

AAUW Austin, TX Branch

Hope you got the EVITE for this month. IF NOT, contact Mary Ellen Scribner, maryscribner@gmail.com

Please send any edited future updates no later than the 15th of each month to this new email address:

AAUW-ATXnewsletter@aauw.net



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Calendar

Women in Action

Branch & Community BUZZzzzz

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

Action Items from Dr. Anna Graybeal, who spoke to us in November about Climate Change:

- Talk about climate change
- Reduce your own carbon footprint
- Sign up with Project Grand Canyon to call your Member of Congress monthly
- Advocate for an effective national policy, such as the EICDA (Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act)
- Join Citizens Climate Lobby (anna@annagraybeal.com)

*"In the end we will **conserve** only what we love, we will **love** only what we understand, and we will **understand** only what we are **taught**."*

Baba Dioum
Senegalese Forestry Engineer
1968

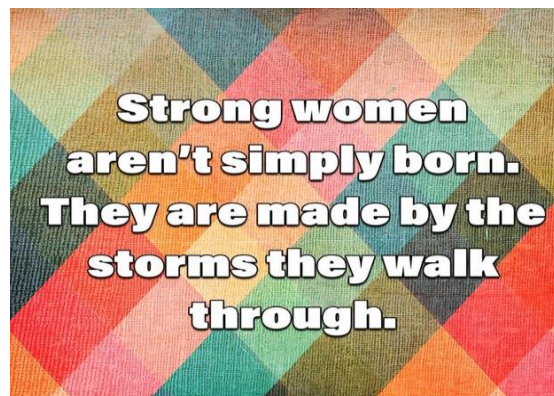
AAUW AUSTIN WINTER SOCIAL "WOMEN WHO DARE"

Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
at the Lamar Senior Activity Center
2874 Shoal Crest Avenue Austin, TX 78705

*This annual event is free and open to **all members and their guests**. It is hosted by our past presidents who bring holiday sweets and savories. RSVP to the EVITE sent last week.*

Turn south onto Shoal Crest Avenue (north is San Gabriel St.) from 29th Street in the first block east of North Lamar Blvd. Entrance to parking lot is immediately on the right. Good map on EVITE.

If you have a favorite finger food that you want to share, you are welcome to bring it, but it definitely isn't required that you bring anything!



DECEMBER CALENDAR

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE (usually 1st MONDAY)

Dec. 2: *Where the Crawdads Sing*
 Author: Delia Owens
 Facilitator: Jan Roberts

ART TOURS (4th WEDNESDAY)

Dec. 4 10:00 AM
 Georgetown, TX Art Stroll
 “The Most Beautiful Square in Texas”
 Lunch TBD
 Planner: Cathy Werner

Dec. 8 2-4:00 PM
Branch Winter SOCIAL, see page 1
Lamar Senior Activity Center

PEARS

Dec. 8 5:00 PM
 “She Loves Me” at Austin Playhouse
 Planner: Diane Brewer

SW BOOK GROUP

Dec. 9: *The Moment of Lift*
 Author: Melinda Gates
 Hostess: Marsha Endahl Kramer
 Facilitator: Jennifer Swenson

CENTRAL BOOK GROUP

Dec. 9: *Educated: A Memoir*
 Author: Tara Westover
 Facilitator: Sue Ellen Jeffers

NEW AAUW WINE TASTERS

Dec. 12: 7:00 PM
 Festive, holiday choices with Sommelier Ian
 Hostess: Kate DiPronio

HIKIING

Dec. 13-14 San Antonio & Mission Trail Park
<https://www.sanantonio.gov/Mission-Trails/Home>
 Leader: Jackie Hardee

OUT TO LUNCH (3rd TUESDAY of each month)

Dec. 17: 11:15 AM
 Chez Zee American Bistro, 5406 Balcones Dr.
 Host: Sara Ezell

CREATIVE STITCHERY

Dec. 18 10:00 AM
 Host: Beverly Locklin

CULTURE & CUISINE

MYSTERY GROUP (4th TUESDAY)
 No meetings – Happy Holidays!

OTHER GOOD DATES FOR Y’all

Dec. 5 Special Webinar from AAUW CEO
 Join AAUW CEO Kim Churches for an exclusive member webinar at 3 p.m. ET, titled: “*Together in 2019, Together in 2020.*”

She’ll talk about AAUW’s latest research on sexual harassment, 2020 convenings and other strategic updates.

Dec. 7: GirlsStart’s DeSTEMber Extravaganza
 9am-12:30pm

Dec. 7: Junior League of Austin, Coats for Kids Volunteer Opportunity, 8am-3:00pm, Palmer Events Center - Donations at Jack Brown Cleaners locations through first week in December

Dec. 7, 19: Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR) training, Travis County Registrar’s office at 5501 Airport Blvd. or 4705 Heflin Lane, respectively

Women in Action



STEM NEWS per Nancy Andren, texasnancy@austin.rr.com

Thank you, members. You donated 22 hours to Latinitas and Girlstart in the month of October! According to Forbes Magazine the top 5 winners of the recent Broadcom MASTERS National STEM Competition were all females. This is trendsetting.

Latinitas has a new Director of Marketing and Development, T. C. Waugh. Our member Elizabeth Newell and her husband met T. C. at the recent open house held in October.

Code Chica at Latinitas is starting their 4th cohort in January of 2020. Remember, if you have any skills in teaching coding, contact T. C. at Latinitas to volunteer.

Data from the Pflugerville ISD shows that Girlstart After School girls enroll in advanced math and science courses at a higher rate than non-Girlstart participants. And particularly with science, which is the focus of Girlstart After School, the number of advanced courses that they take goes up over time.

If you have signed up to help at Girlstart’s DeSTEMber Extravaganza on Dec. 7th please come. It is a fun event for all family members of the Girlstart girls, and you get to help them with exciting science experiments.

You recently received an email asking if you would like to participate in data entry for Girlstart. Please contact Ginny Tannebring at ginnytann7@gmail.com if you are interested.



Calling! Hello all you artistic package wrappers and those who just love to wrap packages!

The Funds Committee welcomes volunteers to wrap gifts in December at Barnes and Noble South Sunset Valley and Barnes and Noble Arboretum. You will need to have a 2- and 1/2-hour block of time to devote. It is great fun to talk to the gift-givers and delight others with your package wrapping skills - all the while earning tips toward our AAUW causes, such as women’s education and women’s equal pay!

Contact Jan Rooker – Funds Committee, rookerj@msn.com, 203-613-8060, if you have not yet signed up for a shift. Highlighted dates below still need some help.

<u>Arboretum</u>	
Wed., Dec. 4	2-6:00
Sat., Dec. 14	2-6:00
Fri., Dec. 20	2-6:00

<u>Sunset Valley</u>	
Mon., Dec. 2	2-6:00
Sun., Dec. 8	10-2:00
Mon., Dec. 16	2-6:00

Branch & Community BUZZzzzzzzzz

New Member Bios, thanks to Kate DiPronio:

Ruth Subramanian is no stranger to AAUW having belonged to branches in Atlanta for 30 years and New Jersey for 20 years prior to joining us in Austin. She knows she will meet interesting, educated women and have the opportunity to work with an organization that supports women and girls.

She holds a B.A. in English from Purdue University and has worked as a church (Unitarian Universalist) secretary and as an Administrative Assistant in the Major Gifts Department of United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta. She is now happily retired and continues to volunteer with her church.

Ruth lived in her husband Mani's hometown of Chennai (Madras), India from 2005-2010 connecting with his extended family and culture. She has two grown children: a single son here in Austin and free-lance writer daughter with a house and husband on Cape Cod, who is currently teaching at the Princeton Environmental Institute.

Judy Bergman received her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Cincinnati and her M.S. in Therapeutic Recreation from Indiana State University-Terre Haute. She is a retired Teacher's Aide who worked with children with Special Needs.

After graduating from college Judy moved to the Chicago suburbs where she and her late husband, Hank raised their son David. There she enjoyed family, work and keeping busy. A friend introduced her to AAUW where she would like to become more involved in social and political issues revolving around women and equality and to meet new people with similar interests.

Judy enjoys music, exercise, and attending cultural events. As a hobby, Judy designs and stamps cards. She is looking for volunteer opportunities to work with children with special needs.



Marjorie Jaski, JD, MPH- Prior to attending law school at Stetson University College of Law, Ms. Jaski was a foundation director and a program developer. She was formerly the Director of the Illinois Pharmacy Foundation and Deputy Director in the Community Health Sciences Division at the American Medical Association in Chicago. She is an attorney and currently working in Elder Law with her own firm in Austin.

She is also active in the leadership with the American Public Health Association, volunteering as the Membership Chair of the Law Section and serving on the Policy Committee.

Ms. Jaski has a brother who practices cardiology in San Diego, a sister who is a corporate director living in Williamsburg, VA, and a niece who will be graduating from Harvard Law School next year. She enjoys public speaking and has given talks about charitable planned giving as well as how to get a better night's sleep.

YEARBOOK 2019-2020 – you can pick yours up at Winter Social or your Interest Group

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE 2019-2020

When: 1st Monday (except 2nd Monday in September)

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: 8618 Willowick Drive, Austin 78759

Contact: Fern Chester (512) 345-1102 / fernchester@aol.com

Sept. 9 *Leadership in Turbulent Times*

Author: Doris Kearns Goodwin

Leader: Karen Jordahl

Oct. 7 *The Wife*

Author: Meg Wolitzer

Leader: Marian Wernike

Nov. 4 *Becoming*

Author: Michelle Obama

Leader: Cathy Werner

Dec. 2 *Where the Crawdads Sing*

Author: Delia Owens

Leader: Jan Roberts

Jan. 6 *The Library Book*

Author: Susan Orlean

Leader: Joyce Pulich

Feb. 3 *Educated: a memoir*

Author: Tara Westover

Leader: Roberta Coffin

Mar. 2 *The Clockmaker's Daughter: a novel*

Author: Kate Morton

Leader: Ann Berasley

Apr. 6 *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*

Author: Linda R. Hirshman

Leader: Carol Fritz

May 4 *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*

Author: Trevor Noah

Leader: Mary Ellen Scribner

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AAUW Fellowship & Grant Recipients in Austin, 2019-20:

American Fellowships:

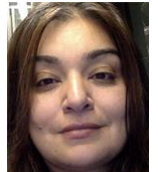
Name: Bahar Jalali

Discipline: Women's studies

Degree and Specialization:

Publication Grant,

History and Gender Studies



Name: Elizabeth Picherit

Discipline: Language

and literature

Degree and Specialization:

Ph.D., Disability Studies,

Women's Studies



Name: Kimberly Canuette Grimaldi

Discipline: Language

& literature – comparative

Degree and Specialization:

Ph.D., Contemporary Arabic

& Persian literature



Community Action Grants:

Recipient: Girls Empowerment

Network, Project Director: Ami Kane

Recipient: Girlstart

Project Director: Tamara Hudgins

Congratulations to our member
Dr. Tamara Hudgins at Girlstart!