



San Antonio Inc. (TX) Branch  
 Advocating for Women and Girls since 1908

# Newsletter

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*Our Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

## President's Message

Greetings, AAUW SA!

We had a great February branch meeting to kick off 2016! Our Champagne and Chocolate Fundraiser netted \$1,150 for our textbook scholarships. We collected a large box of books to donate to the San Antonio Youth Literacy program to help children learn to read and like to read! We send a special thank you to long-time member Claudie Pettigrew who donated new copies of all the books on the SAYL list. Thank you, Claudie! Our presentation on registering teens to vote was right on target in this election year. And our program on services for "aged out" youth in the foster care system was a poignant reminder of the ongoing struggles faced by these young people.

Moving into spring, we continue with our theme for this year "Step into Action – Your Way!" We will have numerous opportunities to make individual, branch, and state connections and contributions. Look for information on the 47th Texas State Biennial Convention and a copy of the Convention registration form. Check out our wide array of Interest Groups. Come to one or come to all! And you may receive a call from members of our Nominating Committee giving you the opportunity to step into action as one of our officers for the 2017-2018 year. Thank you for the contributions you make to advance equity for women and girls!

I hope to see you soon.



Pat Sanford



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## March Meeting

**Saturday, March 5, 2015**

**Paesanos Lincoln Heights**

555 E. Basse, SAT 78209

Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Cost: \$20. Cash or Check made payable to AAUW-SA.

Please RSVP to Pat Sanford by Thursday, March 3rd, at pacmsan@me.com or 210-392-0728

**Program:** Stepping into Action to Focus on Women's Progress in Politics

**Presenter:** Christy Woodward Kaupert, Professor, Political Science, San Antonio College



**Menu Choices:**

Farfalle Primavera with Shrimp and Scallops in a Tomato Cream Sauce

Or

Sole with Lemon Butter and Capers

Or

Chicken Marsala

All menu choices include house salad and beverage.

**San Antonio Branch Officers**

<i>President</i>	Pat Sanford
<i>Co-Presidents Elect</i>	Dr. Karen Reichensperger Gayna Dupont
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<i>VP Programs</i>	Fran Veters
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<i>Co-Secretaries</i>	Karen Cool Jeanette Gittinger



*Did You Know?*

The closing address for the AAUW Texas 47th Biennial Convention will be given on May 1 by Leticia Andrade, PhD, Executive Director Human Resources for CST Brands, Inc. AAUW San Antonio will be hosting the convention at the new Norris Conference Center North Park from April 29 through May 1.



# Interest Groups!



## Moviegoers

When: Saturday, February 27  
Matinee time  
Where: To be announced via email  
on Friday, February 26  
What: Award nominees and winners  
at this time. It will be difficult  
to pick one, but we're bound  
to be pleased with any of them!

When: Saturday, March 26, 2016  
Time and Place: To be announced via email on  
Friday, March 25

What: Film chosen by Moviegoers and  
announced via email on Friday, March 25

Contact: Fran Veters to add your name to the  
list, 210-481-7765  
francesveters@yahoo.com  
frankenveters@sbcglobal.net



## Historic Southwest

February 13

Speaker: Ed Rawlinson - Retired  
Superintendent of N.I.S.D.  
School Namesake – Rawlinson Middle  
School in N.I.S.D.,  
Grew up in Kingsville, Texas.

Program: "Changing Face of Northside;  
Years 1949 – 2015



## Night Bridge

When: First and Third Mondays @ 6:45 pm

Location: La Madeline at Park North

Loop 410 and Blanco

Contact: Marilyn Traylor @ 210-696-8299

## Wandering Wonders

Friday, March 18 at 10 a.m. Friedrich  
Wilderness Park. 21395 Milsa Dr, across I-10  
from the Dominion. We will split into two  
groups. 1. Moderate hike on mostly dirt wooded  
paths, with some low but rocky ascents/descents.

2. Walk on level paved wooded trails. Lunch  
afterwards at nearby restaurant. For more  
information and to sign up, contact Nancy

Anderson at  
anderson@loyno.edu or (210) 833-1291.

## ***Book Discussion***

Where: Home of Gayna Dupont

2203 Postoak Court, 78248

When: Saturday, March 19, 2016, 10:00am

Book: Impossible Odds by Jessica Buchanan, Erik Landemalm, Anthony Flacco

RSVP: Gayna Dupont, 210-493-2865 or  
gaynadupont@yahoo.com

or Fran Vettters, 210-481-7765 or  
francesvettters@yahoo.com



## ***Culinary Adventures***

Where: Azuca Sabor Latina

713 S. Alamo St., 78205

South of Cesar Chavez Blvd.

When: Thursday, March 17, 2016,  
11:30am

Contact: Please RSVP to Fran Vettters  
to reserve.

210-481-7765

francesvettters@yahoo.com

## ***Wine, Women, and Wisdom***

February 25, 2016

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Frederick's

7701 Broadway

RSVP to Malinda Gaul mgaul@satx.rr.com

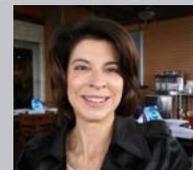


The most celebrated day is here: Super Bowl Sunday! By the time we read this, hopefully the Broncos will have won the big game. I'm not a football fan but the most memorable moment was when the Broncos defeated the Patriots to advance to Super Bowl 50. My husband and father-in-law are huge Bronco fans and remained on the phone the entire game. My father-in-law is 82 and lives by himself in Wyoming, to hear him and my husband cheer on their team for 3 hours was golden. My 50 year old husband was now a kid again just enjoying the game with his Pops. Obviously, the best part of Super Bowl Sunday are the commercials, a huge money maker too with the advertisements received from corporations (\$4.5 million per 30 seconds was the cost for ads at last year's Super Bowl). Women are a huge chunk of the NFL's fan base and the Football League has noticed. Advertisers know the purchasing power women have and will have commercials that appeal to women, girls, and families; the realization that sporting events are no longer male-dominated moments. To read more, click on <http://www.aauw.org/2016/01/28/super-bowl-ads/>.

Also, to receive the report on Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership, go to the AAUW website and register to receive your copy in March: <http://www.aauw.org/research/barriers-and-bias/> .

The report will have recommendations for those in education, corporate, and political sectors to contribute in creating an environment that no longer has gender bias.

*Monica Ruiz-Mills*



## Featured Speaker

### **Christy Woodward Kaupert**

#### **"Long Shadows: Twenty Years After the Year of the Woman"**

If you are intrigued by this title, then you'll definitely want to hear what this month's Featured Speaker, Christy Woodward Kaupert, has to say. In her presentation, the Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at San Antonio College will compare the high hopes we had for the 24 women elected to Congress in 1992 to our expectations for the "Class of 2014" when a record-breaking 104 women were elected.

In Professor Kaupert's words, "This presentation will reexamine the research done almost twenty-five years ago with an eye on where women are today...Feminist scholars have long argued that women are needed 'at the table' to bring attention to and craft <sup>5</sup> policy that is often ignored by their male contemporaries, particularly policies that focus on the lives of women, children and families...The question remains, do women make a difference in legislative bodies?"

# *Step Into Action*



# AAUW

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47th AAUW Texas Biennial State Convention

April 29 / May 1, 2016 • Norris Center • San Antonio



## **AAUW SA Hosting State Convention**

AAUW SA is stepping into action in a big way this spring when we host the 47th Biennial State Convention here in the Mission City on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, and Sunday, May 1.

If you have never attended a state convention, do not miss this opportunity. Join Mayor Ivy Taylor in welcoming the attendees to San Antonio on Saturday morning. The theme of the convention: Step Into Action With AAUW runs through all the workshops and presentations. The opening session addresses the question: Why So Few Women In Politics? with a panel of women politicians. Workshops include how to take action on the issues of equal pay, human trafficking, immigration, diversity, and social media. The convention closes on Sunday with two generations of Andrades. Former Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade will introduce her daughter-in-law Leticia Andrade the rising star executive from CST Brands (CornerStore). This year's convention promises to have plenty of interesting ideas by and for women.

The convention also offers lots of fun – starting with a reception on Friday night at the Hyatt Place and meals on Saturday, which are included in the registration price. Early Bird Registration of \$199 is available through March 30th.

The new Norris Conference Center, where the convention will take place, is located in the Park North shopping area. It is beautiful, and their food prepared on site is delicious! Parking is free at the Norris Center. The convention hotel is the Hyatt Place on Hwy 281 near The Quarry. A free hotel shuttle will take guests to the Norris Center and to the Quarry.

In addition to attending, we are looking for volunteers from the San Antonio Branch to help with activities. Let us know if you would like to volunteer!



**AAUW TEXAS 47<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION**

Norris Conference Center  
618 NW Loop 410, Suite 207 San Antonio, TX 78216  
April 29, 30 and May 1, 2016

**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Honorary 50 Year Member \_\_\_ Student \_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee \_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_ College/Univ. Partner \_\_\_

Institution Name \_\_\_\_\_ AAUW Fellowship or Grant Recipient (Type/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Registration**

Includes Friday evening reception, all Saturday meals, workshop materials and convention packet.

**Saturday Registration**

Includes all Saturday Meals, workshop materials and convention packet for Saturday.

Guest(s) meal ticket(s): Saturday Lunch \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Dinner \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate # needed)

Guest(s) name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Lunch** (indicate the number of meals needed for you and any guest(s))

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free

**Entrée for Saturday Evening:** (indicate the number of meals you need for you and any guest(s))

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free

**Meal availability cannot be guaranteed with late registration**

**Make your own hotel reservations by March 30th – Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport/Quarry Market**  
7515 Jones Maltsberger S.A. Tx. 78216 210-930-2333 Mention AAUW \$109/single/double

Link at [http://sanantonioairport.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp\\_id=AAUW](http://sanantonioairport.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp_id=AAUW)

Early Bird (postmarked by March 30) \$199 \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Registration (by April 15) \$225 \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration (after April 15) \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Student Registration \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Only \$150 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL REMITTANCE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Payment Type: PayPal Confirmation # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check made out to AAUW Texas Convention

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment by PayPal link at <http://aausasa@gmail.com>

**Mail or Email All completed forms with check or payment information to: Sue Ewers, 8525**

**Rochelle Road San Antonio, Texas 78240 (210-699-3065)** Electronic forms may be completed on-line, saved to your computer and e-mailed to [s\\_ewers@sa.tx.tl.com](mailto:s_ewers@sa.tx.tl.com) (**S underscore ewers@sa.tx.tl.com**) along with the PayPal confirmation number and your meal request(s).

### Virginia Wong

Three Master's degrees! Three Fulbright Scholarships! Yes, we do have a Branch member who has accomplished this and more. Virginia Wong is an extraordinary woman living an extraordinary life!

Virginia was awarded her first Fulbright while an undergrad at Trinity. She went to Russia, spending time in Sochi, the resort city on the part of the Black Sea known as the Caucasian Riviera. (If Sochi sounds familiar, that is because it was the site of the 2014 Winter Olympics.) During this time, Virginia also traveled to Rome.

Her second Fulbright came through Texas AM, and again, she went to Russia. A side trip to India found her meeting Indira Ghandi and Mother Teresa. Merely Sister Teresa at that time, the nun who was later to win the Nobel Peace Prize, had already established her orphanage in Delhi, and Virginia was able to tour the facility, an island of antiseptic cleanliness in the midst of great squalor. She was struck by the sight of a group of young girls from the Sorbonne rocking the babies.

China was the destination of Virginia's third Fulbright. There she climbed the Great Wall in a remote region where the real "Forbidden City" is located. True to the spirit of the Scholarships, Virginia interacted with the occupants of every country she visited, for the aim of the Fulbrights is to promote better understanding between the people of the United States and the citizens of other countries throughout the world.

After obtaining her Bachelor's degree in Education, Virginia set about earning those MA's-- all while raising three children and working at the family store, Tex' Food Center. She taught History and English in the South San and the North East Districts.

Later, Virginia worked at the TEA Region 20 Education Service Center and became quite adept at writing grant proposals. She is proud to have written a grant that garnered \$350,000 for the Center.

As if that weren't enough, Virginia also climbs mountains, having scaled peaks in every major range of the world except the Alps.

Virginia is an avid collector of Chinese art, and her family's acquisitions of sculpture and paintings has been exhibited at the San Antonio Central Library and at the San Antonio Museum of Art. She is quite the Chinese chef, too, and taught Chinese cooking at Southwest Crafts School.

Virginia writes for fun, plays mahjong, paints, dabbles in photography, and reads for pleasure. Her favorite author is--who else?--Amy Tan. She still writes grants; her latest was for the Fire Museum in San Antonio.

If you are lucky enough to sit by Virginia Wong at any of our monthly meetings, you will find a fascinating conversationalist with a wealth of experiences to share. Ask her about the overly-friendly police chief in Rome, her swim in the Ganges River, or the secret money tree in China.

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At the Convention Texas branch members will learn how to step up their skills in Leadership, Policy, Fundraising, Diversity, Community Involvement, Advocacy, and more. Plan now to Step into Action with AAUW!

**Early Bird Registration  
Is only \$199  
Through March 30**



It is not too early to make your hotel reservations at the "Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport/Quarry Market," located at 7615 Jones Maltsberger, San Antonio, TX 78216. Call 210 930-2333, and mention AAUW, to reserve a single/double room for \$109 per night.



Enjoy San Antonio's River Walk, or shop at the Quarry. Just bring your "Step into AAUW Action" shoes...and they will take you everywhere!

The Norris Center's Red Oak Ballroom (right). The Center is at 7618 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78216.



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

 <http://sanantonio-tx.aauw.net/>

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