



San Antonio Inc. (TX) Branch
Advocating for Women and Girls since 1908

Newsletter

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Our Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

President's Message

May 7th is our last general meeting of the 2015-2016 year. It is also the last meeting I will lead as president of our branch, but not the end of my involvement with AAUW SA. I have loved working with you. You made me feel welcome from the first AAUW meeting I attended as a speaker in the spring of 2012. You told me I could join AAUW that very day, and as I was leaving two members of the book club told me I could join the book club too. I left the meeting on cloud nine!

My AAUW high has continued. I fervently believe in our mission of advancing equity for women and girls through research, education, advocacy, and philanthropy. We all know that we REAP what we sow! In this short space I cannot adequately express my appreciation to the fine professionals who have served on the Board with me, but I want them to know how highly I value each of them.

Working for the past two years with Board members Fran Vettters, Malinda Gaul, Kate Vettters, Mynda McGuire, Karen Reichensperger, Monica-Ruiz Mills, and Ginny Taylor, and for one year with Board members Janina Kuzma, Ann Marie Rehner, Diantha Perelli, Sharon Bartling, Ashley Eklof, Anna Castro, Gayna Dupont, Karen Cool, Jeanette Gittinger, Janet Black, and Cheryl Kelsey has been the utmost pleasure. They have given me immeasurable support and guidance. Each woman brings skill, dedication, and insight to her AAUW role(s).

In addition, many of us are working hard to make the AAUW 47th Texas Biennial Convention a success. Our Local Arrangements Committee includes many of those listed above, and also Sue Ewers, Leslie Goddard, and Suzanne Benson. Less than a month away! We can do it!

Members, I deeply appreciate you too. AAUW SA is the great organization it is because of who you are. Seeing you at our meetings and interest groups is rewarding and inspirational. I joined AAUW because I knew you were women I would learn from and benefit from knowing. It's so much fun too!

With much appreciation and fondness, I thank each of you for making AAUW SA a destination organization. See you next year!

Warmly,
Pat Sanford



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May Meeting

Where: Luce Ristorante e Enoteca,
11255 Huebner Rd., SAT 78230

Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Cost: \$20. Cash or Check payable to
AAUW SA.

Please RSVP to Pat Sanford by
Wednesday, May 4th,
at pacmsan@me.com or 210-392-0728

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Program: Stepping into Action
To-and-Through a PhD Program
Presenter: Lydia Light, PhD candidate, ABD,
The University of Texas at San Antonio.
Ms. Light is a 2015-2016
AAUW American Fellowship Grantee.

JOE BUONINCONTRI'S
Luce Ristorante e Enoteca
authentic Italian cuisine in San Antonio, Texas

Menu Choices:

Insalate di Spinacini e Salmone
Baby Spinach Salad with Grilled
Salmon, Tomato Basil Vinaigrette,
Mushrooms, Leeks, Cucumber, Radish
OR

Carciofi
Sautéed Chicken Breast with Artichoke
Hearts, Mushrooms, Lemon Herb
Butter, Pecorino Risotto and Toasted
Garlic Vegetables
OR

Pennette con Polpette
House Crafted Meatballs, Pennette
Pasta, Tomato Sauce

San Antonio Branch Officers 2015-2016

President	Pat Sanford
Co-Presidents Elect	Dr. Karen Reichensperger
	Gayna Dupont
VP Membership	Malinda Gaul
VP Programs	Fran Vettters
Treasurer	Ann Marie Rehner
Secretary	Karen Cool, Jeanette Gittinger



Did You Know?

Congratulate yourselves! Your AAUW annual dues--and those of Branches all over the US-- have met the goal of fully-funding the AAUW Fellowships! Fellowships such as the Community Action Grant that Kimberly Sama is using this year in San Antonio to help girls in lower socio-economic areas develop their creativity in writing computer code and exploring STEM subjects. Kimberly was Featured Speaker at the December, 2015, Branch meeting. Fellowships that assist women like this month's Featured Speaker, Lydia Light, an American Fellowship Grant Winner. Read about her elsewhere in this Newsletter and come hear her fascinating presentation at the May meeting.

Nowadays a new focus of scholarship funds is supporting girls of middle school age as they venture into the STEM fields. Tech Savvy is a day-long STEM conference designed to develop interests of middle school girls and help adults support these interests. Tech Trek is a week-long Science and Math summer camp conducted on a university campus to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in 8th grade girls in these fields. There are very few Tech Trek camps throughout the country so far, even though Tech Trek has been around in California since 1998, and there is only one Tech Trek camp in all of Texas at this time--at Texas Tech University. An AAUW goal is to expand Tech Trek to other colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Something Else You Ought to Know!

Did you know that AAUW Texas has its own AAUW American Fellowship Grant? It is in honor of the late Ann Richards. But we can't honor our favorite outspoken Governor yet! The grant must first be fully-funded at \$200,000 before women scholars will have access to fellowships in her name. We are more than halfway there! You can "Step into Action" by donating to this fund at the Convention or by making a donation to the 2015-2016 Ann Richards AAUW American Fellowship Grant Funding Drive.

Time to Renew Your Dues! Don't delay – pay today!

It is that time of year when you need to renew your dues. Please make your checks payable to AAUW and mail your checks to AAUW, P.O. Box 460825, San Antonio, Texas 78246. Dues are \$75 unless you have purchased a Life Membership, then you pay \$26 (Honorary Life Members – 50 Year Members are free.) You can also bring your checks to the May meeting.

If you pay before or at the May meeting, your name will be entered in the drawing for a free membership!

Interest Groups!



Moviegoers

April

When: Saturday, April 23, 2016
Time and Place: To be announced via email on Friday, April 22.

What: Film chosen by Moviegoers and announced via email on Friday, April 22.

May

When: Saturday, May 28, 2016
Time and Place: To be announced via email on Friday, May 27.

What: Film chosen by Moviegoers and announced via email on Friday, May 27.

Contact: Fran Vettters to add your name to the list, 210-481-7765
francesvettters@yahoo.com
frankenvettters@sbcglobal.net



Historic Southwest

May 14

Speaker: Conservation Society
Program: What the society does, background; who promotes this society.



Night Bridge

When: First and Third Mondays @ 6:45 pm

Location: La Madeline at Park North

Loop 410 and Blanco

Contact: Marilyn Traylor @ 210-696-8299

Wandering Wonders

Friday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m.
San Antonio Botanical Gardens, with lunch afterwards at the Carriage House Bistro, in the Gardens.

Leader: Janet Black (210-822-6520). For additional information, contact Nancy Anderson anderson@loyno.edu or (cell) 210/833-1291.

Book Discussion

When: Saturday, April 16, 2016, 10:00 am
Where: Home of Janet Black
115 Tophill Road
SAT, 78209

Book: Canada by Richard Ford
RSVP: Janet Black, 210-822-6520
janet7766@att.net

Or
Fran Vettters, 210-481-7765
francesvettters@yahoo.com

When: Saturday, May 21, 10:00 am
Where: Home of Kate Vettters and Sarah Gilliland
3431 Nantucket Dr.
SAT 78230

Selection of Books for 2016-2017
RSVP: Fran Vettters, 210-481-7765
francesvettters@yahoo.com

Or
Kate Vettters, 210-696-1804
kvettters@sbcglobal.net



Culinary Adventures

Where: Tost Bistro and Wine Bar
14415 Blanco Road
SAT 78216

When: Thursday, May 19, 2016
11:30 am

Contact: Please RSVP to Fran Vettters
to reserve.

frankenvettters@sbcglobal.net
or 210-481-7765

francesvettters@yahoo.com

Wine, Women, and Wisdom

Unhappy Hour!

April 28, 2016
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Canyon Café
255 E. Basse Road – The Quarry
RSVP to mgaul@satx.rr.com

May 26, 2016
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Alchemy
1123 N. Flores
RSVP to mgaul@satx.rr.com



AAUW SA Volunteers Needed

We need you! Volunteers are needed for all shifts at the AAUW 47th Biennial Texas Convention Friday evening, April 29th; Saturday, April 30th; and Sunday morning, May 1st. As a volunteer you will be an ambassador for our branch and for San Antonio. You may sign up for one or more shifts of 2 hours each. Call or email Convention Volunteer Chair, Karen Cool at 210-326-1354 or kcool@gmail.com

Thank you for Stepping into Action - Your Way with AAUW!



Featured Speaker

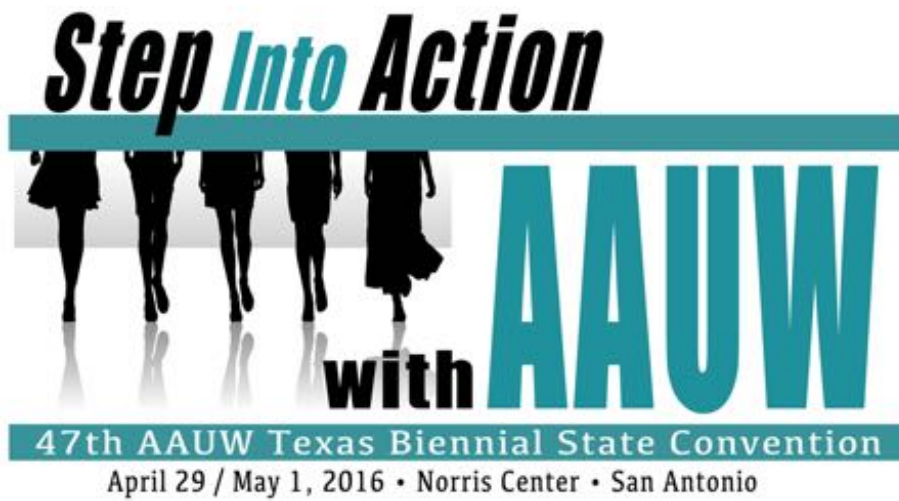


Lydia Light, AAUW American Fellowship Grantee

What is it like attempting to navigate today's university science doctoral programs? How does a woman scientist overcome gender bias to be accepted as a PhD candidate and emerge, degree in hand, after a number of years in field and laboratory? How does an AAUW Grant assist her in her journey?

Lydia Light, our featured speaker for May and PhD Candidate, ABD, at the University of Texas at San Antonio, will give us insight into these questions. She is a Grant recipient in AAUW's American Fellowship program for 2015-2016 whose Anthropology research with gibbons, our primate relatives, deals with their "...flexible mating systems and social monogamy...." as a way to better understand humans' evolutionary past. She will help us understand how ecological factors influence behavior and will relate some of her experiences in her field work in Western Thailand.

Some of us have enjoyed Lydia's company on walks with the Wandering Wonders, and we offer her our sincerest wishes of good luck as she prepares to defend her dissertation this month.



AAUW SA Hosting State Convention

AAUW SA is stepping into action in a big way this spring when we host the 47th Biennial State Convention here in the Mission City on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, and Sunday, May 1.

If you have never attended a state convention, do not miss this opportunity. Join Mayor Ivy Taylor in welcoming the attendees to San Antonio on Saturday morning. The theme of the convention: Step Into Action With AAUW runs through all the workshops and presentations. The opening session addresses the question: Why So Few Women In Politics? with a panel of women politicians. Workshops include how to take action on the issues of equal pay, human trafficking, immigration, diversity, and social media. The convention closes on Sunday with two generations of Andrades. Former Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade will introduce her daughter-in-law Leticia Andrade the rising star executive from CST Brands (CornerStore). This year's convention promises to have plenty of interesting ideas by and for women.

The new Norris Conference Center, where the convention will take place, is located in the Park North shopping area. It is beautiful, and their food prepared on site is delicious! Parking is free at the Norris Center. The convention hotel is the Hyatt Place on Hwy 281 near The Quarry. A free hotel shuttle will take guests to the Norris Center and to the Quarry.

In addition to attending, we are looking for volunteers from the San Antonio Branch to help with activities. Let us know if you would like to volunteer!

Step Into Action With AAUW – attend the state convention!

Come to the Equal Pay Day Unhappy Hour!

Equal Pay Day symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. Join other AAUW San Antonio members as we wash away our unequal pay sorrows with Wine, Women and Wisdom on Thursday, April 28, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at Canyon Café, 255 E. Basse Road, in The Quarry. RSVP to mgaul@satx.rr.com.

The San Antonio Branch did lots of hard work this year raising funds for textbook scholarships so that we awarded 7 - \$500 textbook scholarships. The recipients are:

Angelique Bargo, associate degree student at Alamo Community College, in memory of Francis Schroeder.

Vanessa Sansone, doctoral student at the University of Texas, San Antonio, in memory of Francis Schroeder.

Gracie Valdez, master's student at St. Mary's, in memory of Virginia Barr.

Ruby Gibson, medical student at University of Texas, San Antonio, in memory of Nancy Oehler.

Jasmine Morales, baccalaureate student at St. Mary's.

Danielle Trevino, baccalaureate student at Trinity.

Sakina Hakimuddin, second time textbook scholarship recipient, working on her CPA at University of Texas, San Antonio.

Through the generosity of former members who left endowments, the Branch awarded 3-\$2,000 graduate scholarships. They are:

Jacqueline Coppock, a doctoral student at Our Lady of the Lake Univ.

Jeanette Santos, a doctoral student at Our Lady of the Lake University.

Laurel Jackson-Cook, a master's student at University of Texas, San.

As Pat Sanford said in her remarks, a part of our advocacy in implementing the mission of AAUW is providing scholarships; we did "Step in Action Our Way," in a very fine way with some outstanding young women.





**AAUW SA
Annual Scholarship
Luncheon**

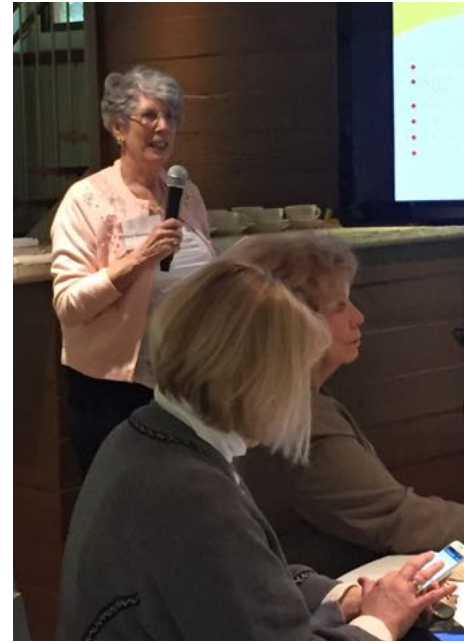


Long Time AAUW Members
Left to Right: Dr. Juanita Felder, Claudie Pettigrew,
Margaret Salisbury, Dr. Karen Reichensperger,
Marilyn Traylor

2016 Scholarship Winners
Seated, L-R: Jacqueline Coppock, Jeanette Santos
Standing: Gracie Valdez, Vanessa Sansone,
Angelina Bargo



Annual AAUW SA Scholarship Luncheon



Newly Elected San Antonio Branch Officers 2016 -2017

Co-Presidents	Dr. Karen Reichensperger, Gayna Dupont
Co-Presidents Elect	Dr. Karen Reichensperger, Gayna Dupont
VP Membership	Suzanne Benson
VP Programs	Alicia Hyk
Treasurer	Ann Marie Rehner
Secretary	Kathy Dicke



Social Media and Web

Please check out our website for more information including our history and how to join:



<http://sanantonio-tx.aauw.net/>



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https://twitter.com/AAUW_SanAntonio

If you need to drop us a line via email, you can reach us at:



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We would love to be added to your network.

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