

**AAUW Austin, TX Branch
Sat., May 11
10:00 AM**

**Norris Center
2525 W. Anderson Lane**

Watch for EVITE!

**RSVP to Jean Bessent
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512-328-2709)**



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

The American Association of University Women-Austin Branch is proud to announce the five University of Texas PhD candidates who will each receive a \$3,100 Fellowship Award for 2019-2020. See who they are on page 3, and come hear 3 of them briefly present their research (those marked with the **).

Thanks to the branch UT Fellowship Selection Committee: **Jean Bessent, Elizabeth Newell, Joyce Pulich, Mary Ellen Scribner, and Janet Widoff.** Jean reports that this was an outstanding, dedicated and companionable team reviewing 27 applicants in a week.

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

MENU: Turkey Roulade: Tender turkey breast stuffed with cranberries, sausage and figs in a wine cream sauce, with endive mashed potatoes and a garden fresh salad. Dessert bar too!

**NO SMALL MATTERS: Introduction of Scholarship recipients, Named Gift Awardees, and.....
“Early Childhood Development 78 years after
AAUW-Austin Founded Chalmers Nursery School”**

Join us to learn how early childhood education has changed in the 78 years since our predecessors in AAUW-Austin helped start the Chalmers Nursery School (now called Mainspring Schools) – the first nursery school in the country located within low income housing. It is one of Austin's leading early childhood centers for at-risk children and their families.

Our VP Membership **Linda Welsh** will share the history of Mainspring Schools and AAUW’s connection to the school. Sue Carpenter, Chief Programs Officer for United Way for Greater Austin, will give an overview of the current community conditions for early childhood education in the Austin area, followed by Jason Gindele, the new Executive Director of Mainspring Schools, sharing the business of early childhood and the challenges faced to offer high quality education and care given the limited sources of funding.

Ms. Carpenter provides support and leadership to the Success By 6, Family Economic Success and Navigation Center teams. She has devoted over 30 years of her professional experience to non-profit work, with an emphasis in early childhood care and education issues.

Prior to joining the Mainspring staff in 2017, Jason spent more than 20 years in digital media, leading startup and mid-sized business initiatives across multiple industries. Jason was both a parent and board member at Mainspring before making the career change.

Concerned about the future of education in Austin? You will enjoy this examination of the current status of our early childhood education and care system. Come and bring a friend.

MAY CALENDAR

FIRST FRIDAY BOOK REVIEW

May 3 *The Perfume Collector*
 Author: Kathleen Tessaro
 Reviewer: Judy Reinhart
 Host: Beverly Locklin

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

May 6 *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*
 7:15 PM Author: Gail Honeyman
 Reviewer: Mary Ellen Scribner

May 11 **Branch Monthly Program – see page 1.**

SW BOOK GROUP

May 13 *Frances Perkins, Champion of the New Deal*
 10:30 AM Author: Naomi Pasachoff
 Hostess: Brenda Hahne
 Facilitator: Ginny Tannebring

CENTRAL BOOK GROUP

May 13 *Make Trouble: Standing Up, Speaking Out, and Finding the Courage to Lead*
 10:30 AM Author: Cecile Richards, 2018
 Hostess: Mary Humke
 Facilitator: Mary Lou Bell

CREATIVE STITCHERY

May 15 Hostess: Jackie Hardee
 10:00 AM Co-hostess: Fern Chester

HIKING GROUP

May 18 Guadalupe River State Park: hiking, kayaking, planning
 10:00 AM Leader: Jackie Hardee
<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/guadalupe-river>

PEARS

May 18 Driftwood Winery & Salt Lick BBQ
 1:00 PM Planners: Kadleceks

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

OUT TO LUNCH

May 21 County Line on the Hill
 11:15 AM 6500 Bee Cave Rd. (RR2244)
 Planner: Diane Brewer

ART TOURS

May 22 Planning Brunch
 10:00 AM Come with ideas & your calendar
 Hostess: Mary Frances Rogerson

CULTURE AND CUISINE

May 23 Potluck and Planning
 6:30 PM Co-Hostesses: Lynn Cooksey & Brenda Scholin at Lynn’s home

MYSTERY INTEREST GROUP

May 28 Authors from European Countries & Planning meeting
 11:00 AM Mimi’s Café, at the Arbor Walk

NEW AAUW WINE TASTERS

May 18 Wine & Cheese Pairing, Total Wine/Mueller
 4-6:00 PM Hostess: Barbara Worley

MORE THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH & next

Tuesday, May 7 **GlobalAustin** Distinguished Speaker
 6:30-9:00 PM See page 5 for more info.

Sunday, May 12 **Mother’s Day**
 Specials and featured gifts now at Collin St. Bakery
www.collinstreet.com/specials?t=911126&o=911126



July 21 Deadline for submission of information for yearbook – email to **Carol Midboe**, Yearbook Editor (cmmidboe@gmail.com)
 Pictures make great fillers and support a sense of community connections. Feel free to send Carol your group’s favorite picture for the year book.



Branch & Community BUZZZZzzzzzz

**Message from
Membership VP
Linda Welsh**

May is a busy month as we wrap up our programs for the year and plan for next year.

As you are meeting to plan next year, consider what project your group could do in the coming year to support AAUW's mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Renew! Your membership matters:
Beyond Aspirations: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls, AAUW's new strategic plan charts our direction in three mission-based areas—education and training; economic security, and leadership—as well as the organizational focused area of governance and sustainability. With specific and measurable stretch goals in each area, such as the education and training goal to train 10 million women in salary negotiations by 2022, AAUW needs all of us to work together to achieve these important goals. Your dues (see page 5) support all of AAUW's efforts at the national, state, and branch level.

Your vote matters: Voting in AAUW's national election is open through Tuesday May 14, 2019 at 6 pm EST. We are voting on amendments to the Public Policy and selecting members for the national board of directors. Texas' own Melinda Gaul is running for Vice Chair!

Look for an email from AAUW national dated April 1 for your ID and pin needed for voting. To educate yourself on the issues and candidates, go to this website: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>

Congratulations are in order.....

To our new board for 2019-21, which will be installed at business meeting portion of the program:

Co-President, 2019-21	Larayne Dallas (with Joyce Pulich)
Co-Membership VPs	Suellen Myers, Roberta Coffin
Treasurer	Jackie Hardee

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FUND\$\$ per Debbie Starr
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To Lucky **Jean & Dave Bessent** who bought the winning raffle ticket at April meeting for the 2 tickets to see "Cats" at the Bass!!!



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To our 2019-20 UT Fellowship recipients:

Michaela Machicote
Jezebel by Another Name: The Criminalization of Black Women's Bodies in Chicago

Amanda McClelland **
Classroom Working Alliance for Students with Disabilities: Differences Between Special Education and General Education Teachers and Association with Student Engagement

Samantha Simon
The Police Force: Gender, Race, and Use of Force Training in Police Academies

Lauren Smith **
Identifying Factors of Parent Engagement in a School-based Mental Health Intervention: an mHealth Approach

Carolina Vilas **
Defining the Cellular Recognition, Repair, and Mutagenicity of a Novel Inflammation-induced DNA Inter-strand Crosslink

Women in Action

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

Thanks to all our members for support of STEM!

Thanks to all who helped with the goody-bag stuffing at Girlstart: **Jonesie Abernathy, Rolinda Carrington, Roberta Coffin, Jackie Hardee, Suellen Mills, Connie Munoz, Debbie Starr, and Linda Welsh.**

Year-round: Contact **Ginny Tannebring** if you want to assist Girlstart with data entry from the girls' STEM interest and confidence surveys (necessary for support for Girlstart's grant applications).

Contact **Nancy Andren** if you want to be a lunch mentor at various Girlstart summer camps 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.

Welcome AAUW new members:

Since our yearbook was printed, AAUW Austin has welcomed ten new members of the branch and three new graduate students. These new members bring a treasure trove of experience and passion to our branch. We look forward to getting to know all of them better. Please welcome new members:

- Fai Chan
- Maggie DiPronio (Daughter of Kate)
- Elaine Leggett (rejoining the branch)
- Tina Lilly
- Berta Lloyd
- Mindy Nichols
- Kemi Nwagbo
- Chantae Recastner
- Jan Rooker
- Cathy Werner

We are also delighted to have three new graduate student members: Patricia Neuhoff-Malorzo, Natasha Sekhon, and AAUW International Fellow Mercy Sosanya!

Recognize and celebrate OUR AUTHORS (any more out there?):

Marian O'Shea Wernicke wrote a memoir about her father called *Tom O'Shea: A Twentieth Century Man*. She explains: "It is available on Amazon. After my father's death, I realized how much we did not know about his childhood, so I began searching for details. I also wrote away for his records from his service in the USMC in the Pacific in World War II. I spent two years writing this memoir, and my brothers and sisters each contributed some of their memories. It might be of interest to many of our members as it deals with a past with which they may be familiar."

Jan Rooker, who is a college consultant, wrote a "how to" write your college essay that also includes the essays of about a dozen high school seniors as examples of very successful essays. *Nail your College Essay* guides students to use their unique stories and their authentic voices in order to like the people they are, to make their essay memorable, and to make a unique connection. It is available on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Nail-Your-College-Essay-Rooker/dp/061530319>.

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve.

Surprise! Surprise!

It was an Apple.

But with extremely limited memory.

Just 1 byte.

Then everything crashed.

Fai Chan has her own company, Deli Aroma LLC, dedicated to holistic healing protocols. She has published 10 articles in international journals. She has also published two books in Chinese in China, and she is the publisher of the digital journal – *Aroma Search* – a Chinese aromatherapy journal. In 2017 she was recognized in "The Next Big Thing" feature in *NewsWeek* by the National Association of Experts, Writers, and Speakers. Chan was quoted saying: "The growing trend: less is more. When you are not feeling well, people will suggest you to take this and that. Have you ever thought that you get better results by taking less instead of taking more?" Connect at www.deliaroma.com.

