

AAUW Austin, TX Branch

SUMMER SOCIAL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

FIRST FALL PROGRAM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Watch for EVITES!



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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.

Please Welcome Our New Members!

July: Pamela Davis
Ramona Callia

May: Diana Lawton,
Marilee Archer

April: Minden Pletsch

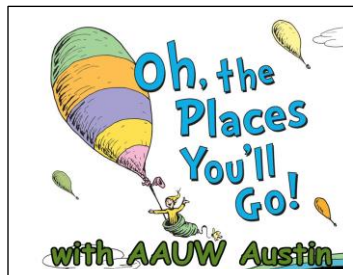
March: Mindy Nichols

Using our Shape the Future redemptions and support of MBHL branch members, we are also in the process of adding these four Title IX coordinators as members.

Lisa Kirkpatrick, PhD
Brelynn Thomas, MSSW
Ameerah McBride, JD (renewing)
Charlene Buckley



Please send any edited future updates no later than the 15th of each month to the new address: AAUW-ATXnewsletter@aauw.net Information sent after this date will not be considered for publication. Thank you!



Oh, the places you'll go! The people you'll meet! The fun we'll all have...at the AAUW Summer Social on Sunday August 18, 2019 from 2-4pm! The Summer Social will take place at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 606 W. 15th Street, Austin Texas 78701. (Between

Rio Grande and 15th and 16th streets.) Check your boxes for an EVITE invitation from AAUW Austin Texas Membership, welcoming you. Feel free to invite a friend or colleague to come along! *(If you do not receive an Evite or would like a printable invitation (PDF) to send to a friend, contact Roberta Coffin at AAUW-ATXmembership@aauw.net.)*

The social is a great opportunity to share what our organization has to offer, reconnect with friends and make some new ones too. Interest groups and committees (STEM, Funds, Public Policy, Title IX) will be seeking new members and sharing upcoming schedules. **REMEMBER:** It only takes three to start a new group!



Saturday, Sept. 7 is the first fall program meeting at the Norris Conference Center, Northcross Mall. At this meeting, our program speaker will be Stephanie Swanson, Issue Chair of Redistricting for the Austin Chapter of the League of Women Voters. Her talk, "Gearing Up for the Census and 2021 Redistricting" is an important kick-off to the election cycle. Stay tuned for more information from **Jean Bessent** and **Mary Ellen Scribner**! Lunch is \$25, or \$5 for just beverages with program. *If you do not receive the EVITE, please RSVP to Jean Bessent at jeanbessent@gmail.com.*

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE (usually 1st MONDAY)

Sept. 9: 7:15 PM
Leadership in Turbulent Times
 Author: Doris Kearns Goodwin
 Facilitator: Karen Jordahl

SW BOOK GROUP

Sept. 9: 10:30-noon
The Japanese Lover
 Author: Isabel Allende
 Hostesses: Joan Lazarus & Jennifer Swenson
 Facilitator: Joan Lazarus

CENTRAL BOOK GROUP

Sept. 9: 10:30-noon
A Gentleman in Moscow
 Author: Tara Westover
 Hostess: Mary Humke
 Facilitator: Shelley Bjorkman

NEW AAUW WINE TASTERS

Sept. 12: 7:00-9PM
 ANARTE Spanish wines and culture with Cristina Calvo Urarte
 Hostess: Anita Knight

PEARS

Sept. 14: 6:00 PM
 The County Line on Bee Cave Rd.
 Planner: Milli Stecker

HIKING GROUP

Sept. 14: Guadalupe River State Park
<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/guadalupe-river>
 Leader: Jackie Hardee

Sept. 26: Lady Bird Lake and Deep Eddy
<http://www.austintexas.gov/page/lady-bird-lake>
<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/deep-eddy-pool>

Meet at Deep Eddy; hike Lady Bird Lake, return and cool off with a swim.
 Leader: Mary Lou Bell

NO SEPTEMBER MEETINGS FOR FIRST FRIDAY BOOK REVIEW AND CULTURE & CUISINE

OUT TO LUNCH (3RD TUESDAY of each month)

Sept. 17: 11:15AM
 Zoe’s Kitchen on Brodie Ln.
 Hostess: Sharon Babot

CREATIVE STITCHERY

Sept. 18: 10:00 AM
 Host: Kay Goodwin
 Co-Host: Fern Chester

MYSTERY GROUP (4th TUESDAY)

Sept. 24: 11:00 AM
 BJ Brewhouse, The Shops at Arbor Walk
 What I Read Last Summer

ART TOURS (4TH WEDNESDAY)

Sept. 25: 10:00 AM
 LBJ Library for Motown exhibit
 Lunch at Red River Café, 2912 Medical Arts St.
 Hostess: Sharon Babot

UPCOMING DATES

Aug. 24:
 GirlStart Back to School STEM Saturday, 9:30am-noon

Kick off the school year with Girlstart’s Back to School Saturday! Join us for free and exciting science, technology, engineering & math (STEM) hands-on activities for the whole family at the Girlstart STEM Center.

Sept. 11-21:
 Eleven Days of Global Unity – see page 5 and <https://www.peacedayaustin.org/> for more information as it develops.

Sept. 18:
 Peace Through Diplomacy: Economic Diplomacy part of Peace Day Austin, sponsored by GlobalAustin

Oct. 30: Nancy Pelosi at the LBJ Foundation

Women in Action



On June 23, 1972, Title IX was signed into law, prohibiting sex discrimination in education. Title IX's anniversary reminds us how far we've come — but we also know we still have work to do to ensure the promise of equity in education is a reality.

From sexual harassment to disparities in STEM education, students are still experiencing discrimination in school. In addition, since the passage of this landmark civil rights law, opponents have sought to weaken it; currently, the U.S. Department of Education is working to systematically dismantle Title IX protections.

We must provide schools with the resources they need to fully realize Title IX's promise of equity in education. URGE your members of Congress to co-sponsor the Patsy T. Mink and Louise M. Slaughter Gender Equity in Education ACT (GEEA) of 2019!

GEEA would help to reduce and prevent sex discrimination in all areas of education by supporting the vital, on-the-ground work of Title IX coordinators through additional resources, training and technical assistance. It would also establish an Office of Gender Equity in the U.S. Department of Education to coordinate activities within the Department and among other federal agencies.

AAUW advocates were key to the **passage of Title IX**, and we continue to fight today to realize the full promise of the law. CONTACT your members of Congress to build on the legacy of Title IX by cosponsoring GEEA today! (*Excerpt from AAUW National Communication sent June 25*)

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Margie Kidd, Executive Director of GlobalAustin, is looking for organizations that will provide transportation to the polls for registered voters who do not have transportation. Thanks for whatever information you can provide. Please contact Margie at 512-420-3391.

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AAUW members attended the first SUPERMAJORITY gathering to celebrate and motivate women for gender equity. We heard from exciting local and national speakers -- including the co-founders Alicia Garza and Cecile Richards, a panel covering issues women face here in Austin, and experts who shared new ways to practice our organizing skills.

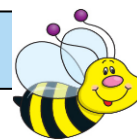
Of course, AAUW has been empowering women & girls since 1881. But Cecile Richards and her co-founders believe that women's equity is essential to the advancement of our humanity as well as the economic, political, and social progress of our country and world.

In an election cycle with so many urgent issues, from climate change to gun control, do you want to help push gender equity to the forefront of the conversation?

Check it out: <https://supermajority.com/>



Branch & Community BUZZZZzzzzzz



STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

STEM NEWS per Lilac Bauer, la_azucena@hotmail.com:
Thanks to all our members for support of STEM!



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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Suzanne Lindeman Snyder passed away June 18, 2019 at age 92. She was a longtime resident of Austin, Texas, with a deep love of family and a tireless commitment to community and early childhood education. With a BA in sociology and child development from Skidmore College in 1948, **Suzy** was very active in volunteer work as a young mother, particularly early childhood education. Suzy was a founding member of Austin Community Schools, a nursery for disadvantaged children begun for working parents during WWII with the help of AAUW Austin. She was also a founding member of The Women's Symphony League and was named Austin's Outstanding Hostess by the *American Statesman* in 1963. In 1972, Suzy was hired by the Austin School District as the Coordinator of Community Participation with the mission of bringing more volunteers into local schools. She also worked as a nursery school teacher and was an early consultant for Head Start. In later life, Suzy was proud to be an Austin History Center Oral History Interviewee. In 1973 she was honored by the American Bank for her efforts in organizing volunteers for the Austin schools. She was Coordinator for Community Participation for the AISD, Regional Coordinator for the National School Volunteer Program, a member of the Austin Association for Education of Young Children, the National Association of Social Workers (she had worked in a Settlement home), a founding board member of Austin Community Nursery Schools (which became the Mainspring Schools), and board member of Voluntary Action Center.

Suzy is survived by daughters Carol Lindeman of Takoma Park, MD, and Anne Wheat of Austin, and daughter-in-law Linda Lindeman of Houston. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Kathryn, Stuart, and Laura Lindeman; Heather Purcell, Brian and Travis Wheat; and Margaret Holbrook, Joshua and Russell King; as well as by four great-grandchildren, Carter and Avery Holbrook; and Robin and Maxwell Lindeman.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the Austin History Center Association, The Women's Symphony League of Austin, or Austin's Settlement Home for Children.

Austin History Center Association
<http://austinhistory.net/make-a-general-donation/>

Women's Symphony League of Austin
<https://wslaustin.z2systems.com/np/clients/wslaustin/donation.jsp>

The Settlement Home for Children
<https://www.settlementhome.org/donate/>



