

AAUW Austin, TX Branch
Sat., April 13
10:00 AM

Norris Center
2525 W. Anderson Lane

EVITE sent already!

RSVP to Jean Bessent
(jeanbessent@gmail.com or
512-328-2709)



Page 2

Page 3, 5

Page 4

Calendar

Branch & Community BUZZzzz

Women in Action

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



“A Comprehensive Approach to Women's Health and Wellness”

Come join us for a very special panel discussion with:

- ❖ Dr. Caitlin Giesler, Director of Women's Heart Program at the Seton Heart Institute
- ❖ Dr. Christina Salazar, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Health, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- ❖ Dr. Carrie Barron, Wellness Champion and Director of Creativity for Resilience Program, Dell Medical School
- ❖ Lizette Taboada, RD, LD, Behavior Change Lead - Registered Dietitian.

They will be sharing with us their expertise on Women's Health and Wellness and answering your questions. Come prepared with your questions to put on index cards for the panel.

Thanks to **Brenda Hahne** for organizing this important program. We want to have a great turnout for these health experts, so please invite your friends.

In order to allow for plenty of time for the panel and your questions, we will start our meeting at 10:15 AM.

Following the panel, there will be our annual business meeting, which will include a vote on bylaws revisions and the slate.

MENU: Baked potato bar. Create your own baked potatoes with taco meat, chile con carne, and chicken fajita meat. Top off your creation with butter, sour cream, cheddar cheese, red onions, smoked bacon & chives. Side of fresh fruit salad. Dessert bar too!

Lunch is \$25, or \$5 for just beverages with program. If you do not receive the EVITE, RSVP to **Jean Bessent** as noted above.

“All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.”
~ Charles Schulz



APRIL CALENDAR



CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

April 1 *The Big Burn*
 7:15 PM Author: Timothy Egan
 Reviewer: Beverly Locklin

FIRST FRIDAY BOOK REVIEW

April 5 *One Damn Blunder from Beginning to End*
 Author: Gary Dillard Joiner
 Reviewer: Beverly Locklin
 Hostess: Evelyn Boyer

SW BOOK GROUP

April 8 *Frances Perkins, Champion of New Deal*
 10:30 AM Author: Naomi Pasachoff
 Hostess: Brenda Hahne
 Facilitator: Ginny Tannebring

CENTRAL BOOK GROUP

April 8 *The Bettencourt Affair*
 10:30 AM Author: Tom Sancton
 Hostess: Mary Humke
 Facilitator: Maggie Kadlecek

ART TOURS

April 9 Daytrip to Painted Churches, Schulenburg
 10:15 Leader: Jennifer Swenson

HIKING GROUP

April 11 Inks Lake & Longhorn Cavern State Park
 10:00 AM Leader: Nancy Andren

April 27 Lake Georgetown
 10:00 AM Leader: Jackie Hardee

April 13 **Branch Monthly Program – see page 1.**

OUT TO LUNCH

April 16 Mother’s Cafe and Garden
 11:15 AM (Hyde Park area - VEGETARIAN!)
 4215 Duval St.
 Planner: Pam Watson

CREATIVE STITCHERY

April 17 Hostess: Beverly Locklin
 10:00 AM Co-hostess: Suellen Mills

PEARS Stay tuned for May

CULTURE AND CUISINE

April 18 Pakistani
 6:30 PM Co-Hostesses: Jan Watson and Barbara Houston at Mary Lou Bell’s home

MYSTERY INTEREST GROUP

April 23 Nature mysteries (setting involves nature: a forest, seaside, garden...)
 11:00 AM Mimi’s Café, at the Arbor Walk

ART TOURS

April 24 Zilker Botanical Gardens
 10:00 AM “A jewel in Zilker Park”
 Lunch: Shady Grove, Barton Springs Rd.
 Co-Planners: Louise Jordan & Milli Stecker

NEW AAUW WINE TASTERS

April 27 Sparkling Wines
 4:00 PM Hostess: Sharon Rose Babot

NOTE: The contact, aka chair, of each interest group can be found in branch yearbook.

MORE THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

April 2 **Mainspring Schools** "Learning Starts Here"
 11-1:00 Luncheon, The LINE Austin Hotel (\$75 tax deductible registration fee) RSVP at:
<https://www.mainspringschools.org/learning-starts-here-luncheon/>

April 10 **GlobalAustin:** Dr. Artyom Lukin – see p. 3
 6:30-9 PM Major Powers in N. Korea & Asian Security
 Texas International Education Consortium

April 14 **Girls Impact the World Film Festival**
 11-7:00 St. Andrew's Dell Fine Arts Theater
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/girls-impact-the-world-film-festival-2019-tickets-55078647718>

April 17 **Evening with the Authors,** Central Library
 6:30 PM TX Library Association Conference, see p. 3

April 23 **AAUW Texas Equal Pay Day** – see p. 4
 10 -3:00 South Central Gallery of the Capitol

Branch & Community BUZZzzzzzz



**Message from
CO-President
Elaine Penn**

As we are beginning to celebrate spring and new beginnings, I hope that you are all able to share in the program in April. The program sounds fantastic, and there is always something new to learn!

New beginnings include my handing over the Co-President baton and looking for another place to serve and learn. The last couple of years have taught me so much about AAUW and myself. I have enjoyed working with some of the brightest, most committed – and most fun – women on the planet. I am grateful for every meeting (I know, I know – but it is true!). I always learn something new and am continually impressed with what we do – nationally and locally.

I hope that some of you who hadn't considered serving and volunteering for various duties (think newsletter) will step up and give it a try. There will be many opportunities coming up as we move to host the Texas state convention in 2020. Working with this wonderful group of women is something that should not be missed! It is how we can truly bond together and do more than we can separately!

Happy Spring to all – enjoy every minute!

Hugs, Elaine

David Rogerson, perennial fine host and husband of our dear friend **Mary Frances Rogerson**, passed away recently following a final bout of pneumonia. Please keep Mary Frances and all her loving family in your prayers.

The nominating committee (**Anita Knight, Connie Munoz, Judy Reinhart, Marina Rivers, and Ruth Rubio**) presents the following slate for a vote at the April business meeting:

- | | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Co-President, 2019-21 | Larayne Dallas |
| Co-Membership VPs | Suellen Myers,
Roberta Coffin |
| Treasurer | Jackie Hardee |

The bios for these ladies were included in your March newsletter. Come vote for your new officers, as well as a few bylaws revisions.

###

FUND\$ per Debbie Starr

dbbstrr@gmail.com, 512-771-4497

For 2018, Austin ranks 10th in Funds donations per member, and THIRD in total donations for AAUW-TX!

Our commitment to building women's economic security inspired the Coca-Cola Foundation to invest in AAUW last August, when AAUW received its largest corporate grant in recent history to build an online platform to train women in salary negotiation. Read more on page 4.

###

Join an **Evening with the Authors** on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 at the amazing new Austin Central Library. \$75, plus cash bar. Meet five adult authors (Rachel Caine, Katherine Center, Elise Hooper, Angie Kim, Beatriz Williams) and hear them speak about their work and read from their newest releases. You will receive a complimentary copy of each book and dinner is wonderful, per **Kate DiPronio** who attended a tasting!

OR come for \$24 at 5:30 for **Reception with the Authors** on the rooftop of the library just prior to dinner for a unique opportunity to engage the authors in real conversation while you enjoy a glass of wine, beer, or other beverage with a selection of appetizers. Register at <https://txla.org/annual-conference/registration/rates/>. (Membership in TX Library Association is not required.)

###

Dr. Lukin is an expert with Russian International Affairs Council. For more info, contact: globalaustined@aol.com.

Women in Action

STEM/STEAM NEWS per Lilac Bauer, la_azucena@hotmail.com:

Thanks to all our members for support of STEM!

Year-round: Ginny Tannebring will organize volunteers to assist Girlstart with data entry from the girls' STEM interest and confidence surveys (necessary for support for Girlstart's grant applications).

Friday, April 5th, 10am-12pm. Jackie Hardee will organize the goodybag stuffing at Girlstart.

Various times TBA: Nancy Andren will organize volunteers to be lunch mentors at various Girlstart and Latinitas events. It requires signing up online at the organization as a volunteer, and Nancy will advise of times that we can be role models for an hour at lunch with the girls at one of their events.

POLICY NEWS UPDATE

Sylvia Garcia, Ph.D. Policy Chair (512-571-0730)

Our Austin branch will be conducting a free Title IX training conference for Title IX coordinators of school districts and institutions of higher education in Travis and Williamson counties.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education.

The conference will be held Monday, April 8, 2019 at Education Service Center 13, 5701 Springdale Road, Treaty Oak Room from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. This event is in support of state and national priorities for Title IX and is the first time that this event is sponsored by our branch. If interested, contact Dr. Sylvia Garcia.

More info about national issues to the right.....



DATE AND TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM CDT, Tuesday, April 23, 2019

LOCATION: Texas State Capitol, 1100 Congress Ave, Austin, TX

AAUW members from across the state will meet in the South Central Gallery of the Capitol to sign in and receive information about AAUW and the issues and bills we support, according to Melinda Gaul, state president. Please go to: <https://aauw-tx.aauw.net/> to register for free.

AAUW is really promoting the **Work Smart Online** program....and the first benchmark goal of getting 100,000 women trained online by August 2019 (100K for Equal Pay)..... has been set at 20,000 registrants to take the free tool by Equal Pay Day, April 2, 2019.

Make Time for Action on Equal Pay Day, Tuesday, April 2. It is a great day to take action on the **gender pay gap**. It's the date that symbolizes how many days into the year women must work to earn what men made in the previous year. If you have.....

* **One minute:** Register for **Work Smart Online** to learn salary negotiation skills and help us meet the terms of our generous corporate grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation. Then take the course at your leisure.

* **Two minutes:** Become a **two-minute activist** to encourage Congress to pass the **Paycheck Fairness Act**. The U.S. House of Representatives has voted on this, and now you need to contact your Senators.

* **Five minutes:** Send an email to 5 women you know who could use a raise, tag them on social media, to tell them about **Work Smart Online**.

Interest Groups' BUZZzzzzzz



New Wine-Tasting group meets in homes with WINE!



Art Tours is our largest group and enjoys art around the area.



Central book group toured Japanese Garden in Zilker after reading book *Train to Crystal City*.



Shirlene Justice gave hikers a tour of her property on the Pedernales River.



How about **YOUR** interest group(s)??



Hiking group met at Ardor Wood Farm in Bastrop to meet **Anita Knight's** daughter and the goats and Longhorns there.



Gail Boston is not only a wine connoisseur but also a "goat-whisperer"!