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**COME TOGETHER
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Join us for the AAUW Austin Summer Social

Sunday, August 14, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

3525 Bee Caves Road

It's been a while. In fact, would you believe three years since we last gathered (August 2019) for our annual start-the-year get-together? Join us as we re-engage with each other and with the mission of AAUW in Austin & beyond. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce a friend to AAUW. They're eligible for the 50% discount on National dues through the Shape the Future promotional.

There'll be brief introductions, followed by a chance to mingle with friends (new and old), explore our interest groups and volunteer opportunities, and learn what is coming your way in the coming year. Many groups are welcoming new members.

Discover, too, how to join us in our work, including:

- Fellowships and fundraising activities
- Commitment to Mainspring Schools, Title IX, and other AAUW-mission issues
- Public policy and advocacy efforts

For more information, contact: Ruth Subramanian at aauw-atxmembership@aauw.net or call (678) 764-8898.

An Evite will be arriving in your inbox from AAUW Austin Texas Membership. Be sure to RSVP via the Evite. If you are bringing a guest, please RSVP for them too. Parking directions will be included in the Evite.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an honor to serve as your branch president as we approach our 100th anniversary! For my entire career from early childhood through higher education, advocacy and education have been my calling. So, AAUW is a perfect fit, since it is all about empowering women through education and advocacy. My varied career — starting as a teacher of children who are deaf, serving as City of Austin's first child care coordinator, teaching and leading at Austin Community College and National American University along with board and other volunteer service — has prepared me well for this important work.



AAUW Austin is so fortunate to be represented by an outstanding board, standing committee chairs and off board (non-voting) volunteers. This skilled, dedicated group of women already is hard at work, setting priorities for the year to come as we approach our 100th anniversary in November 2023. 90-day action plans have been set in these areas:

- **Recruitment and Engagement of Members:** Your voice and the voices of your friends are needed to support AAUW's priorities of removing bias from education, fighting for fair pay and economic equity, and advancing women in leadership.
- **Visibility and Partnerships:** Through partnerships with sister organizations we become stronger.
- **Public Policy Action Plan:** These times call for a strong public policy presence to safeguard our rights.

Now, more than ever, is the time for us to be bold, stand up and be heard. A key message on my 2022 vision board was to be "Bolder." For an organization to continue to be relevant after 99 years, we must be bold and evolve to address the issues of our times.

Despite the many legal setbacks and challenging problems that face us, as our national CEO, Gloria L. Blackwell states, "our work is a marathon, not a sprint, and we fully intend to go the distance." That is why each of you is so important to our work. Please consider how to use your time, treasure and talents to help us "go the distance" in one of our strategic focus areas, serve on our 100th anniversary planning committee or find other ways to further our mission of empowering women and girls.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with ideas or issues or concerns at lawelsh@gmail.com.

In solidarity,

Linda Welsh, Ph.D.

AAUW Texas has New President

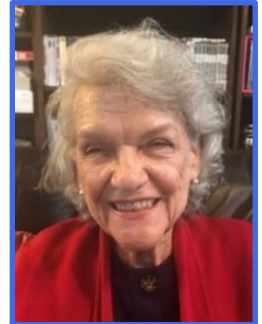
Please welcome **Mary Smith** as the new President of AAUW Texas. Most recently, Mary served as Vice President until she stepped up to fill the role of President when Lynn Hagen had to resign due to personal reasons. Mary is an active member of AAUW, North Harris County Branch where she participated in several interest groups and took on many leadership roles, including President. She is pleased to be working with the state board and looking forward to serving and supporting the membership.

In Memoriam

Tribute to Evelyn Farmer

September 10, 1935 – June 2, 2022

By Judy Reinhart



Dr. Evelyn Farmer was a kind, thoughtful, caring educator of children pre-kindergarten through the university level. She was a classroom teacher, principal and assistant superintendent. In addition, she worked at two different Educational Service Centers and also at Texas Education Agency. She loved children and spent her career making education more meaningful for all students.

She loved to share memories of her experiences on road trips with fellow educators and she had a treasure chest full of experiences. She played the oboe in three different orchestras and she was active in her church when she moved to Austin.

Evelyn was active in several professional organizations and held leadership roles in every one, most recently she was the President of the Austin AAUW Branch, and was newsletter editor for the Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

She loved to do research on whatever illness she had and on foods that might help her get well.

Remembering Former Austin Branch Members

Catherine (Kay) Goodwin

August 18, 1918 – May 31, 2022

Read full Obituary [HERE](#).



Lillian Marie Kwas

October 16, 1922 – July 2, 2022

Read full Obituary [HERE](#).



Invitation to Memorial Service for Linda Stone Bush

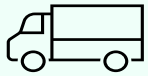


Memorial Service
for
Linda Stone Bush
Wednesday, July 27
10:00 -11:00 a.m.
Austin Baptist Church

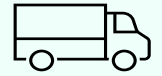
[7016 Ribelin Ranch Dr](#)

Email RSVP
to

LindaBushMemorial@gmail.com



Branch Meeting Schedule – New Locations!



This year, to encourage more member participation in the branch meetings, we are trying something different. The board has decided to alternate monthly meeting days and locations (see schedule below).

Saturday meetings will be held at a north location, Balcones Country Club, 8600 Balcones Club Drive. Plated lunches will be offered after the business portion of our meetings. **Wednesday** meetings will be conducted at a south location, Unity of Austin Church, 5501 W US Hwy 290. Boxed lunches will be available for purchase. Meals will be priced at \$30.00. Parking for both locations is near the entrance.

To access maps to each location, simply click on the logo for the venue and Google maps will download with a map and directions.



2022 – 2023 Branch Meeting Schedule

We have also planned for speakers that will cover a number of topics that touch on the priorities of AAUW. Mark your calendars and join other co-members and guests at our new meeting locations.



Date/Time	Location	Speaker/Topic
Saturday, Sept. 10	Balcones County Club	Sharon Watkins, owner Chez Zee
Wednesday, Oct. 12	Unity Church of Austin	Jorge Babot – Cuba, the Peter Pan Airlift, then & now
Saturday, Nov. 12	Balcones County Club	Thais Perkins – Owner, Reverie Books
December	TBD	Winter Social
Saturday, Jan. 14	Balcones County Club	Steve Saltwick, Co-Founder of Braver Angels of Central Texas
Wednesday, Feb. 8	Unity Church of Austin	Chris Kennedy, CEO Leadership Austin
Saturday, Mar. 11	Balcones County Club	Lindsey Derrington, Executive Director of Preservation Austin
Wednesday, Apr. 12	Unity Church of Austin	Dr. Catherine Jaffe, Professor and Author of "Society Women and Enlightened Charity of Spain: The Junta de Damas de Honor y Merito, 1787-1823".
Saturday, May 13	Balcones County Club	Installation of Officers & Fellows' Presentations

Policy Update from the Public Policy Committee

Submitted by Policy Chair, Mary Ellen Scribner

Among the best-known movie quotes that have found a place in our vocabulary is that of Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara in *Gone with the Wind*: "I won't think about that now. I'll think about that tomorrow." Waiting until tomorrow is not a luxury we have in terms of advocating for AAUW public policy priorities. Today is the time for us to get to work, to work with each other and in conjunction with like-minded organizations such as the League of Women Voters, the Texas Freedom Network, etc., to save lives (women's access to all types of health care and gun safety); improve quality of life (equal pay and economic equity); remove bias (gender, economic, race, and ethnicity) from education at all levels; and so much more. The national website currently lists three public policy priorities for this year. They are:



- [Removing Bias from Education](#)
Startling inequalities persist in American education. Gender, economics, race, and ethnicity should not limit our opportunities.
- [Fighting for Fair Pay & Economic Equity](#)
It's time to close the pay gap and for the work world to embrace diversity, equity and inclusion so we can all thrive.
- [Advancing Women in Leadership](#)
Women make up more than half of college graduates and half of the labor force. But we're still not represented at the upper levels. We need equal representation.

Major concerns for the local committee include, but are not limited to Voter Registration & Getting Out the Vote, Gun Safety, Education in Texas including Title IX, Women's Access to Health Care, and Climate Change. With so much on both the national and local agendas, we need every Branch member involved. Are you thinking there's nothing you personally can do? There are two things that everyone of us can do and one that all of us with an Internet connection (most of us!) can do:

- 1) Make sure your voting credentials are in order and cast your ballot in every election. Encourage others to do the same.
- 2) Inform yourself about the issues so that you can cast thoughtful votes and you can speak with others in an informed manner.

Become a two-minute activist. Most of the work is already done for you, and in two minutes or less you can send emails and texts to your legislators to fight for equal pay, family leave, stopping sexual harassment, equality in education and more. <https://secure.everyaction.com/t79k4XW2qE6zElzi0xIIKA2>



Policy Update Continued....

Recent events have put gun safety and women's access to all forms of health care at the top of many Texans' list of concerns. In response, the League of Women Voters Texas is urging everyone to prevail upon Governor Abbott to call a special session of the legislature and add the following to the call:

- Universal background checks of all gun sales
- Strongly regulate guns with high-capacity magazines and semi- automatic triggers
- Extreme risk protection orders
- Suicide awareness campaigns
- Increasing criminal penalties for the offense of making a firearm accessible to a child.

Email all your legislators and ask them to support these actions.

What can you do in response to the Supreme Court overthrow of the hard-won Roe v. Wade precedent? You can write, call, email both your state and federal leaders and legislators to let them know how you feel about this dangerous setback for women's rights. Perhaps you can donate or take part in rallies and campaigns. The founding principal of Planned Parenthood more than a hundred years ago demonstrates that organization's value as a partner in working for women's health care access: "Your body is your own. If it is not, we cannot be truly free or equal." Persist and vote!

More than Athletics

Title IX affects all areas of education, including:

- recruitment, admissions and housing;
- career and technical education;
- pregnant, parenting, and/or married students;
- science, technology, engineering and math (STEM);
- sexual harassment and assault;
- comparable facilities and access to course offerings;
- financial assistance;
- student health services and insurance benefits;
- harassment based on gender identity; and
- athletics.

Happy Birthday Title IX!

Title IX celebrated its 50th birthday on June 23. Signed into law in 1972, the policy requires educational institutions that receive government funding to treat all sexes and gender identities equally.

For more information about how AAUW supports and advocates for Title IX, visit the AAUW website at <https://www.aauw.org/act/policy-center/50-years-title-ix/>

Leverage Success to Grow Impact

- In 2022 AAUW awarded over \$6M to more than 320 fellows and grantees;
- AAUW invests in women who change the world;
- AAUW Alumnae are Champions of Title IX;
- Our Members paved the way well before Title IX's passage and AAUW continues to support it;



Membership DUES are (Past) DUE

Your AAUW membership year runs from July 1 through June 30. So, if you haven't paid your 2022-2023 dues yet, it's past time to do so.

To be included in this year's Yearbook, please renew now. If you'd prefer to pay online using a credit or debit card, go to my.aauw.org and follow the instructions listed below.

1. Scroll below the blue login button and click **Forgot Password** at the bottom.
2. Enter your email address, then click **Reset Your Password** to receive your login email. And be patient. Note: If you do not receive the email, contact connect@aauw.org for help.
3. Once the email arrives, enter your email address and **Create and Confirm your Password** and access your Personal Snapshot.
4. Within your Personal Snapshot, click the blue **RENEW** button at the bottom to renew your National membership dues, and add your Branch TX7007-Austin!

If you have any change of information to be included in the Yearbook or prefer to pay by check, please use the Renewal Form and mail with your check to:

Ruth Subramanian, 4100 Jackson Ave., Apt. 536, Austin, TX 78731

Any questions, give Ruth a call at (678) 764-8898.

Your Co-Membership VPs

Milli Stecker and **Ruth Subramanian**

[Download Membership
Form Here](#)

Membership Benefits – Discounts and Perks

In addition to the **Office Depot/Office Max** discount that we enjoy as AAUW members, your membership entitles you to discounts and perks at a variety of businesses. Most important, every time you use one of your benefits, you are also supporting AAUW's vital work, which is what makes AAUW one of the nation's most powerful voices on women's issues.

With each purchase, AAUW receives a royalty that supports equal-pay advocacy, community programs, leadership development tools, the student leadership conference and so much more!

To learn more about the companies where discounts are offered, use this link and visit the AAUW website. <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/discounts-and-perks/>

To take advantage of the Office Depot/Office Max offer, visit [AAUW Discounts](#). Or you may Text AAUWSPC to (833) 344-0228 and save your free store discount card on your phone. Your card may be used for business, school and personal purchases such as paper, ink and toner, cleaning and classroom supplies and many other special offers.

*please
join us*

Members Demonstrate Commitment through Membership

Our organization's strength lies not only in the quantity of members who sign up every year but also in the quality of their commitment. One way to demonstrate the on-going passion our members have for our mission is their long-term commitment. Below is a chart that shows how many members continue to support our branch, year after year. It is inspiring!

14 members with 50 + years

Barbara Parkhurst • Frances Tomlinson • Betty Blanton • Trish Kane • Juanita Painter • Pat Bennett • Mary Micka • O.R Schmidt • Myrtle Bell • Anita Knight • Mary Ellen Scribner • Gail Simpler • Ruth Subramanian • Pat Rehm

6 members with 40 – 50 years

Nancy Andren • Sheryl Beirne • Karen Jordahl • Larayne Dallas • Wreatha Leonard • Pam Wolfe

19 members with 30 – 40 years

Brenda Scholin • Beverly Locklin • Marsha Endahl-Kramer • Delia Quintanilla • Ervalyn McVeigh • H. Nell Peterson • Ann Berasley • Ginny Tannebring • Fern Chester • Judy Reinhart • Sharon Duboise • Dorothy Horsley • Elaine Kant • Betty Owen • Elizabeth Newell • Evelyn Boyer • Janie Maldonado • Dorothy Ramsey • Sue Worden

16 members with 20 - 30 years

Charlotte May • Rosemary Morrow • Mary Braunagel-Brown • Peggy Kress • Sandi Causey • Peggy Holland • Lynn Cooksey • Gayle Smith • Glenda Lassiter • Linda Young • Gigi Bryant • Kathy T. Rider • Sara Ezell • Carol Fritz • Janet Widoff • Sharon Lesikar

25 members with 10 - 20 years

Ramona Nance • Inés García • Judy Loredó • Linda Welsh • Diane Brewer • Mary Frances Rogerson • Melinda Townsel • Sylvia García • Susan James • Cherie Wilson • Lilac Bauer • Joyce Pulich • Dixie Schurle • Tamara Hudgins • Milli Stecker • Bari Sandstedt • Kate Fredriksen • Marina Rivers • Louise Jordan • Janani Janakiraman • Ruth Rubio • Maggie Kadlecek • Elaine Penn • Geraldine Cassidy • Barbara Fry

48 members with 5 – 10 years

Dru Beuerlein • Karen Wood • Mary Lou Bell • Ann Marie Ellis • Soon Flynn • Asmahan Rasool • Barbara Worley • Tara Peterson-McGarity • Resa Dunn • Sue Ellen Jeffers • Lala Niemeyer • Karen Werner • Betty Schmidt • Charles Brewer • Tulis Escobar • Liz Badger • Kathy Robertson • Randi Carter • Jennifer Swenson • Brenda Hahne • Connie Muñoz • Pam Watson • Roberta Coffin • Linda Quintanilla • Katherine Staples • Debbie Starr • Jan Watson • Suellen Myers • Cindy Darilek • Marilyn Vanderhoof • Jackie Hardee • Zosia Hunt • Phyllis Folarin • Terry Whaley • Shirlene Justice • Shelley Bjorkman • Mary Ann Leitz • Brooke Shannon • Ann Gibbs • Carol Blanchard • Marsi Liddell • Suellen Mills • Jonesie Abernathy • Judy Bergum • Marian Wernicke • Naomi Baker • Kate DiPronio • Marian Barber

Reports from the 2021-22 Fellows

In May 2021, the Austin branch awarded fellowships to five University of Texas doctoral candidates. In accepting the funds, each agreed to report to the branch about how she used the fellowship. These reports explain the work they accomplished in the past year. All of the women thanked branch members for the fellowship funds and the honor of being named a recipient.

Emily Carl used the fellowship to support her work on several research projects. She and a coauthor completed a systematic evaluation that determined that computerized and internet-based psychological interventions are effective for veterans. This will increase access to care. She continued her dissertation work to determine how effective exercise is in controlling depression in conjunction with psychotherapy and medication. She began a research rotation exploring the effectiveness of treatments for veterans suffering from PTSD. The fellowship allowed her to complete her residency year at a leading Veterans Administration Medical Center in the California Bay area.



Stephanie Valenzuela wrote that the fellowship relieved her financial insecurities and the associated mental stress associated with working on her dissertation. She purchased a new computer that helped her to retain and manipulate data and increased her efficiency. She published a paper in a peer reviewed journal on colorimetric quantification of linking in thermos-reversible nanocrystal gel assemblies. This is part of developing smart thin films that can be applied to windows to increase the energy efficiency in buildings. She will graduate in August 2022 and work as a senior scientist in Michigan. She plans to help others pursue their educational goals within the STEM field.



Anais Zimmer was able to carry on the field research necessary to complete her dissertation on human environmental interactions in the deglaciating Alps and tropical Andes. She used the fellowship to purchase field equipment and materials to conduct her research. That work included (1) llama grazing experiment evaluation, (2) multispectral UAV (drone) surveys of the nine proglacial areas and (3) logging data on proglacial soil temperatures. The fellowship also allowed her to participate in conferences such as the annual conference of the American Association of Geographers. She stated that the funds helped her to build her stature as a women geographer.



Dominica Whitesell conducted the field work for her research project on gendered and colonial dimensions of neoliberal urban development, dramatic urban shifts and dispossession and competing visions for the city. She published articles on her research and continued to mentor and support female undergraduate geographers. Her research included archival analysis of market spaces in Kampala, extensive interviews, and focus group mapping sessions. She presented her research findings and shared her methodologies at a conference in Uganda. She is committed to supporting the academic advancement of undergraduate, minority and women scholars in geography.



Fellows' Reports Continued.....

Pooja P. Mandke continued her dissertation project on the roles of DNA repair proteins in modulating the processing of alternative DNA structures. The fellowship helped her to stay focused on her scientific research and grow as an independent scientist while doing science outreach. She was able to contribute to the field of science both inside and outside of the laboratory setting.



Branch Fundrai\$ing Update Submitted by Joyce Pulich



The AAUW funds team for 2022-23 includes **Susie Angel, Brenda Hahne, Maggie Kadlecek, Berta Lloyd, Elaine Penn, Joyce Pulich** (co-chair), **Jan Rooker, Debbie Shaffer, Debbie Starr** (co-chair), **Cathy Werner, Pam Wolfe** and **Nurit Yaski**.

The team is continuing the **Change for Change Challenge** (C3) from last year. You can use the jars provided last year or any container to collect change to support AAUW national's [Greatest Needs Funds](#).

Last year, our first effort generated \$1,200 – thanks to your generosity.

This summer, the team will be planning special events to raise money. If you have an idea for a fundraiser, contact Debbie Starr at dbbsttr@gmail.com or Joyce Pulich at joycepulich@sbcglobal.net.

Members can also make direct donations to AAUW National. You can sign up for a one-time gift or monthly giving at <https://my.AAUW.org>. It's easy, needed and so appreciated!

Mainspring Schools Partner Update

Report prepared by Linda Welsh



The reach of Mainspring Schools now includes a refugee family from the Ukraine with a young son who enrolled in the school in May. Already they report that “he is diving into new friendships, creativity and connection in the classroom.” Mainspring considers it part of its mission to serve families undergoing tough times with the supports they need to thrive.

With impressive outcomes showing that 95% of Mainspring graduates are ready for kindergarten compared with only 53% of all Texas children, AAUW is proud to be a partner and supporter of this Austin institution.

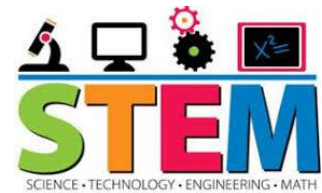
They can achieve these results with their highly educated and well-compensated early childhood teachers. Fifty percent of the teachers have a Bachelor's degree and 4% have a Master's degree. Fourteen percent have an Associate degree and 9% have a Child Development Certificate. The teachers are better compensated than their peers in Austin and across the nation with an average salary of \$38,799 compared to a \$26,512 average for Austin early childhood teachers and a national average of \$28,520. Their salaries are still too low to reflect the essential foundation these teachers provide to our youngest and neediest Austinites.

Member News

Brooke Shannon, a branch member and former Policy Committee Chair has exciting news to share with us. Brooke finished her Ph.D. this summer! She defended her dissertation called, "The City Agenda," about how city governments make policy, and what influences them. In a few weeks she will be moving to Pittsburgh, PA to start a tenure track job as Assistant Professor of Public Policy at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. She wants to thank the Austin branch for our support and let her know if we know anyone in Pittsburg. Good luck Brooke!

STEM Report

Prepared by Anita Knight



Thanks are due to **Nancy Andren** for being our STEM liaison on the branch board for several years and faithfully contributing monthly information and volunteer options in this newsletter. Nancy succeeded

Lilac Bauer who was initially the Girlstart/Latinas/Women's Issues Chair. As a math major and subsequent librarian from California, where she ran the state Tech Trek program, Nancy has a continuing interest in STEM education and activities. There is no longer a branch board position dedicated to STEM. Last year, a small interest group was formed to keep the issue at the forefront of branch activities. We will continue to cover STEM in the newsletter and keep you informed about possible programs, STEM organizations and activities in the area. Nancy is planning to incorporate STEM ideas and activities in our various interest groups, e.g. learning about geo-caching on a hike. Does anyone have any other STEM ideas or questions? If so, contact Anita Knight at dbasknight@aol.com.

Girlstart recently brought on a new Executive Director, Shane Woods. Ms. Woods brings years of experience and a passion for STEM to the team at Girlstart. To learn more about Ms. Woods and her plans for Girlstart, you may read the letter she sent to Girlstart supporters by clicking [LETTER](#).



JOIN US! For twenty-five years, Girlstart has been inspiring girls to change the world. This November, you are invited to celebrate our legacy—and look towards our future—at our annual Game Changers Luncheon. Luncheon guests will be immersed in Girlstart's work firsthand, hear from our new Executive Director, and network with others who share a passion for girls in STEM. This special event raises crucial funding for Girlstart's After School, Summer Camp, and Community STEM programs, which today serve thousands of young girls in Texas and across the country.

bit.ly/gamechangers2022

2022-23 Interest Groups

Creative Arts

Art Tours:

Art lovers tour studios, exhibitions and artists' homes to experience the wide variety of art being created in our community.

When: Fourth Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. unless noted with *

Contact: Sharon Babot, sharonbabot@gmail.com, (707) 373-1317

Note: Optional lunch after each tour. Eatery suggestions will be distributed the day of the tour.

Creative Stitchery:

Creative Stitchery meets monthly in members' homes to work on various stitchery projects. Some of the stitchery projects may include well known skills like quilting, counted cross stitch and weaving.

When: Third Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Varies

Contact: Beverly Locklin, blocklin@austin.rr.com, (512) 633-2902



Bridge Groups

Enjoy a good game of bridge with experienced and novice players. Please call first to check with the hostess about the location for Bridge Group B. Groups A and C are full but are accepting substitutes.

Group A:

When: Weekly Bridge on Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Location: Senior Activity Center, 29th and Lamar

Contact: Elaine Penn, epenn9915@gmail.com, (512) 579-4545

Group B:

When: Second Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.

Location: Varies

Contact: Lynn Cooksey: cooksey@austin.rr.com, (512) 477-2774

Group C:

When: Fourth Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

Location: Senior Activity Center, 29th and Lamar

Contact: Sara Ezell: slezell@aol.com, (512) 633-6178

Book Clubs and Literary Exploration

Central Book Club:

The Central Book Club meets monthly to discuss books that are of interest to the club members.

When: Second Monday, 10:30 a.m.

Location: Varies

Contact: Linda Quintanilla, quintalin@gmail.com, (713) 202-8525



Contemporary Literature:

Contemporary Literature meets in the evenings to discuss a balanced selection of recent fiction, general nonfiction and memoir/biography chosen annually by popular vote.

When: First Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Contact: Mary Ellen Scribner, maryescribner@gmail.com, (512)698-5539

Friday Book Review:

Friday Book Review is made up of retired, semi-retired and women still employed, all educated and who love reading books and talking about the ones they liked best.

When: First Friday, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Hyde Park Church of Christ, 43rd Steet and Avenue B

Contact: Judy Reinhart, jareinhart@att.net, (512) 345-5936



Mystery Book Club:

Mystery Book Club reads a different mystery-themed book each month. The group learns about “new to me” authors and focuses on a different theme each month.

When: Fourth Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.

Location: BJ Brewhouse, The Shops at Arbor Walk, 10515 MoPac Expy

Contact: Pam Wolfe, piwolfe@yahoo.com, (512) 925-7865

Southwest Book Club:

The Southwest Book Club reads an assortment of biographies/memoirs, fiction and non-fiction nominated and selected by members.

When: Second Monday, 10:30 a.m.

Location: Varies

Contact: Debbie Starr, dbbstrr@gmail.com, (512) 771-4497

Friends, Food and Conversation

Culture and Cuisine:

Culture and Cuisine meets monthly in members' homes to learn about different cultures and experience their gastronomical delights.

When: Second Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Varies

Contact: Shirlene Justice, shirlenejustice@gmail.com,
(512) 507-1003



Out-to-Lunch:

Out-to-Lunch meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday. Join the group and enjoy lunch at a nice restaurant and lively conversation.

When: Third Thursday, 11:15 a.m.

Location: Varies

Contact: Elaine Penn, epenn9915@gmail.com, (512) 970-5051

Pears:

Pears, a couples' group of AAUW members and their significant others, enjoy exploring the many diverse activities offered in the exciting, vibrant city of Austin and local areas. Pears' success depends on your participation. Choose a month, plan an activity, either one that you have enjoyed or choose a new one. You'll contact our group with your idea, make necessary arrangements and go from there.

When: Varies, weekends and evenings

Location: Varies, different restaurants

Contact: Milli Stecker, mstecker@austin.rr.com, (512) 468-1088

Wine Tasters:

Wine Tasters' enjoy themed tastings with a wine educator; to guide, engage and expand attendees' knowledge.

When: Sunday afternoons, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Varies

Contact: Elaine Penn, epenn9915@gmail.com, (512) 970-5051

The Great Outdoors - Hiking Group

Enjoy the great outdoors and commune with nature while getting exercise. Evites with details are sent to Hiking Group members about two weeks in advance.

When: Twice monthly, alternating between Thursdays and Saturday. Start times vary depending upon the location and time of year. Days/dates subject to change depending upon weather conditions.

Location: Varies

Contact: Roberta Coffin, rwc@scriptacommunicates.com, (714) 679-8697

Culture and Cuisine

Visits Jamaica



For a special June meeting, Co-Hosts, **Phyllis Folarin** and **Terry Whalin** treated the Culture and Cuisine members to a Jamaican feast and shared with the group the interesting history, culture and food of the West Indies. Here are two especially delicious recipes provided by Terry that Culture and Cuisine wants to share with you. Enjoy! To see the recipes, click on the desserts below.

Rum Cake



Rum Raisin Ice Cream



Carol Fritz, Phyllis Folarin, Brenda Scholin, Linda Booker, Terry Whaley, Myrtle Bell and Roberta Coffin



Roberta and Brenda demonstrate flexibility in the Limbo contest.