



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, AAUW-SA Members!

As a long-time educator, I always associate fall with the beginning of a new year. It's time for obvious changes in attire, home décor and landscaping, and it's also an opportunity to consider deeper changes. Our theme this year is Step into Action – Your Way. All of our monthly meeting presentations will focus on action happening within our community that supports the AAUW mission of "advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research." Program Vice President Fran Vettters has developed a program schedule that will inspire and motivate us to step up our own initiative and action – each of us in our own way.

I so enjoy being part of AAUW and supporting our mission. I always learn from the wonderful women in our branch. Whether it's a monthly meeting, the newsletter, the website, or our many and varied interest groups, I leave knowing I'm a better person because of the interaction I've just had.

Thank you all for making our AAUW-SA branch a destination organization!

Pat Sanford



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October Meeting

Palenque Grill

389 North Loop 1604 West, (next to Trader Joe's). Going West, take the Stone Oak exit and stay on the access road.

Going East, take the Stone Oak/Hollywood Park Exit, take the turnaround, and stay on the access road.

Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Cost: \$20

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Stepping into Action with a Splash!

Daren Thompson,
Director Water Resources, SAWS



Please RSVP to Pat by
Wednesday, September 30th
pacmsan@me.com or 210-479-0454

Tilapia with Veracruzana Sauce,
steamed vegetables, rice, and beverage.

Or

Enchiladas – 3 green, mole, or red
cheese enchiladas with rice, charro or
refried beans, and beverage

Or

Panchitos – Nachos with beans, cheese,
beef, and guacamole, and beverage.

San Antonio Branch Officers

President	Pat Sanford
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	Jeanette Gittinger



Water

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Water. Songs have been written about it. Wars have been fought over it. Those of us who lived in Texas during the 7-year drought of the 50's remember dry crops on brown stalks rattling in the hot wind, bony cattle wandering hungrily in depleted pastures, dry creek beds, parched lawns.

Where would we be without life-giving water? Where does our water come from? What will happen to water supplies in the future as our city continues to grow? Will our water continue to be safe and reliable? How can we manage its use better?

October Featured Speaker

Darren Thompson, San Antonio Water System Director of Water Resources, will speak to us at the October 3 meeting about SAWS' plans for water management and the development of new water supplies as well as the role we can play in assuring that the Edwards and other aquifers remain viable in the years to come.

AAUW-SA Supports Founders Day

AAUW San Antonio will be participating again during Founders Day in the Alamo Gardens on Saturday, October 24. Volunteers may contact Mynda Holman McGuire to schedule the hour or two you'd like to help at the AAUW Booth. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking a few blocks away can be arranged.

The purpose of our booth is to meet the public (local residents and tourists alike) and let them know about AAUW and our branch. The free event will again focus on families and children.

Check out the fun on line at www.SanAntonioFoundersDay.org.

AAUW-SA is almost 108 years old and has contributed to San Antonio throughout since its inception. Branch members have always actively supported women, children and education. For example, they helped start kindergartens, playgrounds and a free clinic in 1910. The Branch worked for compulsory school attendance starting in 1911, and "saved" the floundering San Antonio College from closing in its second year (1926) when members offered to fund it for \$11,000. The Branch brought poets William Butler Keats (1920) and Robert Frost (1922), among others, to San Antonio audiences as part of their earliest fundraisers. Their first scholarship was a "loan" of \$200 for a girl to attend UT.

Most of those early years were highlighted by annual College Career Days for all graduating high school girls in the city. During Fiesta 1923 AAUW's float led the night parade that included floats from all colleges and universities in Texas. In the late 1920s AAUW members approached Mayor John Tobin with a proposal to start a San Antonio Museum which resulted in The Witte. Our branch has been a presence leading to positive change for more than a century and our accomplishments continue now and into the future.

- Mynda Holman McGuire



➤ Interest Groups!



➤ ***Moviegoers***

When: Saturday, September 26, 2015
Matinee time, early afternoon
Where: TBA via email on the morning of Friday,
September 25
Choices may be among "A Walk in the Woods,"
"Sicario," "99 Homes," "Learning to Drive,"
"About Ray"

When: Saturday, October 24
Time: Matinee time
Where: TBA
Film, time, and location to be announced to
Moviegoers via email

Contact: Fran Vettters to be notified,
frankenvettters@sbcglobal.net or
francesvettters@yahoo.com



➤ ***Wandering Wonders***

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

➤ ***Historic Southwest***

Our first speaker for our first meeting on
October 10th, will be a Representative from
the San Antonio Missions National
Historical Park. This will be at the
Doubletree Hotel, 12 noon to 2 p.m.

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



Culinary Adventures

When: Thursday, September 17
11:30 AM

Where: Nosh
1133 Austin Highway, 78209
Chef Luca Della Casa, Food Network
Finalist, presents pastas, small entrée
plates, speciality pizzas,
salads, crepes, and desserts
at reasonable prices.

When: Thursday, October 15, 2015
Time: 11:00 AM, half hour earlier than
usual time.

Where: Sweet Yams
218 N. Cherry St., 78202.
East of Hwy. 37, south of Houston St.

The Express-News calls it "a little
treasure." Sweet Yams serves organic
Southern favorites and also offers vegan
and gluten-free options.

Contact: Please RSVP Fran Veters
francesvetters@yahoo.com
frankenvetters@sbcglobal.net

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.

October 10: The Table Comes First by
Adam Gopnik at Pat Sanford's
(18314 Beargrass Ct.)

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



Wine, Women, and Wisdom

Thursday, October 22, 2015 5:00 p.m.

Fleming's in the Quarry

On the Patio

Contact Malinda Gaul mgaul@satx.rr.com or
210.410.8992



Lisa Meitner, Hedwig Kohn, Marietta Blau, Herta Leng and Marie Wreschner were all recipients of AAUW scholarships offered during World War II. These scholarships, known as The War Relief Fund, assisted Jewish Scholars in escaping from Europe and Asia by placing women in teaching positions in safe countries and provided living expenses to students. The War Relief fund helped many women, including Scientists who made significant contributions to the field in an era when women were not given an opportunity to attain higher education. To read more about these great women and how AAUW impacted their lives, visit the AAUW website at <http://www.aauw.org/2015/09/01/wwii-scientists/>



Monica Ruiz-Mills



New & Returning Members



Welcome to our new members and returning members who have been away for a while.

Virginia Barr
Catherine Danner
Karen Davis
Kathy Dicke
Cie Gee
Leslie Goddard
Alicia Hyk
Mary Mayorga
Shene Simon

Thanks to everyone who has renewed for 2015-2016. If you do not see your name, then we have NOT received your dues. Mail your dues checks (\$75/\$26 for life members) to AAUW SA, P.O.Box 460825, San Antonio, Texas 78246:

Helga Anderson	Jeanette Gittinger	Claudie Pettigrew
Nancy Anderson	Mary Heye	Ann Marie Rehner
Beverly Baucum	Lola Hill	Karen Reichensperger
Barbara Bird	Pat Jasso	Margaret Salisbury
Mary Brennan	Cheryl Kelsey	Pat Sanford
Anna Castro	Gayle Ketchum-Long	Hazel Spillman
Cheryl Davis	Norma Khoshbin	Elaine Talarski
Ocia Davis	Janina Kuzma	Ginny Taylor
Carol Duganne	Barbara Kyse	Nancy Terry
Margaret Emery	Helen Kyse	Linda Tisdale
Sue Ewers	Margaret Leeds	Marilyn Traylor
Nita Felder	Janet McNutt	Alexandra Van De Kamp
Ruth Fleming	Mynda McGuire	Kate Vettters
Sherline Fox	Delfina Mori	Fran Vettters
Malinda Gaul	Diantha Perelli	Dorothy Warras
Sarah Gilliland		



Dr. Nancy Fix Anderson

We have Hurricane Katrina to thank for blowing Dr. Nancy Fix Anderson to San Antonio ten years ago! She and her husband retired a year earlier than planned, discovered the city's wonderful museums, classical music venues, and hiking trails and never looked back.

This ardent student of women's history and women's rights, grew up in Dallas, attended an all-girls' school there, went on to Stanford as an undergraduate, earned her Master's at University of California-Irvine, and obtained her PhD from Tulane. She feels those early school years among girls gave her self confidence and shaped her belief that women could achieve. At Stanford, Nancy reveled in new ideas and ways of thinking. Even though university women still had a dress code and restrictive hours, she loved the social freedom there. Later in graduate school during the 70's and 80's, she championed the new wave of feminism--academic, political, and personal.

The over-arching theme of Nancy's graduate work can be described as women's history--hand in hand with women's rights and suffrage. Switching her interest from Victorian English history to the women's movement in England during the same time period, would provide a career focus and establish Dr. Nancy Fix Anderson as a ranking scholar in the field. Books she has authored on the subject include *Women Against Women in Victorian England: A Life of Eliza Lynn Linton* and *Annie Besant in The Lives of Victorian Political Figures* series.

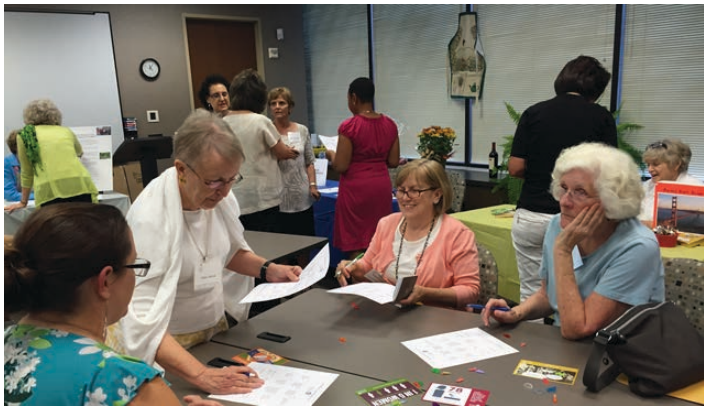
On completion of her PhD, Nancy was employed by Loyola University, New Orleans, as an associate professor of history and was tapped as one of three women to start the Women's Studies Program there. It was to become a model for other programs instituted at the school. Nancy was invited back to Loyola to speak at the twentieth anniversary of the program and was highly gratified to reconnect with alumnae whom she had taught and mentored.

At the same time Nancy embarked on her academic career, she was enthusiastically working as a member of the National Women's Political Caucus to promote the election of women to government office and to help attain passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in Louisiana in 1972.

With such a full life, you would not think that she could find time to hike the trails of Europe and the United States, but Nancy has become a fervent fan of walkabouts over the years. She has even trekked the Camino de Santiago de Compostela over one hundred miles across the spine of Spain--twice! And right now she is hiking the fjords of Norway. It's no surprise that she is founder of our Branch walking group Wandering Wonders, or that she leads Sierra Club hikes at Friedrich Park.

Nancy will teach A History of the Olympic Games course at ALIR this spring. Victorian sports are also among her interests and became the subject of yet another of her books--*The Sporting Life: Victorian Sports and Games*, in the *Victorian Life and Times* series. This fall, she will introduce a course, *Militant Women*, on British suffragettes. By a happy coincidence, the film "Suffragette," starring Meryl Streep and Carey Mulligan, will be seen in movie theaters starting October 23. That sounds like the best kind of homework assignment.

As you can see, Nancy Fix Anderson has always championed for women and girls. Through political activism in feminism's Second Wave, to support of Planned Parenthood, to teaching the history of women's struggles for rights and recognition, she has stepped into action for us all--her way.





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

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



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