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San Antonio Branch **NEWSLETTER**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Greetings AAUW Members!

It is hard to believe that one year is nearly complete and this will be my final President's message to you. I have learned a lot from the "view behind the gavel," and it has truly enriched my life facilitating such a wonderful group of members. I would like to give my sincere thanks to an outstanding Board; these ladies have done amazing work in order to ensure our branch run smoothly.

Even though our General Membership year is almost over, our work as AAUW members is not. Perhaps a few of you are already registered and getting ready to pack for the 2013 AAUW National Convention that will be held in beautiful New Orleans June 9-13. Can't go to Convention? No worries—you can still participate in the 2013 AAUW National Election. We need all of our branch members to review and vote on the proposed Public Policy Program and

amendments to the AAUW Bylaws. In addition, you may cast your vote for the AAUW Board of Directors. Our own Malinda Gaul is running for one of ten seats on the Board.

I hope you have enjoyed this last year of STEM focused speakers. We have had the privilege of listening to students, teachers, and administrators discuss girls and women and their roles in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical fields. I was also extremely moved by our Scholarship luncheon. Your dedication as members through willingness to donate your time and money to our fundraisers were key in making that luncheon happen. The lives of twelve young women were changed that day in a very positive way because of the work of all of our branch members. Thank you for an outstanding year!

Debbi Sochia Eyfels, President of this Branch

MAY • 2013 • MEETING

Saturday, May 4, 2013

11:30 AM -1:30 PM

Los Patios

2015 NE Loop 410
 210-655-6171 • Cost is **\$20**

Lunch will be the John Spice Special:

One Green Chicken Enchilada
 One Chalupa Compuesta
 Borracho Beans and
 Warm Hatch Chili Salsa
 Apple Spice Cake with Warm Caramel
 Sauce for dessert
 Tea and coffee

Reservation deadline is

Wednesday night, May 1

Email your reservation to Kate Vettters
 at kvettters@sbcglobal.net or
 call Kate at 696-1804

Program. ROBOTICS

What could be a more perfect way to end the branch's Science and Technology year than with a presentation on a future filled with robots!!! Don't miss this entertaining and informative presentation. (For more Information, see Page Two)

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May 2013 Program

Robotics

Tom O'Brien, a retired Electrical and Electronic Engineer will share with us his vast knowledge of the field of robotics. You will be surprised to discover how many robots are in our homes today and how they help us run our homes on a daily basis. While Tom is involved with junior and high school robotic programs, he also wants us, to have as much fun as his students do learning about the world of robots. Tom will be accompanied by a few small but interesting robots to add to the fun.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the San Antonio Branch has fully funded two national grants – a \$100,000 American Fellowship and a \$35,000 Research and Projects Grant. So, not only do we impact San Antonio with our local scholarships, we make an impact nationwide with our two grants.

Come celebrate the work of the San Antonio Branch (and bring your checkbook to continue making a difference). You will be rewarded for your donation – \$25 will get you chocolate, \$50 will get you chocolate and champagne (a great new California almond champagne), and \$100 will get you chocolate, champagne, and a special gift. Learn more about AAUW Funds on the website at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-funds-descriptions/>. You can donate to the San Antonio grants, give your money to Educational Opportunities, or support the Legal Advocacy Fund. Celebrate another successful year of AAUW – nationally, statewide, and most importantly in San Antonio.

IN MEMORIAM

Martha Tarpley. March 11, 1922 - April 9, 2013. Martha was a past President (1972 -1974) and an Honorary 50-year Life Member. Joining AAUW in 1952, she was actually a 61-year member. Martha was an active participant in the World Affairs Discussion Group for many years, always adding to the conversation with her cogent analyses of world events.

A valedictorian of her high school class in Gatesville, Texas, Martha went on to attend Texas State College for Women on academic scholarship, graduating in 1943 with a degree in Library Science. She worked as a librarian in Wichita, Kansas, before embarking on a Federal career in various USAF libraries. She was an active member of the League of Women Voters, serving on the Water Quality and Aquifer Protection Community Action committee. She also served as president of the local Church Women United in 1979-1980. Martha will be missed for her sense of humor, her dedication to AAUW, and her lively interest in politics here and in the world at large.

Keep the
Change
until Women
Have Real
Change.



INTEREST & STUDY GROUPS

CHAT-N-CHEW

Sunday, May 5, 2013 • 2:00 pm
 Location: Nancy Ogden's Home
 Contact Malinda Gaul for directions 210-410-8992
 or mgaul@satx.rr.com

HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

Saturday, May 11, 2013 • 12 Noon
 Speaker: **Betty Dooley Awbrey**, Researcher on
 Historical Markers and Co-author of "Why Stop?"
 Topic: **Why Historical Markers are so important
 in Texas**
 Location: Doubletree Hotel at McCullough & Lp 410
 Contact Edna Sharp 210-492-5206

NIGHT BRIDGE

Mondays, May 6 & 20 2013 • 6:45 PM
 Location: LaMadeleine at Park North (Lp 410 & Blanco)
 Contact Marilyn Traylor 210-696-8299

SATURDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, May 11, 2013 • 10:00 AM
 Will be deciding on 2013-14 reading list
 Location: Pat Sanford's house
 Contact Fran Vettes 210-481-7765
 or frankenvettes@sbcglobal.net

WORLD AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 • 10:00 am
 Topic: **Myanmar and Southeast Asia**
 Location: La Taza Coffee House, at Brookhollow
 and Hwy 281
 Contact Margaret Mayberry at 210-496-5333
 or mfmayberry@aol.com

HELP WANTED!!!

Our branch is looking for a webmaster. If you wanted to learn the basics of website maintenance, this is the perfect way to get started. The website was created by Mynda McGuire, and requires periodic informational updating throughout the year. If you might be interested please contact either Barbara Kyse (bckyse@msn.com) or Mynda McGuire (mynda@satx.rr.com)

PHILANTHROPY CORNER

Seton Home—Toiletries and Cosmetics

San Antonio Branch has demonstrated its generosity once again! Your April toiletry and cosmetic contributions for the young mothers at Seton Home was amazing! The largest ever! Thank you. As usual, there will also be a box at the May meeting to receive toiletries, cosmetics, hair products or feminine products for our spring community Seton Home project. These donations will be delivered in time for Mother's Day for the homeless parenting teens as they become nurturing parents and productive citizens through the support services of Seton Home.

VOTE

AAUW National Election

Voting in this year's AAUW national elections opened online April 15. All members may vote on proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program and the AAUW bylaws and for candidates for the national AAUW Board of Directors. Just visit www.aauw.org with your member ID and voter PIN, which are listed on the back cover of your Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook magazine (and were also emailed directly to members with email addresses). For information on the National election, see the voter guide on the AAUW website or in your Spring/Summer Outlook magazine.

At our **May 4 meeting**, we will offer members without internet access the opportunity to vote in the National AAUW election. Bring your Spring 2013 *Outlook* with your member ID and pin number to the meeting, if you are planning to vote at the meeting. Members may request a paper ballot be mailed to them between April 1, 2013 and May 2, 2013. No ballots will be issued after that date. **The deadline to mail the ballot back to AAUW is May 17, 2013.** To request a paper ballot, e-mail your name, address, and member number to connect@aauw.org or call 800/326-2289.

Early Bird Back Again!

The Bird is back! And she's giving you another chance to win a free Membership! Since collection of 2013-2014 dues began in March, thirteen members submitted renewal checks for a drawing to refund dues at the April 6 meeting. In addition, one new member, Cathy Walker, entered her dues check for the drawing. Winner of the refund was Karen Reichensperger. But renewing members whose checks were not pulled out of the "Bird Box" still have another chance for a free membership—national, state, and branch inclusive—at the May luncheon.

You might win a refund, too! Additional checks received on or before the May 4 meeting, will be entered in the drawing that day. Renewing Regular Branch members pay \$71, Paid Life members pay \$22, and honorary 50-Year members owe no dues. Please use the renewal form below to submit your dues and

update contact and education information. Your membership supports the AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

AAUW membership keeps you abreast of all the ways our organization advocates for women and girls and offers you an opportunity to add your voice to important causes. Above all, membership offers the opportunity to build friendships with smart, capable women that will enrich your life. Renew your membership today!

Please welcome our newest member:

Cathy Walker

208 Wisteria, San Antonio, TX 77213

210-488-2344, Email: cwalkersat@yahoo.com

BA: St. Mary's University, Business Administration/

2013-2014 Renewal Membership Form

NAME _____

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

If there are no changes, mail your check for **\$71 for Regular Membership** or **\$22** if you are a Life member. Send check to: **AAUW San Antonio Branch • Membership chair • PO Box 460825 • San Antonio, TX 78246-0825.**

The longer membership form with lines for degrees and colleges information is available on our website www.AAUWSanAntonio.org and may be printed and mailed with your dues. AAUW National portion of Membership dues is \$49: **\$46 is tax deductible** and \$3 is not tax deductible (because it supports the AAUW Action Funds). The State and San Antonio branch portion of the dues is not tax-deductible as they are both 501(c)(4) organizations.