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### Items for December Newsletter

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## AAUW Austin Branch November Meeting & Luncheon

When: Saturday, November 13, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Where: Norris Conference Center, 2525 W Anderson Ln.  
Speakers: **Mary E. Harris, Ph.D.**  
**Gaye Lynn Scott, Ed.D.**  
Topic: *Austin Community College: Planning for the Future*  
Cost: \$30.00  
Contact: Larayne Dallas, [ldallas@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:ldallas@austin.utexas.edu)

More than 40 % of all undergraduates in the United States are enrolled at one of the country's more than 1,000 community colleges. These figures are from the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (Oct. 5, 2021) in a commentary noting the vital role of community colleges in U.S. higher education. Additionally, the writer cited the "expansive and crucial role" of these schools in educating their students, especially non-traditional students.

Since 1973 Austin Community College (ACC) has served six counties in Central Texas. It currently has an enrollment of approximately 41,000 students. In all likelihood, someone you know has taken ACC classes or has had an affiliation with the college.

Our speakers have been working over a number of years to support ACC students and to keep the college moving ahead to support equitable student success. They will talk about ACC as it is today and what they see for the future.

Be sure to **wear a hat** in celebration of AAUW Austin's birthday! The branch was founded on November 15, 1923.



## Speakers' Bios

**Mary E. Harris, Ph.D.,**

Vice Chancellor, Institutional Effectiveness & Grant Development,  
Austin Community College



Dr. Mary E. Harris holds a BA in Radio/TV Broadcasting from the University of Dayton (Ohio), where she was also in Army ROTC and served as Cadet Corps Commander in her senior year. She earned an MBA from Brenau University (Georgia) and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Texas at Austin. Active and reserve Army service included responsibilities as a personnel manager and as the Commander of a Public Affairs Detachment. Dr. Harris has been part of the leadership team at ACC since joining the school in 2002 as Executive Director for Adult Education. When asked why she works at ACC, Dr. Harris says, "Because I believe in the power of education and how it changes lives."

**Gaye Lynn Scott, Ed.D.,**

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs, Austin  
Community College



Dr. Gaye Lynn Scott holds a BA and MA in Political Science from Oklahoma State University and the Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from Texas Tech University. Her career with ACC began in 1987 as Adjunct Instructor of Government, advancing to Professor, and then to Department Chair. After then serving as Dean, Social & Behavioral Sciences, in 2016 Dr. Scott was named Associate Vice President, Academic Program. She is an advocate for equity and excellence in teaching and learning, and for programs that contribute to success for all students.



### Mark Your Calendars for the Winter Social



The Past Presidents invite you to attend the Austin Branch's 2021 Winter Social. Just bring yourself, either in person or by Zoom.

**Sunday, December 5**

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. (drop-in event)

Home of Larayne Dallas, 8118 Cardin Drive

**OR**

**Sunday, December 5**

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Zoom get-together

We will be sending more information but a few things now. If you are able to attend in person, expect good company, yummy food, and drink options. For those wanting to avoid steps, the back door is a good option; there is a single step up to the porch and we will have helpers. If you prefer to stay away from crowds, we know that Zoom parties are a great way to see friends and we decided to have one of those, too. Something great for all our members!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At this Thanksgiving time, we note that our Austin Branch Strategic Goal Number Five states that we will promote leadership development and opportunities for our members. Although AAUW Goals declare advancing women in leadership as a priority, we read that often barriers, biases, and an outdated workplace model present challenges to women.

We traditionally give thanks during this season and among our many blessings are our Branch leaders. We are fortunate to have in our Austin membership, many excellent examples of outstanding and knowledgeable leaders. Some come to us from leadership positions in the corporate world or branches in other locations, and many serve in leadership roles here in our branch or at our state level.



As a matter of fact, at this Thanksgiving time, a group of our impressive past presidents are busy planning our annual holiday gathering. Our holiday celebration and the organization and planning exhibited in the success of this traditional Branch event is yet another example of successful leadership. We observe that our past presidents, our executive board members, and our committee chairs as well as interest group leaders exhibit proven characteristics of exemplary leadership. Each of these leaders share their time, their skills and their individual talents as they provide all of us in our Austin Branch the opportunity to participate in an outstanding organization.

We are thankful especially at this time of year for our outstanding leaders who help know the way to guide our sleigh through rivers, woods, and sometimes drifted snow.

We express our gratitude for your unselfish contributions to making AAUW Austin Branch a recognized model of excellence.

**Evelyn Farmer, Co-President**



## AAUW Austin Branch Turns 98!



98 years ago in November, a group of civic-minded and committed women formed the Austin Branch of AAUW. To learn more about the proud history and accomplishments of our Branch, you may visit our website by clicking this link. [Branch History](#)

We can all look forward to our centennial celebration in two years. The Branch Past Presidents are already discussing plans for a big celebration.

# October Meeting Recap

At our October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, Susan Dawson, the inspiring founder and CEO of E3 Alliance, treated our members and guests to a fascinating, interactive program on *Education Trends in Central Texas from Early Childhood through College: What the Data Show*. She kicked off the presentation with a series of yearbook photos starting with the freshman class, ending with how many graduated as seniors. The gap was shocking; the ethnic and income disparities in success even more shocking.



[E3 Alliance](#) (Education Equals Economics) mission is “transforming education systems through data and collaboration so all students succeed”. They serve all students in Central Texas cradle to career, from pre-K to higher education and workforce readiness.

Susan had us explore data on the E3 website, which has a wealth of information on everything from Kindergarten readiness to graduation statistics. For example, check out the graduation data for Central Texas at this page: <https://data.e3alliance.org/grad/>

We all came away better informed about the challenges facing Central Texas to have well-educated young men and women prepared for the workforce needs of our community. Disparities in success need to be addressed if our region is to thrive.

If you are interested in the pandemic’s impact on education enrollment, check out these new statistics: <https://data.e3alliance.org/enrollment-trends/>.

The data collected and analyzed by E3 are being used to inform systemic strategies for change to improve education outcomes for Central Texas students. Check out the fascinating information available about our area schools on their website.

## Business Meeting Summary – October 9, 2021

1. The 2021-2022 Nominating Committee, as appointed by the president and unanimously approved by the Executive Board, was presented and approved by the members present. All candidates met criteria as determined by Branch Rules and are as follows:

**Phyllis Folarin, Marsha Endahl-Kramer, Janie Maldonado, Milli Stecker, Pam Wolfe**

2. Members were reminded that the 2021-2022 Budget was presented by Branch treasurer **Cathy Werner** and officially approved by majority membership vote at the September 11, 2021, meeting.
3. The Funds Committee distributed decorated jars to members for use in collecting loose change. The money will be collected as a fund raising project for our Branch.
4. **Pam Wolfe** informed members that the Governance and Bylaws Committee members were completing work on revisions of Branch job descriptions.
5. Appreciation for **Pam Watson** and the October Edition of our newsletter, and best wishes for a safe return of our editor **Shirlene Justice**, were expressed.
6. **Mary Ellen Scribner** brought reminders from the Public Policy Committee regarding Amendments to be voted on in the November election.
7. **Soon Merz Flynn** was congratulated and thanked for her work on the 2021-2022 Yearbook.



Now that the COVID situation is improving in Travis County, we want to encourage better attendance at our monthly meetings. Some of us are still very concerned about meeting in group situations and others of us may simply have gotten out of the habit of attending meetings. Both are compelling reasons for your absence. If you are in the latter group, please consider the important role that strong meeting attendance plays in the health and vibrancy of our Branch:

1. Staying connected to other members and to the work of the Branch reminds us of why we are members of AAUW. As we are crawling out from months of isolation and sequestration, it is positively invigorating to reconnect with old friends and other women who share our passion for AAUW's mission.
2. The Program Committee works diligently to select speakers who can articulately share information about interesting topics that impact our work, community and culture. We want to make their effort worth their while. It is somewhat disheartening to make a great effort to secure just the right speaker for a topic and have only a few in attendance to hear the message.
3. Poor attendance at Branch meetings is a strain on our budget. Our contract with Norris Conference Center stipulates that we must pay for a minimum number of people, regardless of the attendance. When we don't reach that number, our hard-earned dollars are not being used to strengthen our bonds, inform our members or support our work
4. Good food is a motivator for many of us. It has been reported by attendees that the food is greatly improved over previous years and is worth the price of admission.

## Be an Informed Voter

On November 2, 2021, all AAUW registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on several proposed amendments to our state constitution.

In the interest of making informed decisions, here are three links to sites where you can find good information.

**Site 1: League of Women Votes**

[https://lwvtexas.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=979482&module\\_id=490719](https://lwvtexas.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=979482&module_id=490719)

**Site 2: The House Research Organization**

[https://lrl.texas.gov/scanned/Constitutional\\_Amendments/amendments87\\_HRO\\_2021-11-02.pdf](https://lrl.texas.gov/scanned/Constitutional_Amendments/amendments87_HRO_2021-11-02.pdf)

**Site 3: The Texas Legislative Council**

[https://lrl.texas.gov/scanned/Constitutional\\_Amendments/amendments87\\_tlc\\_2021-11-02.pdf](https://lrl.texas.gov/scanned/Constitutional_Amendments/amendments87_tlc_2021-11-02.pdf)



## Policy Update

Submitted by Policy Chair, Mary Ellen Scribner

The 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Cycle, having completed its third special session, has commanded the attention of the Branch Public Policy Committee for months. The third special session, with its focus on decadal redistricting of the State's congressional districts, legislative districts, and other governing bodies such as the State Board of Education, has drawn our input in the form of both written and virtual testimony. **Gayle Kanies, Anita Knight, Cathy Werner, Marian Wernicke, and Mary Ellen Scribner** submitted written testimony; Mary Ellen also testified virtually to both the Senate and House special redistricting committees.

We are concerned that the redistricting process ignored the 2020 census data, and the heavily gerrymandered districts do not reflect that the state's population growth was driven by people of color, especially Latinx, and that overall, Texas has shifted from rural to urban lifestyle needs. Other issues that have concerned us are treatment of transgender youth, racism in the school curriculum, and women's rights to health care including family planning. Letters to the editor of the *Statesman* written by Mary Ellen reflected on the redistricting and the harm being done to transgender children. The deputy voter registrars (DVRs) among us continued to register voters in anticipation of the November 2 Election, and we widely disseminated information on the eight state propositions and two local (Austin) ones on that ballot.

Several committee members participated in the Women's March at the Capitol on October 2 including **Roberta Coffin, Jackie Hardee, Anita Knight, Marsha Endahl-Kramer, Cathy Werner, and Pam Wolfe. Debbie Starr**, who was away caring for her parents, participated in a march in Glenview, IL. What's next for this public-minded group of Branch members? You can help decide at the next committee meeting on October 28 at 10 a.m.: [ZOOM MEETING LINK](#). You will need to provide your own coffee and doughnuts; for more information, email [maryescribner@gmail.com](mailto:maryescribner@gmail.com).



Screen shot of me giving virtual testimony to the Senate Redistricting Committee; and **Debbie Starr** at the women's march in Glenview.

## Austin Branch Marches for Women

Channeling the late, great and notorious RBG, Austin Branch members joined approximately 35,000 other individuals at the Texas Capitol on October 2 in the Rally for Reproductive Rights to show their support for a woman's right to make decisions about her own body. "Right to choice" is a tenet of AAUW public policy, and our participating members were proud to stand with over 60 other participating organizations demonstrating their support. The climate was warm, friendly, unified, energetic, determined and diverse. All ages and styles were present. The goal is to translate the enthusiasm and energy exhibited at the rally into votes in the 2022 elections.



*Austin AAUW was at the Women's Rally at the TX Capitol, October 2, 2021*



"Pro-choice does not mean that you will have an abortion....  
It just means that you have no say-so of what the next person does with their body."



# Support our Work – Fundraising Opportunities



## Change for Change Challenge

At the October Branch Program, members of our committee handed out decorated mason jars. We are asking members to fill them with change (not just pennies!).

We will collect the change at the **January Branch Program** and ask you to fill up your jar again for the **May Branch Program**.

Right about now you should be asking yourself what to do if you do not have one of the very special decorated jars. Easy answer – use your own vessel or call **Joyce Pulich** (south) or **Pam Wolfe** (north) and have a jar delivered. But you must be warned: we only have a handful left.

## On-line Silent Auction Coming Up

Following up on the tremendous success of last year's online silent auction – nearly \$2,000 was raised – we decided to do it again and see if we can even overtake that amount! This year's online event will take place December 6-9 and is open to anyone in our Branch, and to friends and family, too. Please think about any intriguing articles you may have that you are willing to contribute, from wine to quilts to pottery, jewelry, apparel, quality artwork, cookware, original creations, or the like. If you have a rental property, boat, camper, etc. that you'd be willing to offer for a weekend, or if you have culinary skills or a specialty dish that could be offered to winning bidders, those would also be most welcome.



Perhaps you'd like to offer a cocktail party-for-a-cause at your home? The options are endless, but our success depends on your participation and support. It's such a fun and easy way to set-up an auction and bid on items.....you don't even need to leave home. Just keep your cellphone handy! Winners will be notified on December 10.

To contribute items or if you have any questions, please contact Cathy Werner at [cathy.werner3586@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.werner3586@gmail.com) or Joyce Pulich at [joycepulich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joycepulich@sbcglobal.net). Please include a photo or photos of your item(s) and a suggested minimum bid. Deadline for contributions is December 1. Thanks again for your donations.



# November Interest Groups



## Art Tours:

*No November Tour*

## Bridge Groups:

*Please call first to check with the hostess and the location for Bridge Group B. Groups A and C are full but are accepting substitutes.*



### Group A

When: Every Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to Noon  
Contact: Elaine Penn, [elpenn9915@gmail.com](mailto:elpenn9915@gmail.com), 512-579-4545

### Group B

When: Second Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.  
Contact: Lynn Cooksey, [lcooksey@austin.rr.com](mailto:lcooksey@austin.rr.com), 512-477-2774

### Group C

When: Fourth Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.  
Contact: Sara Ezell, [slezell@aol.com](mailto:slezell@aol.com), 512-633-6178

## Central Book Club:



When: Monday, November 8, 10:30 a.m.  
Where: IHOP, 1101 South Mopac  
Book: *The Rose Code*  
Author: Kate Quinn  
Facilitator: Barbara Fry  
To RSVP: Mary Lou Bell, [maryloubell@gmail.com](mailto:maryloubell@gmail.com), (512) 940-6480

## Contemporary Literature:



When: Monday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Where: Zoom  
Book: *Hamnet*  
Author: Maggie O'Farrell  
Leader: Marian Wernicke  
To RSVP: Mary Ellen Scribner, [maryescribner@gmail.com](mailto:maryescribner@gmail.com), (512) 698-5539

### Creative Stitchery:



When: Wednesday, November 17, 10:00 a.m.  
Hostess: Elaine Penn  
Co-Host: Jackie Hardee  
Where: Home of Elaine Penn, 912 Dartmoor Drive  
Project: Christmas Tree Napkins  
To RSVP: Beverly Locklin, [bklocklin@outlook.com](mailto:bklocklin@outlook.com), (512) 633-2902

### Culture and Cuisine:



When: Thursday, November 18, 6:30 p.m.  
Where: Home of Pam Watson, 11124 Sea Hero Lane  
Theme: Thanksgiving Pot Luck  
Co-Hosts: Pam Watson and Cindy Darilek  
To RSVP: Shirlene Justice, [shirlenejustice@gmail.com](mailto:shirlenejustice@gmail.com), (512) 507-1003



### Friday Book Review:



When: Friday, November 5, 10:00 a.m.  
Where: Hyde Park Church of Christ, 310 W 43rd Street  
Book: *Dead Wake*  
Author: Erik Larson  
Reviewer: Mary F. Rogerson  
Hostess: Judy Reinhart  
Contact: Judy Reinhart: [jareinhart@att.net](mailto:jareinhart@att.net), (512) 345-5936

### Hiking Group:



Join the AAUW Hiking Group as they enjoy the colors of Autumn at Lost Maples Nature Area on Friday November 19th. Day passes for the park are required. Some will be staying at a B&B the night before. Contact Jackie Hardee for more details: (512) 983-2688 or [jshtxtx@yahoo.com](mailto:jshtxtx@yahoo.com).



When: Thursday and Friday, November 18 -19  
What: Overnight trip to Lost Maples State Park  
Leader: Jackie Hardee, [jshtxtx@yahoo.com](mailto:jshtxtx@yahoo.com)  
Contact: Roberta Coffin, [rwc@scriptacommunicates.com](mailto:rwc@scriptacommunicates.com), (714) 679-8697.

### Mystery Book Club:



When: Tuesday, November 23  
Where: BJ Brewhouse, The Shops at Arbor Walk, 10515 MoPac  
Topic: Classic Mysteries (Pre-1950)  
To RSVP: Pam Wolfe, [piwolfe@yahoo.com](mailto:piwolfe@yahoo.com), (512) 925-7865

### Out-to-Lunch:



When: Tuesday, November 16, 11:15 a.m.  
Where: Niks, 7900 North FM 620 (intersection with 2222)  
Planner: Mary Ann Leitz  
To RSVP: Elaine Penn, [epenn9915@gmail.com](mailto:epenn9915@gmail.com), (512) 970-5051



### Pears:

*Pears will not meet in November.*



### Southwest Book Club:

*This group is currently closed to new members.*



When: Monday, November 8, 10:00 a.m.  
Where: The home of Mary Braunagel-Brown, 7321 Roaring Springs Drive  
Book: *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*  
Author: Isabel Wilkerson  
Facilitator: Mary Braunagel-Brown  
Hostess: Mary Braunagel-Brown  
To RSVP: Sharon Babot, [sharonbabot@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbabot@gmail.com), (707) 373-1317

### STEM:



*The purpose of the STEM group is to bring STEM into the lives of our members through education and volunteering.*

STEM will not meet in November.

### Wine Tasters:



When: Saturday, November 20, 4:00 p.m.  
Where: Home of Joyce Pulich, 2300 Westway Circle  
Theme: William Chris wine  
Contact: Elaine Penn, [epenn9915@gmail.com](mailto:epenn9915@gmail.com), (512) 970-5051





# Southwest Book Club Celebrates 13 Years!

**Marsha Endahl-Kramer**, the instigator of Southwest Book Club joined the Austin Branch in 2007, having been a member in both Connecticut and Florida before moving to Austin. AAUW membership was “in her blood” as her mother was a member for 72 years. Book Groups had been very important in both their lives.

In 2009 Marsha recruited her friend, **Cherie Wilson** to join AAUW. Cherie was interested in joining a book group but was uninterested in fighting the traffic to join the book club meeting in north Austin. The two women put their heads together and decided it was time for a Branch sponsored book club in south Austin.

Marsha and Cherie followed the Branch protocol for initiating a new interest group and a new day-time book club was formed. Right away, they were able to recruit the prerequisite number of three members. In addition to Marsha and Cherie, other charter members included **Anita Knight, Ines Garcia** and **Sylvia Garcia**. They promoted the new interest group in the newsletter, picking up one more member, **Mary Braunagel-Brown**. They were off and running!

The first six years, the group called itself “Books & Brunch”. The hostess provided food and refreshments based on the theme of the book. As the group grew, it became increasingly difficult to prepare a specialized meal for such a large crowd. Eventually, with 32 members and growing, the book group sadly and reluctantly split into two groups so that all members could more fully participate. The formation of the Central Book Group in 2017 was the result. Both groups limit membership for reasons of space and quality of the discussion. The two groups read similar titles and usually overlap one or two books each year.

Southwest Book Club selects books for the upcoming year each June. With ten meetings per year, the group selects 1/3 fiction, 1/3 non-fiction and 1/3 memoirs. Each month, the facilitator leads the discussion and members share how the book relates to them. Through book club discussions, strong bonds of sisterhood and friendship have been forged. Managing to hold those bonds during the pandemic was challenging but the group managed to stay connected by utilizing Zoom for members who could not meet in person. They are happy to share their reading lists with anyone who asks.

The first books read by the Southwest Book Group were:

*The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Scharrer & Annie Barrows

*Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen & David Oliver Relin

*Wild Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys

*People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

*The Book of Ruth* by Jane Hamilton



## Celebrating 80 Years of Partnership with Mainspring Schools

How great it was to celebrate 80 years of partnership with Mainspring Schools at our October 9th AAUW meeting. We enjoyed some delicious cookies from Quack's 43rd Street Bakery with Mainspring's 80th Anniversary logo. Some of us even ate dessert first to celebrate this wonderful school!

Back in 1941 little did our earlier AAUW sisters know that the seeds they planted would grow into the longest standing, arguably best preschool in Austin. Based on a community needs assessment that revealed the need for low-cost childcare services for low income working families, AAUW sponsored the Chalmers Nursery School. This was a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. It was the first childcare center in the US to be located in a federal housing project.



Mainspring continues to have a big impact on our community:

- 94% of students who graduated in 2021 entered kindergarten at or above school readiness levels—that's twice the regional average.
- All Mainspring teachers are making at least \$15/hour—the City of Austin's living wage—and receive benefits including 401(k) matching, paid time off, ongoing professional development, and meaningful teacher appreciation. Our Branch supports Mainspring teacher training and other activities with the interest earned from a CD dedicated to Mainspring Schools.
- Families are staying connected (even in the time of COVID) through virtual support groups & suppers, one-on-one coaching with our onsite social worker, and daily outreach from teachers and staff.

Mainspring Advocacy Committee member **Resa Dunn** put together an excellent history display from old records at the Austin History Center, which was supplemented by history documents from **Carol Ann Whilhite**. Carol Ann is the Development and Communication Specialist for Mainspring Schools and serves as the Mainspring liaison to the committee. We hope to bring the display to future meetings so more of you can see the valuable, long-lasting impact of our earlier AAUW sisters.

Resa also created a delightful Giving Tree decorated with stars of things needed by the school. \$440 was raised for vital program materials and services through the generous donations of **Resa Dunn, Janie Maldonado, Soon Merz Flynn, Joyce Pulich, Milli Stecker, Linda Welsh, and Anonymous**. Please contact **Linda Welsh** if you also made a donation, so we can update our records. Folks can learn more about Mainspring Schools at <https://www.mainspringschools.org/>.



# Meet Our New Members

**Suzanne Angel** is a native Texan, born and bred in the Fort Worth area. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Tarleton University and a Masters in Elementary Education from North Texas State in Denton. She taught school for 26 years, and although she sometimes misses the job and especially the children, Suzanne loves retirement. In her early twenties she lived in New York City and flew for American Airlines. While there she gained a love of theater and acting.

She moved to Austin because both of her daughters work in the film industry here. She now lives on 3.5 acres next to Polo Ranch off 290, which she shares with a live oak that is over 100 years old.

Married for 51 years, Suzanne celebrated with her family in Hawaii this past August. Her youngest daughter is a Costume Designer and the oldest is a Line Coordinator. She is so grateful to the donor who gave a kidney to her husband.

Suzanne is all about family and her hobbies include traveling - especially to New York City and road trips to visit her daughters when they are working on set in other cities. Because she has an "in" she has worked as a movie extra on films such as *Michael* with John Travolta; *Varsity Blues*; and *Idiocracy*, starring Luke Wilson.

She is a friend of Marsha Endahl-Kramer through HYDRO-FIT classes. AAUW sounded like fun. So far, Suzanne participates in Art Tours but she is just getting started and is looking forward to meeting other members and getting more involved soon.

**Angie Rose** was born in Houston and moved to Austin with her family when she was in high school. She is a proud graduate of McCallum High School (Go Knights!). Following high school, Angie attended UT Austin and received a BS in RTF (radio, television and film). She worked in the film and television industry for a while before realizing she didn't have the personality for the "cut-throat" Hollywood world. She returned to UT and studied Spanish, receiving her BA in 2002. While attending UT, Angie met her husband, Greg. They have just celebrated 24 years of marriage.

After graduation, Angie took a job at Austin ISD working with Shirlene Justice to develop and coordinate afterschool and summer learning programs for low-income students, grades K through 12. The program was a model program and was one of the first in Texas to serve high school students. Angie paused her career for a while to go on an extended road trip with her husband and her dog Kipper. They traveled over 30,000 miles visiting seven Canadian provinces and 42 states in one year. It was a fabulous experience and she can't wait to do it again.

Her return to "real-life" didn't last long. The couple regrouped for three years then embarked on a sailing adventure. They had big plans to sail down to Panama and were to be gone for six years, but many trials and tribulations, including storms and holes in the hull, convinced them to cut the trip short.

Upon returning, Angie continued her career supporting low-income youth with high quality programs. After a brief stint at the Texas Education Agency, she now works at Region XIII managing Out-of-School Time programs in the Central Texas region.

Angie enjoys live music, dinner with friends, paddle boarding, camping and hanging out with her dog. She participates in the Culture and Cuisine interest group.