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BREAKING THE GLASS CEILING
FUNDRAISER FOR AAUW SCHOLARSHIPS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013 • 11:30 AM

OAK HILLS COUNTRY CLUB • 5403 FREDERICKSBURG RD

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER - COLEEN GRISSOM

MENU Baby Garden Greens with Cherry Tomatoes, Hearts of Palm,
Gorgonzola Cheese and Walnut Balsamic Vinaigrette
Honey-Pecan Crusted Breast of Chicken with Sherry Cream Sauce
Wild Rice with Apricots and Almonds • Seasonal Vegetable Medley
Assorted Rolls and Butter • Tea and Coffee • **Goldbrick Sundae**

TICKETS ARE \$40 EACH

Invitations will be mailed in January. All reservations **must** be paid in advance on or before **January 29, 2013**. Mail reservations w/ payment to: AAUW, c/o Barbara Kyse, 7887 Broadway #404, San Antonio TX 78209. For more information, contact Barbara at 210-824-8884 or bckyse@msn.com

COLEEN GRISSOM

Our guest speaker will be Coleen Grissom, who is the author of **A Novel Approach to Life**. Per the book jacket, "Coleen Grissom is a professor of English at Trinity University. A faculty member for more than forty-five years, she has received "honorary alumna status," as well as a scholarship named in her honor. As a dean of students, then vice president for student affairs, she has mentored, counseled, and influenced the lives of thousands of young men and women. She lives in Boerne, Texas, with her five toy poodles, three indoor cats, and seven indoor saltwater fish, each named after a deceased but admired movie star." Coleen's book, **A Novel Approach to Life**, published by the Trinity University Press, will be available to purchase at our fundraiser.

According to Naomi Shihab Nye, author and poet, "Coleen Grissom is an indelible original, a straight-talkin' virtuoso of radiant and glittering mind, as well as one of the funniest people alive. Anyone who gets to hear her speak will never forget it; the rest of the world will seem slightly duller by comparison. Or, you will feel recharged to discover more about the rest of the world—its literature and films and wisdom, its small towns, its animals—more about everything interesting in general."

A new year...

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JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2013 MEETINGS

After the rush and hustle during the year-end holidays, the San Antonio AAUW branch traditionally takes a break in January from the regular monthly general meetings. However, our Interest Groups remain active.

Our next meeting will be our **Breaking the Glass Ceiling** Fundraiser on February 2 at Oak Hills Country Club, which will help fund our branch scholarships. Yes, the lunch price is higher than a regular meeting, but since we do not meet in January the lunch is just the equivalent of two monthly meetings. Please consider attending and inviting guests, friends and family to this special event with an outstanding speaker. Profits from the lunch will benefit our graduate scholarship program and all proceeds from the silent auction will be applied to our textbook scholarships.

Also, it is not too late to donate items to the silent auction to benefit our book scholarship fund. Please **contact Carol Lahser** at 210-657-5139, if you have items to donate.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AAUW BRANCH SCHOLARSHIPS

\$2,000 Graduate Scholarships

Each year the San Antonio AAUW Branch offers scholarships to assist local women to pursue and complete a graduate degree. Our \$2,000 graduate scholarships are awarded to one or more applicants each year. The number awarded each year depends upon our fundraising and the income from our invested endowment accounts. Net income from the **Breaking the Glass Ceiling** fundraising lunch will augment the funds for our graduate scholarship program. The higher our attendance, the more that is available for these unique scholarships. Specific detail regarding the criteria for our graduate student applicants is available on our website.

Textbook Scholarships

The San Antonio Branch also offers scholarships to assist women in purchasing required academic text books. Book scholarship applications are received from both undergraduate and graduate students who are attending a college or university in Bexar County. Information regarding the criteria for the book scholarships is also available on our website. Proceeds raised through the silent auction at the **Breaking the Glass Ceiling** will be allocated to fund the book scholarships.

EQUAL PAY DAY

AAUW has long fought to end wage discrimination. As early as 1922, AAUW's legislative program called for a reclassification of the U.S. Civil Service and for a repeal of salary restrictions in the Women's Bureau. In 1955, AAUW supported a bill introduced by Reps. Edith Green (D-OR) and Edith Rogers (R-MA) requiring "equal pay for work of comparable value requiring comparable skills." Congress enacted the **Equal Pay Act**, a version of the 1955 bill, in 1963, making 2013 the law's 50th anniversary. AAUW's 2011-2013 Public Policy Program states that AAUW is committed to supporting, "fairness in compensation, equitable access and advancement in employment, and vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes."

Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages. The next **Equal Pay Day** is **Tuesday, April 9, 2013**. This date symbolizes how far into 2013 women must work to earn what men earned in 2012.

AAUW's research shows that the gender pay gap exists in every state and nearly every occupation. In 2011, women were paid just 77 percent of what men were paid. AAUW's research report, *The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap* includes state-by-state rankings of the pay gap; the pay gap by age, race/ethnicity, and education; guidance for women facing workplace discrimination; and resources for fair pay advocates.

Learn more about pay equity in the AAUW Pay Equity Resource Kit:

http://www.aauw.org/act/issue_advocacy/actionpages/upload/AAUWPayEquityResourceKit2013.pdf

INTEREST & STUDY GROUPS

CHAT-N-CHEW • On Break until February

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 • 6:00 PM
Location: **Tre Trattoria** • 210-805-0333
4003 Broadway (just north of the Witte Museum)
Contact Malinda Gaul 210-410-8992 or
mgaul@satx.rr.com

HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

Saturday, January 12, 2013 • 12 Noon
Location: Doubletree Hotel at McCullough & Loop 410
Speaker: Caroline Wernli, Ed.D., Retired educator,
President of N.I.S.D. School Museum Association
Topic: The First Twelve Schools of N.I.S.D.
Contact Edna Sharp 210-492-5206

NIGHT BRIDGE

Mondays, January 7 and 21 • 6:45 PM
Location: LaMadeleine at Park North (Lp 410 & Blanco)
Contact Marilyn Traylor 210-696-8299

SATURDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, January 12, 2013 • 10:00 AM
Book: **Siddhartha** by **Hermann Hesse**
Location: Mynda McGuire's house
Gayna Dupont, co-hostess
Contact: Fran Veters 210-481-7765
frankenveters@sbcglobal.net

WALKING

On hiatus until the spring

WORLD AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, January 22, 2013 10:00 AM
Topic: To be determined. Info should be available
on the Great Decisions 2013 topics and book.
Location: Sharon Bartling's house 210-493-3144
Contact Margaret Mayberry 210-496-5333
mfmayberry@aol.com

NEW MEMBERS' DUES CUT IN HALF AT BREAKING THE GLASS CEILING!

New members may join the San Antonio Branch AAUW for a reduced rate at our Breaking the Glass Ceiling luncheon on February 2. Since this meeting is open to the public, it qualifies as a "Shape the Future" event at which newcomers may join for only \$46.50 rather than the usual \$71.00.

The dues going to AAUW National are cut in half, \$24.50, while State dues, \$10.00, and San Antonio Branch dues, \$12.00, remain the same, resulting in a total of \$46.50.

A Membership table will be set up in the lobby of Oak Hills Country Club on the morning of the **Breaking the Glass Ceiling** luncheon and silent auction.

Where else could potential members share a delicious meal, hear a witty speaker, find a good deal, and become part of a great organization in the space of only a few hours? You'd be doing them a favor to invite them to our most important fundraiser of the year!

Recruit new members on February 2. They can have a good time that Saturday, and score a good bargain in Saturdays to come with informative meetings and interesting friends.

Fran Veters, Vice President Membership

A New Year...

Poet: William Arthur Ward

*Another fresh new year is here
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!*

*This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!*

*I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!*

AAUW & PHILANTHROPY – FEATURING YOUTH LITERACY

Malinda Gaul has recently joined the Board of San Antonio Youth Literacy, an organization whose mission is to promote the literacy skills of at-risk youths. SAYL's **Reading Buddy** program uses volunteer tutors to read one-on-one with second graders for 30 minutes a week over eight weeks. To volunteer or make a donation (both monetary and children's books are needed), contact SAYL at 700 N. St. Mary's, San Antonio, Texas 78205, 210-299-1533, www.sayl.org

Please note: SAYL was the local charity featured in the San Antonio Express-News's, "Grace of Giving" series in their December 1 issue. Per that article, notable reading buddies include Police Chief William McManus, Fire Chief Charles Hood and City Manager Sheryl Scully.

