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### **Items for October Newsletter**

**DUE September 20, 2023**

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## **September Program Meeting**

### **Leah Turner, PhD**

Director, GeoSTEM Career Exploration  
& Workforce Development at UT Austin



**When:** Wednesday, September 13, 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Balcones Country Club, 8600 Balcones Club Dr.

**Cost:** \$35.00

**Contact:** Soon Merz Flynn, [smerz\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:smerz_2000@yahoo.com)

Leah Turner, PhD (she/her/hers) is the Director for GeoSTEM Career Exploration and Workforce Development and a Research Scientist Associate at the University of Texas at Austin, Jackson School of Geosciences. Turner is a first-generation scholar, Hall of Fame student-athlete, and proud HBCU alumna of West Virginia State University. She earned her PhD in higher education from Ohio University as a Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Doctoral Scholar. Her primary academic interests involve research on the college choices of under-served and underrepresented student populations to address prominent higher education issues such as access, retention, degree completion, student involvement, and satisfaction. Her portfolio includes positions in career development, K-12 outreach, student affairs, athletics, and academic affairs.

Currently, Leah oversees the GeoFORCE Texas youth outreach pipeline program and has a passion for creating diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture in higher education organizations. In addition, she leads multiple social science efforts and programs on campus, partnering with entities like the National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Education, energy industry corporate sponsors, private foundations, and other large agencies to maximize impact and close the achievement gap for underserved populations.

# Co-President's Message



## Reflecting on our History and Envisioning the Next Hundred Years



As we celebrate one hundred years as a branch, we expect 2023 -2024 to be monumental year for AAUW Austin. We kicked off the year with a delightful gathering at the Summer Social, led by Co-VP Membership **Sharon Babot** and her great committee. Interest group coordinator extraordinare **Berta Lloyd** once again did a wonderful job of organizing our thirteen interest groups. A fun time was had by all.

AAUW's mission of empowering women and girls remains as relevant today as it was a hundred years ago. Two themes for our success emerged over the past year: **Advocacy and Connection**. As participation in civic groups wanes, AAUW Austin counters this trend by offering our members valuable friendships and connections through active engagement in our interest groups, committee service, and informative branch meetings. The ongoing threats to our collective well-being spur advocacy by our members to defeat these threats.

November 1, we will celebrate our beginnings as a branch a hundred years ago. Please purchase a ticket to join us at Chateau Bellevue as we commemorate this exciting milestone. Consider purchasing an ad for our program to congratulate the branch on its many accomplishments – contact Past-President and Archivist, **Larayne Dallas** for more information.

Our first big branch project was establishing the Austin Public Library, a vital contribution to an educated community. As we begin our second hundred years, libraries are being threatened through book bans and plans to close school libraries. Co-President **Soon Flynn** will spearhead the development of a branch project focused on libraries, bringing us back to our early roots. Please contact Soon if you want to join the committee that will shape this project.

Our interest groups have already begun this focus. The Southwest Book group championed gathering books for Williams Elementary School this past year. They were followed by the Central Book group which purchased books for Allison Elementary School, both schools in economically under-resourced areas. The Contemporary Literature group is planning an action around book bans. You are encouraged to participate in any of the interest group service projects by contacting the interest group coordinators.

You will want to join us at our September 13 for an important branch meeting at Balcones Country Club to approve our budget and reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. The program promises to be fascinating as we hear from Dr. Leah M Turner, Director of GeoSTEM Career Exploration and Workforce Development.

It's going to be a great year! We need each and every one of you to share your time, treasure and talents. Share your thoughts with me at [lawelsh@gmail.com](mailto:lawelsh@gmail.com).

In sisterhood,  
Linda Welsh, Ph.D.  
Co-President 2023-2024



# 2023 Summer Social Recap

Submitted by Sharon Babot



Over fifty branch members and a number of guests enjoyed two hours of socializing, snacks and great company during this year's Summer Social. We learned about upcoming programs, signed up for interest groups, and committed to other volunteer opportunities. President **Linda Welsh** spoke about the importance of our mission to continue working toward equality and equity for women.



The branch centennial will be celebrated on November 1, when we meet at the Chateau Bellevue in Austin. Plans are in the works for a fun and informative gathering, headed by **Pam Wolfe**. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

We know it takes many people to plan an event so our thanks go out to the membership committee consisting of **Sharon Babot** and **Debbie Starr**, who are co-chairing the membership committee this year. In addition, other members are: **Berta Lloyd, Cathy Werner, Nancy Ennis, Brenda Hahne, Marsha Endahl-Kramer, Linda Welsh, Joyce Pulich, Pam Wolfe, and Elaine Penn**. Additional thanks to **Anita Knight** for being liaison with Good Shepherd, her home church, and to others who were on hand to assist: **Jackie Hardee, Milli Stecker, and Larayne Dallas**. My apologies if I left anyone off the list.

We welcomed five new members who joined at the Summer Social: **Devon Austin, Theresa Danemon, Clarissa Reburn, Kathy Stewart** and **Carol Swartz**. If you didn't pick up your yellow and blue bookmark listing all the branch meetings that was prepared by **Cathy Werner** and **Anita Knight**, it'll be available at the September meeting. The bookmark is a convenient way to keep track of all the excellent branch meeting programs that **Jackie Hardee** and **Brenda Hahne** have planned for us. All meetings this year will take place at Balcones County Club. I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the year at both branch meetings and interest groups!





## Proposed Budget

### Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024

It's that time of the year again to update and approve our Branch operating budget for the upcoming program year. Please review the version attached here, as approved by the Branch Board of Directors on 8/15/2023. If you have questions or concerns, we will discuss them at our first branch meeting in September before we take our vote. Thanks!

Prepared by **Cathy Werner**, Branch Treasurer

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 2022-23</b>	<b>Actuals 2022-23</b>	<b>Budget 2023-24</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Branch Dues	2,400.00	2,087.00	2,240.00	140 members
Meetings, Lunches	8,600.00	8,668.00	9,170.00	Balcones Club
Branch Contributions	649.90	2,144.39	1,928.00	Misc. gifts
Interest on Checking	4.20	47.92	5.00	\$0.35/Month
Fundraising	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	Centennial Event
Grant Support	0.00	0.00	3,649.90	TX AAUW grants
<b>Total Branch Income</b>	<b>11,654.10</b>	<b>12,947.31</b>	<b>21,992.90</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
President	0.00	0.00	850.00	Special Project
Programs	10,200.00	7,142.58	9,405.00	Lunch, speakers
Membership	1,000.00	375.00	625.00	Social, operations
Past Presidents	400.00	252.40	500.00	Winter Social
<b>Subtotal Officer Expenses</b>	<b>11,600.00</b>	<b>7,769.98</b>	<b>11,380.00</b>	
Funds Committee	50.00	0.00	0.00	Fundraising
Public Policy	0.00	0.00	0.00	
NCCWSL	0.00	0.00	500.00	Conference
Memorials/Member Connect	175.00	25.20	175.00	Books, postage
Conference Expenses	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	Regular meeting
Anniversary Committee	2,500.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	Event in 2023
<b>Subtotal - Committees</b>	<b>2,725.00</b>	<b>1,025.20</b>	<b>7,675.00</b>	
Newsletter	576.00	575.64	694.00	Constant Contact
Yearbook	1,300.00	489.06	1,700.00	Printing, postage
Misc. Operating Expense	541.80	367.90	543.90	Ins.; POB; Zoom
<b>Subtotal Operations</b>	<b>2,417.80</b>	<b>1,432.60</b>	<b>2,937.90</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>16,742.80</b>	<b>10,227.78</b>	<b>21,992.90</b>	

## More Than Just a Lunch: The Importance of Monthly Program Meetings

Our branch program meetings are one of the many activities we provide to keep you engaged in our mission and activities. As we celebrate a hundred years as an organization, we would like to see more of you attend the monthly meetings. We have been very pleased with the facilities at Balcones Country Club and are happy to be returning this coming year. Due to an increased cost for meals at the club, the per person price for our lunch meetings will be \$35. Beverages only, will be \$10. Please remember that this cost covers more than a lovely lunch. It includes room rental, service charges, and the program itself, not to mention the opportunity to share time and camaraderie with our fellow members. We look forward to seeing you in September!

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This year, **all** meetings, both Wednesday and Saturday dates, will be held at Balcones Country Club, [8600 Balcones Club Drive](#).

## 2023 – 2024 Branch Meeting Schedule

### Correction

There was a mistake in the Summer Newsletter. The May program meeting will be Saturday, May 11, not May 9. Please make the correction on your calendars.



Saturday,  
May 11

Presentations by UT Fellowship Recipients and Installation of Officers

## Member CONNECT



**MEMBER CONNECT** is seeking your help! In an effort to stay connected to each other, especially now, Member Connect will touch base with those in the branch who have experienced illness or loss, or who just might need to hear a friendly voice on the phone. **Carol Ahlgren** will be contacting those referred through notes, cards, emails, and occasional phone calls. And, of course, each of us is encouraged to connect with other members at any time. Please stay well and safe! If you know of someone who could benefit from a connection, please contact Carol at [carolahlgren@twc.com](mailto:carolahlgren@twc.com) or call her at (512) 468-6058.

# Policy Update from the Public Policy Committee

Submitted by Policy Chair Anita Knight

Please welcome **Sarah Averill** as a new member of the public policy committee. This year we are working in concert with other advocacy groups such as the League of Women Voters and the Texas Freedom Network. We would like to encourage your participation in this important work. Please ask yourself, who and what else can YOU offer?

The League of Women Voters sent out a survey to their members asking a difficult question about democracy: "What is the biggest problem threatening American Democracy?". How would you answer the survey?

- Misinformation and disinformation
- Voter suppression
- Gerrymandering
- Lack of trust in the voting process
- Systemic racism
- Reproductive rights
- Book banning

**EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT:** To learn more about what you can do to support passage of the ERA, go to [AAUW call about strategies to finish the ERA](https://www.sign4era.org/), or just sign and send the petition at <https://www.sign4era.org/>. Some people may not be interested, unaware of the hundred-year history, and/or worried about "sex" connotation and implications in today's world!!! Should the amendment have read "gender" instead of "sex"? *Equality of Rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex.*

**GUN VIOLENCE:** Everytown for Gun Safety teamed up with Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), and American University's Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab (PERIL) to demystify youth attitudes on guns. This [REPORT](#), the first of its kind, provides an in-depth look at issues facing this generation and our country as a whole.

I had the opportunity to meet with representatives of [Moms Demand Action](#) in August in Chicago after they had finished this year's Gun Sense University. They and [Students Demand Action](#) volunteers and survivors (>2000) came from communities across the country to learn from each other, connect, and make this movement stronger than ever. As they celebrated ten years of demanding action, they made clear that they are more than ready for the next decade. Vice President **Kamala Harris** was there, encouraging all to keep up the fight.

**EQUAL PAY:** August 15 was [Moms' Equal Pay Day](#). The day recognizes how moms working full-time, year-round are paid 74 cents and all earners (including part-time and seasonal) are paid 62 cents for every dollar paid to dads.

# AAUW History of the Austin Branch of AAUW – Fellowships and Scholarships

Submitted by Larayne Dallas on behalf of the Centennial Celebration Committee

When AAUW's organizers first met in 1881, they hoped to support college-educated women and the education of women. Their attention soon turned to awarding fellowships for graduate education. The first fellowship grant was given in 1888, beginning an admirable tradition of AAUW fellowships that lives on, funded through endowments. (See: <https://www.aauw.org/about/history/>)

The Austin Branch has a similar story about members getting right to work in support of graduate education for women. An early mention of fundraising for this cause was in the *Austin Statesman* (November 20, 1927, p. A2). A benefit bridge party was planned for November 29 at the Driskill Hotel to help fund an endowed fellowship for women at the University of Texas. The hope was to match funding already available for men at the university.

April 12, 1934, was the day of the special dinner at the Texas Union when members presented a check for over \$1,100 to university regents to fund a fellowship. According to the *American Statesman* (April 12, 1934, p. 6) report, the money was raised through bridge parties and artist programs. Additionally, while raising the money for the local fellowship, members also sent \$200 annually in support of fellowships at the national level.

Our Branch history *HERstory* – (<https://austin-tx.aauw.net/about-us/our-history/>) tells about working over the years to fund the endowment fund at UT. Inspired by money left for the endowment by Mildred Englert at her death in 1989, others donated to increase the amount to a total of \$10,000. This completed the endowment, and in 1992, we called it done. Each year women at the University of Texas at Austin receive fellowships to support completion of doctoral work, thanks to the endowment.

In a departure from the usual AAUW emphasis on graduate education, the Austin Branch also has a close tie to a scholarship fund for women at Austin Community College (ACC). Frances Malmberg, 1964-1966 Branch President, left money on her death in 2004 to establish what became the AAUW/Frances Malmberg Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship is especially for somewhat older — that is at least 25 years old — female students enrolled at ACC.

Concluding this month's historical note: We thank those who had the foresight to fund the fellowship and scholarship endowments and those who work every year to make the awards.

Acknowledgement: *Proquest Historical Newspapers: The Austin American Statesman*, accessed through Austin Public Library's subscription.



## AAUW AUSTIN BRANCH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

**Doors open at 10:45 a.m.**

**Program begins at 11:15 a.m.**

***Chateau Bellevue, 708 San Antonio St, Austin 78701***

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TICKETS

Tickets for the November 1, 2023, event are \$40. We will be selling them at both the September and October Branch Program Meetings. Please bring a check or have the exact amount of cash available. As with our regular meetings, we need reservations in advance. **No tickets will be available for sale at the event. The deadline to purchase tickets is October 18.**

Unable to attend one of the branch meetings? Please contact **Pam Wolfe** via email [piwolfe@yahoo.com](mailto:piwolfe@yahoo.com) to arrange for someone to deliver your ticket.



### Support the Centennial Celebration: Have Your Business Card Ready



Members of the Centennial Celebration Committee want your help. To assist in covering the cost of printing the program for the November 1 event, we invite you to include your business card in the program booklet. **If you would like to include a goodwill message instead of a business card we would appreciate that, too.**

The charge is \$25 for a 3.5 x 2 inch space (or \$45 for a 7 x 4 inch space). We can use your electronic business card or a scan of your card. If you want us to scan your card, we will be happy to do it. We just need you to get the card to us. If you are including a message of goodwill, please prepare an electronic file in the correct dimensions or have everything camera ready and get that to us. **Please save as a JPEG, BMP, GIF, or TIF.**

Payment should be by check (made out to the branch) or by cash given to **Larayne Dallas**. Take care of payment and transferring paper materials at September or October program meeting or email electronic files to Larayne at [ldallas@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:ldallas@austin.utexas.edu).

**Our deadline is September 15, 2023.**



A graphic for the AAUW Central States Regional Conference. At the top, the word "Celebrating" is in a dark blue script font, followed by "AAUW" in a bold, dark blue sans-serif font. To the right of "AAUW" is a logo consisting of a red circle with a white stylized 'A' inside. The background features a teal silhouette of the St. Louis skyline, including the Gateway Arch and the Missouri State Capitol. Red fireworks are exploding in the sky. Below the skyline, a list of states is written in small, white, sans-serif capital letters: ARKANSAS • ILLINOIS • INDIANA • IOWA • KANSAS • MICHIGAN • MINNESOTA • MISSOURI • OKLAHOMA • TEXAS • WISCONSIN. Below this, the words "REACHING NEW HEIGHTS" are in large, bold, red sans-serif capital letters, followed by "together!" in a dark blue script font. Underneath, "AAUW Central States Regional Conference" is in a bold, dark blue sans-serif font. Below that, "October 19-21, 2023 • St. Louis, Missouri" and "Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch" are in a bold, red sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "For Conference details, click [REACHING NEW HEIGHTS](#)" is in a dark blue sans-serif font, with "REACHING NEW HEIGHTS" underlined in red.

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## Yearbook Release Date - Coming Soon!

The 2023-24 AAUW Austin Yearbook will be distributed at the September 13, and October 14, branch meetings at the Balcones Country Club. If you are not planning to attend, please arrange for someone, who will be in attendance, to pick up your yearbook. This will save the branch the postage to mail them. Yearbooks that are not picked up at the October meeting will be mailed by Wednesday, October 18.

Thanks to our yearbook editor **Soon Merz Flynn** for producing yet another amazing yearbook. We all depend on the yearbook to keep us up to date on branch events, accomplishments and members. We are very grateful.

## **New Member Profile**

### **Submitted by Ruth Subramanian**

#### **Theresa Daneman**

Theresa is new to AAUW. She is Interested in connecting with women in the area and especially piqued by AAUW's focus on high education.

She is a graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, with a BS in Marketing (1978).

Theresa's first career began twenty years ago working in advertising agencies in Dallas, Louisiana and Albuquerque, and a very funky radio station in Santa Fe. She shifted to a second career in financial services (there is a commonality there, believe it or not!). She explored a variety of roles from customer service, sales, marketing, and social media which led her to her current role as a performance coach for financial advisors.

Theresa's family is spread all over the U.S. and beyond so her friends become her family. She married for the first time at age sixty. She exclaims that this was a big adjustment. Her husband has four children and six grandchildren in the Austin area. She loves being part of a big family!

Theresa loves the creative process and has always been a maker/crafter. She recently built an art studio in her backyard, with a LOT of help from her husband, where she does a variety of crafts, most notably fused glass art. You can check out her work at [www.DanemanDesigns.com](http://www.DanemanDesigns.com).

#### **Clarissa Reburn**

Clarissa was introduced to AAUW by fellow member Milli Stecker. They both participate in a book-to-film group that they organized for a fun activity.

She is not a member of any other AAUW groups or branches. She attended the Summer Social and decided to join on the spot because everyone was so friendly and inviting. Clarissa trusts Milli's judgement about groups working towards a common goal and the greater good.

Clarissa attended Austin Community College and then University of Texas with a BA in government (1997). She started in English, but transferred over with a minor in communications.

She still uses the skill sets she learned so long ago in her current job as broker and owner of Front Porch Realty, which is a full-service real estate company, plus she mediates real estate conflicts. She has served in real estate for over twenty-five years in this area and holds a mediation certificate from the State of Texas.

Clarissa has a large family including both parents in Houston, four brothers, and her three children, one of which now has her three grandchildren.

Something fun and unexpected to know about Clarissa is that she is part of a writing group through Westbank Library that is working on a collaborative novel we call *Torrid Romance*. She states that it is fun and light. She also working on her own mystery novel which stars, of course, a realtor. Clarissa recently attended a fundraiser for the Travis Audubon Society.

## New Member Profile continued.....

### May Kamalick

May was born in Beirut, Lebanon, to Palestinian, Anglican parents. She graduated from the American University in Beirut with bachelor (1969) and master degrees (1971) in English, linguistics, and education. She then taught English at her *alma mater*. She married Joe Kamalick, an American foreign correspondent, during the civil war in Beirut and moved to the U.S. in 1976, residing first in Chicago and then in Houston, where she and her husband raised two daughters. In Houston, she taught college English, public relations, mass communication and writing for more than twenty years. She also worked for two American corporations providing in-class and online employee training.

May began her U.S. government service shortly after 9/11. After a short stint as a linguist in Houston, she was transferred to Washington, DC, as a manager, developing, coordinating, and analyzing strategic plans and recommending improvements for quality translations in all hundred plus languages, and the overseeing the development of the almost a thousand FBI linguists. She engineered a quality control program for the accuracy of translations, which she, representing the FBI, shared with other English-speaking security systems around the world.

May moved to Sewanee, Tennessee, from the Northern Virginia (NoVa) area in 2017, after the death of her beloved husband. She taught intermediate and advanced Arabic at the University of the South in Sewanee. She retired in 2020, and devoted her time to volunteering and enjoying her three Sewanee grandchildren. She was president of the local Rotary Club, leading its growth. She also presented to various organizations' interactive programs providing much-needed cross-cultural training and information about Arabs, Arab Americans, Arabic language, culture and Islam.

To be with her grandchildren, May moved again at the beginning of July of this year when her younger daughter and her Sewanee family relocated to Austin. Her older daughter lives with her husband and two daughters in the South of France, a welcome and regular travel and vacation destination for May.

May was active in the NoVa AAUW, editing its newsletter for a year before her move to Sewanee. She shares AAUW's goals of education, equity, and empowerment of girls and women. And of course, sharing camaraderie, intelligent conversations, and fun with other like-minded women, especially in a new environment, is another incentive for her joining AAUW as soon as she arrived in Austin.



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## Branch Fundrai\$ing Update

Submitted by Joyce Pulich



**Change for Change** will continue so if you still have your jars, fill them up and bring them to the September meeting. Empty jars will be available for those who want to participate. The revenue will stay with our branch and provide branch meeting lunch subsidies for those who need assistance to stay after the program and enjoy a delicious lunch.

At the September branch meeting, a beautiful handmade quilt will be offered on silent auction. Proceeds will go to the national Greatest Needs fund.

Future items we are working on:

- Virtual auction of goods and services in early December
- Book People gift wrapping for tips
- Chili cook off in January
- Mardi Gras brunch in February
- See's candy sales in the spring
- Kendra Scott Mother's Day sale



## Support the Maui Branch



Maui Branch of AAUW  
volunteering at a  
Sears/Kaahumanu Center  
distribution site

**Mary Smith**, AAUW Texas President has been in contact with the Maui AAUW branch to offer our support. A few of their members live on the Lahaina side of the island and fortunately, none of them lost their homes. However, they have been without power and water for over a week. The Maui branch has rallied around the community, volunteering at shelters and disaster supply centers, and opening their homes to displaced families. Texas AAUW is seeking donations from members statewide to show solidarity with our sisters in the Maui branch. All proceeds will go to their scholarship fund at the University of Hawaii Foundation. As it may be necessary for the Maui branch to divert funds from their scholarship fund to support the community during this difficult time, we can help them maintain their support of

young women attending college. If you are able to contribute, please send your check to **Margaret Carlson**, Texas AAUW Finance Officer. She will collect all donations and send one check from Texas AAUW directly to the University of Hawaii Foundation. The deadline is September 30. Please mark your check *Help Maui*. Here is Margaret's address:

Margaret Carlson  
13707 Tosca Lane  
Houston, TX 77079

## Texas AAUW Bylaw Changes

As a result of the changes to the AAUW national bylaws this last spring, all local and state affiliates are required to make certain changes to their bylaws to align with the national bylaws. Texas AAUW will have a committee working this fall to update the state bylaws. In addition to the changes that are required to be made by the national office, the committee will also accept proposed bylaws amendments from state members and branches for consideration.

Below is a copy of an article that will appear in the next University Women Texas (UWT) newsletter issue that explains what must be included to propose an amendment to the Texas AAUW bylaws.

### CALL FOR PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

*Any AAUW Texas member or Texas branch may propose amendments to the AAUW Texas bylaws. Proposed amendments should be submitted to the Bylaws Chair, Brenda Van Derbur at [brendavan@comcast.net](mailto:brendavan@comcast.net) by Friday, November 10, 2023.*

*Bylaws Amendments: The current bylaws are posted on our website at [aauw-tx.aauw.net/forofficers](http://aauw-tx.aauw.net/forofficers). Amendments must not conflict with AAUW bylaws and mission.*

*Proposed bylaws amendments must include: (1) a copy of the original section of the bylaws being amended, (2) a marked-up version showing the specific wording of the amendment, (3) a clean version showing the language as it would be revised, (4) a statement of rationale for the amendment, and (5) if applicable, the fiscal impact of the amendment.*

*Please be sure that any proposed amendments include the required information before being submitted.*

*Thank you,  
Brenda Van Derbur  
[brendavan@comcast.net](mailto:brendavan@comcast.net)  
Bylaw Committee Chair*

## Condolences



Our hearts go out to former branch members who have lost husbands this past year.

**Linda Leff's husband, Leonard J. Leff** passed away in July after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. You may read his obituary and send a message to Linda by clicking the following link. [Leonard Leff Obituary](#)

**Lilac Bauer's husband, Thomas Frank Bauer** died in June after suffering from a long illness. You may read his obituary and send a message to Lilac by clicking the following link. [Thomas Frank Bauer Obituary](#)

**Margene Beckham's husband, Patrick Hubert Beckham** passed away in April. You may read his obituary and send a condolence message to Margene by clicking the following link. [Patrick Hubert Beckham Obituary](#)



# September Interest Groups

## **Art Tours**

Wednesday, September 27, 10:00 a.m.

[Terra Firma Studios](#), Mosaic Art by Aly Winningham  
161 Shady Oaks Loop, Cedar Creek  
Contacts: Pat Beal, [patrbeal@gmail.com](mailto:patrbeal@gmail.com), 512-762-9924  
and Nurit Yaskil, [yaskil@aol.com](mailto:yaskil@aol.com), 858-775-3771

## **Bridge Group**

Thursday, September 14 and 28, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Lamar Senior Activity Center, 2874 Shoal Crest Ave  
Contact: Elaine Penn, [epenn9915@gmail.com](mailto:epenn9915@gmail.com),  
512-579-4545

## **Central Book Club**

Monday, September 11, 10:30 a.m.  
I HOP, 1101 MoPac Exp  
*Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck  
Ann Marie Ellis, facilitator  
Contact: Linda Quintanilla, [quintalin@gmail.com](mailto:quintalin@gmail.com),  
713-202-8525

## **Contemporary Literature**

Note time and location for this month only  
Monday, September 4, 11:15 a.m.  
BJ's Brewhouse/Restaurant, 10515 Mopac Expy.  
*The Cartographers* by Peng Shepherd  
Ann Berasley, facilitator  
Contact: Mary Ellen Scribner, **RSVP by August 30**  
[maryscribner@gmail.com](mailto:maryscribner@gmail.com), 512-698-5539

## **Creative Stitchery**

Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 a.m.  
Home of Elaine Penn, 912 Dartmoor Drive  
Project: Blue Jean Totes  
Elaine Penn, Host  
Contact: Beverly Locklin, [bklocklin@outlook.com](mailto:bklocklin@outlook.com),  
[512-343-0782 \(h\)](tel:512-343-0782), [512-633-2902 \(c\)](tel:512-633-2902)

## **\*Culture and Cuisine**

Thursday, September 14, 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Santorini Cafe fixed menu, 11800 N Lamar  
Theme: Greece  
Hosts: Terry Whaley, Phyllis Folorin  
Contact: Shirlene Justice, [shirlenejustice@gmail.com](mailto:shirlenejustice@gmail.com),  
512-507-1003

\*Indicates that the group is full and is not taking new members at this time. Please contact the group leader to be added to the waiting list.

## **Hiking Group**

### **Hike 1**

Thursday, September 7, 9:00 a.m.  
Barton Creek Greenbelt Trail (Spyglass Trailhead)  
Leader: Kate Di Pronio

### **Hike 2**

Saturday, September 23, 9:00 a.m.  
St Edwards Park  
Lisa Sura, leader  
Contact: Roberta Coffin,  
[rwc@scriptacommunicates.com](mailto:rwc@scriptacommunicates.com), 714-679-8697

## **Mystery Book Group**

Tuesday, September 26, 11:00 a.m.  
BJ Brewhouse, The Shops at Arbor Walk, 10515 MoPac  
Theme: What I Read Last Summer  
Contact: Pam Wolfe, [piwolfe@yahoo.com](mailto:piwolfe@yahoo.com)  
512-388-5433 (h), 512-925-7865 (c)

## **Out-to-Lunch**

Tuesday, September 19, 11:15 a.m.  
Chez Zee, 5406 Balcones Drive  
Susie Angel, planner  
Contact: Elaine Penn, [epenn9915@gmail.com](mailto:epenn9915@gmail.com)  
512-970-5051

## **PEARS**

Saturday, September 16, 5:30 p.m.  
County Line BBQ on the Hill, 6500 Bee Caves Road  
Contact: Milli Stecker: [mstecker@austin.rr.com](mailto:mstecker@austin.rr.com),  
512-468-1088

## **\*Southwest Book Group**

Monday, September 11, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Home of Susie Angel, 220 Silver Charm Drive, Austin  
*Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus  
Brenda Hahne, facilitator  
Contact: Debbie Starr, [dbbstrr@gmail.com](mailto:dbbstrr@gmail.com),  
[512-771-4497](tel:512-771-4497)

## **Wine Tasters**

No September Meeting  
Contact: Elaine Penn, [epenn9915@gmail.com](mailto:epenn9915@gmail.com),  
512-970-5051