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AAUW Summer Social

Sunday, August 6, 2023

2 - 4 p.m.

Shepherd of the Hills Church

3525 Bee Caves Road

Invite your friends and family and join us to kick off 100 years of branch history. The Summer Social is our most important recruiting event of the year. It is especially important this year as we reflect on the accomplishments of the past and plan for our promising future. You may download a Summer Social flyer by clicking the link [Summer Social Invitation](#). Please feel free to email it or print it and distribute it to your friends.

We will start with brief introductions, followed by a chance to mingle with friends, explore our interest groups, and learn what is in store for the coming year. There will be delicious snacks and drinks for you to enjoy.

For more information, contact: Sharon Babot at
aauw-atxmembership@aauw.net or call (707) 373-1317

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.



Items for September Newsletter

DUE August 23, 2023

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Co-President's Message

Celebrating 100 Years Strong!

Despite the summer's scorching temps, your board members have been hard at work preparing for this historical year. It is with great pleasure that I will be serving as co-president with **Soon Flynn** as we celebrate our Centennial as a branch. Soon and I worked together at Austin Community College, so I know firsthand what a great leader she is.



As we celebrate our esteemed 100-year history, the board is setting the stage for the next 100 years. The importance of civic engagement through organizations like AAUW is essential to a continued thriving democracy as articulated so well by Robert Putnam, a political scientist. He argues that social capital and the interpersonal connections that come from being together are the cornerstone of democracy. Together we are **100 Years Strong**, but we need your leadership and engagement!

Each of you has a wealth of experience and expertise related to AAUW's purpose to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. We have two important positions in search of a leader: Co-Chair, with the dynamic **Anita Knight**, of our important Public Policy Committee and Chair of the College/University Liaison. If either of these is an area of interest, please contact Soon Flynn or me.

Throughout our 100 years of accomplishment, AAUW Austin has researched the needs of women and girls in our community and implemented projects to address those needs. Building on that tradition, the board has established a study group to identify key barriers facing women and girls in the greater Austin area related to AAUW's strategic plan. The group will develop a branch project to have a significant impact on reducing these barriers as we enter the next 100 years.

The focus areas of AAUW's strategic plan are:

- **Education:**
 - Equal access to education with a focus on STEM and support for women of color
 - Education free from sex discrimination at all levels
- **Economic Security:**
 - Reduce gender pay gap
 - Increase inclusive career pathways for women
- **Leadership:**
 - Expand number of women in leadership, especially STEM fields

We are already getting some good ideas. We invite you to join us as we begin this work. All are welcomed; let me know if you want to help shape the start of our next 100 years.

See you at the Summer Social on August 6th as we kick off this celebratory year!

In sisterhood,
Linda Welsh, PhD

Welcome Co-President Soon Merz Flynn



As your incoming Co-President, I want to thank everyone for your support and encouragement. This next year is an historic milestone. Our branch will be 100 years strong! I feel very honored to work with **Linda Welsh**, my Co-President and mentor. Linda has done a terrific job leading the branch last year and I look forward to working with her during this eventful year.

I joined AAUW and the Austin branch in 2013 at the “When Women Succeed, America Succeeds” event with Congresswoman **Nancy Pelosi** at Austin Community College. I was working at Austin Community College as the Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Accountability at the time and I had worked with **Anita Knight**, who was President of AAUW Austin Branch, and **Linda Young**, an ACC colleague, to provide the space for the event. I was so impressed with the work being done by the branch that I joined on the spot. I had recently been widowed after forty years of marriage and was looking for opportunities to connect with like-minded women and AAUW Austin Branch was a perfect fit.

I am so glad that I connected with AAUW. I am a strong believer in the mission of empowering women through education and increased opportunities. I also believe in providing opportunities for women to connect and feel a sense of belonging. I will work with Linda, the board, and all of the hard-working committees to continue our important work and to celebrate our strong legacy in the Austin area.

May Meeting Recap

Hearing from two of the three 2023-24 fellows was the highlight of the May meeting. **Saralyn Foster** joined us in-person and related many interesting aspects about her research and dissertation entitled “Eating Right from the First Bite: Associations of dietary diversity with growth and body composition in high-risk infant populations”.

Faith Deckard’s on-line presentation focused on her dissertation entitled “Bonded: How Commercial Bail Entangles Families through Money and Risk”. She addressed elements of the criminal justice system not commonly considered by policy-makers.

Due to technical difficulties and the fact that she was trying to present from India, we were unable to see or hear **Upasana Garnaik’s** presentation on her dissertation entitled “Between the home and the law: Indian women’s experiences in family housing disputes”. However, she has made a copy of her presentation available for us. You may access it by clicking [PRESENTATION](#).

2023 – 2024 Branch Meeting Schedule

The program planning committee has recruited speakers who will cover a number of topics that touch on the priorities of AAUW. Mark your calendars and join other members and guests. We will gather at 10:00 a.m. for thirty minutes of social time. The speaker will present at 10:30 a.m.



All regular program meetings will be held at Balcones Country Club.

Date/Time	Topic	Speaker
Wednesday, September. 13	GeoForce Texas: Changing Lives since 2005	Leah M. Turner, PhD, Program Director for GeoStem Career, UT Austin
Saturday, October. 14	Empowering Opportunities: ACC's Impact on Collaborative Workforce Growth	Nina Almasy, DNP, RN, CNE, Dean, Health Sciences Division, ACC
Wednesday, November. 1	AAUW Austin Branch Centennial Celebration at Chateau Bellevue	
December	Winter Celebration - Date/Time/Location To Be Determined	
Saturday, January. 13	Women's Issues are Community Issues: Status Report on Women & Children in Central Texas	Elizabeth Pena, MSSW, Director of Community Impact, Austin Community Foundation
Wednesday, February. 14	The Making of a Novelist, the Journey from a Dream to Reality	Dinah Dinwiddie aka Julia London, bestselling author of contemporary romance
Saturday, March. 9	Social Media for Social Good	Nancy Salisbury, PhD, Public Relations & Social Media Visiting Professor, Department of Communications, St. Edward's Univ.
Wednesday, April. 10	The State of Book Challenges in Texas	Shirley Robinson, Director of the Texas Library Association
Saturday, May 9	Presentations by UT Fellowship Recipients and Installation of Officers	

Membership Renewals Are Past Due

It's not too late!



Your AAUW membership year runs from July 1 through June 30. So, if you haven't paid your 2023-2024 dues yet, it's past time to do so. To be included in the upcoming yearbook, please renew now. Deadline is the Summer Social on Sunday, August 6th. Members who joined after 7/2/22 will receive a renewal notice twelve months after they joined.

You should have received your membership renewal notification from memberinfo@AAUW.org. By simply clicking on the personalized link included in this email, you can directly access your own account and make your payment online. If you can't locate that email, just go to aauw.org and login. No check to write, stamp to find, or need for that trip to the post office. When you've successfully renewed online, please send a quick email to ruthsindia@yahoo.com. Unlike in the past, National doesn't send notifications of renewals.

National dues have increased by \$5.00 this year. State and Branch dues remain the same. Combined, the dues for 2023-24 are \$101.00. This is the last of three planned incremental increases. Ever increasing expenses, combined with a greater-than-ever need to proactively support our membership and our mission, necessitated this decision.

For those who are interested, AAUW does offer a Paid Life Membership. Basically, this option equates to the prepayment of twenty years of National dues at the current rate (\$72). Life Members are still required to pay State and Branch dues on an annual basis.

If you have any change of information to be included in the yearbook or prefer to write a check, please use the Renewal Form below and mail with your check for \$101 made out to AAUW Austin to **Ruth Subramanian** at 4100 Jackson Ave, Apt 536, Austin, TX 78731. Also, if you do not plan to renew for any reason, please let her know as well.

Just click on the Open Link below to open the Renewal Form. If no changes in your yearbook listing, no need to fill out. Just sign and include it with your check. Thanks in advance from the membership co-chairs.

Ruth Subramanian, 2022-2023 Co-Membership VP
Milli Stecker, 2022-2023 Co-Membership VP

Download Renewal Form

[HERE](#)

Policy Update from the Public Policy Committee

Submitted by Policy Chair, Anita Knight

Dear Austin Branch Members,

I have volunteered to co-chair the branch Public Policy Committee because I have been a “gold-star” member of Mary Ellen’s committee, a Legislative Chair in Michigan in a former life, and a member of other advocacy groups like Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL), League of Women Voters (LWV), Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) and Texas Impact. I am a networker and have been an avid behind-the-scenes advocate for educational and environmental issues for years. I’d love to have someone new and younger join me in co-chairing this vital work.

AAUW Austin’s public policy committee advocates for laws that support strong public schools from the elementary grades through university, maternal and child health care, fair election laws, and gun safety. We oppose vouchers and book bans, abortion bans without medical exceptions, voting restrictions and gerrymandering, irresponsible gun ownership and gun violence. A national goal (and one of the branch strategic goals) also involves pay equity for women. AND don’t forget the final adoption of the ERA to the U.S. Constitution.

To quote President Obama in his letter of gratitude to librarians, *“I hope you’ll join me in reminding anyone who will listen – and even some people you think might not – that the free, robust exchange of ideas has always been at the heart of American democracy. Together we can make that true for generations to come.”*

Mary Ellen Scribner has led the public policy committee so conscientiously and comprehensively with about two dozen of us members. Legislative work continues through the legislative “interim” between sessions. We are open to new ideas, as well as continuing efforts to understand and follow legislation and politics that are relevant to the mission of AAUW. Join us in this work at the **heart of American democracy**. I hope to see you at the summer social.



Policy Committee Members

Jackie Hardee, Ann Berasley, Anita Knight, Cathy Werner, and Ginny Tannebring
Marian Wernicke and Mary Ellen Scribner also attended but are missing from photo

AAUW Austin Branch – Centennial Celebration

Looking Back at Our First Hundred Years

Submitted by Larayne Dallas on behalf of the Centennial Celebration Committee

Members of the Austin Branch proudly point to the Branch's important role in the founding of Austin Public Library in 1926. It was the start of a special relationship and, over the years, the Branch has continued to support the library in various ways. This support has been typically directed toward building projects and providing new services. One effort was a little different; it was a special gift for the enjoyment of library users and staff. The story is included in the Branch's [HERstory](#) but surprises even some longtime members.

For the new Austin Public Library building — the 1979 “new” library that was later renamed in honor of John Henry Faulk — Austin Branch members worked with Friends of the Austin Public Library to commission a work of art. With this commission, Damian Priour designed and created *Question Mark*, a stained-glass window, for installation in the library.

Damian Priour was an Austin-based artist who later built a reputation primarily as a sculptor. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1972 and had a business, Skylight Glass Studio, at 8033 Mesa Drive (near the intersection of Mesa and Spicewood Springs). The studio was located in a neighborhood close to various branch members (then and now), and this is perhaps how Priour's work came to their attention. Priour was [honored](#) with burial in the Texas State Cemetery and here is [one](#) of the memorials written to celebrate his life.

At the time of the installation, the six by nine-foot piece was described as being located on the second level and hanging over the central staircase. Photos, such as the one from the [Public Art Archive](#), show it in what appears to be another location within the building — apparently along an exterior window. So, it seems that the piece was moved at least once.

The same newspaper report by Kathryn McKenna Bolger that describes the stairway location and the co-sponsorship with the Friends (*Austin American Statesman*; June 3, 1979; p. H10) also tells us that Priour worked on the piece for a year. Bolger notes the relative freedom given the artist. He was asked to coordinate the glass colors with the colors of the library interior but was otherwise to work with creative independence.

Bolger writes in the *Statesman* piece, “Patterns of light and color are forever changing as the library visitor walks around the work. The rust, gold and green tones glisten [and] seem to be in motion.” Bolger also cites the, “symbols of knowledge, unity, inquiry and mystery — all brought into the library atmosphere by its patrons.”

Austin Public Library staff confirm that the current location continues to be the Faulk Building. *Question Mark* is on the southeast corner of the first floor and is visible outside the library from the intersection of Guadalupe and 8th Streets.

Our First Hundred Years Continued.....

The Faulk Building has been repurposed from being the central library to space used by the Austin History Center, so there is no expectation of the piece being lost as public art. The Branch's gift to the community lives on.



Question Mark, by Damian Priour (1979)

Image from: <https://austin-tx.aauw.net/about-us/our-history/>

Thanks to the Austin Public Library's ProQuest subscription to the historical *Austin American Statesman* and to Austin Public Library staff for their assistance

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 the Summer Social or email electronic files to Larayne at ldallas@austin.utexas.edu.

Our deadline is September 15, 2023.



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

Tickets: \$40 each

**Tickets are available at the
Summer Social or via Eventbrite**

**Tickets will not be available for purchase at the event
and
are non-refundable.**



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A Great Way to Help a Girl



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The Austin Section of the National Council for Negro Women invites us to participate in their Summer Community Project. The Austin section is collecting Feminine Hygiene Products to benefit Austin ISD this summer. If you are interested in making a purchase, here is the wish list link. [Amazon Wishlist](#). Choose the **NCNW Greater Austin Section's Gift Registry Address** for shipping. As you all know, having the right product at the right time is a really big deal for a teenage girl. This is a small way to make a big difference in some girl's day. Thanks for going to the link to make a contribution. It is easy, inexpensive and meaningful.

Report from the Contemporary Literature Book Group

Submitted by Mary Ellen Scribner

Happy one hundred, AAUW Austin! Interest groups weren't part of the branch program until the 1970s, but Contemporary Literature was one of the earliest of what were then called study groups. I think Culture & Cuisine was the very first. As activities such as bridge and art tours were added, it seemed appropriate to change the name from study to interest groups. Contemporary lit met at night because many members had day jobs. The first Monday night of the month September to May has been this book group's night since its beginning. As the branch and interest groups have matured, so have we. Even though we no longer like to drive at night, we still need a book group that meets at night. We are all great techies 📱 (well, email & Zoom!), so we still meet on the first Monday evening of the month at 7 p.m. but on Zoom.

There can be exceptions! Monday, September 4, 2023, is a holiday and no one has to work, so we are going to meet in person in broad daylight (11:15 a.m.) at BJ's Brewhouse/Restaurant (10515 Mopac Expressway) for some lunch and some book talk. **Ann Berasley** will facilitate the discussion of *The Cartographers*. The buzz about this book is huge, and if you haven't read it, you have plenty of time before September 4. You are welcome to join us; just be sure to RSVP to **Mary Ellen Scribner** by August 31 (contact in calendar section).

It was suggested last year that interest groups do a service project that related to their area of activity, but CL didn't get its act together. We started early this year, and we have created a framework and more for organized opposition to book bans at public and public school libraries. Our focus will primarily be HB 900 (sex and sexuality mentioned in any context in both textbooks and library books) which the governor signed into law the minute it reached his desk. There will be much more information about our project in the next newsletter. In the meantime, please oppose book banning at every opportunity you get!



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 **Soon Merz Flynn**, our yearbook editor 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.

Reports from the 2022-23 Fellows

In May 2022, the Austin branch awarded fellowships to three 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.

Patrizia Perazzo completed her last year of graduate school in Counseling Psychology. Her dissertation is entitled “The Venezuelan Diaspora: The experience of immigrants in the U.S. fleeing the political and economic crisis in Venezuela.” One of her program’s requirements is to complete a one year full-time clinical internship. She was matched to an internship in Houston and used the fall fellowship funds to make the transition. She used the second half of the award to pay her dissertation research participants who completed one-to-one interviews. It was important for her research participants to be paid for their time and effort because they were crisis migrants from Venezuela. She will graduate in August and has accepted a post-doctoral position working as a psychologist for the University of Houston College of Medicine. She is grateful for the financial support the branch provided.

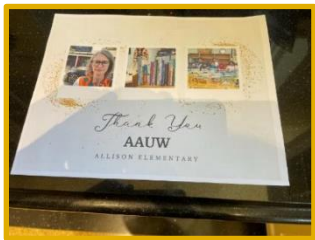


Emily Lessig used the fellowship to continue her dissertation work on the neural basis of context-dependent social behavior. It allowed her to focus on several research projects examining how the brain processes and responds to socially salient information when exposed to familiar versus unfamiliar individuals and competing stimuli. The fellowship provided support for her to present her research findings at conferences. During the year, she expanded her involvement in DEI efforts where she now serves as the graduate assistant for the Student Engagement and Outreach Office. She is the Senior Student Associate for UT Austin’s Summer Research Academy. That work helps others achieve their research and educational goals. She is passionate about that work and will continue supporting it in her academic career.



Maria Roxana Loza is a doctoral candidate in the English Department. Her dissertation is entitled: “Shelter(ed) Childhoods: Mental Health and Immigration in Lantinx Children’s and Young Adult Literature.” The AAUW support allowed her to focus on job applications during the academic year while she continued her research and writing. She secured limited child care for her two young children to free up time for writing. She applied for three tenure-track jobs in Texas (Texas State, Baylor, and Southwestern). She received a job offer for a tenure-track job in Children’s Literature at Texas State but financial constraints prevented her accepting it. She has postponed her graduation to make another round at the academic job market in the coming academic year as she continues to work on her dissertation.





Allison Elementary School thanks the Central
Book Club for their generous donation
of books to the school library.



New Member Profile

Submitted by Ruth Subramanian

Frances Cox

Frances recently became interested in joining AAUW when a branch member was selling candy for AAUW at her water aerobics class. Learning about AAUW's mission spiked her interest in the organization. Frances had received a scholarship from a woman's organization while she was an undergraduate at the University of Texas at Austin. She thought that AAUW might be the group that provided her with a scholarship. Regardless, she decided AAUW was a very worthwhile organization, so she joined.

Frances received a Bachelor of Arts, in psychology from UT Austin in 1969, and Masters of Education, in counseling from UT Austin in 1972.

Frances began her career as a probation officer in east Austin. After five years she went to work at the State of Texas to help create the statewide probation system. She has worked in various administrative, training, and consulting positions since then and became licensed as a Professional Counselor in Texas and New Mexico. In her business, Cox & Associates, she offers coaching, counseling and consulting in Motivational Interviewing, Resiliency Psychology, and Transpersonal Therapy.

Frances is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT), certified in the Three Principles Paradigm of Resiliency and also certified in Grof Holotropic Breathwork/Transpersonal Psychology. Frances still works, primarily coaching others to learn Motivational Interviewing and transpersonal counseling.

She has been married for thirty years and lives with her spouse, Tom, in Austin and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Frances states that she is an optimist and life-long learner, and grateful for the wonderful life she has.

Gladys Anderson

Gladys was raised in Bogotá, Colombia, but has lived in Austin most of her life. She received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas in Austin (Latin American Studies, 1983), a master's degree from St. Edwards University (Human Services, 1991), and Universidad Complutense de Madrid. She taught Spanish at all levels for thirty years at Austin Community College, but is now retired.

For thirty years Gladys has been a member of a Spanish book club and Barton Hills Garden Club. She plays mahjong weekly. Gladys loves to travel in Europe, South America, and the USA and has lived in Belgium for a year. Gladys is joining AAUW on a recommendation from her friend Millie Segal.

New Member Profile continued.....

Kay (Kathryn) Binder

Kay joined the Georgetown branch of AAUW in 2022, and this year learned that she could have a dual membership with Austin. She joined to meet other like-minded women living in the Round Rock/Georgetown area where she lives. Prior to joining AAUW, her main activities had been with Friendship Force International and German-Texas Heritage Society, but she wanted to broaden her experience in other areas.

She graduated from the University of Kansas in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science in German. That included a year of independent study at the University of Munich and a year working as an English Correspondent for the Swiss branch of Phillips Petroleum in Zurich, Switzerland. In between, she married and had her daughter, Marcia, in Zurich.

Kay and her family returned to Kansas where her husband finished his PhD, and she taught German and English at a local high school for two years. After two years in New York City, where her son Jay was born, and eight years in Wilmington, Delaware, where she taught in high school, she and the children moved to Dallas, Texas, where she worked in the insurance industry.

With her children grown, Kay flew to Bamberg, Germany, in 1990 to work for an insurance company out of Waco and see what Germany experienced after “the wall” came down. She accepted an offer to buy a German insurance agency in Mannheim and Worms, Germany, and ran it for almost fifteen years. She sold her agency and retired in 2000 to marry and travel with her German husband, Hans. In 2004, he passed away with cancer, so Kay returned to Austin, Texas in 2005 to be near her children living here in the Austin area.

Kay is proud of her daughter, son, and four grandchildren. Her oldest granddaughter is an MD living in Colorado with her husband and her three months old great grandson. Her youngest granddaughter just graduated in July in immunology from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and will remain there to get her PhD and citizenship. Her youngest grandson has finished his first year at the University of Edinburgh but is taking a gap year to work here in Austin. Her oldest grandson has high performing Autism and lives with Kay so that she can help him grow. That is Kay’s main volunteer effort.

Kay looks forward to her new activities with AAUW.

Inclusive Pronouns – Y’all Read This!

Here is a fun and interesting article that explains how the rest of the country is finally catching up to those of us in the south who have always used the inclusive and versatile pronoun *y’all*. Click below to read the full article.

[Y’all Means All: Adopting More Inclusive Pronouns](#)

2023-24 Interest Groups

Art Tours

Fourth Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Location varies

Contacts: Pat Beal, patrbeal@gmail.com, 512-762-9924 and Nurit Yaskil, yaskil@aol.com, 858-775-3771

Bridge Group

Second and Fourth Thursday, 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

Second Monday, 10:30 a.m.

IHOP, 1101 MoPac Exp

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

Contemporary Literature

First Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Zoom

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

Creative Stitchery

Third Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Location varies

Contact: Beverly Locklin, bklocklin@outlook.com, 512-343-0782 (h), 512-633-2902 (c)

***Culture and Cuisine**

Second Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Location varies

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

Hiking Group

Twice monthly, Thursday & Saturday, dates/times vary

Location varies

Contact: Roberta Coffin, rlw@scriptacommunicates.com, 714-679-8697

Mystery Book Group

Fourth Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.

BJ Brewhouse, The Shops at Arbor Walk, 10515 MoPac

Contact: Pam Wolfe, piwolfe@yahoo.com, 512-388-5433 (h), 512-925-7865 (c)

Out-to-Lunch

Third Tuesday, 11:15 a.m.

Location varies

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

PEARS

Dates, times, and locations vary

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

***Southwest Book Group**

Second Monday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location varies

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

Wine Tasters

Sunday or Saturday Afternoons, dates & times vary

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

*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.

For a complete description of each interest group, click [Interest Group Descriptions](#)

A Big Thank You to our Officers



Brenda Hahne, Linda Welsh, Cathy Werner, Elaine Penn and Jackie Hardee

Hats On for the Kentucky Derby



Pam Wolfe



Phyllis Folarin



Millie Segal



Anita Knight and Brenda Hahne

Nature Lovers



Cathy Werner, Nancy Andren, Joyce Pulich, Jackie Hardee, Lisa Sura, Ruth Subramanian, Ruth Rubio, and Anita Knight

Crazy about Art and Shopping



Debbie Starr, Brenda Hahne, Sharon Babot, Shirlene Justice, and Marsha Endahl-Kramer