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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

October has always been one of my favorite months, as the exceedingly hot months of summer are finally ending, the days are becoming shorter, and nights a little cooler. Also if I look closely, I will begin to see the subtle colors of fall emerging. Although I will have to drive outside the San Antonio area, possibly to the Hill Country, Guadalupe Mountains or even East Texas to view an outstanding fall foliage display in Texas.

At our September meeting, we learned about the **Slow Food South Texas** projects and educational programs. Possibly the most enlightening aspect was learning the thousands of miles the components in a simple chicken taco travel to reach San Antonio. And who would have thought that cilantro, which is now closely associated with Tex-Mex cuisine, would come from Hawaii. I'll bet many of us can recall when the majority of our food sources were local, more nutritious, and consumed less energy to produce and distribute.

Last February at an all-day symposium on Arts and Communications in San Antonio, I had the privilege of hearing a panel discussion with representatives from three local museums, including our October speaker, on the interrelationship between museums and education in our community. The role of museums within our communities, whether focusing on art, history or children, has been changing and evolving over the decades. At our October meeting, we will have the opportunity to learn about the San Antonio Children's Museums' vision of being a premier education resource in developing innovative thinkers capable of meeting the challenges of the 21st century.

Please note, the October meeting will begin slightly later as Formosa Garden does not start serving until 11:30, but we have been told the doors will be open earlier.

~Barbara Kyse

OCTOBER MEETING

Saturday, October 5, 2013 • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm • **Formosa Garden** • 1101 NE Loop 410 (Between Broadway and Nacogdoches • 210-828-9988 • Doors open before 11:30, so come early and visit. Email your reservation to Kate Vettters at kvettters@sbcglobal.net. Or call Kate at 210-696-1804. **Reservation deadline is Tuesday night, October 1.**

LUNCH • **Cost is \$15** • Lunch will be selected from a menu of 15 entrée choices. Served with Fried Rice, choice of Fried Wonton or Eggroll • Soda, Iced Tea, and Hot Tea

PROGRAM

Speaker: Vanessa Lacoss Hurd, Executive Director, San Antonio Children's Museum

Topic: The Children's Museum's Transition to a new location

See related article on **page two**.

SAN ANTONIO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Since being founded in 1995, the San Antonio Children's Museum has worked to carry out its mission of growing minds, connecting families and transforming communities through joyful learning and discovery. In that time, the Museum has brought together more than 2.5 million children, students, parents and educators to connect, play and learn together.

Now in its 18th year, the San Antonio Children's Museum continues to cultivate children's creativity as they explore, discover, imagine and make connections both during their visits to the Museum and through widely accessible school and community-based initiatives. As the leadership of San Antonio works toward a collective vision for the city through the SA2020 plan, the Museum is embracing the opportunity to rethink its role and reposition itself for the future.

To better respond to the needs of San Antonio's diverse and growing population and to accommodate the increased demand for education and cultural resources, the San Antonio Children's Museum is building a transformative new museum facility that will initiate ways to foster critical thinking, creativity and innovation among children and transform the landscape of early childhood education in San Antonio.

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EARN A TREAT! SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT! Nothing could be better than a homemade cookie! And San Antonio Food Bank makes delicious homemade style cookies just as good as your mom ever baked. Maybe even better! In fact, their specialty is called the "Extraordinary Cookie." It is big and flavor-packed, and it will be waiting for you at the October meeting when you bring your contribution to our drive benefiting the Food Bank.

Most needed food items are: Peanut Butter, Cereal, Tuna, Rice, Macaroni and Cheese, Chili, Canned Soups, Canned Stews, Canned Luncheon Meats, Full Meals in a Can/Box, "Pop Top" Food Items. Help Bexar County families fight hunger and help yourself to a treat. **Bring a donation of non-perishable food to the AAUW-San Antonio Branch meeting on October 5.**

Philanthropy Corner FOCUS

SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK. You might be reading this newsletter during September, or SA Goes Orange month when the Food Bank is raising awareness and engaging the community to take action to fight hunger.

What is the San Antonio Food Bank? The San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB) provides food and grocery products to more than 500 partner agencies in 16 counties throughout Southwest Texas. In FY2012, SAFB provided more than 48 million pounds of food. The mission of the SAFB is to fight hunger in Southwest Texas through food distribution, programs, education, and advocacy.

Who receives emergency food assistance? 36% of their clients are children, under the age of 18 years old • 14% of their clients are elderly • 46% of households include at least one employed adult • 67% have incomes below the federal poverty level during the previous month • 8% are homeless. About 22% of clients are non-Hispanic white, 7% are non-Hispanic black, 69% are Hispanic, and the rest are from other racial groups. *Source: SAFB website (safbank.org).* To make a donation, volunteer, conduct a food drive, or become an advocate, check out their website.

AAUW SCHOLARSHIPS

\$500 VISA GIFT CARD RAFFLE

This fall the branch is raising funds to benefit the textbook scholarships awarded by the branch to assist women attending a college or university in Bexar County with purchasing required academic text books

Remember to bring your checks and/or cash to the October meeting at Formosa Garden to purchase your tickets for the \$500 VISA gift card. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Members unable to attend will receive blank tickets by mail. The drawing for the VISA card will be held at our **December 7 meeting at Paloma Blanca**, just in time for holiday shopping. One does not have to be present at the December meeting or an AAUW member to purchase the tickets for our scholarship fund.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Each year the San Antonio AAUW Branch offers one or more \$2,000 graduate scholarships to assist local women in pursuing and completing a graduate degree. The Branch also offers one or more \$500 textbook scholarships to assist women in purchasing required academic text books.

Last year our branch awarded four separate \$2,000 Graduate Scholarships, five separate \$500 Textbook Scholarships, the \$2,000 Castater Graduate Scholarship funded by Dr. Juanita Felder, and a Transitional Scholarship in memory of former president Orrine Woinowsk

Branch members who provided an invaluable service by serving on the committees for our 2013 scholarship awards were: Chair Karen Reichensperger, Carol Lahser, Marilyn Traylor, Kate Vettters, Melissa Bosnic, Heather MacDonald, Mary Martinez, Carol Duganne, Janina Kuzma and Fran Vettters. In the next few months, we will be seeking members interested in serving on either the graduate or textbook subcommittee. If interested please contact either Karen Reichensperger (at jkreichen@att.net) or Barbara Kyse (at bckyse@msn.com).

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AAUW EDUCATIONAL FUNDING & AWARDS

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2013-14 academic year.

Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

MOMENTS IN AAUW HISTORY

- **November 28, 1881 - Founders meet**

Marion Talbot and Ellen Richards along with 15 other alumnae representing eight colleges met in Boston to discuss the needs of college-educated women. In addition to broadening opportunities and assisting other women through higher education, they discussed the formation of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae.

- **January 14, 1882 - Association of Collegiate Alumnae is organized**

Sixty-five alumnae of eight colleges joined together to formally establish the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, the predecessor to the American Association of University Women. At this meeting, attendees drafted the Articles of Incorporation, which outlined the purpose of the organization: "For practical education work, for collection and publication of statistical and other information concerning education, and in general, for the maintenance of high standards of education.

- **March 1921 - SACW and ACA merge to form AAUW**

The Southern Association of College Women (founded in 1903) and the Association of Collegiate Alumnae merged to form the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

- **NOW**

The AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

Source: <http://history.aauw.org/>

WHEN WOMEN SUCCEED, AMERICA SUCCEEDS

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) received a Texas-sized welcome on August 26, 2013, from AAUW members and friends in the Lone Star State. Pelosi spoke in Austin about a new economic agenda for women - **When Women Succeed, America Succeeds** - that advocates policies promoting equal pay for equal work, work and family balance, and access to affordable child care.

More than 150 people attended the event hosted by AAUW of Texas, the AAUW Austin (TX) Branch, and the AAUW Georgetown (TX) Branch. The event was held on Women's Equality Day, which celebrates the ratification of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote. "We're focused on the equal pay, the paid medical leave, and the child-care aspects of the difference that we have to make," Pelosi said. Members of the audience asked what they could do to help the women's economic agenda move forward and to help with congressional gridlock. Pelosi urged those in attendance to create an environment where more women are in politics through encouraging and asking them to run. Also during the event, held at Austin Community College's Eastview Campus, Pelosi commended AAUW's latest research report, *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success**, and recognized the work of students at community colleges. Pelosi has been traveling across the country in support of the women's economic agenda When Women Succeed, America Succeeds.

Additional information on the **When Women Succeed, America Succeeds: An Economic Agenda for Women and Families** may be found at: http://www.democraticleader.gov/Women_Succeed

*Please note, branch members can pick up copies this research report at the branch meeting.

INTEREST & STUDY GROUPS

CHAT-N-CHEW

Sunday, October 6, 2013 • 2:00 pm
 Contact Malinda Gaul for directions 210-410-8992
 or mgaul@satx.rr.com

CULINARY ADVENTURES

Thursday, October 17, 2013 • 11:30 am
 Location: **RED**, the restaurant at the Art Institute of San Antonio's culinary school
 10000 IH 10 West (corner of Bluemel and Colonial)
 Contact Fran Vettters 210-481-4508
 or frankenvettters@sbcglobal.net

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT • Back in November

HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

Saturday, October 12, 2013 • 12:00 am
 Program: **Chinese Heart of Texas**, San Antonio's rich and colorful history
 Speaker: author **Mel Brown**, an Austin resident, author, and artist
 Location Doubletree Hotel at McCullough and Lp 410
 Contact Sophie Lim, 210-445-0654 or limsoph@gmail.com

NIGHT BRIDGE

Mondays, October 7 and 21, 2013 • 6:45 pm
 Location: **La Madeleine** at Park North (Lp 410 & Blanco)
 Contact Marilyn Traylor 210-696-8299
 or mjanetraylor@yahoo.com

SATURDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, October 12, 2013 • 10:00 am
 Book: **The Most Dangerous Thing** by Laura Lippman
 Location: Pat Stanford's house
 Contact Diantha Perelli 210-497-4121
 or cyclobabe1946@yahoo.com

WORLD AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 • 10:00 am
 Topic: **Iran** (topic #6 in Great Decision 2013)
 Location: La Taza Coffee House, Brookhollow & Hwy 281
 Contact Margaret Mayberry at 210-496-5333
 or mfmayberry@aol.com

WALKING GROUP

Planning 2013-14 calendar. Might have walk late October
 Contact Nancy Fix Anderson, Anderson@loyno.edu
 or 210-370-9459

INTEREST GROUP OF THE MONTH

Historic Southwest

Our longest running interest group, the Historic Southwest, was formed in the 1930's and meets at noon on the second Saturdays at the DoubleTree Hotel. Their programs include a wide range of speakers and topics on the vibrant history of the southwest and beyond.

The first program on this year's calendar will be Mel Brown on the Chinese Heart of Texas. Remaining programs this year include: the History and Mystery of the Menger Hotel, The History of Christmas, Scenic Loop Boerne Stage Historic Corridor, and much more. Guests are always welcome to join the group and hear about Southwest History and more. Check our monthly newsletters for meeting details.

2013-2014 DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE AT OCTOBER MEETING

Our new 2013-2014 Directory was distributed at the September luncheon to members who have renewed. If you have rejoined and were unable to attend in September, the Directory will be available for you at the Formosa Garden meeting.

After that meeting, directories not picked up will be mailed to current members. And if you have not had the opportunity to renew for this year yet, you can pay your dues at the October meeting and receive your Directory then.

UPDATES TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

It is amazing how quickly the errors in the membership directory are discovered. Please contact us, if your information is incorrect in the current directory or changes during the year as we are already maintaining a working file for the next directory. Barbara (bckyse@msn.com)

Please note the following changes:

- Nancy Fix Anderson has moved, her new address is 300 E. Basse Rd #1315, SAT 78209-8384
- Elaine Talarski's phone number is 210-521-5496
- The contact person for the Historic Southwest is still Sophie Lim. Her new email address is *limsoph@gmail.com* and her phone number is 210-445-0554

BRING A FRIEND TO CHECK US OUT

Do you belong to a professional organization? A teachers' group? A book club? If so, you probably know someone as interested in empowering women and girls as we are. Why not invite them to come check us out at our October meeting! We welcome inquiring, community-minded, concerned individuals and would love to have them become members of AAUW-San Antonio Branch.

They may like the fact that we have early starting and ending times which leaves more of the weekend for busy people. Our presentations this year look to the future, with programs that enable young people to grow and learn, covering everything from music for underprivileged students to the juvenile justice system. Your friends might be interested in what our speakers have to say. We are also offering small, affordable fundraising drives throughout the year and have held down lunch costs. Who wouldn't like to use money well and wisely?

Most important of all, however, is the fact that our San Antonio Branch is unique in its Scholarship program. Every year we give deserving young women attending local colleges and universities Textbook and Graduate Scholarships. Invite your friends to check us out. **They'll like what they see.**

2013-2014 Renewal Membership Form

NAME _____

List below any changes to your telephone, home or email addresses or any corrections to your information:
