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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Greetings AAUW Members! It seems like this year is flying by! Soon both this fiscal year as well my own school year will be over, and summer will begin. It's hard to imagine that within just a few more months, my seniors will be walking the stage for graduation and getting ready to embark upon their first steps in college or fulltime employment.

Do you remember your first days of school? I can say I remember nearly all of mine. I remember my first day of kindergarten. My mother packed everything I would need for that day: lunchbox, book bag with jumbo crayons and pencils as well as a Big Chief writing tablet. I was frightened and excited all at the same time, and upon meeting my teacher, Mrs. Pfeiffer, I was ready to begin my first official day as a student.

As I grew up and the grade levels increased, I always began my first day of school with all the supplies I needed. It was an adventure to go shopping with my parents; school supply lists in hand to buy all the things I would need for that year in school. This was true even when I began my first day of University Classes for both my baccalaureate and master's degrees. My tuition was always paid and I was always given funds to purchase all of the textbooks and supplies I would need for each semester.

I recognized early on that I was very lucky that my parents were able to plan for all of the things needed for my education. At any level. Now that I am teaching, I write a lot of recommendation letters and

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## APRIL • 2013 • MEETING

**Saturday, April 6, 2013**

11:30 AM -1:30 PM

**Pompeii Italian Grill**

16109 Nacogdoches Rd  
210-949-5518 • Cost is \$20

**Lunch Selection choices include:**

Grilled chicken, Lasagna, or  
Chicken Parmesan  
Eggplant Parmesan is available  
for vegetarians  
Green Salad, Cheesecake  
Tea and coffee

Reservation deadline is

**Thursday night, April 4**

Email your reservation to Kate Vettters  
at [kvettters@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kvettters@sbcglobal.net) or  
call Kate at 696-1804

**Program.** We will celebrate the recipients of AAUW's scholarship program. Scholarship chair, Karen Reichensperger will take time from her FEMA duties to introduce this year's winners. We hope Karen will also tell us a bit about her work with FEMA.

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## 2012-2013

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fill out a lot of evaluation forms for my own students who are trying to secure scholarships and grants in order to go to school. It is not lost on me that education costs have risen over 559 percent since 1985 (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics). That means that the cost of college tuition has nearly sextupled since I was in school.

One of the things I have always loved about our Branch is that we don't just come together to share common interests; we also support the endeavors of women looking to advance their educations. In fact, three of our members, Irma Gesche, Mildred Magee and Jean Longwith all established endowments for AAUW scholarships in their wills. In addition, proceeds from our Breaking the Glass Ceiling luncheon and silent auction also contribute to local scholarships. And finally, this year we will be awarding two very special scholarships: the Castater scholarship in honor of Dr. Juanita Felder's daughter Mary, and the one-time Transition scholarship in honor of Orrine Woinowsk. I hope you will be able to join us for our April luncheon as we award our scholarships.

*Debbi Sochia Eyfells, President of this Branch*

## 2013 AAUW SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Be sure to attend the **April 6 Branch meeting** to meet our 2013 scholarship recipients. Former branch president, Dr. Juanita Felder, who funded the \$2,000 Castater scholarship in honor of her daughter Mary Juanita Castater will present the Castater scholarship to recipient Christie Melonson.

The San Antonio branch will also be awarding five additional \$2,000 graduate scholarships to the following recipients: Jennifer Lee, Amanda Miller, Corine Johnson, Hannah Crosby and Regina Moore.

Marisa DeGuzman will be the recipient of the \$810 transitional scholarship awarded in honor of Orrine Woinosk, a former branch president who died in 2012. The recipients of the five \$500 textbook scholarships for undergraduate and/or graduate students will be Gail Newsome, Yetunde Akiwowo, Kendra Smith, Monica Moreno and Gabriella Reynosa. Come and show these bright, talented women who we are!



## INTEREST & STUDY GROUPS

### CHAT-N-CHEW

Sunday, April 7, 2013 • 2:00 pm  
 Location: Nancy Ogden's Home  
 Contact Malinda Gaul for directions 210-410-8992  
 or [mgaul@satx.rr.com](mailto:mgaul@satx.rr.com)

### GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 • 6:00 PM  
 Location: Drew's American Grill • 210-483-7600  
<http://www.drewsamericangrill.com/>  
 18740 Stone Oak Pky (NE corner Stone Oak & 1604)  
 Contact Malinda Gaul (to reserve your place)  
 210-410-8992 or [mgaul@satx.rr.com](mailto:mgaul@satx.rr.com)

### HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

Saturday, April 13, 2013 • 12 Noon  
 Speaker: Karen Ripley, Co-author of  
**Images of America – Medina Lake**  
 Topic: Medina Lake area and the Medina Lake Dam  
 Location: Doubletree Hotel at McCullough & Lp 410  
 Contact Edna Sharp 210-492-5206

### NIGHT BRIDGE

Mondays, April 1 & 15 2013 • 6:45 PM  
 Location: LaMadeleine at Park North (Lp 410 & Blanco)  
 Contact Marilyn Traylor 210-696-8299

### SATURDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, April 13, 2013 • 10:00 AM  
 Book: **Lord Jim** by Joseph Conrad  
 Location: Beverly Baucum's house  
 Contact Fran Vettters 210-481-7765  
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### WALKING

Wednesday, April 17, 2013 • 9:30 AM  
 Location: San Antonio Botanical Garden  
 555 Funston (just east of North New Braunfels Ave)  
 Contact Barbara Kyse 210-824-8884, [bckyse@msn.com](mailto:bckyse@msn.com)  
 Walk along the garden paths with Botanical Society  
 guide, Barbara Kyse, and stay for lunch in the historic  
 Carriage House. Passes are available

### WORLD AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, April 2, 2013 • 10:00 am  
 Topic: **NATO**  
 Location: Margaret Mayberry's home  
 Contact Margaret Mayberry at 210-496-5333 or  
[mfmayberry@aol.com](mailto:mfmayberry@aol.com)

## PHILANTHROPY CORNER – TOILETRIES, BOOKS, & FOOD

### SETON HOME – TOILETRIES

"Seton Home was established in response to the critical unmet need of hundreds of homeless parenting teens with no shelter or opportunities for obtaining parenting and life skills that enable them to become nurturing parents and productive citizens. Seton Home works to break the cycle of abuse and poverty by providing a caring home, education, and support services necessary to transform the lives of pregnant and parenting teen mothers and their children."

For our spring community project, please bring toiletries, cosmetics, hair products and feminine products to the April and May meetings to be delivered to Seton Home in time for Mother's Day. For a complete list of their needs (including items for the babies), please check out their website: <http://setonhomesa.org/index.php/difference/needs-list>

### SAN ANTONIO YOUTH LITERACY – BOOKS

At our March 2nd meeting we collected over 60 books for the Youth Literacy program. Per the United Way, two-thirds of 3rd graders across the country aren't reading on grade level, which means they're four times as likely to drop out of high school. And the outlook is even worse for disadvantaged students. A staggering 83 percent of 4th graders from low-income families don't read on grade level. Providing books for our youth might help close achievement gaps, increase graduation rates, support our local economy and build a strong community.

### SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK – 140 pounds of food

Thank you, San Antonio Branch! Last month you contributed approximately 50 pounds of food to the San Antonio Food Bank. Together with the jars, cans, boxes and bags you donated in October, that makes over 140 pounds' worth of AAUW generosity this year.

*Fran Vettters, Vice President Membership*

Please make the following  
additions/corrections to your  
2012-2013 Directory:

To ensure you do not miss any communications from the Branch, please send contact information updates or corrections to Fran Vettters, [frankenvettters@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frankenvettters@sbcglobal.net) or 210-481-7765.

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**Dr. Juanita Felder's** new email address is [jbfeld85@gmail.com](mailto:jbfeld85@gmail.com)

**Welcome to 10 New Members!**

At our February Breaking the Glass Ceiling lunch, 10 women joined our branch. In addition to welcoming them to the branch, please add their contact information to your directory.

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**MAY MEETING**

Mark your calendar for our **May 4** meeting at **Los Patios** when **Thomas O'Brien** will entertain and educate us with information about, and an exhibition of, the interesting world of **Robotics**.

**NOMINEES FOR 2013-2014**

The Nominating committee composed of Mary Brennan, Cheryl Davis, Beverly McDonald, Lisa McDougle, Eve Nwokah, Fran Vettors, and Agnes Wright submitted its nominees to the Branch at the March 2 General Meeting.

There were no additional nominations from the floor. The election of officers shall take place at the **April 6 Annual Meeting**. The slate of officers for 2013-2014 is:

**President** – Barbara Kyse

**President-Elect** – Pat Sanford

**Treasurer** – Janina Kuzma

**Vice President Membership** – Fran Vettors

**Vice President Programs** – Susan Ewers

**Secretary** – Beverly Baucum

*Fran Vettors, Chair, Nominating Committee*

**2013 NATIONAL AAUW CONVENTION**

The AAUW's 47th National Convention will be held in New Orleans from June 9–12. All AAUW members are invited to attend in order to explore, learn, and share. The convention will celebrate our accomplishments, reflect on our challenges, and explore our opportunities at the event filled with engaging speakers, interactive workshops, and insightful panels aimed to guide us in an exploration of **Breaking through Barriers: Leading across Generations**. For information on the biennial convention please check out the National website (<http://convention.aauw.org>). Please note that early bird discounted registration for the convention ends on April 14.

**MALINDA GAUL****National AAUW Board Candidate**

The slate of 2013-15 candidates for the National AAUW Board of Directors includes San Antonio branch member, Malinda Gaul who has been involved in AAUW for nearly 25 years. Her AAUW involvements have included serving on the Legal Advocacy Fund Advisory Committee for three terms, Texas State President and San Antonio Branch President, in addition to many other elected and committee positions at all AAUW levels. Per the National website, Malinda's "aspirations as Director for AAUW are to: bring my professional legal experience to bear on the issue of equitable legal rights for all women and girls; continue to build membership through outreach to younger women on campus and in the workforce; and work with branches and states to emphasize AAUW's groundbreaking research in planning programs."

You can read Malinda's full candidate statement and view her video through the National website: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/candidates-for-election-to-the-aauw-board-of-directors/#gaul>

**ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE**

The Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook will include the proposed bylaw amendments, resolutions, and the Public Policy Program revisions and additions, as well as profiles of candidates who have been approved for ballot by the AAUW Board of Directors.

All members are encouraged to vote online, because it is fast, easy, secure—and green! Online voting is open April 15, 2013, through 9 p.m. CDT, June 10, 2013, and may be done online or onsite at the convention. To vote online at the AAUW website, you must use your member number and a PIN number, which will be e-mailed to members before voting begins. The PIN will also be mailed to members with the Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook.

Members may request to have a paper ballot mailed to them between April 1, 2013, and May 2, 2013. No ballots will 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](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or call 800/326-2289.

## BE AN EARLY BIRD!

### TAKE A CHANCE ON WINNING A FREE MEMBERSHIP!

Our Branch's popular "Early Bird" dues incentive plan will be offered again this spring. We will hold two drawings for free 2013-2014 memberships, one April 6 and the second May 4.

2013-2014 dues checks received on or before the end of the April 6 meeting will be included in the first drawing. Then all non-winning checks, along with subsequent 2013-2014 dues payments received before the end of the May 4 meeting, will be entered in the second drawing. Thus, you have two chances of getting your dues back if you pay on or before April 6. The two winning checks will be returned and the names will be entered on National, State, and Branch membership rolls for the upcoming year.

#### MEMBERSHIP COST

**Life members pay \$22, and regular members pay \$71.** Honorary (50-year) Life Members, of course, are entitled to free memberships. A renewal form is found below.

Thank you for continuing to support AAUW and its mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

### 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](http://www.AAUWSanAntonio.org) and may be printed and mailed with your dues. **AAUW's Value Promise:** By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.