



# Newsletter

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## *From the New Co-Presidents*

The stage has been set for this year. Following a focus in previous years on education and research, last year Pat Sanford showed us ways that we can empower girls and women. The next logical step is to **advocate** for girls and women. I'm looking forward to hearing from those who are already **advocating** for girls and women as well as opportunities for us to do the same. Alicia Hyk is putting together programs that I am sure you will find motivating and uplifting. The mission of AAUW is being carried on very well by our San Antonio Branch. I'm looking forward to working with you all and with Gayna Dupont as my partner in the presidency. I'm looking forward to seeing what kind of a 'dent' we can put into society to further the cause for girls and women.

- Karen Reichensperger

Happy Fall, fellow AAUW members! It is always an exciting time of year when everyone "goes back to school," and we anticipate a welcome change in the weather. As we begin this year, I look forward to our monthly AAUW meetings and Interest Groups that begin on September 10, at First Mark Credit Union (more detail in this newsletter). I am especially excited to serve as your co-president with Karen Reichensperger, who thankfully has a vast history of leadership within AAUW. I am so grateful to have been a member throughout Pat Sanford's term, whose passion and excellence in every aspect of her presidency was inspiring!

As you are aware, this year has been filled with many historic political events. Even though the political discourse has been heated and even shocking, I am always grateful to live in a country where we are free to seek and speak about change where we see it is needed. The issues that impact women and girls are still at the forefront of political discourse, including Title IX and pay equity. Women's issues have received a great deal of press and publicity of late, and now is the time for us to continue to strongly **advocate** for progress on these, as well as other issues impacting women and girls. In the next two months, it is vitally important to encourage all voters to use the power of their one vote to drive forward change that they wish to effect.

Our programs this year focus on **advocacy**, one of the main tenets of our mission. At the September meeting, we will introduce all of the various Interest Groups that are offered by our branch. A box lunch will be provided at no cost, so please bring your friends, family, and co-workers to introduce them to the possibilities for learning, effecting change for women and girls, and creating lasting friendships with other members of AAUW.

It is such a joy to see you and hear your interesting stories and perspectives on our world. This year will be exciting and full of historic moments, and I am proud and honored to be a member of an organization that continues to be involved in seeking positive change for women and girls. Thank you for allowing me to serve you this term.

- Gayna Dupont



Hello AAUW,

I want to introduce myself again. My name is Cié Gee. I will be taking your reservations for the meetings this year (2016-2017). You may remember me as a previous scholarship recipient. I became a member last year and hope to be more active in the organization this year. I am in the data collection stages of my dissertation, "Shadowed Road: Illuminating the Journey to Leadership for Women in Higher Education." This is a very exciting time in my academic career and I look forward to sharing it with AAUW. Keep an eye out for my emails in August and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Thanks!  
Cié Gee

Saturday, September 10, 2016

11:30am - 1:30pm

First Mark Credit Union

2023 Gold Canyon Dr, 78232

Training Room A/M

RSVP to Cié Gee  
by Wednesday, September 7

[ciegee3@aol.com](mailto:ciegee3@aol.com)

210-602-9458

## September Meeting

This is a **FREE** interest meeting!

Come learn about AAUW's mission, programs, and Interest Groups

Please bring potential new members

RSVP with one of the following lunch choices:

**Croissant Club**  
ham, turkey, bacon

**California Club**  
turkey, bacon, guacamole

**Nutty Mixed-up Salad**  
chicken, fruit, nuts

**Super Slaw w/ Salmon**  
kale, quinoa

### San Antonio Branch Officers

2016 - 2017

Co-President  
*Gayna Dupont*

Co-President  
*Karen Reichensperger*

VP Programs  
*Alicia Hyk*

VP Membership  
*Suzanne Benson*

Treasurer  
*Ann Marie Rehner*

Secretary  
*Kathy Dickie*

## REMINDER Pay Your Dues

This is a reminder to bring your checks for membership renewal to the September meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone and meeting those who I have not crossed paths with in the two years I have been a member.

- Suzanne Benson, VP Membership

# 44 Years of Title IX

Welcome back to all our members! For the first newsletter of the season, I thought I would use the public policy segment to highlight some articles on the AAUW website. Under **Advocacy**, Senator Harry Reid was honored by AAUW as the 2016 Title IX Champion. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination of females in federally funded programs and educational activities. In the *Career and Workplace* tab, anthropologist Elizabeth Colsen discusses discrimination in academia, reflecting on her own experience as a woman attending Radcliffe College and her charge to make a change. This article correlates with the *Barriers and Bias, the Status of Women in Leadership* report, which provides data on the gender leadership gap and what can be done to close the gap. All of these resources, and much more, can be found at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

- Monica Ruiz Mills

## PUBLIC POLICY



AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz presented Democratic Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) with the 2016 Title IX Champion award and a letter from AAUW of Nevada's co-presidents

## HISTORY

This year marks the 44th anniversary of Title IX legislation, signed into law on June 23, 1972, which prohibits gender discrimination in schools receiving federal funding. Many people have misconstrued this legislation as pertaining only to sports for female students. Instead it covers all aspects of equality in education at all levels.

In the years before 1972, AAUW did a research study entitled, "Campus 1970: Where Do Women Stand?" It documented widespread sex discrimination against women at all levels of higher education, from students to trustees. AAUW created a set of guidelines for college and university presidents across the U.S. That survey and standards predated federal legislation by two years, and the Title IX regulations by five years.

In 1977, five years after passage of the legislation, AAUW's "Monitoring Title IX: A Guide to Action for the Volunteer Organization" came out. It was a grassroots effort by branch members and other volunteer groups to visit local educational institutions to inquire about sex discrimination and administrative awareness of Title IX. They were met with responses that varied from outright defiance to complete participation.

AAUW's Archives hold over 200 monitoring forms that reflect insight into the state of gender discrimination and how Title IX was perceived in academia at the time.

- Mynda McGuire

## Wine, Women and Wisdom and the San Antonio Stars

Sunday, September 18, 2016

AT&T Center

2:30 Reception  
3:30 Game

\$35  
(includes ticket, parking, reception w/ food and cash bar)

RSVP to Malinda Gaul  
[mgaul@satx.rr.com](mailto:mgaul@satx.rr.com)  
210-410-8992

## CELEBRATE TITLE IX

# Interest Groups

## Moviegoers

**Sunday, August 28**

**JANE EYRE**

2:00 pm

Alamo Drafthouse Stone Oak  
22806 US Hwy 281 N, 78258  
at TPC Pkwy

\$15 (admission, tea, scones)

Tickets sell out quickly  
[Reserve yours now](#)

**Saturday, September 24**

Movie, time and place  
announced on Friday,  
selected by the group

Contact Fran Vettters  
francesvettters@yahoo.com  
210-481-7765

## Book Discussion

**Saturday, August 20**

**CROOKED LETTER,  
CROOKED LETTER**  
by Tom Franklin

Host: Kathy Dicke  
4307 Paddling Pass, 78253

RSVP  
dwdkid@hotmail.com

**Saturday, September 17**

**THE WRIGHT  
BROTHERS**  
by David McCullough

Host: Ann Marie Rehner  
16 Grassmarket, 78259

RSVP  
amrehner1@att.net  
210-497-8034

## Culinary Adventures

**Thursday, August 18**

**SICHUAN HOUSE**  
(considered the most authentic  
Chinese food in town)

3505 Wurzbach Rd, 78238  
behind Ingram Park Mall

RSVP to Fran Vettters  
francesvettters@yahoo.com  
210-481-7765

**Thursday, September 15**

**RED**  
(restaurant of the Culinary School of the Art  
Institute of San Antonio)

10000 W IH 10, 78230

RSVP to Fran Vettters  
francesvettters@yahoo.com  
210-481-7765

## Night Bridge

**First and Third Mondays**

6:45 pm

La Madeleine at Park North  
722 NW Loop 410, 78216

Contact Pearl Eng  
pquaneng@hotmail.com  
830-438-5959

## Wandering Wonders

**No Walk in September**

**Friday, October 28**

**Museum Reach**

Lunch following

Contact Helga Anderson  
handerson5@satx.rr.com

## May Board Meeting Highlights

- Gayna Dupont and Karen Reichensperger will share presidential responsibilities. Questions to be sent to both of them.

- Cié Gee will take reservations, an added position this year.

- **The theme for 2016-2017 is Advocacy.**

- The first meeting of the year will be on September 10, 2016, catered with the cost of the luncheon paid from the budget.

- Fundraising for textbooks will continue with the raffle in December chaired by Pat Sanford, and the chocolate and champagne fundraiser managed by Malinda Gaul in February.

- All budget requests for the coming year should be sent to Ann Marie Rehner before August 1st. The Budget Committee consists of Rehner, Dupont, and Mynda McGuire.

- The "Wine, Women and Wisdom" April event will focus on pay equity and member recruitment. Included as a budget item.

- Dupont has verified leaders for all of the Interest Groups.

- The Younger Women's Task Force is independent of the branches. A suggestion was made to put their link on our website.

- Dupont and Reichensperger have emailed the district representative of TX AAUW to network with other area branches.

- Board members agreed to call every member in the directory at some point during the year to personalize the branch.

- Newsletter will be published by Gaul.

- Several options were presented for an activity during the year. They included expanding College/ University Partnerships and presenting programs such as "Start Smart," getting information to Title IX coordinators in each school, collaborating with other women's organizations. Gaul is speaking at "Can We Talk?" in August.

- Gaul will update branch bylaws consistent with national changes.

- The next board meeting will be following the September 10th meeting.

## Historic Southwest

**Will begin meeting  
in October**

RSVP to Lola Hill  
lnhill25@gmail.com  
210-334-5897

## GOOD NEWS!

In late June, Sophie Lim's husband, Alex, received a call from Iowa about a potential kidney donor. After a successful surgery, he is home once again and doing well!

## Welcome to Our Newest Members

Kate Aultman  
Elaine Hartle  
Martha Lankford  
Dalia Mohamed  
Kimberly Sama  
Eleanor Skelley  
Martha Steele

## Also Welcome to the State Convention Speakers Who Are Now Branch Members

Hope Andrade  
Leti Andrade  
Justice Sandee Bryan Marion  
Rep. Ina Minjarez  
Mayor Ivy Taylor

## Web and Social Media



Please check out our website for more information including our history and how to join

[sanantonio-tx.aauw.net](http://sanantonio-tx.aauw.net)



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[AAUW.SanAntonio@gmail.com](mailto:AAUW.SanAntonio@gmail.com)



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