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The Austin Woman's Club

July and August 2018

Notes from Chateau Bellevue...

Ladies, it has been an honor to serve as your president this last year; thank you. I have truly enjoyed serving with such a committed board of directors and committee chairs. Each does their job so effortlessly; it makes the job of being president a breeze. It takes a lot of work to keep our old, lovely home intact.

Our programs have been superb, fundraising fun, and successful, and our wine dinners excellent. So much was accomplished this past year thanks to all of you.

We are moving forward with the repair of our beautiful windows and enhancing our landscaping in the upper yard thanks to grant money awarded us by Visit Austin. But much more is needed.

Thanks to each and every one of you for being a part of preserving this lovely old home.

Loretta Voss, Immediate Past President

Happy New Year! Yes, July 1 is the beginning of our fiscal year and the date that our officers, board of directors, and committee chairs begin their terms of office for the coming year. Big kudos are in order for **Jo Green** and the nominating committee for making this all happen. And, a big heartfelt "thank you" to those of you whose work has just ended. We are appreciative and grateful to each of you, and especially to **Loretta Voss** for her leadership as president.

A big worry our club faces is finances. As the number of event venues and the popularity of destination weddings has increased, our income from weddings has gone down. Sadly, like every household, the cost of functioning keeps going up. We are studying ways to close the gap between profit and loss. Please make any suggestions you might have to either **Katharine Shields**, finance chair, or to **Connie Hudson**, treasurer.

One way you can help is with regular attendance at our weekly programs and luncheons. Even better, bring a friend and impress upon her the benefits of becoming a member of our wonderful club.

I wish you all a Happy Summer. Remember to include the Austin Woman's Club in your plans!

Catherine Jennings, President

Thursday, July 5

11:30 a.m.

This will be a day to focus on your summer reading list as three representatives from several publishers will be at our luncheon to discuss recommendations for your reading pleasure. Two representatives will represent **Penguin Random House**, which resulted from merger between Penguin and Random House in 2013. The third panel member will represent **Hachette Book Group**, the third largest trade and educational publisher in the world. The panel will use a round robin format to discuss suggestions for your summer reading and a representative from BookPeople will have the books available for purchase. Think about the beach and a lazy summer day and join us for this interesting program. Kathy Smith will introduce the speakers.

Hostess: Gayle Vickers
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Thursday, July 12

11:30 a.m.

Dr. Jeongho Park, Assistant Curator of European Art, **Blanton Museum of Art**, presents a program on **Luisa Roldán**, Royal Sculptor (1652-1706). She was the only woman ever to be appointed sculptor to the kings of Spain. Celebrated for their lifelikeness and elegance, the artist's statues of saints and religious scenes modeled in terracotta reflect not only Roldán's artistry but also devotional practices in Baroque Spain. In this talk, Dr. Park will discuss Luisa Roldán's Education of the Virgin—a terracotta figure group recently rediscovered in the Blanton Museum's storage—in relation to the tradition of polychrome sculpture. Lynn Langley will introduce Dr. Park.

Hostess: Ann Wilhelm
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Thursday, July 19

11:30 a.m.

Austin Shakespeare's Managing Director **Alex Alford** joins us again to present a brief overview on the productions, staged readings and key calendar events for **Austin Shakespeare's** upcoming 2018-19 season, which begins in September. Following his presentation, he poses the question: "Free Shakespeare in the Park: How Free Is It?" Austin Shakespeare recently completed its 34th year of presenting Free Shakespeare in Zilker Park for our community, but what does "free" mean exactly? Everything comes with an associated cost, and no, The City of Austin does not underwrite the production. Alex will give an overview of what it means to produce outdoor theater with anecdotes from 10 years of productions at The Zilker Hillside Theatre. Kathy Clark will introduce Alex Alford.

Hostess: Judi Mettlen
robert.mettlen@mcombs.utexas.edu
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Thursday, July 26

11:30 a.m.

James Vaughn, British East India Company, is an assistant professor in the Department of History at the University of Texas at Austin. His research interests lie in the history of Britain and the history of the British Empire in the late 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. He will talk to us about the history and activities of the British East India Company. Elizabeth Davis will introduce our speaker.

Hostess: Ann Brown
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Thursday, August 2

11:30 a.m.

Texas born writer **Rayzor Dent** has spent most of his life in the American Southwest. As an Air Force instructor pilot flying aircraft from bases in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, Rayzor gained a unique perspective of the country's physical beauty and magnitude. Later, while working at universities in both New

Mexico and Texas, he became fascinated with the area's culture and rich history. He will speak to us about *Vaulted Eagles*, an historical fiction and his first novel. It is a fast paced story of adventure, war, romance and mystery that filled only a 17-year span in which the American West was born, and Mexico fell from its position as the second largest country in the world. Rayzor lives in Dallas with his wife of 45 years. Kathy Smith will introduce our speaker.

Hostess: Anne Yeakel
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Thursday, August 9
11:30 a.m.

Our own AWC member, **Barbara Woelk** of Kiowa and Chickasaw heritage will share the story of the women in her family who made cradleboards with beaded covers. Additionally, we will learn of other beadwork artists of the southern plains seeing examples and learning of their rich heritage. Lynn Langley will introduce Barbara Woelk

Hostess: Becky Robertson
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Thursday, August 16
11:30 a.m.

Clayton T. Shorkey, Ph.D. is the Jocleen and Frances Lockhart Professor of Direct Practice in Social Work Emeritus. He retired in 2017 after 44 years on the faculty of the School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin. His primary teaching and research specialty is mental health and substance use disorders. But what does he do in his free time? Let him introduce you to the **Texas Music Museum**.

Did you know Texas had a Music Museum right here in Austin? When was it created and who runs it? Where is it? What information is kept in this museum? Does it have anything to do with Austin being the music capital of the world? Come find the answers to all these questions and more as Dr. Shorkey puts on his hat as a volunteer and one of the founding members of the Texas Music Museum, and current president

of its Board of Directors to tell us about the Texas Music Museum. Kathy Clark will introduce Dr. Shorkey.

Hostess: Jo Burgh
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Thursday, August 23
11:30 a.m.

Jan Roberts visits the **North Pole**. Join Jan Roberts, long-time Austin Woman's Club member for one of the most adventurous trips she has made...flying to Siberia and boarding a Russian nuclear-powered ice breaker to reach the North Pole. Don't miss this adventure with Jan! Elizabeth Davis will introduce Jan.

Hostess: Nancy Naylor
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Thursday, August 30
11:30 a.m.

To be announced. The committee is working hard to finalize the plans for this program. Watch your emails for the details.

Hostess: Kathy Clark
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512-345-0480

Reservations

Each week a vegetarian pasta option will be offered in place of the entrée. If you are interested, please let the hostess know when you call or email to make your reservation.

Please make your luncheon reservation by noon on the Tuesday preceding with the hostess listed. No reservations will be accepted on Wednesday. The food order is sent in on Tuesday morning. As a courtesy to Jeff and the staff, please honor this request. Cancellations must be made by noon on Wednesday. Reservations cannot be altered after that time and must be paid.



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from Chef Jeff's kitchen

Watermelon and Tomato Salad

Yield: 10 Servings

We put this salad on our menu every summer and it is always a favorite. It's refreshing and perfect for those 100-degree days. Use yellow cherry tomatoes or a yellow seedless watermelon if you can find it to provide a nice contrast in colors. Enjoy!

1 small seedless watermelon (rind cut off and flesh diced)
2 pints cherry tomatoes (yellow if available, cut in half)
½ cup white balsamic vinegar (or white wine vinegar)
1 tbslp Dijon mustard
3 cloves garlic
1 shallot (sliced)
¾ cup extra virgin olive oil
salt and pepper (to taste)
¼ cup basil (chopped)
½ cup feta cheese (crumbled)

To a blender add the white balsamic vinegar, Dijon mustard, garlic cloves and shallot. Blend until smooth and pour into a mixing bowl. Slowly drizzle in the olive oil while whisking constantly. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Combine the diced watermelon and cherry tomatoes in a large mixing bowl. Add the vinaigrette and toss to combine. Add the basil and toss to combine.

Serve either on individual salad plates on a small bed of mixed greens or in a large serving bowl. Top with feta cheese.