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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Happy Autumn Everyone!

"Come, for the dusk is our own; let us fare forth together,
With a quiet delight in our hearts for the ripe, still, autumn weather,
Through the rustling valley and wood and over the crisping meadow,
Under a high-sprung sky, winnowed of mist and shadow."

This beautiful stanza is from a poem called, "November Evening" by one of my favorite authors, Lucy Maud Montgomery. It put me in the perfect mood to sit out on my back deck the other evening as the cold front came in, enjoying the sound of the leaves being blown about and thinking about all the things that I am thankful for. I tend to be guilty of making lots of lists (my desk at work is cheerfully decorated with a plethora of Post-It notes with "To Do" lists) so I hope you'll indulge me a little as I share a special one.

I'm thankful for:

1. My parents.
2. Coming home to a loving husband, our two cats and dog... and enjoying their company.
3. Those moments when I knew I did it right...especially when the decision was not easy to make.
4. My amazing students who continue to try their very best in class each day.
5. Full belly laughter.
6. Singing at the top of my lungs when I'm by myself at home. I make a joyful noise.
7. Cozy Pajamas. Sometimes they have such a restorative effect after a long day.
8. Going to college.
9. August 18, 1920.
10. Being a member of AAUW.

There are so many things to be happy about in life and sometimes I feel like we simply forget how fortunate we are and have been. I encourage each of you to take a moment to give a silent thanks for all of the joys you've experienced in your lifetime. More often than not, we tend to get caught up in the things we need to do, can't do or that annoy us. We forget about the everyday blessings in our lives.

I hope you will be able to join us **Saturday, November 3**, at **Los Patios** where we will continue to distribute directories. Please remember to bring your raffle tickets to be turned in to Edna Sharp.

With season's blessings,

Debbi Sochia Eyfells, President of this Branch

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NOVEMBER 3 • LUNCHEON MEETING

Saturday, November 3

11:30 AM -1:30 PM • **LOS PATIOS** • 2015 NE Loop 410 • 655-6171
(between Harry Wurzbach and Starcrest along the Salado Creek)

Cost is \$20 • Lunch selection will be their John Spice Special:

One Green Chicken Enchilada, One Chalupa Compuesta, Borracho Beans and Warm Hatch Chili Salsa

Tea and coffee • Chocolate Fudge Pecan Cake for dessert

Reservation deadline: *Wednesday October 31.* Email your reservation to Kate Vettters at kvettters@sbcglobal.net or call Kate at 696-1804

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 PROGRAM

Cynthia Rinehart, Director of the STEM Academy at Lee High School

Along with AAUW, the local school districts are concerned with encouraging more students to undertake studies in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, represented by the anagram STEM. We are pleased to have as our speaker for the November luncheon, Cynthia Rinehart, Director of the STEM Academy based at Lee High School, who will discuss the structure, function and goals of her program. Ms Rinehart will be accompanied by one of her students who will demonstrate the successes of STEM particularly for young women involved in scientific study. This should be a most interesting and enlightening presentation. **Be sure to attend!**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 PROGRAM – Music and Science

Mark December 1 on your calendar! Our luncheon program will feature **Deana Johnson**, an accomplished musician and the Orchestra Director at John Jay High School. Ms Johnson will speak enthusiastically about a special interest of hers, "The Correlation between Music and the Sciences." She has firsthand knowledge of this relationship as a number of her students are enrolled at the Science and Engineering Academy affiliated with the John Jay campus.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

To insure you do not miss any communications from the Branch, send updates or corrections to your contact information to:

Fran Vettters: frankenvettters@sbcglobal.net (or 210-481-7765)

Please make the following additions/corrections to your 2012-2013 Directory:
Missing from Directory:

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NEW INTEREST GROUP - GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Starting in November we have a new Interest Group - **GIRLS' NIGHT OUT**. Periodically through the year Girls' Night Out (GNO) will be dining at different restaurants around the city. Some may be new, some may be long-time favorites, and of course, some may be those places that you have been hearing about but have not had the opportunity to visit. All members are invited to attend the GNO dinners, but we must know in advance. Even if you cannot come in November, if you are potentially interested in joining us in the future, please contact Malinda Gaul (210-410-8992 or mgaul@satx.rr.com) to be added to the GNO contact list.

Remember, if you are interested in forming a new branch interest group, please contact Barbara Kyse (bckyse@msn.com). The groups do not have to be large or meet monthly.

INTEREST & STUDY GROUPS

CHAT-N-CHEW

Sunday, November 4, 2012 • 2:00 PM
 Location: Bulverde Food Trucks, 14732 Bulverde Rd
<http://www.boardwalkonbulverde.com/>
 Contact Malinda Gaul for directions
 210-410-8992 or mgaul@satx.rr.com

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT *NEW*

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 • 6:00 PM
 Location: Dough Pizzeria (for authentic Pizza Napoletana)
 6989 Blanco (at Loop 410) in Castle Hills
<http://www.doughpizzeria.com>
 Contact Malinda Gaul for headcount, 210-410-8992
 or mgaul@satx.rr.com

HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

Saturday, November 10, 2012 • 12 Noon
 Speaker Jeanette Pierce, AAUW member and Instructor at UIW
 Topic: Jewish Americans in Texas, Our Holocaust
 Survivors as traced through Galveston
 Location: Doubletree Hotel at McCullough & Loop 410
 Contact Edna Sharp 210-492-5206

NIGHT BRIDGE

Mondays, November 5, and 19 • 6:45 PM
 Location: LaMadeleine at Park North (Lp 410 & Blanco)
 Contact Marilyn Taylor 210-696-8299

SATURDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, November 10, 2012
 Book: East of Eden by John Steinbeck
 Location: Pat Sanford's house
 Fran Vettors, co-hostess
 Contact Diantha Perelli 210-494-4121, or
Cyclobabe1946@yahoo.com

WALKING

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 • 9:30 AM
 Location: Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
 Leader Diantha Perelli 210-494-4121
 Contact Barbara Kyse 210-824-8884, or
bckyse@msn.com

WORLD AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 • 10:00 AM
 Topic: Indonesia.
 Location: Fran Vettors 210-481-7765
 Sherline Fox, co-hostess
 Contact Margaret Mayberry 210-496-5333, or
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BREAKING THE GLASS CEILING LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013 • OAK HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Coleen Grissom, Trinity University English professor and former Vice President of Student Affairs, Author of *A Novel Approach to Life*, a collection of her speeches
Proceeds raised from the **Breaking the Glass Ceiling** event and Silent Auction will benefit our Scholarship Funds.

SILENT AUCTION

To have a successful auction, we need a variety of items. Gift certificates from your favorite restaurants and merchants are always popular. AAUW silent auction favorites include jewelry, art, ceramics, cookbooks (in good condition), wine, collectibles and one-of-a-kind items. Baskets with food, wine or toiletries always get high bids. If every member donates an item, we should have another successful auction. Bring your donations to Los Patios as Carol Lahser, the silent auction chair, will be collecting items at the November meeting, Please include information as to the donor along with a brief description of the donated item. While donations benefit our scholarship funds, they are not tax deductible.

IT'S MY VOTE. I WILL BE HEARD

Source: September 26, 2012 AAUW Action Newsletter

The AAUW Action Fund released the **VoteHER Toolkit** – an essential guide to how candidates and elected officials stack up on issues important to women and to their families this election year. Clear information on candidate positions will be critical as voters head to the polls in November. This is especially true for women, whose votes will likely decide the 2012 election. The AAUW Action Fund's nationwide **It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard** campaign continues to reach out to young women to educate and mobilize their vote on Tuesday, November 6. They, and women everywhere, now have a trusted resource in the VoteHER Toolkit.

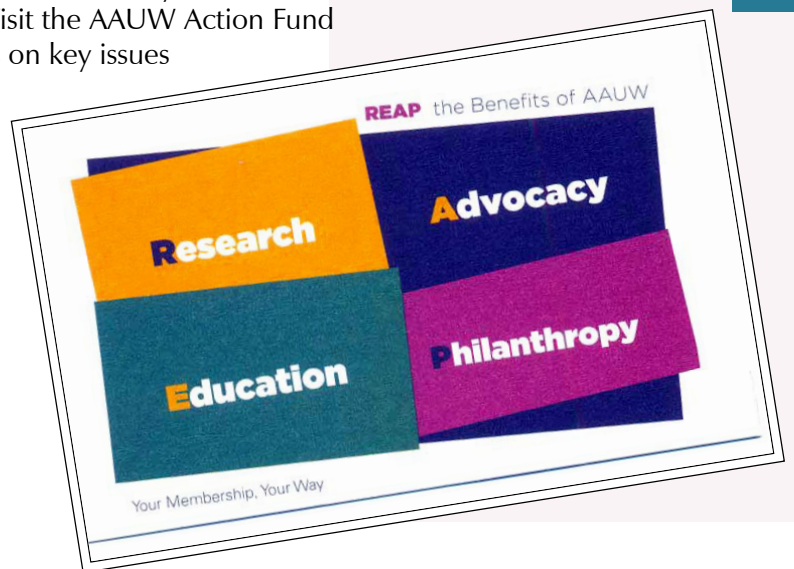
The **VoteHER Toolkit** includes three resources, all focused on AAUW priority issues:

- The annually released AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record explaining AAUW positions and votes taken by representatives and senators in the 112th Congress
- Voter guides comparing candidates in the presidential and key Senate races
- An analysis of the Obama administration's performance in its first term

Download your copies of the **VoteHER Toolkit** resources today, and share these voter education tools with your friends, family, and colleagues! Visit the AAUW Action Fund website for more resources, including fact sheets on key issues in this election.

VOTING DATES

- OCT 22** Early Voting Begins
- OCT 30** Mail-in Ballots must be received
- NOV 2** Last Day of Early Voting
- NOV 6** General Election



BIG RESPONSE IN MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Fran Veters, Membership VP

San Antonio Branch AAUW members are an enthusiastic group! We have had a big response in membership renewals since March of this year. THANK YOU to all of you who have renewed for 2012-2013!

There are still some members who have not yet renewed, and some names have been dropped from our Directory and Newsletter mailing list. In addition, names of members who have not paid dues by the end of November will automatically be dropped from National and State rolls.

A Renewal Form is included below for those who want to get on the bandwagon and remain active members. We don't want to say goodbye.

2012-2013 Renewal Membership Form

NAME

List below any changes to your telephone, home or email addresses or any corrections to your information:

If there are no changes, simply mail your check for:
\$71 for regular membership or \$22 if you are a Life member.

Send check to:
AAUW San Antonio Branch
Membership chair
PO Box 460825
San Antonio, TX 78246-0825

New, or renewing members who are coming back to AAUW after several years, please go to our website www.AAUWSanAntonio.org to print and mail the longer membership form.

TIMELY REMINDERS

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Successful Food Bank Drive!

Thank you to
everyone who
brought
contributions to the
San Antonio Food
Bank in October.
The next drive will
be in March.