

### AAUW Austin, TX Branch

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Please be on the lookout for EVITES, which is the branch's official email invitation method for upcoming events.



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

**If you have not yet received your 2019-2020 yearbook, please contact Roberta Coffin or Suellen Myers, Membership Co-VPs. Thanks!**



October is a wonderful month for wellness! It is not only National Breast Cancer Awareness month, it is also National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Women's Disability Employment Awareness Month, and SIDS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Months, among others?

These are women's causes that may directly impact you or the women you love. Keep living your healthiest lives and find out about more ways we can all support one another by visiting the Wellness Council of America's observances by month calendars at:

[www.welcoa.org/health-observances/](http://www.welcoa.org/health-observances/)

*Hello friends and happy fall, y'all!*



The next AAUW branch meeting will be:  
**Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 10:00am to 12:00pm**  
at Chateau Bellevue/Austin Woman's Club  
(parking lot on Nueces Street between 7th and 8th streets)

Look forward to 2 presentations!  
The first will be given by recipients of the University of Texas Fellowship. The second will highlight work by Jill Gonzalez E.D., of the *Women's Storybook Project of Texas* and *Work of the Women's Storybook Project of Texas*.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

**NEW AAUW WINE TASTERS**

**Oct. 5:** 11:00 AM  
 Driftwood Estate Winery  
 Hostess: Linda Welsh

**CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE** (usually 1<sup>st</sup> MONDAY)

**Oct. 7:** *The Wife*  
 Author: Meg Wolitzer  
 Facilitator: Marian Wernike

**HIKING GROUP**

**Oct. 10:** **Barton Creek Hike and Bike Trail**  
<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/texas/barton-creek-greenbelt>  
 10 am Hike to be led by an Eco Tour Guide.  
 Cost - \$15 per person  
 Leader: Kate DiPronio

**CENTRAL BOOK GROUP**

**Oct. 14:** *Where the Crawdads Sing*  
 Author: Della Owens  
 Facilitator: Eugenie Whelan

**OUT TO LUNCH** (3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY)

**Oct. 15:** County Line on the Hill  
 6500 Bee Cave Rd (RR 2244), 512-327-1742  
 Hostess: Milli Stecker

**CREATIVE STITCHERY**

**Oct. 16:** 10:00 AM  
 Host: Elaine Penn  
 Co-Host: Jackie Hardee

**CULTURE AND CUISINE**

**Oct. 17:** Oaxaca, Mexico - Day of the Dead  
 Co-hosts: Shirlene Justice and Fern Chester

**SW BOOK GROUP**

**Oct. 21:** *The Alice Network*  
 Author: Kate Quinn  
 Hostess: Maria-Inés Garcia  
 Facilitator: Sylvia Garcia

**MYSTERY GROUP** (4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY)

**Oct. 22:** 11:00 AM  
 BJ's Brewhouse, The Shops at Arbor Walk  
 Military Mystery – WWI, WWII, etc.

**ART TOURS** (4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY)

**Oct. 23:** Zilker Botanical Gardens  
 10:00 AM 2222 Barton Springs Rd., 512-477-8672  
 Fee: \$3-\$6, Free parking  
 Lunch: Shady Grove 1624 Barton Springs Rd.  
 Planner: Louise Jordan  
 Co-Planner: Marsha Endahl Kramer

**HIKING GROUP - 2**

**Oct. 26:** **Walnut Creek**  
<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/texas/walnut-creek>  
 Leader: Roberta Coffin

See yearbook to contact Chairs, or check Evites to confirm times and logistics.

**Other things to do in October**

**Oct. 16:** “The Vision & Future of the Botanical Garden for Austin”  
 11-1:00

Lunch & program by the Austin Woman’s Federated Club at Zilker Botanical Garden  
 Go to Eventbrite for tickets.

**Oct. 29:** Girlstart Game Changers Annual Luncheon  
 11-1:00 JW Marriott Austin (Fundraiser)

Keynote by Melanie Mitchell, *Author of Artificial Intelligence: A Guide for Thinking Humans*  
<https://give.girlstart.org/event/2019-game-changers-austin-annual-luncheon/e226245>

**Women in Action**



**Work Smart Online**

AAUW hit a milestone in our partnership with the Coca-Cola Foundation to teach women everywhere to negotiate effectively. As of August 23, we've trained **102,656** women to ask for the salary they deserve, either through Work Smart Online or in-person workshops.

We knew our goal of reaching 100,000 women through Work Smart in less than a year would be ambitious, but we did it!

Now AAUW is expanding its program. Through your support, we've engaged 500 professional organizations and state and local commissions through our outreach.

Thank you to all who helped us spread the word about Work Smart Online. For those who haven't, we still need your help! Please continue to share by visiting: <https://salary.aauw.org/>



**SHARE:**

**Supporting Hardworking Affiliates Rising to Empower What's Up for 2019-2020?**  
**Message from Marina Rivers, District Rep, AAUW-TX**

Have you heard of the **SHARE** program? It is an initiative that the Texas Board elected to offer for this Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The State Treasury has some extra monies and voted to give each of the Texas branches the opportunity to collaborate with community partners to expand the work and highlight the goals of the organization. **EACH BRANCH MUST APPLY** by 10October. Use the Form on the TX WEBSITE.

**ACT NOW!** Pick a goal as the first deadline is 1 October 2019. You can focus on **Special Projects, Work Smart/Start Smart, or NCCWSL** grants. Go to the current UWT or contact me for more information and details.

Update on the Work Smart/Start Smart program. The goal is to train 1000 people in Texas by 2020. If you are currently working with a university or company to co-sponsor this program, meet with your local branch board and SHARE!

Conference calls first kicked off last October and the response has been very enthusiastic. Check with the current NL for new dates of the ongoing conference calls, phone number and access code number. The response level of the number of participants continues to increase. Ideas are being "shared".

Last year questions were raised concerning the role of the District Rep and the TX State Board. I serve as your DR for a 2-year term and act as a "Go-To" person for ideas, answers, info and general help. In the Central District, I have 8 branches and joined each of them as a dual member in order to enable me to know schedules and goals of the branches. One of my key goals each fiscal year is to visit each branch at least once a year. I can work with your boards for strategic planning, brainstorming, and ideas. My strategy is to provide local communication about best practices and give feedback from the State level.

**USE ME! CALL ME! SHARE ME!**

I'm available from now to visit with you.  
 Phone: 512-386-1905 or [marinarivers@gmail.com](mailto:marinarivers@gmail.com)

## Branch &amp; Community BUZZzzzzzz



STEM NEWS per new Chair, **Nancy Andren**:

Thanks to the new STEM team: **Roberta Coffin, Jackie Hardee, Janani Janakiraman, Anita Knight, Rosemary Morrow, Elizabeth Newell, and Ginny Tannebring.**

Our branch actively supports two organizations in Austin that promote STEM for young girls: **Girlstart** and **Latinitas**. Three of our members have already volunteered 25 hours at Latinitas summer camps; **Anita Knight, Mercy Sosanya** and **Nancy Andren**. Thank you, ladies! Each of these organizations ask volunteers to sign up via their websites. Please visit [volunteer@girlstart.org](mailto:volunteer@girlstart.org) for Girlstart and [latinitasmagazine.org/get-involved/volunteer/](http://latinitasmagazine.org/get-involved/volunteer/) for Latinitas.

Some of our members contributed funds to Girlstart and we have spent them by buying ingredients to make **SLIME!** I can tell you it is a big hit as I volunteered at their recent Back to School STEM Extravaganza, made Slime and explained polymers for 3 hours! It was fun. Here are some upcoming volunteer opportunities:

**Girlstart** reports they are not in need of more toilet paper rolls or corks at present. They will let us know when to start saving again. Thanks!

**October 25<sup>th</sup>, Spooktacular at Bullock Museum, 4:15 – 8:30pm**

**October 29<sup>th</sup>, Game Changers Luncheon at the J. W. Marriott, various shifts**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, DeSTEMber Extravaganza, 9am – 12:30pm**

## FUND\$\$ Announcements

New FUNDS committee: **Jan Rooker**, Chair ([rookerj@msn.com](mailto:rookerj@msn.com)) plus **Sharon Babot, Brenda Hahne, Maggie Kadlecek, Marsha Endahl Kramer, Berta Lloyd, Debbie Starr** and **Cathy Werner**

**Jan** writes: *"I am really looking forward to heading up the Funds Committee, getting to know the women in the group, and furthering the goals of AAUW. I am also excited to be able to learn more about the Austin Community which I have found to be very warm and welcoming, but about which I am woefully uninformed. To start I am eagerly looking forward to hearing about any old and new fund-raising ideas that folks have heard about or used, and like. All ideas welcome!"*



**Collin Street Bakery info** – We have contracted with this FAMOUS Texas Fruitcake company since 1989, receiving commissions from about \$100 to >\$300. We qualified for the top 100 award four times. Remember, fruitcakes are NOT JUST FOR THE WINTER HOLIDAYS, but they are offering their Deluxe Fruitcake, Apricot Pecan Cake, and Pineapple Pecan Cake at phenomenally low prices. Brochures showing their wide variety of products and order forms will be available at branch meetings – use our branch account C012 if ordering online or on the phone or visit:

**[www.collinstreet.com/online\\_bakery/all\\_deluxe\\_fruitcake](http://www.collinstreet.com/online_bakery/all_deluxe_fruitcake)**

At our October meeting, the Funds Committee will offer free samples of the Collin St. Bakery fruit cake, as well as a chance to take home one of their Triple Chocolate Cakes.

Also folks will have an opportunity to sign up for a Wine Tasting Event, November 2, Saturday, 3-6pm, the Wines of Navarro Vineyards, \$25/each person, 370 Cattle Trail Drive, Dripping Springs.



