

AAUW Austin, TX Branch
Saturday, Nov. 10th
10:00 AM

Norris Conference Center,
2525 W Anderson Lane

EVITE coming!

RSVP by Nov. 3 to Jean Bessent
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512-328-2709)



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AAUW & Women in Action

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

Austin AAUW's 95th BIRTHDAY PARTY

Past, Present and Future Tense: AAUW Austin Celebrates 95 Years

Past presidents from the last five decades will tell it like it was.

In recent years many of us have had our DNA analyzed in an effort to learn more about our pasts and perhaps understand our futures a little better. That is just what we will do for the Branch at this meeting as we mark the ninety-five years since the Branch was organized by 15 women meeting at the Driskill Hotel in November of 1923. Past president **Judy Reinhart** (1999-2000) will give a brief summary of the very early years and facilitate a panel of past branch presidents in remembering some of AAUW Austin's greatest moments, members and accomplishments. Centenarian **Kay Goodwin**, who was president from 1971-73, will share her memories of the Branch from the 1970s. **Evalyn McVeigh** (1992-93) will look back on the '80s. Immediate past AAUW Texas president and 1998-99 Branch president **Pam Wolfe** will sum up the nineties for us. **Elizabeth Newell** (2000-2001) will move us into the 21st Century. Immediate past president **Mary Ellen Scribner** (2017-18) will sum up the present decade, look to the future, and present a certificate to current co-presidents **Elaine Penn** and **Joyce Pulich** from National, recognizing the Branch for its ninety-five years of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education, philanthropy and advocacy. This is a very special celebration of our Branch and its many members over the years, so you may want to wear a vintage hat, an AAUW scarf, etc., to mark the occasion. Everyone is encouraged to wear her AAUW pins including year pins, legacy circle pin, Sister of Ann pin, or past officer and service pins.

Please let us know if you will be joining us for a delicious \$25 buffet lunch (Pecan Crusted Chicken with Cajun cream sauce, red beans and rice, and a garden salad; large chocolate cake for dessert) or just program (\$5) when you RSVP to the Evite.

If you don't get the Evite, RSVP by November 3rd to jeanbessent@gmail.com
or (512)328-2709.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

FIRST FRIDAY BOOK REVIEW

Nov. 2 *Treating People Well*
 10:00 AM Authors: Jeremy Bernard & Lea Berman
 Reviewer: Mary Frances Rogerson
 Hostess: Delia Quintanilla

PEARS

Nov. 4 21st Annual Celtic Fest
 3-7:00 PM Pioneer Farms in N. Austin
 Leaders: Don & Anita Knight

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Nov. 5 *Hillbilly Elegy: a Memoir*
 7:15 PM Author: J.D. Vance
 Reviewer: Louise Jordan

SW BOOK GROUP

Nov. 5 *A Crack in Creation: Gene Editing & the Unthinkable Power to Control Evolution*
 10:30 AM Authors: Jennifer Doudna and Samuel Sternberg
 Hostess: Marsha Endahl Kramer
 Facilitator: Dr. Anita Sylvia García

HIKING GROUP

Nov. 8 McKinney Roughs Nature Park
<https://www.lcra.org/parks/Pages/mckinney-roughs-naturepark>
 Leader: Ginny Tannebring

Nov. 10 **Branch Monthly Program – see page 1**

CENTRAL BOOK GROUP

Nov. 12 *We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria*
 10:30 AM Author: Wendy Pearlman
 Hostess: Mary Humke
 Facilitator: Anita Knight

CULTURE AND CUISINE

Nov. 15 Celebration Potluck
 6:30 PM Hostesses: Carol Fritz, Shirlene Justice

NEW AAUW WINE TASTERS

Nov. 17 Red & White Zinfandels
 4:00 PM Hostess: Carol Blanchard

CREATIVE STITCHERY

Nov. 21 Hostess: Elaine Penn
 10:00 AM Co-hostess: Mary Ann Leitz

OUT TO LUNCH

Nov. 27 Zax, 312 Barton Springs Road
 11:15 AM Planner: Debbie Starr
 512-481-0100, zaxaustin.com

MYSTERY INTEREST GROUP

Nov. 27 Read about a female detective,
 11:00 AM amateur or professional
 Mimi's Café, at the Arbor Walk

ART TOURS

Nov. 28 **Georgetown, TX Art Stroll**
 10:00 AM Viewing, strolling, art studios, antique,
 flower & gift shops
 Lunch options: **Wildfire**, 812 S. Austin, **Laurie's** 612 S.
 Main, **Monument Café**, 500 S. Austin
 Co-Planners: Maggie Kadlecek, Eugenie Whalen

HIKING GROUP

Dec. 1 December Trail of Lights Fun Run
 6:00 PM <https://austintrailoflights.org/>
 Leader: Linda Welsh

MORE things to do this month:

BRIDGE, anyone? See page 3.

Sat. Nov. 3 We Are Girls Austin (Girls
 9-3:00 Empowerment Network)
 Anderson High School, 8403 Mesa Dr.
 For girls in grades 3rd-8th and the adults that care
 about them. \$30 tickets and scholarships here.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/we-are-girls-austin-conference-2018-registration-46301093818>

Fri., Nov. 9 AWFC luncheon program with iACT
 11:30-1:00 *What does it mean to be a REFUGEE?*
 First Baptist Church, 901 Trinity St.
 Contact: Carol Blanchard

Thurs., Nov. 29 Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Night
 5-8:00 PM See page 5.

Branch & Community BUZZzzzzzz



Beverly Lochlin won the complimentary triple chocolate cake in October raffle!

Use code **C012** to order, but **NOT JUST FOR HOLIDAYS**

Watch for info about Collin St. Bakery at branch meetings, since this is a traditional branch fundraising project. More **FUNDS** opportunities per **Debbie Starr** on p. 5. Remember that every single dollar we raise goes to benefit real life women and girls!

Bridge Playing Opportunities

Our Austin AAUW branch sponsors three opportunities for members to play bridge. You don't have to be an expert, but it is good to have basic knowledge and previous experience playing bridge.

The Thursday morning group meets weekly at the Senior Activity Center located at 29th and North Lamar from 9:30 to noon. If interested in joining, contact **Dorothy Ramsey** at 512-442-3841.

The second Wednesday group meets at different locations each month. Contact **Lynn Cooksey** at 512-477-2774.

The fourth Wednesday group meets at the Senior Activity Center located at 29th and North Lamar from 1:30 to 4 pm. Contact **Sara Ezell** at 512-633-6178 if interested in joining.

Carol Fritz was in therapy at Gracy Woods, but she should be back home by the time you read this.



AAUW Wine Tasters

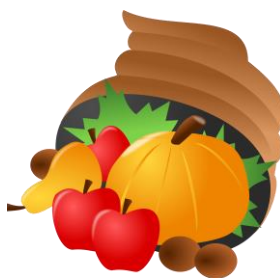
The newest AAUW interest group, AAUW Wine Tasters (working name) met at Sandi Sykora's home for a Sauvignon Blanc tasting and initial planning for the group.

The group will have a **tasting and educational focus**. For this first meeting, wine expert and tasting guide *Ian Holm-Hansen from The Austin Wine Merchant* truly elevated the evening. He grouped the bottles by region. In general, the New Zealand Sauvignon Blancs from Marlborough tasted brighter, tangier and livelier than those from California. The Napa and Sonoma county wines were described as creamier, smoother, textured, minerally, more austere. The CA wines had a lower acidity and a higher alcohol content. All of the wines we tasted would pair well with foods with citrus elements, or fried foods; in harmony or as a balancing contrast.

Interestingly, the group was evenly split with half favoring New Zealand wines vs. California. It was a revelation and a delight to find Sauvignon Blancs for every palette. Here's a brief summary of the wines.

Top rated: Kim Crawford, Emmolo, Benzinger, Ferrari-Carano; Others: The Ned, Simi, Ponga

For more information about this new group, contact **Gail Boston** (gail@austinxboston.com; 512-626-5348)



Ramona Nance fell and fractured her right hip mid-October and is now in the Rapid Recovery facility for up to 6 weeks helping her left leg stay strong and her fractured right hip heal so she can put weight on it and walk.

She would love to hear from you or receive cards from you with all the news she is missing. Mail her at Rapid Recovery, 16219 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin, 78717 (It's really in Round Rock) and/or call her at 512-520-1834, and the main desk will connect you to her room.

AAUW in ACTION – people and projects



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Latinitas thanks us for helping make the 4th annual *Startup Chica* Conference a success at the new Rowling Hall, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas on October 20th. With the help of 57 volunteers, Latinitas was able to serve a total of 45 girls and young women of all backgrounds. Thank you to **Roberta Coffin, Mary Kate Fredriksen, Jackie Hardee** for preparing for the conference by stuffing snack packs at the new Latinitas office. Another big thank you to **Roberta Coffin, Jackie Hardee**, and **Anita Knight** for handling the registration at this conference; and 'hats off' to **Jackie Hardee** who worked the whole day, leading girls around to the different workshops.

New Opportunity!! **December 1 Saturday 9:00 - 12:30 at the Girlstart STEM Center**, 1400 W. Anderson Lane. It's a FROSTY Extravaganza with hands-on STEM activities. If you want to work with the girls at the activity tables, let me know right away to see how to apply online. This might also be a great chance to bring a daughter or granddaughter to a **Girlstart** event as it is open to the community.

Contact **Lilac Bauer** (by email or text) if you are interested in the Frosty Extravaganza, or sign up at our next general meeting.

Please contact **Ginny Tannebring** (ginnytann7@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping Girlstart with data entry for the surveys that they give the girls in the After School Programs a few times a year.

ATX to SF

Latinitas is partnering with nonprofit Seven Tepees Youth Program to host the first ever *Game Chica* Conference in San Francisco, Nov. 17th. They are excited to be expanding the Latinitas community in other states and thrilled to collaborate with another non-profit passionate about empowering youth!

The National Girls Collaborative Project is proud to partner with The Toy Association to share their new report, "Decoding STEM/STEAM". The report addresses important questions including:

- How is **STEM** different from **STEAM** and what's the role of "A"?
- What is the role of toys and play in teaching STEM/STEAM, and what advantages do they have vs. formal education?
- What are common barriers to STEM/STEAM careers that toys can help eliminate?



An infographic on the "Top 10 Ways Toys Can Teach STEAM" and a "Myths and Messages" brochure for parents and educators can be found at TheGeniusofPlay.org/STEAM.

The Genius of Play is a national movement to raise awareness of play's vital role in child development, spear-headed by the Toy Association. The Toy Association is a not-for-profit trade association representing all businesses that design, produce, license, and deliver toys and youth entertainment products for kids of all ages.

MORE Women IN ACTION

I am a 2016-17 recipient of the Fellowships for Doctoral Students and I recently graduated with my PhD in art history from UT Austin. I just received the latest AAUW newsletter as I was completing some paperwork for my new position, and I thought I should share my wonderful news with the organization that supported me during my dissertation process. This spring, I accepted a professorship from Stanford University! I am the 2018-19 Acting Assistant Professor of Art & Art History at Stanford. In fall 2019, I will then assume the tenure-track position of Assistant Professor in the same department. I'm so incredibly happy to be here at Stanford. During my first year, I do not have to teach; my department has given me a position that allows me to focus on research and writing for a full year. Thank you AAUW Austin Branch for the fellowship while I was a doctoral student! I would not be where I am today without the support of organizations like yours during my graduate studies.

Sincerely, Rose Salseda, Ph.D., rsalseda@stanford.edu

NEW MEMBERS: AAUW Austin board members welcomed new members to our branch with a new member tea and orientation at VP Membership **Linda Welsh's** home. Two of the new members have community college roots.

Dr. Chantae Recasner, the new Dean of Faculty and Instructional Development at Austin Community College, is new to the area; New Orleans is home, but she came from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Berta Lloyd has a long history working in community colleges in the Pacific Northwest; she recently relocated to the Austin area after retirement as the Dean of Workforce Development, Career and Technical Education. We look forward to their participation in our branch.

Mercy Sosanya is an AAUW International Fellow from Nigeria; she is beginning her Ph.D. in nutrition at the University of Texas and has already started to engage her department in our work.

Margaret DiPronio, a new graduate from Oral Roberts University, was encouraged to join by her mother **Kate DiPronio**, who hopes that Margaret will one day get a 50-year pin.

A fun time was had by all as we chatted and enjoyed the beautiful afternoon.

Pictured are **Dr. Chantae Recasner, Mercy Sosanya, Berta Lloyd, Margaret DiPronio, Kate DiPronio**



Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Night -- A Win:Win for FUNd\$\$\$

Eugenie Whalen of Funds Committee took the lead on setting up this year's shopping night at our favorite gift shop, Ten Thousand Villages (<https://www.tenthousandvillages.com/>), which is incredibly special in that it supports women artisans and craftsman from villages all over the world. You can give ethically sourced gifts crafted by hand that directly benefit these women artists while your purchase also benefits AAUW. It's a double WIN! Come on **Thursday evening, November 29 from 5-8 PM**. Mingle with friends, enjoy some wine and goodies, and grab some holiday gifts for friends....or yourself! Make a night of it and have dinner nearby.

Barnes & Noble South - Annual Gift-Wrapping Fund Raiser

Haven't had a chance yet to volunteer for an AAUW event? Don't let time run out!! We could use your help wrapping gifts on any one of three days. We even put in an evening option for those of you who can't make days. Two to three people can work together.....so it's definitely fun! Barnes & Noble provides the wrapping supplies, and we wrap and provide a little information to guests while they wait for their packages. Then they can leave a tip/donation for AAUW. It's easy and fun and puts you in that holiday spirit! **Lilac Bauer** is coordinating this, so please contact her with the shift time you would like at the south/Brodie location: 6-10:00 on Dec. 11, 2-6:00 on Dec. 12 and 17. Anyone have other locations to coordinate with another date or two?