of us were together during the summer and that has been fantastic. The chemistry that is created by the various interest groups creates a totally different chemistry with friends.

Being a part of the board is incredibly important, and rewarding as well. We need to replace two irreplaceable positions – Newsletter Editor and Historian. AAUW – Austin has been so blessed to have **Anita Knight** and **Kay Keys**, respectively, in these positions. They have both worked tirelessly and are so appreciated by all! But, both feel they need to find a replacement so they can do other things. You will hear this from me until I get an excited person to fill these positions – so step up early! You don’t want to miss this opportunity to contribute!!

Hugs to all – and can’t wait to see you on Sunday, August 26th at the social**, OR Saturday, September 8th for the first program meeting !

WANT AD

New Historian(s)
New Newsletter Editor
*Both appointed positions will get training and mentoring! And have **FUN!***

Footnote: What a successful summer social** on Women’s Equality Day, thanks to Membership VP **Linda Welsh** and her committee! We enjoyed Colombian music by clarinet performers, AAUW Fellow Dr. Luz Sarmiento and her husband Dr. Ivan Valbuen. If you want to book them for a program or take lessons, you may contact her at luzelenasarmiento@gmail.com.

AAUW Mission. To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision. Equity for all. **Values.** Nonpartisan. Fact-based.

Why was “philanthropy” removed from the mission statement in the new AAUW strategic plan? Why change our mission?

At the June 2018 Board meeting, the AAUW Board unanimously approved the new strategic plan presented by the Strategic Planning Task Force. This included a new mission statement, vision statement and values for the organization. The Task Force, made up of member leaders and others, also did an external analysis of other organizations working on gender equity to ensure areas where AAUW can continue to be distinct and differentiated in pursuit of its mission. One major change was the reorganization of what we do. AAUW has always been grounded in nonpartisan principles and facts, as well as a commitment to robust research. Therefore, the new mission statement – to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy – places research first in order. However, one noun – philanthropy – has been removed from the mission statement. Why? While we remain committed as AAUW members to support our mission through our endowed and annual fellowships and grants, others outside see “philanthropy” and assume we are an operating foundation. Meaning, we don’t seek or need contributions or donations for our work. The intention of our philanthropy is to continue to help women and girls with their education, whether through branch scholarships, graduate fellowships or grants. The noun “education” encompasses this intent without confusing outside potential members or donors. But, our commitment to supporting women and girls continues in perpetuity.

Very best,
 Kim Churches

?? Who misses “Lifelong Learning” ??
 (still an important reason to maintain membership!)

AAUW and Women IN ACTION

FiscalNotesA Review of the Texas Economy
from the Texas Comptroller of
Public Accounts**Women's Contributions to State Economy**

In the June/July issue of *Fiscal Notes*, the Comptroller's office profiles the results of a study completed for Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar's *Good for Texas Tour: Women in the Workforce Edition*. Women hold nearly half of the jobs in Texas, and every dollar they earn supports about \$2 in wages throughout the state.

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MORE POWER ADDED TO POWER CHICA CAMP

Former Texas State Senator Wendy Davis stopped by the new Latinitas headquarters to lead a workshop where she shared her story and trained the summer camp participants in civic engagement! Wendy Davis, Claudia Yoli, and Jessica Boston from *Deeds Not Words* led a discussion focused on topics such as public speaking, social issues, and the importance of voting. The girls participating in Power Chica Camp learned about the power of their voice through storytelling training. In addition, the girls had the chance to create their own digital media piece and present it to Wendy at the end of the workshop!

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AAUW Austin 2018-2019 Proposed Budget- Treasurer, **Roberta Coffin**

Throughout the summer months, your AAUW Austin Board and the Finance Committee have been working hard to develop plans and a budget for the coming year. My thanks to both last and this year's board members and to my finance committee: **Elaine Penn, Joyce Pulich, Mary Ellen Scribner, Anita Knight, Marina Rivers, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Kathy Robertson and Jackie Hardee.**

Last year, the decision was made to reduce the program meal cost charged to members. The potential shortfall was underwritten by the previous year's net gain. However, those monies were never needed. Programs ended the year at basically a break-even. Once again the Board proposes to keep lunch costs at \$25.00 per person, which potentially could lead to a shortfall. Additionally the Public Policy team is proposing a special Title IX training project.

Please review the proposed budget on next page. If you have questions, contact me at rwc@scriptacommunicates.com. The budget will be voted upon at the September meeting.

STEM NEWS

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It has been a great year with our new and talented **STEM** Committee members! We met four times September through April, and organized the sign-ups at the monthly AAUW meetings for events in which our members could volunteer. This past year, 2017-2018, we more than doubled our volunteer hours from 43 (2016-17) to 84 volunteer hours in 2017-2018!!

Thanks to: *Nancy Andren, Jackie Hardee* (Girlstart Goodybag Stuffing), *Janani Janakiraman* (Special Projects, IBM Donation) *Anita Knight* (Table Mentor GirlsInStem), *Carol Midboe* (GirlsInSTEM Presenter), *Rosemary Morrow* (Latinitas Curriculum Project), *Elizabeth Newell* (Latinitas Curriculum Project), *Judy Reinhart* (Girlstart Community STEM), *Katherine Staples* (Latinitas Goodybag Stuffing, Latinitas Gala check-in), *Ginny Tannebring* (Girlstart Data Processing, Latinitas Goodybag Stuffing)

And **thanks to all the AAUW members** who volunteered their time and talents this past year. I hope you had a chance to sign up on an interest list at the Summer Social for activities this upcoming year. Interest sheets will be available at our monthly program meetings, or you can contact one of our STEM committee members.

A reminder: Some events where we are working directly with the girls require filling out a volunteer application online with the organization for a background check.

AAUW Austin 2018-2019 Proposed Budget				8/7/2018 REV -V1 - 8/7/2018	
	Proposed Budget 2017-2018	Actuals 2017-2018	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	Notes	
Branch Income					
Branch Dues NET (less PayPal)	2,650	2,706	2,795	Anticipation of 28 additional renewals and new members. Current membership includes 147 members paying full branch dues (121 MOB, 12 Lifetime, 14 Dual) plus 4 Students, 17 Honorary Lifetime Members 2018-2019 projection based on continuing with reduced \$25/per person meal costs and an attendance of 35 paid lunches and 5 Paid No lunches per program Budget reflects actual amount (rounded) received to-date for 2018-2019 Miscellaneous Income (Past-President contributions in lieu of food for Holiday Party & Yearbook Sales Branch Checking Account Only Utilize existing funds as contingency to cover possible Lunch Program losses (\$910), Holiday Party (\$600), proposed Title IX Training (\$475) and Mainspring teacher/staff luncheon (\$125)	
Branch Lunches - NET	(975)	96	(906)		
Branch Contributions	998	1,543	926		
Miscellaneous Earnings		210			
<i>Income Sub-Total</i>	2,673	4,555	2,815		
Interest Income	5	7	5		
Carry Forward from Account	907		2,125		
<i>Total Branch Income</i>	<u>3,585</u>	<u>4,562</u>	<u>4,945</u>		
Branch Expenses					
Officers					
President	150	-	250	No expense reimbursement requested in 2017/2018. Budget covers costs for duplicating of meeting hand-outs, installation and past president's pin Cost for speaker meals added for 2018/2019. Covers meals and gifts for 5 speakers & 2 panels (3 each) 2017 Summer Social cancelled due to flooding. Budget covers costs for Summer Social, postage, printing, supplies, WeCon & Am Book Fest. Reprinting name tags (\$115) also proposed Ink, Copies, Postage, Envelopes Thank you gift for Accounting record review, plus copying costs, postage, etc. 2018-2019 budget based upon estimates submitted for Holiday Party	
Program VP	325	204	650		
Membership VP	650	300	930		
Secretary	25		25		
Treasurer	100		100		
Past Presidents-Holiday Party	500	689	600		
<i>Total Officer Expenses</i>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,193</u>	<u>2,555</u>		
Committee Expenses					
Memorials	120	105	140		Book cost increased from \$30 to \$35 in 2018 Newsletter copies & postage combined Printing 225 copies and mailing of Yearbooks not picked up at events State convention to be held in Austin in 2020. Planning and pre-event expenses Proposed Title IX training 2017-2018 expenses offset by meeting raffles. Funding requested for Teacher/Staff Luncheon
Newsletter	225	121	125		
Yearbook	425	587	625		
Conference Fees	500		200		
Public Policy	25		475		
Study/ Interest Groups	25		25		
AAUW Funds/ Fundraising	150	248	150		
Mainspring Liaison			125		
<i>Total Committee Expenses</i>	<u>1,470</u>	<u>1,061</u>	<u>1,865</u>		
Non Committee Expenses					
P.O. Box Rental	90	90	100	Budget reflects \$10 increase for 2018-2019 Proposed to obtain two readers, adapters and chargers Past-Presidents Pin (\$78) and AAUW Texas Convention Program Ads (\$225)	
Liability Insurance	200	185	200		
Credit Card Readers			150		
Other	75	303	75		
<i>Total Non Committee Expenses</i>	<u>365</u>	<u>578</u>	<u>525</u>		
<i>Total Branch Expenses</i>	<u>3,585</u>	<u>2,832</u>	<u>4,945</u>		
<i>Total Branch Net Income</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,730</u>	<u>-</u>	Applying 2017-2019 profits plus \$395 in accrued savings to offset costs of new programs, lower lunch costs and holiday party.	
FYE 2017-2018 Account Balances					
AAUW Austin Regular Checking		13,544			
AAUW Austin Money Market CD		3,689			
AAUW Savings - Mainspring		1,214			
Petty Cash		100			
Mainspring CD		10,101			
Total Assets as of FYE 2017/2018		<u>28,648</u>			