



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

Newsletter

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

President's Message

Greetings and Happy New Year, AAUW, SA Members!

A new year gives us opportunities to reflect on what we love about our life and to make resolutions to change what we'd like to improve. Are you a resolution maker? I confess that I am! I'm quite good at it too. For one whole year in high school I kept a resolution to drink eight glasses of water every day. Another year, also in high school, I resolved to eat no candy for an entire year. I accomplished that goal too. Rather superficial, you might be thinking. And I could agree. I made both resolutions to improve my complexion, not for the greater health benefits each behavior confers. However, what the resolutions were are less important than the fact that I reflected on a change I wanted to make and took action to make it happen. That's a valuable lesson for a young person. Being determined and being consistent have helped me in good stead throughout my life. I have often said in my monthly messages to you how much I value your influence on my life. In you I see successful, intelligent, action-oriented women that I admire and want to emulate. Whether you have made and kept year-long resolutions or not, you have made decisions to learn, grow, serve, and improve yourselves, and have thus improved our world.

I made two resolutions this year. Any guesses as to what they might be? I'll just say thank you for inspiring me. You're the dynamic motivation I need to succeed!

February is filled with activities we can engage in as AAUW members.

I hope to see you often!

Pat Sanford



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February Meeting

FirstMark Credit Union

2023 Gold Canyon Drive, SAT 78232

Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Cost: \$20; Cash or Check made payable to AAUW-SA

Please RSVP to Pat Sanford by
 Wednesday, February 3rd
 pacmsan@me.com or 210-392-0728

When you RSVP, please include your
 box lunch choice and your dessert choice.

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Program: Stepping into Action –
 Supporting "Aged Out" Foster Care Youth

Presenter: Elaine Andries Hartle,
 Executive Director, THRU Project

Special events:
 Annual Champagne and Chocolates
 Scholarship fundraiser!
 Book Drive for San Antonio Youth Literacy!



Each includes a cookie or a fudge-nut
 brownie and beverage. Choose from:

Croissant Club Box

Or

California Club Box

Or

Nutty Mixed-Up Salad Box

Or

Mighty Wild Salmon Box

Dessert Choices

Fudge-Nut Brownie; Or One of the
 Following Cookies: Cranberry Walnut
 Oatmeal, Chocolate Chip, White Chocolate
 Macadamia Nut, or Peanut Butter.

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Did You Know?

Mayor Ivy Taylor will open the AAUW Texas 47th Biennial Convention with an address on Saturday, April 30, 2016. AAUW San Antonio will be hosting the gathering at the new Norris Conference Center in Park North Shopping Center.

Scholarship

Students are busy completing their applications for the AAUW graduate scholarships of \$2,000 and the textbook scholarships of \$500 since they are due by midnight 2/7. The scholarship committees are primed and ready to read and score the applications. Remember, you can still dedicate funds to the Frances Schroeder scholarship by sending your contribution to our Treasurer, Ann Marie Rehner. In March, we will have our chocolate and champagne fund raiser for textbook scholarships, compliments of Malinda Gaul, so whet your appetites and be generous. We have so many intelligent and compassionate young women in our community so come to meet some of them in April.

Dr. Karen Reichensperger

Voter Registration for 18-Year Olds

A state law mandates voter registration opportunities for high school students. But there is no funding! Educator's Voter Registration Initiative needs volunteers willing to spend a few minutes in high school settings as voter deputy registrars to direct completion of the Voter Registration form. Sybil Morgan and Dan Bolen will be on hand at the February meeting to explain the requirements for becoming a registrar.

The primaries are coming up soon, and the general election will not be far behind. Help make it possible for young citizens to participate.

Moviegoers

January

When: Saturday, January 23
Matinee time

Where: To be announced via email
on Friday, January 22

What: Lots of award nominees to
choose from. We can't wait to
see what's available!

February

When: Saturday, February 27
Matinee time

Where: To be announced via email
on Friday, February 26

What: Award nominees and winners
at this time. It will be difficult
to pick one, but we're bound
to be pleased with any of them!

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



Historic Southwest

February 13

Speaker: Ed Rawlinson - Retired
Superintendent of N.I.S.D.
School Namesake – Rawlinson Middle
School in N.I.S.D.,
Grew up in Kingsville, Texas.

Program: "Changing Face of Northside;
Years 1949 – 2015



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, February 19 at 10 a.m.

Salado Creek Greenway North,

Meeting at Los Patios Restaurant parking lot, at
2015 NE Loop 410.,

2-3 mile walk at an easy pace.

Lunch afterwards at Los Patios Restaurant.

For more information and to sign up, contact

Nancy Anderson at

anderson@loyno.edu or (210) 833-1291.

Book Discussion

January

When: Saturday, January 16, 10:00am

Where: Beverly Baucum's house
3203 Tophill Rd., 78209

What: The Narrow Road to the
Deep North by Richard Flanagan

Contact: RSVP to Beverly Baucum
210-821-5252

bbaucum@satx.rr.com

Or Fran Veters

francesvetters@yahoo.com

February

When: Saturday, February 20, 10:00am

Where: Suzanne Benson's house
123 Donella, 78232

What: Americanah
by Chimamanda N. Adichie

Contact: RSVP to Suzanne
210-545-0103

ssobelb@att.net

Or Fran Veters

francesvetters@yahoo.com



Culinary Adventures

January

Where: Chez Vatel Bistro
218 E. Olmos Dr., 78212

1 block east of McCullough
When: Thurs., Jan. 21, 11:30am

February

Where: Azro Afghani Restaurant
2211 NW Military Hwy, 79213
1 block north of West Ave.

When: Thursday, Feb. 18, 11:30am

Contact: Please RSVP to Fran Veters @
210-481-7765

francesvetters@yahoo.com

frankenvetters@sbcglobal.net

Wine, Women, and Wisdom

January 28, 2016

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Liberty Bar

1111 S. Alamo Street

\$15 includes appetizers and wine

This is the annual "happy hour" that
replaces the January meeting.

February 25, 2016

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Frederick's

7701 Broadway

RSVP to Malinda Gaul mgaul@satx.rr.com





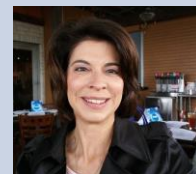
If you read my Facebook post on New Year's Eve, my mantra for the year is, "New year, Same me!" Instead of resolutions, my focus will be on remaining content in the moment and my goal for 2016 will simply be to make my bed more diligently. The AAUW website has other great goals we can all implement to empower women and young girls, my goals will now include assisting women with #2 (Register to vote) and #5 (Help young women find their voices); I personally need to reflect a little more on #4 (Love your body). You can read the article, "7 Feminist Resolutions for the New Year" at <http://www.aauw.org/2015/12/15/feminist-resolutions/>. How many of these resolutions can we use to empower women and girls?

January 13th, 2016, is the Get-Out the Vote Campaign Webinar. The webinar will provide information on what we need to know when casting our votes. You can register for the webinar at <http://www.aauw.org/event/2016/01/its-my-vote-kickoff-webinar/>.

Equal Pay Day is on April 12, 2016. You may listen to discussions that were presented in a webinar on December 16, 2015, on the AAUW website pertaining to Equal Pay advocacy <http://www.aauw.org/event/2015/12/planning-for-equal-pay-day/>.

As always, let us continue to advocate and our voices heard. Happy New Year!

Monica Ruiz-Mills



Scholarship Textbook Raffle

Thank you to everyone who participated in our scholarship textbook raffle. What a success! The \$911.15 profit will provide textbook assistance to undergraduate women. Your support makes a difference. Congratulations to Kim Bromfeld who won the \$500 Visa gift card.

Ann Marie Rehner



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February is the annual Champagne and Chocolate Fundraiser for Text Books Scholarships!

With a donation of \$25, you receive chocolate; with \$50, champagne and chocolate; and with \$100, chocolate, champagne, and a gift.

47th AAUW Texas Biennial State Convention

April 29th – May 1st, 2016

Norris Center
San Antonio, TX





10 Must-Have Children's Books STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK.

Annual AAUW-SA Book Donation February 6, 2016

Give the Gift of Reading!

Year after year we hear that many of our students do not have books of their own. Studies in educational development show that children who grow up owning books are much more likely to graduate high school. Give the gift of reading by donating to the SAYL Book Buddies!



Participate in our Book Buddy Drive!

Give students in under resourced schools the gift of reading!

**Types of Books:
Suitable books for kids in grades K-6**

Host a book drive yourself or drop off at our SAYL office!

**SAN ANTONIO
YOUTH LITERACY**
1616 E. Commerce
San Antonio, TX 78205

www.sayl.org

Contact us to Donate:
210-299-1533
bookbuddies@sayl.org

FEBRUARY FEATURED SPEAKER

**Elaine Andries Hartle,
Executive Director, The THRU Project**



What Happens After Foster Care

"What happens after foster care?"

This is a question that Elaine Hartie asked in 2011 as her two foster sons aged out of the foster care system.

Still other questions: What benefits are they entitled to? How can they qualify for college? Get a job? Set up an apartment?

How can we ensure that aged out foster youths don't end up homeless, pregnant, or in jail?

Elaine, together with Steve O'Donnell, himself a former foster youth, started a foundation, the THRU Project, to train and support volunteer mentors who would provide guidance to young people making the difficult transition from foster care to life as adults.

We look forward to our February 6 meeting and hearing how the THRU Project advocates for these young people, providing them with..."resources and opportunities to pursue their goals and, ultimately, to achieve a successful life."

Fran Schroeder

Fran Schroeder, a member of this branch since 1987, died in 2015. A local scholarship fund was started in her name and a graduate student scholarship will be awarded in her memory in April 2016. Those who fondly remember Fran are invited to add to this fund.

Fran was a long-time San Antonio teacher who loved reading. So much so, that for many years she was the facilitator of the Saturday Book Discussion Group. She earned her B.A. at Trinity University and a M.S. at Texas A & M University.

A few years before her death she moved to the New York City area to be nearer to her son and his family. Members of the book group remember Christmas meetings at her mid-century home on Town Briar. The holiday décor featured a decorated bare tree branch, reflected in a two-story high window. During her last years in San Antonio the group met several times in the 1920s-era home on Farr Drive that she shared with her daughter Le Green and family.

Fran Schroeder will be long remembered and honored as a friend and a voracious reader of interesting books.

Mynda McGuire



Ginny Taylor

Ginny Taylor is a magician with computers! She is a virtuoso at clip, crop, and cut and paste with an eye for color, clever layout, negative space, and all aspects of graphic design.

But anyone who reads the AAUW San Antonio Newsletter knows all that. Ginny is our Newsletter Editor. She takes our articles and notices and turns them into eye-appealing communications.

Ginny's talents took her to a position as assistant manager with FedEx for eleven years. There, in addition to performing technical duties, she supervised employees, interviewed and hired new team members, and participated in a management mentoring program.

However, Ginny wanted to do more. Her volunteer work with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Down Syndrome Association, and as a board member for the Pride Center led her to enroll in a Master of Social Work course of study at Our Lady of the Lake University.

As a foundation level intern in the program, Ginny was a case manager on a Haven for Hope Transformational Campus Service Team. She provided support and resources to the chronically homeless who had physical and mental health challenges. Ginny connected these clients with veterans support groups, employment readiness, financial services, housing, medical treatment, and social and community involvement.

As an advanced level intern social worker, Ginny provided supportive and medical social services to terminally ill patients and their families at Optum Palliative and Hospice Care.

Ginny received her MSW in December, 2015. What's more, she earned this degree while holding down two jobs!

Now relocated to El Paso with her partner, Ginny will be looking for a new job in a new place in a new year.

Don't worry though. She will still be editing the Newsletter and designing the program booklet for the AAUW State Convention this spring. We are so grateful for her cheerful help and professional expertise.

Ginny, we wish you well!

Look for us soon on Facebook – we're planning to officially launch in February 2016. We invite our AAUW sisters to support us and invite other young women to join us. If anyone is interested in participating and joining this movement, please contact Shenée Simon-sheneelsimon@gmail.com.

What is YWTF?

YWTF (Younger Women's Task Force) is a movement by and for younger women to fight for social justice. Together we form a diverse and inclusive group of activists, organizers, allies, and professionals that is both local and nationwide. But we're also a community founded on the belief that we can work within and beyond the women's movement to change the things we care about.

Our Issues:

What exactly do we care about?

Leaders who look and think like us

Access to health care for women

Fair pay for women

Work-life balance

Equal access to education

Reproductive rights

An end to human trafficking

An end to violence against women

<http://www.aauw.org/membership/ywtf/what-we-are/>

In addition; here are two opportunities to engage in our community. "Step Into Action" by becoming a trained facilitator and partner with our college and universities for Salary Negotiations and Elect Her.

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/salary-negotiation-workshops/>

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/campus-programs/elect-her/>

If you are interested in learning more, visit these sites and please reach out to me should you have any questions.

Thanks! Shenée Simon



This branch has always financially supported the activities and focus of AAUW. We've done it through our personal and branch donations at the local, state and national levels. For years we've helped many women obtain a graduate education, and offered other assistance such as funds for those ever expensive textbooks. And we will continue these efforts into the future. We have several endowments left us by former members, and conduct special fundraisers to honor our past members. All of these allow us to offer valuable scholarships to outstanding women students in the area.

We have also supported AAUW's Named Fellowships, such as those for Texans Barbara Jordon and Ann Richards. Those and other similar endowments will ultimately fund many more graduate grants and scholarships at the national level.

While all those endowments are highly valued, AAUW nationally has changed focus on its other multiple "Funds." The reason is that the new system allows more flexibility in planning and for carrying out AAUW's priority services in a timely manner. In the past national funds were primarily given, for example, to the Educational Foundation or EF, and the Legal Advocacy Foundation or LAF. These two foundations were well supported by this branch and its members. LAF and several others still remain on the website for potential donations.

In recent years AAUW's mission has expanded beyond these specific funds, and is now focused on a single AAUW Fund. Donations to this AAUW Fund will be applied to multiple goals and needs. Please go on-line www.aauw.org/resource/how-to-support-programs-aauw-fund-diagram/ to discover what the words "One AAUW, One Mission, One Fund," mean.

When you give to the AAUW Fund your tax deductible donation will cover a multitude of educational and advocacy programs. Depending on the specific dollar needs among the various programs, such as the Legal Advocacy Fund, Tech Trek to support STEM, Elect Her, the much used Two-Minute Activist, \$mart\$art, and many other others, valuable AAUW programs can be more efficiently managed. It also pays for AAUW's nationally-acclaimed published Research, one of which was cited recently on the PBS Evening News.

In addition, AAUW now offers far more support to branches and states with its programs and employees who are in place to inform and assist in carrying out the educational and advocacy focus we've been supporting since 1881. For example, AAUW has provided Texas and its branches with a regional traveling representative, Melodia Gutierrez, who visited our branch several times last year. She has also been busy building a virtual AAUW State group that meets via the internet. Those young women are learning about AAUW through the media they are most comfortable with at this stage of their lives. Those are our future branch leaders.

AAUW now has two additional programs designed to insure that AAUW will continue being a financial force for women and girls into the future. The first program began several years ago. It is called The Legacy Circle. We currently have four members wearing a Legacy Circle pin. It means that after their deaths, some portion of their estates will go to AAUW Funds. The amount set aside is strictly up to the donor and is confidential.

A new national fund raiser was started this year at the national convention. It is called Charting the Course. This is a campaign to raise \$1 million to bolster programs in local communities to empower women and girls. Learn more at www.aauw.org/chartingthecourse/campaign-overview/.

Basically, the campaign's priorities are: Promote gender parity in leadership positions; Close the gender pay gap; and Overcome barriers to women's participation in STEM careers. Since 2010, AAUW has trained 4,000 college women to run for public office. A total of 12,000 middle school girls took part in STEM programs in 2015. And, 900 AAUW college and university partners took action last year. And, 2016 will bring even more opportunities to accelerate these goals.

There are several methods for contributing to this new campaign, and the others mentioned above. Click the Donate button at AAUW.org to learn more.

If you want to donate to any of these AAUW funds or learn more about specific funds and do not have internet access you may call 800-326-AAUW or 800-326-2289 to make a donation with a credit card or via PayPal. And you can always mail a check to: AAUW, 1111 Sixteenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20036, marked as a donation to a specific fund.


For local assistance and information contact your Branch AAUW Funds member, Mynda Holman McGuire at 210 287-1423.

Mynda Holman McGuire



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


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We would love to be added to your network.

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