

AAUW Austin, TX Branch

By electronic vote, the executive board unanimously agreed to cancel the April branch meeting and in the meantime the Convening was cancelled as well. Members will need to vote electronically on the slate of officers in April.



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

**But let's still celebrate
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
and
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE!!**



**Be safe
Be healthy**

*"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much."
Mother Theresa*

**The April Branch meeting has been
cancelled.**

Since this meeting is our annual business meeting, you will receive information about electing our Austin Executive Board.

SELF-CARE BINGO

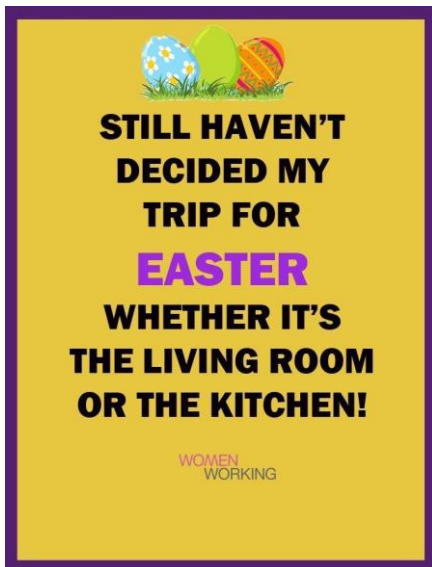
TOOK A SHOWER	GOT DRESSED TODAY	talked TO A friend	SAT WITH MY FEELINGS	gave myself a compliment
MOVED MY BODY JOYFULLY	ate food	LISTENED TO MY BODY	CHALLENGED NEGATIVE THOUGHTS	HAD FUN
WENT OUTSIDE	TRIED SOMETHING NEW	STAYED ALIVE	practiced being mindful	DID A HOBBY
used a coping skill	LET MYSELF CRY	took a break	ASKED FOR HELP	GOT SHIT DONE
BRUSHED MY TEETH	practiced self compassion	DRANK WATER	TREATED MYSELF	got 7-9 hours of sleep

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APRIL CALENDAR – CANCELLATIONS, Virtual Events

- FIRST FRIDAY BOOK GROUP**
- CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE** (usually 1st MONDAY)
- SW BOOK GROUP**
- CENTRAL BOOK GROUP**
- HIKING**
 April 25 Earth Day Hiking Club Clean up
 Details TBD if feasible and safe
 Leader: Anita Knight
- PEARS**
- NEW AAUW WINE TASTERS**
- OUT TO LUNCH** (3RD TUESDAY, 11:15 AM)
 Check with Diane Brewer in case restaurants are open again in April.
- CREATIVE STITCHERY**
- CULTURE & CUISINE**
- MYSTERY GROUP** (4th TUESDAY)
- ART TOURS** (4TH OR 5TH WEDNESDAY)

For more information on venues, etc., contact the Interest Group chairs per the branch yearbook.



AAUW TEXAS CONVENING CANCELLED

April 18 AAUW-TX will be doing “virtual events”. We will announce the awards through Constant Contact email, Facebook, and the website throughout the day. We will also try to provide as much of the planned convening content as possible on April 18. Refunds will be issued.

We will also use Facebook to do live interactive sessions - so make sure you "like" the AAUW Texas Facebook page between now and April 18.

Voting will still occur between **April 1** and **15**.

April 18 **GITW Virtual awards program**
 In order to safeguard against COVID-19 and in keeping up with the World Health Organization’s guidelines for exposure, ConnectHER has decided to replace this year’s Girls Impact the World Film Festival with a virtual web event.



For those who have already purchased a ticket, please email us at filmfest@connecther.org and indicate if you would like a refund or would rather allocate your ticket cost as a donation. For the latest updates, please visit the Girls Impact the World Film Festival’s website <https://gitwff.org/attend/>.

April 22 **Earth Day – 50th anniversary of enduring stewardship for the planet**

April 25 **Purple Party for Chica Power**
 See page 3.

Keep Austin Beautiful Day will be postponed until the fall of 2020.

WOMEN IN ACTION



STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

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

Girlstart postponed its 15th annual Girls in STEM Conference. Their staff are working hard to expand online programming. Visit their dedicated 'STEM at Home' online resource (<https://girlstart.org/stem-at-home/>) that brings together hundreds of accessible, hands-on STEM activities to do at home with your family. Follow Girlstart on social media for virtual STEM opportunities!

Latinitas has cancelled all programs until May 1. With concerns about Covid-19, the Latinitas team has decided to bring **The Purple Party for Chica Power to your home on April 25!** Dress in your comfiest pajamas (preferably purple), open your favorite bottle of wine, spend some time with your loved ones and STILL be part of the celebration of girl innovation and the success of Latinitas over the last 2 decades. There will be an online auction of terrific prizes, as well, so stay tuned! You can participate by supporting Latinitas with the purchase of "virtual" tickets or even a whole "virtual" table! Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-purple-party-2020-tickets-91241209915>.

FUND\$\$ - Jan Rooker, FUNDS Chair, 203-613-8060

Our commission on 2019 purchases from Collin St. Bakery was \$122.22. Thanks to fans (our members and friends) who purchase the quality products regularly. If you ordered but do not see your name here on the list of customers, please contact **Anita Knight** at dbasknight@aol.com: Kay Binder, Larayne Dallas, Margaret Kadleck, Judy Reinhart, Rosemary Morrow, Lynn Cooksey, Eileen Pestorius, Judith Bergum, Myrtle Bell.

During this difficult period, Collin St. Bakery hopes that their baked goods can provide a smile, a sense of warmth, or be a gesture of love. This Easter, why not swap chocolate eggs for a basket of delicious desserts? They are offering a discount on select Deluxe[®] Fruitcakes and Texas Pecan Cakes which come in a reusable tin and have a long shelf life. Whether you're buying for yourself or sending a care package to someone staying at home, they'd love for their freshly baked cakes to add some comfort and joy to your day. For your convenience, online shopping is available 24/7 at www.collinstreet.com. They are very grateful to each of you for your loyal patronage. But better to call Xina at 800-747-8836 with our club account C012 to get credit for our FUND\$.

You read in last month's newsletter that the Funds Committee had scheduled another fun shopping night at Kendra Scott's Jewelry Store, Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at the new downtown Flagship store at South Congress. Stay tuned for this to be re-scheduled, unless store is open, and we can order remotely.

Update on **Mary Humke** - from her daughter:

After a lovely Thanksgiving and Christmas spent with family, her daughter decided that it would be best for her to care for Mary full-time in her home instead of in the apartment at Brookdale. Though it was a bittersweet decision after four wonderful years living in her community, all are so glad that she made the move when she did. Mary continues to receive care from her hospice agency and home nursing visits can be requested whenever needed. They have a wonderful network of friends and neighbors who are very helpful.



So we are truly doing as well as we can be and are thankful for each day. We are thinking of you all and sending you our love and wishes for health and well-being.

- Erika Humke

Branch BUZZzzzzz

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE - Joyce Pulich and Larayne Dallas

No show policy - The good news is that our branch meetings are well-attended and that the programs continue to be extraordinary. The downside is that we rely on a reservation system to provide meals, coffee service and seating. Unfortunately, once the reservation deadline is past and we have given the venue our reservation count, we are charged based on those numbers and we cannot rely on walk-ins to make up the difference. Our policy is that people who make reservations and do not show up are expected to pay the cost of the meal. The exception to this is IF YOU are unexpectedly required to be in the hospital or other care institution, you are exempt and not responsible for payment. Additionally, IF AAUW changes the date of an event after you have made reservations and you cannot attend, you are exempt and not responsible for payment. There is always the option to cancel your reservation by the date we have to commit to the venue. We appreciate your understanding the need for this policy.

Named gifts nominations - Total AAUW contributions for 2019 were approximately \$6,600 thanks to the efforts of our fund-raising team. That means 13 possible honorees for "Named Gifts." If you want to nominate members to be recognized and honored, a form is on the front page of our website <https://austin-tx.aauw.net> and can be emailed or mailed no later than April 15 to Past President **Elaine Penn** at epenn9915@gmail.com or 912 Dartmoor Dr.; Austin, TX 78746.

Volunteer positions filled!!! - Members are the backbone of our organization and we rely on people to volunteer to staff key positions in addition to enjoying membership benefits such as interest groups and branch programs. We are happy to report that **Shirlene Justice** has agreed to become newsletter editor in June – taking over from long-serving editor **Anita Knight**. **Jean Bessent** will lead the public policy team, and **Pam Wolfe** will be yearbook editor. Thanks to all these women for "stepping up to the plate."

Take care!

Slate for 2020-21:**Co-president: Evelyn Farmer, Ph.D.**

Member of Austin Branch since 2011; Doctorate from Texas A&M; retired school administrator and university professor; served as chairman of the Governor's Advisory Board for Special Education and as Director of Teacher Assessment for Texas Education Agency; an elder in The Presbyterian Church

VP for programs: Phyllis Folarin, Ph.D.

Member of Austin & Georgetown branches since 2017 when she moved from Elgin, IL to be close to her daughters; Ed.D in Educational Leadership from U. of IL; member of several community organizations' boards of directors; life-long educator; interested in using her multiple community outreach experiences.

Membership Co-VP: Gayle Kanies

After retiring from IBM in June, found AAUW on the web with its mission relevant to her work in male-dominated careers in high-tech; accounting degree and MBA from U. of KY.

Secretary: Marian Wernicke

Member of AAUW since 2017, when she moved to Austin from Pensacola, FL; served as Austin Branch secretary for the past 2 years, and has agreed to serve one more year; MA in English led to her novel, *Toward That Which Is Beautiful*, to be published in September of this year.

YEARBOOK 2020-2021

By Pam Wolfe

Putting together the branch yearbook takes time. Many of our members contribute to the yearbook information as a committee chairwoman, an interest group chair or member, as a board member or as a general member.

Please respect the following deadlines:

- **June 5:** board of directors members, committee members (standing, other)
- **June 25:** interest group schedules (please limit to one page unless you meet more than once a month)
- **July 15:** branch program & meeting schedule and any planned fundraisers (TBA ok if you do not have information or dates)
- **Day of Fall Membership Event:** Please renew your membership before this day (TBA) And please give any changes to your membership information when you renew to the Co-Membership VPs.

More specific information will be sent to the various groups later.

MORE Branch BUZZzzzzz

REMEMBERING

Nancy V. Myers

March 11, 1928 – March 15, 2020

The AAUW Austin Branch lost one of its most treasured members on Sunday, March 15, 2020, with the death of Nancy V. Myers. Born March 11, 1928, in Indiana, Nancy had just celebrated her 92nd birthday at the time of her passing. A true daughter of Indiana, she earned a B.S. in mathematics from Purdue University in 1949. She would ultimately serve on the Valparaiso Community Schools Board from 1964 to 1972 and as a trustee of Purdue University from 1972 to '75. She also served for a time as chairman of the Indiana CPA Board.

Nancy joined AAUW immediately upon graduation in 1949 and thus achieved the status of honorary life membership in 1999. She served AAUW Texas and AAUW Austin in several executive capacities including branch president for 2002-03; branch treasurer, 1994-98; on the branch program committee 2010-2012; and as AAUW-TX treasurer 1998-2002. Kind, gracious and generous, Nancy supported the mission of AAUW with her time, expertise, and financial resources. For many years, she annually used her accounting experience to review the branch's financial records. The Branch honored her with named gifts to AAUW Funds in 1995, 2000, and 2002.

She was involved from its beginning in EYH (Expanding Your Horizons) and the annual STEM-focused conference for girls that the Branch began co-sponsoring in 1990. In the early 2010s Girlstart assumed oversight of the EYH programs, and Nancy continued her service to the cause through volunteering with Girlstart; she always attended the annual Gamechangers Luncheon fundraiser. Along with her dear friend **Mary Ellen Sims**, Nancy was an integral part of the branch's support of Mainspring Schools. The duo worked closely with Rudi Andrus, longtime executive director of the schools, to maintain and strengthen the Branch's relationship with the institution it had partnered with the City of Austin to establish in 1941.

Nancy was also a steadfast volunteer in fundraising efforts such as hosting AAUW Night at Ten Thousand Villages (where she was a shift volunteer) during the holiday shopping season, gift-wrapping for tips at Barnes and Noble, silent auctions at branch meetings, and more.

Nancy enjoyed the social side of AAUW activities in the interest groups for Art Tours and for Culture and Cuisine, reflecting her personal interests in travel, sports, art, music, architecture and archaeology. She was a regular attendee of branch monthly programs as long as her health permitted and usually arrived with a car-full of her Northwest Austin neighbors that variously included **Roberta Nance, lileen Payton, and Raemar Shown.**

Married for well over fifty years to Gene, described in the recent tribute to our branch nonagenarians as "one of our favorite AAUW husbands", Nancy is also survived by a daughter, son, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Nancy will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and by AAUW Austin. We were fortunate to have had her as a member, as our friend and valued AAUW mentor for many years. Friends also remember that Nancy enjoyed life and had a love of cardinals.



Marsha Endahl Kramer, Nancy, Lilac Bauer, & Mary Ellen Scribner to L

Nancy with Betty Owen below



THINGS TO DO in your "spare time"

March is Women's History Month, a time to commemorate and celebrate the vital role of women in American history. The LBJ Foundation has hosted some of our nation's most historic women. Through email, we'll be sharing these wonderful programs with you. Even if you saw them, they're worth another look.

To start you off, below are links to conversations with Pulitzer Prize-winning historian **Doris Kearns Goodwin** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dEMuO5TSTQ&feature=youtu.be&t=768>) and famed sports journalist and contributing writer to *The Atlantic*, **Jemele Hill** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHLgDfl-RE4&feature=youtu.be&t=831>).

Plus, we've added a program the LBJ Foundation hosted at the Library of Congress earlier this year with Associate Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, who turned 87 in March. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqTdP2-TR1U&feature=youtu.be&t=2778>).

Thank you for your support. Best wishes for health and safety to you and your family. - *Mark K. Updegrave*, President & CEO, LBJ Foundation

To be honest, isn't that bad being quarantined, I'm not even bored at home.... But what it seems incredible to me is that in one package of rice there are 8976 pieces and in another 8982... someone is being ripped off, am I right?



When you are not out shopping for TP.....

Though stepping outside may be discouraged right now, a world of opportunities has opened up online for us to see everything from exotic wildlife to major museums. You'll be so busy that you'll forget you haven't left your house for days. For example, here are links to some online resources: (Ctrl+Click to follow link.)



1. MetOpera offerings:

<https://www.metopera.org/user-information/nightly-met-opera-streams/>

2. Online visiting museums:

<https://www.sheddaquarium.org/exhibits/underwater-beauty-exhibit>

<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>

3. Travel without leaving your home:

<https://www.goandroam.com/>

<https://people.com/travel/stuck-at-home-you-can-visit-these-world-famous-sites-from-your-couch-for-free/>

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/islandcam>

4. More escapes at :

https://www.everydayhealth.com/coronavirus/virtual-ways-to-explore-connect-exercise-and-more-while-staying-inside-to-flatten-the-covid-19-curve/?slot=1&eh_uid=11462419&xid=nl_EHNLhealthyliving_2020-03-21_19790870&utm_source=Newsletters&nl_key=nl_healthy_living&utm_content=2020-03-21&utm_campaign=Healthy_Living_Living%20the%20globe.

5. Microsoft believes WOMEN can do anything:

https://www.microsoft.com/inculture/yes-she-can/?ocid=AID3010104_QSG_407538&FY2010INC_WH_M_inp_rmc_inc_SegD