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October Program Meeting

Nina Almasy, DNP, RN, CNE

Dean, Health Sciences Division,
Austin Community College

*Empowering Opportunities: ACC's Impact
on Collaborative Workforce Growth*



When: Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Balcones Country Club, 8600 Balcones Club Dr.

Cost: \$35.00

Contact: Soon Merz Flynn, smerz_2000@yahoo.com

Dr. Almasy is the Dean of Health Sciences at Austin Community College where she leads the fourteen [Health Science programs](#) and the Health Science Academy. She has been a nurse for twenty-eight years and with ACC since 2003. Prior to her role as the dean, Dr. Almasy served as faculty and the Professional Nursing Department Chair at ACC. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Ahwaz Medical Sciences University, Iran, and obtained her Master's and Doctorate in Nursing Practice degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, School of Nursing. Dr. Almasy was appointed by the Governor of Texas to serve on the Texas Board of Nursing from 2012-2019. She is a recipient of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Teaching Excellence award and currently serves on the Leadership Council of the Central Texas Healthcare Partnership.

Items for October Newsletter

DUE October 18, 2023

shirlenejustice@gmail.com

Look for an evite in your email and let us know if you will attend. If so, indicate in comments if you will have lunch (\$35), or just meeting and beverages (\$10). Your response by Thursday, October 5th is appreciated. The meal will be a pre-Thanksgiving dinner with turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and a salad, unless a vegetarian option is requested in your RSVP. Dessert will be pecan pie.

Co-President's Message

We are so excited to be celebrating our 100th year as an AAUW branch on November 1, at Chateau Bellevue. I'm looking for the perfect hat to complement this important occasion. Be sure you buy your ticket before the October 18th deadline. Even former branch president **Veronica Johnson** is traveling from Minnesota to celebrate with us. See the newsletter for details on buying tickets.



Our first branch meeting of the year was a resounding success with a great turnout to hear our delightful speaker, **Dr. Leah Turner**. It was wonderful to see so many of you and welcome our visitors. Co-president and yearbook editor Soon Merz Flynn brought our 2023-2024 Yearbook to the meeting. It includes an impressive insert summarizing our branch history. Many thanks for her hard work. What a great start to an awesome program year!

On a more somber note — Did you know that Latinas' Equal Payday is October 5th? Full-time working Latina women are paid fifty-seven cents for every dollar paid to a non-Hispanic white man. Everyone deserves a living wage. This is why we must continue to press for pay equity at the state and national levels. This also means rethinking how work is valued. Women do most of the caregiving work, which is severely undervalued and often unpaid.

Our public policy team is taking on important issues like pay equity and voting rights. Branch members in the Contemporary Literature book group and others are rallying against book bans, a serious concern for an educated society.

We are so grateful to each of you for being members of AAUW Austin, helping us be 100 Years Strong!

In Sisterhood,
Linda A. Welsh, PhD
Co-President, 2023-2024
AAUW Austin – 100 Years Strong



Yearbooks Are Ready for Pickup

The 2023-24 AAUW Austin Yearbook will be distributed at the October branch meeting. 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.

AAUW AUSTIN BRANCH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Message from Pam Wolfe

Tickets are \$40.00 and will be available at the October program meeting. Please bring a check or have the exact amount of cash available. You may also mail a check made out to AAUW Austin Branch to **Pam Wolfe** at 3601 Eagles Nest, Round Rock, TX 78665 or you can receive door-to-door service. Either Pam or **Marsha Endahl-Kramer** will hand deliver your tickets and pick up your payment. **Deadline to purchase tickets is October 18.** If you have any questions, please contact me at piwolfe@yahoo.com.

What am I going to wear to this exciting event? You will see me wearing a hat. Will it be a vintage one or one of my regular ones? The decision will be made after the wardrobe decision. My attire may be a current style or a style from a different decade. (I still have a few things with big shoulder pads!) I would like to encourage everyone to wear a hat to our celebration. This is a way to honor our Austin Founding Mothers. Remember, in 1923, women did not leave the house without a hat perched firmly on their heads. I hope to see you November 1, if not before!!!

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

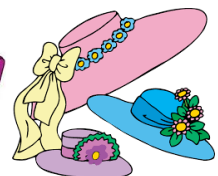
Call for Photos

The planners of the centennial celebration are preparing a photo wall that illustrates our history through pictures. Many of you have photos that you have taken of events, interest group meetings and other branch activities. Please look through your digital photos and select a few to share on the photo wall. The planners are requesting printed photos only. You may print them on regular paper, photo paper, or send a digital file to Walgreens or CVS and order prints. It is not expensive and takes only a few minutes. The photos will be saved and added to our archives so that future generations can better understand the women who came before. Please mailed the printed photographs to **Pam Wolfe** at 3601 Eagles Nest, Round Rock, TX 78665.



Wear Your Hats!

Come ready to celebrate, wearing your finest, or possibly only hat. Any style, color, or fit will do.



September Meeting Recap

Brenda Hahne welcomed everyone to the September branch meeting at the Balcones Country Club at 10:30 am. **Soon Flynn** introduced **Dr. Leah M. Turner**, Director of GeoSTEM Career Exploration and Workforce Development and a Research Scientist Associate at the University of Texas at Austin, Jackson School of Geosciences.

Dr. Turner's talk, *GeoFORCE Texas: Changing Lives since 2005* was dynamic and engaging. She began with an overview of her career path that led to her current role overseeing GeoFORCE Texas. The primary goal of GeoFORCE is to encourage underserved youth in middle and high school to consider careers in STEM fields, especially the geosciences. Dr. Turner shared stories from the high school summer academies. Over four summers, high school students do weeklong field studies at some of the wonders of the United States. The program culminates with students conducting a weeklong research project, guided by Jackson School professors and research scientists. These experiences open a whole new world for the students and have great results. All of us who heard Dr. Turner probably wanted to join GeoFORCE on its next summer expedition. GeoFORCE is changing lives! Check out the program at [GeoFORCE](#).

This enlivening talk was followed by the branch meeting at 11:30. Guests were introduced. Co-President **Linda Welsh** reported on the 2022-2023 branch accomplishments. You may access this report [HERE](#). We will continue to focus the three priorities for last year:

- Membership recruitment and engagement
- Public policy
- Visibility and Partnerships

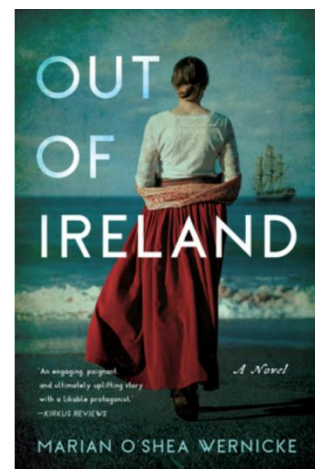
Treasurer **Cathy Werner** presented the 2023-2024 branch budget for approval. It was approved unanimously. **Pam Wolfe** shared the events of the 2000's in our Countdown to the Centennial. **Joyce Pulich** reported that the funds committee will do a raffle at the centennial celebration with a beautiful quilt, lovely wine, and a Barnes and Noble gift card as prizes. The meeting adjourned for lunch.



All branch members are invited to the contemporary lit book group virtual meeting on October 2 at 7 p.m. when branch member Marian O'Shea Wernicke will discuss her latest novel,

Out of Ireland.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/507901164?pwd=bTBaNmRpRkdMY3RkLoFtbm1BelRWZz09>



Policy Update from the Public Policy Committee

Submitted by Policy Chair Anita Knight

As Co-President Linda Welch highlighted at the September program meeting, the Public Policy Committee was very active this legislative year. Anyone can join the committee, but we encourage all of you to follow the Legislature in another special session and the upcoming election.

Special Session

Another special session promises to consider a voucher proposal again, and here is a link to understand more about this issue and why organizations such as AAUW, League of Women Voters and Texas Impact oppose the voucher proposal being considered in the special session. [Vouchers](#)

Amendments to the Texas Constitution

On November 7, 2023, there will be fourteen proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot. For a closer look at each proposed amendment, LWV has produced a series of videos that explain each amendment and the arguments presented for and against. You may access the videos at [Amendments Explained](#). The Texas Tribune also offers an informative amendment voter guide. Click [Texas Tribune Amendment Voter Guide](#) to access the information.

Recommended Reading and Listening

Has anybody been following Heather Cox Richardson on Facebook? Check out her new book: *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America*. Maybe all our book groups should add this to our reading lists. I learned about it on a webinar hosted by [Red, Wine & Blue](#), which I learned about from Mary Ellen Scribner, as if we did not have enough networking!

In *Democracy Awakening*, Richardson crafts a compelling and original narrative, explaining how, over the decades, a small group of wealthy people have made war on American ideals. By weaponizing language and promoting false history they have led us into authoritarianism — creating a disaffected population and then promising to recreate an imagined past where those people could feel important again. She argues that taking our country back starts by remembering the elements of the nation's true history that marginalized Americans have always upheld. Their dedication to the principles on which this nation was founded has enabled us to renew and expand our commitment to democracy in the past. Richardson sees this history as a roadmap for the nation's future.

Heather Cox Richardson is also a historian, podcaster and author of the popular daily newsletter [LETTERS FROM AN AMERICAN](#). In the midst of the impeachment crisis of 2019, Heather Cox Richardson launched a daily Facebook essay providing the historical background of the daily torrent of news. It soon turned into a newsletter and its readership ballooned to more than two million dedicated readers who rely on her plainspoken and informed take on the present and past in America. This vital narrative explains how America, once a beacon of democracy, now teeters on the brink of autocracy — and how we can reverse the trend.

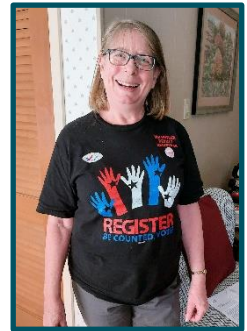
Become a Volunteer Deputy Registrar

Submitted by Jackie Hardee

A Volunteer Deputy Registrar or VDR is a volunteer trained and appointed by the county voter registrar to register voters in the county where they are appointed.

Duties of a VDR include:

- Providing applicants registration applications to voters.
- Assisting applicants in completing their voter registration application.
- Accepting and reviewing completed voter registration applications and giving applicants their receipts.



A VDR's certification of appointment is valid immediately upon training and expires on December 31, of even-numbered years. VDRs are appointed county by county and must attend a one-hour training, per cycle, in order to maintain certification. If you have not attended training anywhere in Texas and would like to become a VDR in Travis County, either to register voters in Travis County, or to become a VDR in another county via reciprocity, [reserve your spot to attend](#) by clicking the link below. Becoming a volunteer deputy registrar is easy.

The state requires you attend a one-hour training session. We are currently offering synchronous training sessions using Zoom and asynchronous training sessions using video. Anyone interested in becoming a VDR in Texas can [Register Now](#) for synchronous Zoom training. Residents in Travis, Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Lee or Williamson Counties can participate in asynchronous training by [watching this video](#) and completing an exam.

Yearbook Additions/Revisions

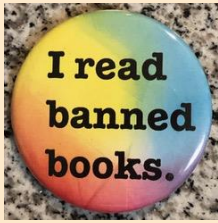
Newly Renewed Member

Dr. Ann Marie Ellis
40 N IH 35, Apt 8 A1
Austin, TX 78747-4361
512-422-1160 (C)

Change of Address

Sara Ezell
15 Muirfield Greens Lane
Lakeway, TX 78738-1114
Delete home telephone number.

Also, please review your contact information in the Yearbook and report any updates to Milli Stecker at sharonbabot@gmail.com.



CONTEMPORARY LIT GROUP OPPOSES BOOK BANS

Submitted by Mary Ellen Scribner

Banning of certain books and the banning of reading at all for certain groups of people go back a long way starting with the established Church toward the end of the medieval period. Jumping ahead to modern times and the establishment of the United States, some of the same practices continued in different forms. Our first thought is probably of laws in certain states that forbade the teaching of slaves to read. One of the first bans of a particular book occurred in 1852 when Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was banned in the Southern United States. From that time on, books were occasionally banned. One of my college English assignments was to write about Theodore Dreiser's novel, *Sister Carrie*. I discovered that it was attacked by censors for its immorality, and the book was banned in New York City and Cincinnati in 1916. I began to pay more attention to such things after that assignment. Isn't that what college is supposed to do for us?

More than thirty years ago the American Library Association began keeping track of book bans in the U.S. and in 1982 launched its annual Banned Books Week. That was in response to intense book-banning efforts led by the Rev. Jerry Falwell, founder of the Moral Majority, an organization of Christian fundamentalists which came to exercise a strong influence in conservative American politics. Publishers, libraries and librarians, teachers, and bookstores were at risk throughout the 1980s and well into the '90s from the MM. Close to home in the mid-nineties, Westwood HS in the Round Rock ISD went through a lengthy ordeal of challenges to three books that were used in the curriculum and were in the library. Other reasons were always given, but the ethnicity of the authors made it clear that racism was the real motive: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (Black author); *Bless Me, Ultima* (Latino author); and *Ceremony* (Native American author).

The Moral Majority has mostly disappeared, but attacks on books, reading, and learning continue with Falwell's 1981 words still providing inspiration, "[M]any textbooks are actually perverting the minds of literally millions of students." ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) and The Heritage Foundation rule conservative politics and call the shots these days. Texas is ground-zero. These organizations provide materials to locals such as Florida's Moms for Liberty in communities across the nation to use in challenging books, curricula, CRT, wokeness, etc. ALEC is a factory for model bill writing; it was the source of most of the hateful bills introduced and passed by our gerrymandered legislature this session.

The Contemporary Literature Book Group decided to make opposition to these abuses of our rights to read whatever we want to read a community service project this year. Now that we have given you a little historical background, we invite you to be a part of the effort. You may occasionally want to write someone in Washington, but working locally is the best way to go. Staying informed is almost too easy with a 24-hour electronic news cycle, still a few good newspapers in publication, and with the legislature, city councils, school boards, etc., being required to publish meeting agendas mostly online. Attend the meetings that pique your interest or at which you know these infringements of our rights will be considered.

Book Bans Continued...

Be prepared to offer your personal testimony—you will survive the three minutes you are usually allotted! I have done it virtually to the legislature and in person to school boards and committees. Just prepare ahead of time and get right to it when it's your turn. Write some letters to newspapers. Go to town hall meetings and ask candidates to state their positions—put them on the spot. I have oodles of toolkits and handouts to help you do all this as do many of the book group members. We'd love to share and help you prepare for whatever you want to do. Talk to people everywhere—great conversation in the aisle at HEB recently because I was wearing my button. Buttons will be available at branch meetings for a small donation or not. (Any money over recovering the cost will be given to the funds committee.)

One of our group members said that the best action is to VOTE—she said it in upper case! Be sure you are registered and then vote! Many of the public policy committee members are VDRs, some even for other counties such as Williamson, Hayes, and Bastrop.

Your contributions of time, money and support make a difference!

Branch Fundrai\$ing Update

Submitted by Joyce Pulich

The Fundraising team will hold a raffle during the Centennial Celebration on November 1. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Doctoral Fellowship Program at the University of Texas. The first prize is this beautiful handmade quilt valued at \$300. The second prize is William Chris wine and the third prize is a Barnes and Noble gift card. You can buy one ticket for \$10 or three tickets for \$25. Bring cash or a check to try for a prize.



Following up on the tremendous success of the last three years of online silent auctions, the team decided to do it again. This is a great way to do holiday shopping from the comfort of your home and support the AAUW National Greatest Needs Fund. We will be accepting goods and services for the auction from our members. If you have a donation, contact **Joyce Pulich** (joycepulich@sbcglobal.net), **Elaine Penn** (epenn9915@gmail.com), or **Cathy Werner** (cathy.werner3586@gmail.com).



The **Change for Change Challenge** continues and funds collected will stay with the branch for meeting lunch subsidies for those who need financial assistance. We collected \$41 at the September branch meeting!

AAUW Austin Branch – Continuing the Centennial Celebration with a Look at Our History

Submitted by Larayne Dallas on behalf of the Centennial Celebration Committee

From its founding in 1923, the Austin Branch of AAUW has been blessed with dedicated, talented members. Their work has allowed the organization to tackle meaningful projects and produce results. It seems likely that AAUW has stretched some of us to do more than we thought we could and that others had the “knack” all along.

One of those talented members, **Ethel Zivley Rather Villavaso**, was featured previously in this series. Ethel was a founding member of the branch and served as the second president. She earned a PhD from Yale University in 1908, and as a researcher was [known](#) for her work on the history of the Republic of Texas. In the academic year of 1907 – 1908, only fifty-two women in the United States earned doctorates, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. ([120 Years of American Education: A Statistical Portrait](#), p. 90). We can imagine the dedication required to keep Ethel on the path toward completing her PhD.

Here are a few other notable past members of the Austin Branch, with highlights of their accomplishments beyond AAUW. Our branch website has additional information here: <https://austin-tx.aauw.net/member-accomplishments/>.

Jane Legette Yelvington McCallum is a Texas legend. The *Handbook of Texas* article, [McCallum, Jane Legette Yelvington \(1977 – 1957\)](#) tells of a crusader for woman suffrage who continued to work for political reform once the vote was won. Jane was Texas Secretary of State from 1927-1933, and was active with various community groups.

Onie B. Conley (who never gave her age) is remembered in the [obituary](#) written by newspaper staff as a dedicated educator who then turned her attention to services for the elderly. The Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center, for which she advocated, is named in part in her honor. Additionally, she was known for her work on behalf of the Carver Library and Museum.

Betty Hartman Himmelblau. Betty’s [obituary](#) tells of a woman who served her country as a WW2 WAVE and went on to serve Austin with three terms on the City Council. Along the way, she applied her apparently boundless energy to various governmental agencies, civic groups, and arts organizations.

Jenny Lind Porter Scott. Jenny Lind was Poet Laureate of Texas in 1964-65, and was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1985. When she received her PhD in 1955, she was the youngest woman to have received a doctorate from the University of Texas. Read more about her and about her work in the *Handbook of Texas* entry, [Porter, Jenny Lind \(1927 – 2020\)](#).

Concluding with appreciation to all our members — past and present — for supporting AAUW and for contributing to the community in so many ways!

New Member Profile

Submitted by Ruth Subramanian

Devon R. Austin

Devon is new to AAUW and joined because she is passionate about women's rights and gender equality. She wants to be involved and supportive of an organization that openly believes in continuously mining the wisdom of groups and individuals. AAUW's mission reflects her passion to reaffirm and support equity for women and girls "through sponsorship, education, philanthropy, and research." She wants to be involved and supportive of an organization that openly believes in continuously mining the wisdom in groups and individuals.

Devon attended Long Beach City College, Long Beach, California, and Portland State University creative writing course (summers 1993, 1994, 1995). She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Management from the University of Phoenix, Fountain Valley, in 1996, a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems from the University of Phoenix Masters in May 2004, and an EdD from the University of Phoenix Doctoral program in April 2020.

She is currently working with a small business organization that supports various charities involved with underserved children. They have hosted events that raised funds for goods needed in their community (Partnership for Children, Uprising Circus, Hungry Souls), such as much-needed sports equipment for local youth groups, dinners, and gift cards for necessities during the holidays.

Both Devon's parents are deceased. They were divorced in 1965. Her mom was a police officer in the late 1950s-early 1960. However, she retired as a registered nurse (20 years of service) in 1986. Her mom also served as a Long Beach California Housing Authority commissioner from 1996-2004. Her younger brother is retired and resides in California. He is a Vietnam Vet and served in the US Air Force for ten years. He and his wife have been married for thirty-five years. They have a blended family of four children, seven grandkids, and eight great-grandkids.

Devon worked in the private transportation industry from 1972-2005 (various positions: Branch Manager, Director of Safety and Training, and later Director of Operations). She joined the Long Beach Unified School District in 2005-2017, retiring in 2018.

She started visiting Austin in 2014 for two reasons: her father was born in Austin in 1920. Because her parents divorced in 1965, she wanted to explore the history and culture of her ancestors, and her best friend moved here in 2014 to open a business. Devon moved to Texas in 2018 once she retired.

During her forty-six years of working, Devon also found time for other things:

- Planning Commissioner for the City of Signal Hill, California. (2005 -2017).
- Make A Leap Fitness Foundation: Long Beach, California (2008 – 2018) Founder Owner/Partnership for nonprofit org.
- Pastoriza & Austin Humanity Evolution: Long Beach (2012 - 2017) Owner- Consulting Org.
- VINTAGE AL LA ART: Owner (9/85-12/90), Los Angeles, Fine Art, 2nd Market Sales, and Framing Company.

New Member Profile continued...

Carol Swartz

Carol was introduced to AAUW by her two friends and branch members, Ginny Tannebring and Millie Segal. Since she's new to Austin decided to join as well.

Carol studied at North Texas State University (now renamed The University of North Texas) and was a piano major—1976-1980. Carol was a piano teacher for many years and the coordinator for the SMU Conservatory. Her last job was as administrative assistant to two chaired professors of ethics at SMU. She is now retired.

Carol was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and lived there until moving to Dallas in 1972. She has three children, a girl and two boys. Her daughter is a lawyer and lives in Houston and has two grown sons, Max and Illan. Her middle child lives in Arvada, Colorado, where he is an engineer and has one child, Brady. Her youngest son lives in Palm Springs, California, and is a chiropractor. Carol left Dallas in 2009 after her husband passed away and found a new life with her current partner, David, and moved to Marco Island, Florida. They have come to Austin from Naples, Florida, to be closer to her children.

Kathy Stewart

Kathy is new to AAUW and has joined for two reasons. First, as a lifetime advocate of women's issues, she wants to be part of an organization with a long history of promoting and empowering women and girls! Second, Kathy looks forward to participating in a variety of activities with diverse, bright, and educated women.

Kathy earned her Master's Degree in Special Education from Utah State University and worked as an educator for several school districts. She then made a mid-life career change and served as an insurance agent, manager, and executive for about twenty-five years. She is currently retired and enjoying time with her husband, three children, and two grandchildren.

Celebrate United Nations Day, 2023

On October 24, 1945, the United Nations was created. Every year for the month of October, UNA-USA and its 200+ chapters around the country celebrate in their communities by hosting events centered around a certain global issue.



This year, the focus is the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), along with the theme "Equality, Freedom and Justice for All". To Learn more about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights click [UDHR](#).

The **Austin Chapter** of the United Nations Association USA (UNA-USA) invites you to join them in the celebration.

When: Tuesday, October 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Program: A Dialogue with [Dr. Molly O'Neal](#) and [Rhonda Evans, PhD](#), moderated by Dr. Michael Anderson
Location: [Neill-Cochran House Museum](#), 2310 San Gabriel St, Austin

October Interest Groups

Art Tours

Wednesday, October 25, 10:00 a.m.
[Primal Gallery](#), multiple artists
246 American Way, Dripping Springs
Planner: Sharon Babot
Contacts: Pat Beal, patrbeal@gmail.com, 512-762-9924 and Nurit Yaskil, yaskil@aol.com, 858-775-3771

Bridge Group

Thursday, October 12 and 26, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Lamar Senior Activity Center, 2874 Shoal Crest Ave
Contact: Elaine Penn, epenn9915@gmail.com, 512-579-4545

Central Book Club

Monday, October 9, 10:30 a.m.
I HOP, 3003 S. Lamar
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
Facilitator: Joyce Pulich
Contact: Linda Quintanilla, quintalin@gmail.com, 713-202-8525

Contemporary Literature

Monday, October 2, 7:00 p.m..
Zoom
Out of Ireland by Marian O'Shea Wernicke
Facilitator: Marian Wernicke
Contact: Mary Ellen Scribner
maryescribner@gmail.com, 512-698-5539

Creative Stitchery

Wednesday, October 18, 10:00 a.m.
Home of Elaine Penn, 912 Dartmoor Drive
Project: Blue Jean Totes Continued
Host: Elaine Penn
Contact: Beverly Locklin, bklocklin@outlook.com, 512-343-0782 (h), 512-633-2902 (c)

Culture and Cuisine

Thursday, October 12, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Home of Pam Watson, 11124 Sea Hero Lane (512) 925-0695
Theme: Polynesia
Hosts: Pam Watson, Cindy Darilek
Contact: Shirlene Justice, shirlenejustice@gmail.com, 512-507-1003

Hiking Group

Hike 1
Thursday, October 5, 9:00 a.m.
LCRA Headquarters and Red Bud Isle
Leader: Ruth Subramanian
Hike 2
Saturday, October 21, 9:00 a.m.
[Crockett Garden Falls](#), Georgetown
Leader: Jackie Hardee
Contact: Roberta Coffin, rwc@scriptacommmunicates.com, 714-679-8697

Mystery Book Group

Tuesday, October 24, 11:00 a.m.
BJ Brewhouse, The Shops at Arbor Walk, 10515 MoPac
Theme: One in a Series
Contact: Pam Wolfe, piwolfe@yahoo.com, 512-388-5433 (h), 512-925-7865 (c)

Out-to-Lunch

Tuesday, October 17, 11:15 a.m.
Baker Street Pub and Grill, 3003 South Lamar
Planner: Nancy Ennis
Contact: Elaine Penn, epenn9915@gmail.com, 512-970-5051

PEARS

Saturday, October 14, 5:00 p.m.
Fixe Southern House Restaurant, 500 W 5th St
Contact: Milli Stecker: mstecker@austin.rr.com, 512-468-1088

Southwest Book Group

Monday, October 16, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Home of Mary Braunagel-Brown, 7321 Roaring Springs Drive, Austin
Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory, by Radden Keefe
Facilitator: Cece Schubert
Contact: Debbie Starr, dbbstrr@gmail.com

Wine Tasters

Sunday, October 22, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Theme: A sommelier-guided South African Wine tasting (limit 15 people)
Host: Joyce Pulich
Contact: Elaine Penn, epenn9915@gmail.com

Photo Gallery

Greek Night for September Culture and Cuisine



Standing: Sarah Averill, Ann Gibbs, Terry Whaley
Roberta Coffin, Shirlene Justice Brenda Scholin
Sitting: Phyllis Folarin, Carol Fritz



Brenda Scholin, Marsha Endahl-Karmer



Marsha Endahl-Kramer, Cindy Darilek, Pam Watson



Phyllis Folarin, Brenda Hahne

September's Creative Stitchery with Their Tote Bags



Mary Ellen Scribner, Suellen Mills, Janet Cobb, Linda Welsh, Beverly Lochlin, Jackie Hardee

September's Contemporary Literature Meets in Person



Leslie Curtin, Nancy Ennis, and Martita Lopez



Leslie Curtin Martita Lopez, and Carol Fritz



Roberta Coffin, Jeanette Okur, and Joyce Pulich