

**AAUW Austin, TX Branch  
Wednesday, October 10  
10:00 AM**

**Chateau Bellevue  
(Austin Woman's Club)  
708 San Antonio St.**

**EVITE coming!**

**RSVP by Oct. 3 to Jean Bessent  
([jeanbessent@gmail.com](mailto:jeanbessent@gmail.com) or  
512-328-2709)**



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BUZZzzz

AAUW & Women in Action

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

*"The mission of Bat Conservation International is to conserve the world's bats and their ecosystems to ensure a healthy planet."*

**Bats Are:**

- **Important**
- **Threatened**
- **Misunderstood**
- **Everywhere**
- **Cool!**

BCI is dedicated to the enduring protection of the world's 1300+ species of bats and their habitats and creating a world in which bats and humans successfully coexist. In pursuit of this vision, during the next 5 years BCI will work worldwide at scale with local, regional, national and multinational public and private partners to respond rapidly and effectively to bat conservation crises, preventing the extinction of threatened bats and the extirpation of globally significant populations of bats.

**Bats at the Bellevue**



On October tenth we will be celebrating the beginning of fall at the Chateau Bellevue with Fran Hutchins aka **Batman!**

Fran Hutchins is the director of the Bracken Cave Preserve and a member of Bat Conservation International (BCI). Fran talks to everyone about bats. Fran has been featured on Texas Country Reporter, the Travel Channel, several documentaries, as well as Texas Highway Magazine and Nature Conservancy Magazine. In 2013 he was recognized by the U.S. Forest Service for Wings Across the Americas. He is a dynamic speaker and an expert on our bats. He works to preserve the largest bat colony in the world at Bracken Cave. (Offering a summer home to 20 million Mexican free-tailed bats, the Bracken Cave in San Antonio holds one of the largest concentrations of mammals on earth!)

Join us for this excellent lecture at one of our favorite venues, and don't forget to bring all your *batty* friends and family.

Parking is free in lot off Nueces at corner of 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Look for your EVITE and RSVP by October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please let us know if you will be joining us for delicious buffet lunch (flank steak with avocado chimichurri sauce, Yukon gold potatoes, seasonal vegetables, with dessert of pumpkin cake with maple cream frosting - \$25) or just program (\$5) when you RSVP to the Evite.

If you don't get the Evite, RSVP by October 3<sup>rd</sup> to  
**[Jeanbessent@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanbessent@gmail.com)** or (512)328-2709.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

Happy Fall, y'all!



## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

**Oct. 1 Art of Rivalry: Four Friendships, Betrayals & Breakthroughs in Modern Art**  
7:15 PM Author: Sebastian Smee  
Reviewer: Karen Jordahl

## FIRST FRIDAY BOOK REVIEW

**Oct. 5 *Pele, Goddess of Hawaii's Volcanoes***  
10:00 AM Author: Hern Kawainut Kane  
Reviewer: Carol Fritz  
Hostess: Mary Frances Rogerson

## CENTRAL BOOK GROUP

**Oct. 8 *The Forsaken: An American Tragedy in Stalin's Russia***  
10:30 AM Author: Tim Tzouliadis  
Hostess: Mary Humke  
Facilitator: Randi Carter

## SW BOOK GROUP

**Oct. 15 *My Year With Eleanor***  
10:30 AM Author: Noelle Hancock  
Hostesses: Joan Lazarus and Jennifer Swenson  
Facilitator: Joan Lazarus

## OUT TO LUNCH

**Oct. 16 Quality Seafood, 5621 Airport Blvd.**  
11:15 AM Planner: Elaine Penn  
(512) 452-3820, [qualityseafoodmarket.com](http://qualityseafoodmarket.com)

## CREATIVE STITCHERY

**Oct. 17** Hostess: Fern Chester  
10:00 AM Co-hostess Elaine Penn

## CULTURE AND CUISINE

**Oct. 18 Morocco or Oaxaca**  
6:30 PM Hostesses: Shirlene Justice, Fern Chester,  
and Katherine Staples

## HIKING GROUP

**Oct. 18 Barton Creek Hike and Bike Trail**  
<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/texas/barton-creek-greenbelt>  
Leader: Kate DiPronio

## NEW AAUW WINE TASTERS interest group

**Oct. 20** The Wine Merchant, 512 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
1:30 PM Contact: Gail Boston, 512-626-5348

## PEARS

**Oct. 21 "Painting with A Twist"**  
2-4:00 PM 6705 US-290, #501, Austin  
Leaders: Marsha Endahl Kramer & Bill Boyd

## MYSTERY INTEREST GROUP

**Oct. 25 Spooky book** – just in time for Halloween  
11:00 AM Mimi's Café, at the Arbor Walk

## HIKING GROUP

**Oct. 27 Pedernales Falls & State Park**  
(optional overnight)  
<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/pedernales-falls>  
Leader: Rebecca Benz

## ART TOURS

**Oct. 31 The Lost Pines Fine Arts Center - Bastrop**  
9:30 AM Fine Arts Guild, Lost Pines Art Center &  
Sculpture Garden, 1204 Chestnut Street  
Lunch: The Grace Miller - "Gracie's"  
706 Pine Street, Bastrop  
Co-Planners: Linda Welsh, Sharon Babot,  
and Barbara Worley

## MORE things to do this month:

**Oct. 6 Georgetown AAUW Garage Sale, Sun City**  
Call Pat Rehm at 512-876-4211 for info.

**Oct. 12 Latinitas Open House, 1023 Springdale Rd.**  
5:30-8 PM Bldg 9, Ste E (2nd Floor) – see page 4  
RSVP by Oct. 10

**Oct. 23 Lunch with other AAUW STEM supporters**  
**Annual Game Changers Luncheon**

**Featuring Keynote Speaker,**  
**Emily Chang**  
*Author of Brotopia: Breaking Up the*  
*Boys' Club of Silicon Valley*  
Anchor and Executive Producer of  
Bloomberg Technology

**Oct. 24 Annual UN Day celebration dinner**  
at Oasis – see page 5

Branch & Community BUZZZZzzzzzz



**A “Bookshelf” – are you interested?**

where books (from Book Club lists) would be offered for sale to AAUW members. The books might be offered for sale for one price (\$5.00 perhaps). When the book title is listed on the Bookshelf, the owner’s email/phone is also listed and arrangements for handing over the book are made by the members. The \$5.00 would be donated to the Branch.

**###**

The ACC Foundation reports that the AAUW **Frances Malmberg Endowed Scholarship** has been awarded for the 2018-19 academic year to Daneida Castillo and Beverly Swanson. Each was awarded \$1750. Read their statements on right.

**###**

**Melodía Gutierrez**, our AAUW-TX Program VP, stars on Facebook.

She was humbled and proud to receive the Miguel Hidalgo Award from Oak Cliff Coalition for the Arts at the Latino Cultural Center in Dallas for AARP Texas’ commitment to build community through art.



**American Association of University Women  
Frances Malmberg Endowed Scholarship**

**2018-2019 Recipients**

**Daneida Castillo’s personal statement:**



*My name is Daneida Castillo and I am first generation college student in my family. Thanks to the opportunity that ACC has given me to pursue an education, I have been able to encourage other members of my family to study and further their education as well.*

*Although the road has not been an easy one, I feel that it is the right one for me. I am currently pursuing my Associates Degree in Art at ACC; once I obtain it, I look forward to working on my bachelor’s degree. I am focusing on Studio Art, and I intend to go as far as my master’s degree. With hard work and a strong dedication to my studies while balancing work-life, I have been able to maintain a 4.0 GPA. I am currently taking Design 1 this summer; I am enjoying the class very much. I feel very motivated and happy to be back in school and I feel fortunate to have an opportunity to do so. Of course, my favorite classes are the ones related to art itself, but I do very much enjoy History, Math, and English Composition.*

**Beverly Swanson’s personal statement:**



*I’m currently a full-time student at Austin Community College in Austin, Texas. My major is Business Administration, but my focus is in Marketing along with two minors in Psychology and Sociology. I’m also the Secretary of the Psychology Club here at ACC, along with being a Phi Theta Kappa member.*

*I hope to transfer to Texas State University in the near future. My interests lie in the technology business spectrum, and I hope to work for a fortune 500 company in the future. When I’m not at school I’m either at my part-time job or possibly at the gym. Sometimes you can catch me taking unplanned road trips and just exploring different parts of town or finding new places to eat.*

## AAUW in ACTION – people and projects



Co-President **Joyce Pulich** shares:

***Message from a reluctant  
but happy co-president***

After I retired from the City of Austin at the end of 2007, older and wiser people warned me to limit my commitments or face being overwhelmed. Sadly, I did not listen and have continued to add projects and meetings to my “to do” list over the past ten plus years. The word “no” has not been part of my vocabulary – so far.

Earlier this year when a nominating committee member asked me to be co-president, I said yes. I did so in large part because the senior co-president Elaine Penn is one of my favorite people. Once I started adding AAUW events to my calendar along with all the other volunteer activities and ACC teaching I do, reality set in. Now, a little more than a month into the job, I am glad I said yes. Immediate past-president Mary Ellen Scribner provided a detailed job description and calendar of what I need to do and when. She is an amazing mentor.

The first two board meetings introduced me to the wonderful, hard-working, and intelligent women who run the branch behind the scenes. We are so fortunate to have these teams of dedicated women to support us. If the nominating committee asks you to be an officer next year, I encourage you to remember that and say yes.

Our first branch meeting September 9 with the outstanding speaker Jeremi Suri at the funky Spider House Ballroom was a great way to start the year. I’ve been quoting Dr. Suri’s research about how the presidency has changed over time to any friends who will listen.

Thanks to all of you for contributing your time and talent to this organization.

**WANT AD**

**New Historian(s)  
New Newsletter Editor**

*Both appointed positions will get  
training and mentoring! And have **FUN!***

**STEM NEWS**

**Lilac Bauer**, [la\\_azucena@hotmail.com](mailto:la_azucena@hotmail.com)  
512-743-6338 (text)

We will meet at the NEW Latinitas office on Springdale Road, **Oct. 19**, 10-11:30 AM to stuff goody bags for the “Start-Up Chica”. A few more volunteers needed.

**Oct. 20**, 8-10 AM Latinitas “Start-Up Chica”, at the UT McCombs School of Business

**###**

**Tamara Hudgins**, ED of Girlstart, reports that they are expanding to Metrowest Boston (MA) and South Bay (CA) area with After School and Community STEM for a year-round presence in those areas. Onward and outward from Central TX to Houston and North TX! In addition, over 92 schools have After School programs, and the first Houston Girls in STEM Conference took place in September. They have more upcoming program-based volunteer opportunities and always need help with materials preparation. See <http://girlstart.org/volunteer/> if interested.

**###**

*Latinitas has grown into a new  
innovation space and invites us to  
celebrate **Oct. 12** with them!*

Come check out their brand new 2,400 sq. ft. office in the Springdale General complex – a community of nonprofits and creative businesses. They’ll be keeping things lively and festive as we tour the new space and mingle with other generous supporters over signature cocktails, botanas, and music provided by Cecilia + The Broken Hearts. Throughout the evening they’ll be showcasing some of their dedicated sponsors, revealing the new innovation lab, and announcing a new way we can support Latinitas.

**MORE Women IN ACTION**

**AAUW Buddies**

Connecting with long-term members who are not able to attend meetings and brand-new members is the goal of AAUW Buddies. The rewards flow both ways when you connect with others in this way. A new member **Kate DiPronio** took on the rewarding opportunity to meet some of our long-term AAUW members by delivering 50-year pins to their homes. Here she is with **Frances Tomlinson**, who has been a member since 1950!

If you are interested in mentoring our new members or connecting with members who are not as able to get out anymore, please contact **Linda Welsh**, VP Membership (lawelsh@gmail.com or 512-586-1575).



Complimentary Triple Chocolate Cake to be raffled at October meeting.

Summer is cooling down, but **Collin Street Bakery** deals are **red hot!** They're kicking off the Fall season with some amazing deals. Petite Fruitcakes are on sale for \$20 and the Sliced DeLuxe® Fruitcake is at \$4 OFF! Order your sweet delights soon, because this offer ends soon. *Bon appétit!*

Watch for info at branch meetings, since this is a traditional branch fundraising project. Remember Collin St. baked goods are **NOT JUST FOR HOLIDAYS!**

**October 24th: United Nations Annual Day Celebration**

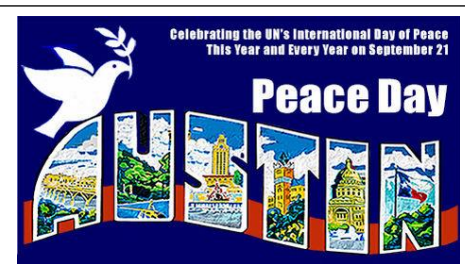
RSVP NOW to attend the 72nd United Nations Annual Day Celebration hosted by the UNA-USA Austin Chapter at the Oasis Restaurant in Austin.

Hear our Keynote Speaker Michelle Milford Morse, Senior advisor to the United Nations Foundation, Acting Vice President for Girls and Women Strategy, emphasize the importance of this year's UN theme: Global Goals Local Leaders.

Contact Judy Sadegh (jsadegh@yahoo.com) for more information.

Networking begins 6:30 p.m. with sunset expected at 6:54 p.m. The fajita dinner and program will begin at 7 p.m., ending at 9:00. Valet parking and cash bar are both available.

<http://www.unaaustin.org/united-nations-annual-day-celebration/>



We agree that it's time to all work together for peace and to make our world a better world for everyone to live in. Who said: ?

**“HOPE is not a passive verb!”**