



San Antonio Inc. (TX) Branch
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Newsletter

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

President's Message

Greetings AAUW-SA Members!

Welcome back to a new year and new opportunities. Focusing on AAUW's mission last year helped us reflect upon and become even more keenly aware of the important work AAUW does to advance equity for women and girls nationally, state wide, and locally. Yet there is more work to be done. So a natural next step for our branch is to move forward from last year's theme of "Empowerment" to this year's theme of "Step Into Action – Your Way."

Committing to action at the level that is comfortable and right for you is key to making this year's theme actionable, not just a nice slogan. Action is about intentionality. A conversation can be action. So can volunteering. So can taking a leadership role. So can supporting others, as can contacting public decision-makers. Anytime we make a moment a teachable moment, we're taking action.

We have much to look forward to this year. Our newsletter and expanded social media presence will continue. Malinda Gaul was re-elected to the National Board and will continue her leadership at the national and state levels. We have a new web coordinator, Ashley Eklof, who will keep our site dynamic and current. The Texas State Board selected San Antonio to be the host city for the 2016 State AAUW Convention. Mark your calendars now: April 29, 30, and May 1, 2016. Our interest groups are alive and continue to thrive! Our programs at meetings this year have been planned to inspire, motivate, and provide opportunities for action – your way!

I look forward to seeing you soon and often! Our first meeting is on Saturday, August 29th at FirstMark Credit Union on Gold Canyon. The Board and Planning Committee will provide lunch. Please come and bring a friend.
See meeting notice for details.



Pat Sanford

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August Meeting

Saturday, August 29, 2015

FirstMark Credit Union, 2023 Gold Canyon Drive, SAT 78232
(FirstMark has ample free parking in front of the building. There are no steps to navigate into the building or to the meeting room.)

11:30 am - 1:30pm



Please RSVP to Pat by
Wednesday, August 26th
pacmsan@me.com or 210-479-0454

We've planned a "Meet and Greet" luncheon with great food, interest groups, door prizes, and more!

We invite you to bring a friend who may be interested in becoming a member.

Lunch will be provided by the Board and the Planning Committee.

San Antonio Branch Officers

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➤ AAUW Convention – 2015 in San Diego



Pictured L to R: Don McPherson, Lilly Ledbetter, Noorjahan Akbar, Marianne Schnail and Kate Farrar

It was an exciting few days in June when San Diego welcomed more than 1,000 members to the AAUW National Convention of 2015. Leadership was emphasized throughout the convention.

Texas attendees numbered approximately 50 members. There were many speakers and even more workshops and special events. Malinda Gaul, Karen Reichensperger, and Mynda Holman McGuire tried to take it all in. One of the highlights of the convention was a plenary session, moderated by Marianne Schnail, on "How to encourage more women to become leaders."

Panel participants were Noorjahan Akbar, Kate C. Farrar, Lilly Ledbetter, and Don McPherson. Akbar who is a native of Afghanistan noted that women in the U.S. do not face violence and terrorist attacks as they do in a war zone, but they do suffer vicious mental and emotional attacks. "Differences are in the symptoms of misogyny. The roots remain the same. If you dare to speak up, [they say] we'll bring up your sexual history...it's not equal to violence, but it is a threat, and it silences women."

“Our systems and governments were put into place a hundred years ago by white, heterosexual men,” said former NFL player and anti-domestic violence activist McPherson. “And then they call it a meritocracy, but everything is based on their lens.” We’re still living in a model of leadership where if I win, you lose, he said, but women can see beyond that binary, and that’s what makes their model of leadership so promising, but also so necessary. He advised women to be patient and willing to educate men and for men to be humble and willing to listen. “Because of my background, I see the other side of this all-male environment. That makes me very discouraged,” said McPherson. “At the same time, I hear [Akbar] speak, and I’m good. We all have our problems, but she just said, ‘I come from a war zone!’”

Kate Farrar, an AAUW Consultant, supports women’s representation in politics. She serves as president of the only nonpartisan PAC in the country that supports young women running for office. She pointed out that if women want equity they must strive to elect more women to public office to achieve true representation of our goals.

Lilly Ledbetter, who has become the “Face of pay equity,” has devoted her life to making it easier for women who have been victims of financial gender bias to get justice. Financial justice was denied to her when the Supreme Court ruled for her former employer, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. Congress passed a bill to stop what had happened to her with the “Lilly Ledbetter Act.” It was the first bill President Barack Obama signed on his first day in office. Since then Ledbetter has responded with a renewed effort to make pay equity for women a reality.

There were three award winning speakers at the Banquet. They included artist Faith Ringgold who received the 2015 Alumnae Recognition Award. During her acceptance speech she said, “I’m 84 and will continue to be a force in the art world, where women are underrepresented.” She also encouraged members to blaze different paths to leadership especially in politics and religion. She added that women will use words instead of violence to solve problems, and that’s the kind of leadership the world needs.

The Achievement Award winner was Maria Klawe who swapped her presidency of Princeton University for that of Harvey Mudd College. She said that her friends frankly thought she was crazy. In just a few years, she has now transformed Harvey Mudd into an institution that has made strides in the technical education of women. For example, 38 percent of their computer science graduate program consists of women.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Award winner, University of Georgia Professor Juanita Johnson-Bailey, has a remarkable history as an example of a woman who pulled herself up from poverty. She achieved all her family and educational goals all the way to her doctorate. She now works to inspire her students by challenging them to be aware of their surroundings while taking on the task of envisioning and creating a better future for themselves and others.

Malinda Gaul was re-elected as an AAUW Director, and now also serves on the National Executive Committee. There were many workshops and their details can be found on the AAUW.org website, along with other details of the convention.

Mynda attended three workshops. They were “Marketing your Branch from A to Z,” “How Washington Works, a Policy Update,” and “What Stories are Under Your Bed? How to Preserve your AAUW State and Branch Historical Collections.” If you are interested in any of these topics, she has written summaries that she will send to you via email. Also see other convention details on AAUW.org.

Mynda McGuire

Interest Groups!



Moviegoers

When: **Saturday, August 22**, early matinee time.
Where: TBA*

What: *What will it be?
Meryl Streep in "Ricki and the Flash" Patricia Clarkson in "Learning to Drive" These are just two we can choose from.

*Film, time, and location will be announced on Friday morning, August 21, to Moviegoers members.

When: **Saturday, September 26**, early matinee time
Where: TBA*

What:*

*Will we choose Nicholas Cage in "The Runner" or Robert Redford and Emma Thompson in "A Walk in the Woods" or something else entirely?

*Film, time, and location to be announced to Moviegoers members via email on Friday, September 25.

Contact: Fran Vettes to add your name to the list @ 210-481-7765 or frankenvettes@sbcglobal.net.

Historic Southwest

Contact: Please RSVP to Sophie Lim @ (210) 445-0654, no later than Wednesday prior to the meeting.



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

Contact Nancy Anderson @ (210) 370-9459 or anderson@loyno.edu.





Culinary Adventures

Thursday, August 20,
11:30 AM

Where: Pop-up cafe at the San Antonio Museum of Art (light fare: salads, sandwiches, quiches, pastries). May be entered at side of museum, it is across the courtyard and overlooks the river.

209 Jones Avenue. 78215

The cafe, from the family behind Saveurs 209 and La Boulangerie, will be open in August and September only.

When: Thursday, September 17,
11:30 AM

Where: Nosh (gourmet Italian),
1133 Austin Highway, 78209

Contact: Fran Veters,
francesveters@yahoo.com
to reserve.



Book Discussion

Meets the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at various members' homes. We have a light brunch, then discuss the book selection.

September 12: All the Light We Cannot See
by Anthony Doerr at Beverly
Baucum's (3203 Tophill Road)

Contact: Please RSVP to Diantha Perelli @
210-497-4121, cyclobabe1946@yahoo.com
or Fran Veters @ 210-481-7765 or
frankenveters@sbcglobal.net.



Wine, Women, and Wisdom/ Cocktails and Convo's

Thursday, September 24, 2015

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sushi Zushi

999 E. Basse @ Broadway

Check out the Happy Hour Menu:
<http://sushizushi.com/Portals/1/Content/menus/Happy%20Hour%20Menu%20San%20Antonio.pdf>

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The gender pay gap is a continuous concern for all but for African American Women, the pay gap is increasingly significant. According to the blog, “The Pay Gap Is Even Worse for Black Women, and That’s Everyone’s Problem,” an African American woman must work 7 months additional months for free to earn the same amount as a male co-worker; worse than the 78% national pay gap for all women as reported in the AAUW’s The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap. For more information and to watch the video “How the gender pay gap affects women of color,” click on the following link:

<http://www.aauw.org/2015/07/21/black-women-pay-gap/>

Monica Ruiz-Mills



Our Mission

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Empowering women since 1881!

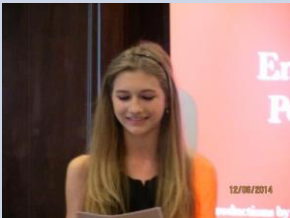


Leader Named Assistant Principal of the Year by TASSP

When Dr. Caprica Wells, Assistant Principal at Lee High School, spoke at our February meeting about empowering young women at school and through her Red Diamonds Conference, we were mesmerized. Many of us voiced the opinion that Caprica should be on the national speaking circuit. Our group is not alone in recognizing this outstanding leader. The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) has named Dr. Wells as the 2015-2016 Outstanding High School Assistant Principal of the Year. She has been a part of the Lee leadership team since 2006.

School administrators are nominated and chosen by their peers within the organization. Nominations are based upon exemplary performance and outstanding leadership. Dr. Wells will be honored in June 2016 in Austin at the Josten's Night of Heroes prior to the TASSP Summer Conference.

If selected as a state winner by the TASSP Principal's Image Committee, Dr. Wells will advance to compete in the NASSP National Assistant Principal of the Year Award.



Student Leader Continues Preparations to Make a Positive Difference

Who could forget Paige Johnson, the high school sophomore at the International School of the Americans in NEISD, who spoke to the Branch in December?

She told of her goal to make a difference in our country through elected office. Since then she has continued to hone her skills in the arenas of public service and politics.


Paige served a term as City Council District 10's representative to the San Antonio Youth Commission and became an intern in the District 10 office this summer. Creating press releases and carrying out policy analysis were among her duties.

In July, Paige was a State Department Youth Ambassador, spending a week in Washington, DC, and three weeks in Colombia. In Bogota and Barranquilla she stayed with local families and engaged with teens there to perform community service, meet with community leaders, and participate in team-building exercises.

And that's not all--Paige and her fellow Youth Ambassadors will apply what they've learned to implement projects serving identified needs in their own communities.

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

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


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