

# AAUW

San Antonio Branch Newsletter



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## President's Message...

### Happy New Year!

We have much to look forward to in 2012. Our *Breaking the Glass Ceiling* luncheon will be a great time to bring spouses, special friends, and relatives. We tried to keep the cost down, and are only charging \$35. Considering we don't have a luncheon in January, we feel this charge covers two months. Many of you have been waiting to return to one of our favorite venues for this traditional AAUW fundraising event. For many of our new members it is an opportunity to find out how much fun these luncheons are.

Jan Jarboe Russell will give us an unusual look at women she has written about. Some of the women we recognize, such

as Lady Bird Johnson and Sissy Spacek, but at least one I haven't heard of — Susan Powter. What we have in common with these women will interest us all.

Our Silent Auction items are going to be tempting. At Oak Hills Country Club, we have lots of room to display all the treasures. Remember, *Breaking the Glass Ceiling* and Silent Auction fund our local scholarships. Reservations, [bevjmcdonald@aol.com](mailto:bevjmcdonald@aol.com) or 210-967-1145. Come early!

At the March luncheon, we will again share our favorite feminist quotations for Women's History Month. You will enjoy this program.

*Sharon Bartling*, Branch President

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*Jan Jarboe Russell*

## Jan Jarboe Russell Identifies Archetypes Women Share

When Jan Jarboe Russell speaks at the *Breaking the Glass Ceiling* luncheon on Saturday, February 4 she will be identifying archetypes, original models of which all things of the same type are copies. Using examples from the women she has written about, she will talk about the many archetypes of heroines, and the many variations of heroine.

Some of the women Russell has written about and will discuss include Lady Bird Johnson as the Good Wife archetype; Ann Richards, the Superwoman; Sissy Spacek, the Girl Next Door; Susan Powter, the Angry Warrior; Molly Ivins, the Crusader, and many others.

Jan Jarboe Russell has been recognized for her insightful analyses and her reliance on "the facts." She doesn't invent details. She will point out that many women share these archetypes.

## LOWDOWN ON BREAKING THE GLASS CEILING by Carol Lahser

The *Breaking the Glass Ceiling* Luncheon and Silent Auction Fundraiser are almost upon us. Thank you to all the members who have donated items. We have an interesting assortment.

### THE SILENT AUCTION

There is still time for you to donate an item to the auction. Please help if you haven't donated anything yet. The more items we have, the more money we raise for scholarships. At last count we had about 62 items. I would, however, like to get that number closer to 75 items. I will be glad to pick up the item if you will call me at **210-657-5139**. Also, the more people we have at the luncheon, the more bids we will get. So invite your friends to come!

### SAMPLE OF AUCTION ITEMS (SEE PHOTOS)

(Top) The large artwork featuring the colorful fishes is a print donated by Virginia Wong. It is titled "Sunkist." (Middle) Tall candlesticks – donated by Janina Kuzma. (Bottom) Pillow – donated by Barbara Kyse.

### THE TIME AND THE DIRECTIONS

Come at 11:00 am to browse the silent auction items and to enjoy the Champagne Punch before lunch. The Oak Hills Country Club is at 5403 Fredericksburg. There is a traffic light at the turn in to the Club. There is valet parking.

### THE LUNCH MENU

- Spinach salad with strawberries, melon balls and Gouda cheese with ginger honey dressing.
- Parmesan crusted lemon chicken with lemon cream sauce
- Wild & white rice blend
- Broccoli on a nest of julienne carrots
- Warm rolls and butter • Coffee/tea
- Texas pecan ball (vanilla icecream ball tossed with pecans and covered with chocolate sauce)



## COMMUNITY PROJECT

One of our community projects is packaging gift bags of beauty items for the young women and girls at Seton Home. Just a small thing to make them feel special. The bags will be distributed in time for Mother's Day in May. Items are appreciated any time.

## FEBRUARY INTEREST & STUDY GROUPS

### BOOK REVIEW

Monday, February 27 • 1 PM  
Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church  
Reviewer TBA  
Contact Mynda McGuire 497-4638

### CHAT AND CHEW

Sunday, February 5 • 2 PM  
Contact Malinda Gaul • 490-7315

### HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

Saturday, February 11 • 12 noon  
Doubletree Hotel  
Program, *Strong Pioneer Women*  
Speaker Virginia Davis

### MUSEUM TOURS

Tuesday, February 21 • 7 PM  
**SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM OF ART GUIDED TOUR**  
Reservations required.  
Contact Susanne O'Brien, 481-3443 or  
susanne.obrien@earthlink.net  
*Walk through Egypt, Greece, and Rome.*  
This is the first of a series of seven tours.

### NIGHT BRIDGE

Mondays, February 6 and 20 • 7 PM  
Contact Claudie Pettigrew 805-8994

### SATURDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, February 11 • 10 AM  
Hostess, Mynda McGuire • 497-4638  
*How Starbucks Saved My Life*  
by Michael Gates Gill

### THEATER GROUP

Contact Norma Rios • 599-7868

### UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S GARDEN CLUB

Wednesday, February 22 • 9:30 AM  
Contact, Edna Sharp • 492-5206

### WALKING GROUP

Wednesday, February 15 • 9:30 AM  
Location TBA  
Contact Sharon Bartling • 493-3144

### WORLD AFFAIRS—No February meeting

Contact Margaret Mayberry • 496-5333

## REMINDERS

- Be sure to vote! You will find useful the League of Women Voters' Guide in branch libraries. It has brief summaries of the proposed amendments.
- Save your toiletries for our gift to battered women on Mother's Day. Bring your contributions to the May 5, 2012 luncheon.

## BRANCH NEEDS TO EXPAND MEMBERSHIP

We lost several of our members at the end of November when AAUW removed from membership all those who had not joined this year. If you know anyone who did not rejoin, please remind them they are missed, and encourage them to join soon. If they renew after March 15, 2012 for \$71 they will be members in good standing until June 2013. That's three free months!

Please extend a warm welcome to Sharry Gould. She is a former member who is rejoining us after several years.

~Mynda Holman McGuire, Membership VP

## REPORT ON TICKET SALES FOR GIFT CERTIFICATE

Lisa McDougale, Branch treasurer, has reported ticket sales totaled \$1,750 with expenses for the gift card and for mailing totaling \$585.92. The net proceeds are \$1,184.08. Edna Sharp printed all the tickets on her computer and considered them as her donation. Evelyn Batot and Ray Nell also deserve recognition for sending the tickets out and keeping up with the returns. Many thanks to you! The money will be used for textbook scholarships. Mynda McGuire won the card.

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## LAF STANDS FOR LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

During the first week of January, lawyer Susan Burke filed an appeal for the LAF-supported case *Cioca v. Rumsfeld*. The plaintiffs in the case are 28 current and former members of the military who allege that they were raped by co-workers and that the defense secretary's failure to act on the issue of sexual assault in the military amounts to a violation of their constitutional rights. On December 13, a U.S. district court judge granted the Department of Defense's motion to dismiss the case. Oral arguments will be held in the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the coming months.

Burke spoke to the LAF committee on January 6 to discuss the importance of the case. She believes that the institutional changes needed in the military are unlikely to be won in the courts, so she plans to keep the case in the legal system as long as possible to create a lot of media attention and hopes to inspire public pressure for legislation that can stipulate those necessary institutional changes.

Burke and several of the plaintiffs from the *Cioca* case are featured in *The Invisible War*, a new documentary about sexual assault in the military that will premiere at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah on January 20. The filmmakers are working with Burke to create a petition related to the issue that also will be released that day.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Celebration of the Life of Frances Mahanay

Long-time member and one of the founders of the Book Club died October 22. Frances was a teacher in public and private schools for 32 years and at a Sunday School class at her church for 20 years. She was a gracious hostess, inviting Book Club members to her home each year. Her obituary stated that "she loved her book club through American Association of University Women." She will be missed.

**Minnie Lamb King**, an active AAUW member since 1985 died December 1. Minnie served on many branch boards, and worked with committees such as diversity, education, fundraising, and nominations. She will be remembered for her leadership of the Book Review Interest Group. A long time educator, Minnie earned the prestigious Yellow Rose of Texas Award. Her daughters, Blythe King and Sharalyn Johnson, have also been branch members. Minnie was a friend to many of us.

## AAUW ADVOCACY

Action Network

Dollars (AAUW Funds)

Votes (Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout Manual, Elect Her Initiative, Power of One Vote Campaign, Get Out the Vote Campaign, Voter Turnout PSAs)

Online Resources (Position Papers, Pay Equity Resource Kit, Paid Sick Days Resource Kit, Affirmative Action Resource Kit, Programs in a Box, manuals, posters, postcards, stickers, pins)

Congress (Washington Update, Action Fund Congressional Voting Record)

Agenda (Public Policy Program Brochure, Federal Policy Agenda)

Coalitions (\$tart \$mart, AARP Long Term Care, She Should Run (Women's Campaign Forum))

You!!!!



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