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Advocacy, Education, Philanthropy, and Research.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Hello to all of you!

I am excited to start off yet another wonderful year as a proud member of AAUW! This last year we have been able to witness many exciting things! I don't know about you, but I was proud to cheer on our USA athletes as they represented us at the London Olympics. Our female athletes won 29 out of the 46 gold medals for our country. This includes the United States winning the first gold medal in women's team gymnastics since 1996 and the U.S. women's soccer team winning three straight gold medals! This year has also seen some exciting events in science. One of the events was CERN (Conseil Européenne pour la recherche Nucléaire) announcing the discovery of a new particle with properties consistent with the Higgs boson after experiments at the Large Hadron Collider.

Which brings me to the focus of this year. Our board has planned some outstanding programs that will focus on RESEARCH and we hope that all of you will join in hearing some wonderful speakers in all aspects of science this year. In 2010, AAUW published a research report that presented potential answers to the question, Why So Few? We see many prominent women in the fields of medicine, law and business, but we continue to see large gaps in the numbers of women as scientists and engineers.

Adele Dendy has provided me with copies of this publication that we will have on one of the tables as you come to our September 1 Luncheon, and I hope you will make sure to pick up a copy. Women are our future, especially those that are considering what field to explore as both High School Students and Undergraduates. Together, we should encourage them to participate in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical fields. If you know a young woman in school, a niece, a granddaughter, a friend, I hope you will use this research to discuss some ideas about STEM. One of my hopes is that for women and girls, the term "non-traditional" as it is applied to these fields when discussing them with women will be eliminated in the near future.

We have a few changes this year in "jobs." **Kate Vettters** is our new Reservations Chair. E-mail her at kvettters@sbcglobal.net or call her at 210-696-1804. **Melissa Bosnic** will be taking over as our Funds Chairperson. Donations to AAUW Funds ARE tax deductible and may be given to Melissa at any time. She will send the donations on to Washington and our Branch will be credited. We still need a volunteer to help us prepare our AAUW Yearbook. This job does not need to be the effort of just one person. If two people would like to work together, it would make the job easy. Please contact me by e-mail dsochia@att.net or by phone 210-218-2675. We can't do it without you!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our September 1 luncheon at Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church. Remember, bring a friend! The Luncheon is free!

Debbi Sochia Eyfells, president of this Branch

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SEPTEMBER 1 FREE LUNCHEON

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Enjoy a delicious lunch and take care of business at the same time. Save a stamp! Save a trip to the mailbox! Renew while you chew!

It's not too late to be included in the 2012-2013 Directory! We are holding publication until after the September 1 Free Luncheon in order to make it easy for you to be listed. By paying your dues at the September meeting, you will be eligible for inclusion in the new AAUW Branch Directory which will be distributed at the October 6 luncheon. Just one check for \$71 covers your Branch, State, and National membership.

Of course, you can mail your check for \$71 at any time to the the **AAUW Membership Chair at PO Box 460825, San Antonio, TX, 78246-0825**. Just fill out and enclose the Membership Renewal Form on page five of this Newsletter if you choose to renew that way. We must receive it by **September 15** if you want your name printed in the 2012-2013 Directory.

BRING A FRIEND TO FREE LUNCHEON

New members are entitled to join at half price. Do you have a friend who you think would be a good AAUW member? Bring her (or him) to the September Free Luncheon. Under a special AAUW offer called *Shape the Future*, new members, or former members who have not been affiliated with AAUW for the past two years, are eligible for a half-price membership of \$46.50. (See Driving Instructions Church on page four).

The September meeting is a perfect opportunity to introduce your friends to our organization, and all it has to offer. Let them hear about our Interest Groups, both old and new, as well as the programs we will be presenting this year. They won't be able to resist! We always add a large group of talented, stimulating members through this program. Bring your friends and get them started on a path to new experiences.

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REAP the Benefits of AAUW

ACROSTIC FOR "ADVOCACY"

American University Women,
 Drawn together by shared
 Values of Equality,
 Opportunity and Learning.
 Challenging one another to
 Accomplish goals, answering the
 Call of Education,
 You are the present and the future.

Margaret Mayberry
 August, 2011

WE CAN DO MORE ! WE CAN HELP FIGHT HUNGER! WE CAN STILL HELP OTHERS!

There are over 118,000 children in Bexar County who do not have enough food in their homes! "Food insufficiency usually translates into poor performance in school and higher health care costs. The long-term effect of having children go hungry can greatly impact a community." A June, 2012, editorial in the San Antonio Express-News noted these facts reported by **Feeding America**, a charity focused on relieving hunger.

AAUW has long listed Philanthropy as one of its objectives together with Education, Advocacy and Research. Your Board proposes we have a food drive twice a year to fight hunger in San Antonio. And not just at Thanksgiving and Christmas! What could be easier than bringing just one can of food to the October and March luncheons as a donation to the San Antonio Food Bank? It is an organization that is well-equipped to efficiently distribute food throughout San Antonio. Our contributions can help children perform better in school--both educationally and behaviorially--and enjoy better health as well.

Our San Antonio Branch has annually donated cosmetics and toiletries to the Seton Home, much to the pleasure of the young women the Home serves. This simple act does much to give them a morale and self-esteem boost. We do not expect to discontinue this portion of our philanthropy objective. But **We Can Do More!** Bringing just one can of food to the October and March meetings will help fill the shelves that are depleted before the usual Thanksgiving and Christmas drives. If each of us brings just one can, that will be at least 30 or 40 donations to supplement the meager diets of children in our area. Hunger doesn't take time off.

What costs us so little can make a big difference to hungry families in our community.

INTEREST & STUDY GROUPS

Please note that the following groups are no longer functioning: Day time Bridge, Museum Tour Group, Theatre Group, Garden Club and the Monday afternoon Book Review.

CHAT-N-CHEW

1st Sundays, 2:00 pm. *The next chat-n-chew will be in October.* Coordinator: Malinda Gaul 410-8992 or mgaul@satx.rr.com

HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

2nd Saturday at noon at the Doubletree Hotel
Next meeting will be October 13

NIGHT BRIDGE

1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:45 pm
LaMadelaine at Loop 410 & Blanco
Coordinator: Marilyn Traylor at 696-8299

SATURDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 am
"The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet"
By David Mitchell. Meeting site: Sherline Fox's house, Fran Vetter will host. Coordinator: Diantha Perelli 497-4121 or cyclobabe1960@yahoo.com

WALKING

Walks along the linear greenway trails or the outstanding local natural sites, 2nd or 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 am
Coordinator: Barbara Kyse 824-8884 or bckyse@msn.com

WORLD AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussion of topics from the current Great Decisions Briefing book. Tuesday, September 5 at 10:00 am
Hostess: Martha Tarpley 694-2083
Topic: Exit from Afghanistan & Iran
Coordinator: Margaret Mayberry 496-5333

Branch members have mentioned the possibility of additional interest groups; such as an evening book discussion group possibly for mysteries or history or a new cultural group encompassing music, theater and the museums or a Girls Night Out for dinner at various restaurants. These interest groups could meet either monthly or every other month. If you are interested in either coordinating or participating in a new interest group, please contact Barbara Kyse at 824-8884 (or bckyse@msn.com).

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO BEACON HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church is located at 1101 Woodlawn Ave 78201, just east of Fredericksburg Road and I-10. There is plenty of parking to the East of the Church, off Michigan Ave. Lunch will be in the Annex. However, the handicapped entrance is at the double glass doors on Woodlawn Ave. You are welcome to arrive at 11:30 am to allow time for visiting.

Traveling south on I-10

Take **Exit 567** then turn left onto Woodlawn Ave as you cross Fredericksburg Road at the light.

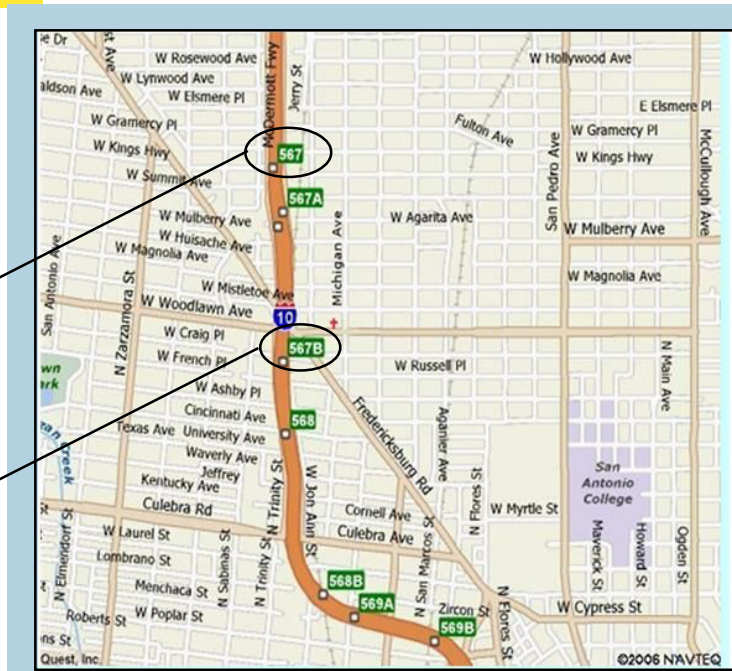
Traveling north on I-10

Take **Exit 567B** onto Fredericksburg Rd, and turn right on Woodlawn. The church and its Annex is about one block East of Fredericksburg Rd on the left.

You may elect to take Fredericksburg Road from either the north or south until you get to Woodlawn Ave to turn west.

Another route is to follow McCullough Ave north or south to Woodlawn Ave. Turn west as you approach I-10. You will find the Annex on the right.

All arrivals will turn on to Michigan Ave, the street just east of the church, and into the parking lot on the right.



The American Association of University Women is the largest, oldest, U.S. organization working for the advancement of women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change.

HEALTH CARE REFORM AFTER THE SUPREME COURT DECISION: NOW WHAT? *Presented by Dr. Amer Kaissi*

Thursday, September 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m. • TRIPOINT at 3233 North St. Mary's Street

Join us for this important and informative meeting on the Affordable Healthcare Act. Get the answers to your questions in the Q&A following the presentation by an expert in healthcare.

Dr. Amer Kaissi joined Trinity University in 2003 after earning a Ph. D. in Health Services Administration, Research and Policy from the University of Minnesota. Prior to that, he earned a Master of Public Health in Hospital Administration from the American University of Beirut in his native Lebanon. At Trinity, Dr. Kaissi, an Associate Professor, teaches courses in Health Care Management, Strategic Planning and Marketing and a comparative course on the American and French health care systems. Dr. Kaissi also works with hospitals and health systems on strategic and business planning and marketing projects.

2012-2013 *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, simply mail your check for:
\$71 for regular membership or **\$22** if you are a Life member.

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New, or renewing members who are coming back to AAUW after several years, please go to our website www.AAUWSanAntonio.org

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)

On-line 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!!!!