## **AAUW Austin, TX Branch**

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

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

AAUW-ATXnewsletter @aauw.net

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



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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.

# 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!

Strong women aren't simply born. They are made by the storms they walk through.

## **DECEMBER CALENDAR**

**CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE** (usually 1st MONDAY)

**Dec. 2:** Where the Crawdads Sing

Author: Delia Owens Facilitator: Jan Roberts

**ART TOURS** (4<sup>TH</sup> 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:** GirslStart'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 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## **Branch & Community BUZZZzzzzzz**

## 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.

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As we enter the season of giving, Kendra L. Davis Senior Vice President, Advancement and Partnerships, is pleased to announce that AAUW's board of directors has donated the largest matching gift in our organization's 138-year history! From now through Dec. 31, the board will match — dollar for dollar — every donation we receive up to \$68,800.

Incredibly, we had 100% participation from the board in setting the match. Like you, they understand that the stakes couldn't be higher for women right now. On the cusp of next year's critical election, every day we confront the question of whether we'll make unprecedented strides forward or slip painfully backwards.

More than ever, we need you to show up for women and girls. And, with the match, your tax-deductible contribution to our year-end Fight for Our Future campaign will have DOUBLE the impact. But to qualify, you **must** donate by Dec. 31.

Thanks to your tireless advocacy, it's been a year of achievements and firsts for women, including new fair-pay laws in 11 states — nearly double the number that passed last year. We've also seen the most diverse Congress and pool of presidential candidates in history.

Members' support will enable us to:

- Win more legislative victories for fair pay.
- Equip every working woman with savvy negotiating skills.
- Preserve Title IX's critical protections against harassment and inequality in education.
- Encourage more women to become leaders.

## **Fun Fruitcake Facts**

And remember that fruitcakes are not JUST for the HOLIDAYS! Check out Collin St. Bakery and order via **Austin AAUW account C012.** 

Pecans are indigenous to the United States and are one of the country's most expensive nuts. Every single one of Collin Street's **DeLuxe® Fruitcakes** and **Texas Pecan Cakes** are comprised of 27% pecans, by weight. Luckily, they don't have to go too far to find pecans because the largest pecan shelling factory resides right in Corsicana, Texas.



Collin Street Bakery only uses native pecans in their Fruitcakes and Pecan Cakes. Native pecans are known to have a sweeter, richer flavor. Their pineapples and papayas both come from their very own organic Costa Rican farms. Before selling a portion of their farms to Dole, Collin Street Bakery owned and operated the world's largest organic pineapple growing operation.

Next time you watch "The Godfather," check out the **DeLuxe's**® cameo appearance! In the scene where James Caan's character, "Sonny", learns he is being set up by the Mob, the famous DeLuxe® tin can be seen behind him on the counter. The set designer felt this fruitcake tin added a sense of classic "Americana."

# 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 Here is correction to page 17 for Contemporary Literature. You may cut and insert.

Below is update for page 9:

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!







