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### Newsletter

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#### President's Corner

Less than a month ago, I retired from my job as Director of Leadership Development for the North East Independent School District. I haven't yet learned to 'let life unfold', but I'm open to the concept with one caveat. Eleanor Roosevelt said, "When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die." I want to continue to contribute and know that AAUW, with its purpose and focus on Research, Education, Advocacy, and Philanthropy, gives us the opportunity to make a positive difference.

Our AAUW-SA theme this year is Empowerment. I joined the organization in 2012 because of the strong role models I saw in our branch membership. My appreciation continues to grow as I learn more about our 117-year history and the causes AAUW has embraced nationally, statewide, and locally to make the world a better, fairer place for women, girls, and society. Mrs. Roosevelt also said, "It's better for everybody when it's better for everybody." I firmly believe that. We are members of a strong organization that promotes, supports, and works to achieve this.

Look for a slightly different format in our newsletter this year. Patricia Summersby, our former editor, has stepped down to spend more time with her family. We are indebted to Patricia for making our branch newsletter a professional standout. Ginny Taylor and Anna Castro, two of our newest members, have agreed to take over the newsletter. Many thanks to Ginny and Anna, in advance, for what is sure to be a continuation of excellence. A new feature in subsequent issues will be Member Spotlight – focusing on individual members. This month the space is dedicated to Kayte Duderstadt, a beloved member who died suddenly this past summer.

All the best to all of you! See you soon.

Pat

#### **October Meeting**

#### Saturday, October 4, 2014 will be our next meeting!

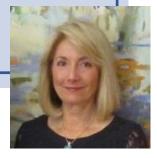
Where: Pompeii Italian Grill, 16109 Nacogdoches, SAT, 78245

Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Cost: \$20.00

Program: Connections: Jennie Best, State AAUW President; Melodia Gutierrez, AAUW TX Field Representative

> Please RSVP to Pat by Monday, September 29 pacmsan@me.com or 210-392-0728



## October Interest Groups!



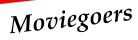


## Chat - N - Chew

Sunday, October 5, 2:00 PM

Contact: Malinda Gaul

210-410-8992 or mgaul@satx.rr.com



Saturday, September 27, 4 PM

The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby

Mall of Americas, Bijou Theater

4522 Fredericksburg Road, 78201

Contact: Fran Vetters 210-481-7765 or frankenvetters@sbcglobal.net

#### Night Bridge

Monday, October 6 and October 20, 6:45 PM

Location: La Madeleine at Park North,

Loop 410 and Blanco

Contact: Marilyn Traylor, 210-696-8299 or mjanetray@yahoo.com



### Culinary Adventures

Thursday, October 16, 11:30 AM

La Marginal (Puerto Rican food)

Location: 2447 Nacogdoches Road, 1/2

block north of 1604

Contact: Fran Vetters to reserve,

210-481-7765 or frankenvetters@sbcglobal.net



### Historic Southwest

Saturday, October 11, 12 noon

Topic: Institute of Texan cultures Speaker: James Benevides

Location: Doubletree Hotel, McCullough and Loop 410

Contact: Sophie Lim to reserve,

210-445-0654 or limsoph@gmail.com



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# Saturday Book Discussion

Saturday, October11, 10:00 AM

Book: The Reluctant Fundamentalist

by Mohsin Hamid.

Location: Beverly Baucum's house, 32003

Tophill Road, 78209

Contact: Diantha Perelli, 210-497-4121 or

cyclobabe1946@yahoo.com



# Wandering Wonders

No September walk

Contact: Nancy Fix Anderson, 210-370-9459 or

anderson@loyno.edu

### World Affairs Discussion Group

Monday, October 6, 10:00 AM

Location: La Taza Coffee House, US 281 and Brook Hollow

Topic: Energy Independence, # 5 in 2014 Great

Decisions book

Contact: Margaret Mayberry, 210-496-5333 or

mmayberry@aol.com

### Wine, Women, and Wisdom (AAUW's Cocktails and Convos)

Thursday, October 23, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: P.F. Chang's

Contact: Malinda Gaul, 210-410-8992 or

mgaul@satx.rr.com



### Member Spotlight!



#### Administrative Judge Katye Duderstadt

Many of you knew Katye Duderstadt, but you may not have known much about her. Katye was a gracious lady who always wanted to know about you instead of talking about herself. After retiring in January of this year, Katye was on a trip to the Grand Canyon with friends when she passed away. Katye was a remarkable woman. She graduated from Trinity University with a BS in Business Administration and became a case worker in a very disadvantaged neighborhood in Houston. After a few years, she went to work for the Department of the Army managing service clubs in South Korea and West Germany. Katye then went back to school and got a second degree (BS in Administration of Justice) before joining the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. While working fulltime, she made the decision to attend law school at night. Katye spent her entire law career working for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, most recently as an Administrative Judge.

Katye's compassion for others was most evident when she presided over discrimination cases before the EEOC, always patiently listening to the people's concerns and treating the attorneys with respect. In honor of Katye, her friends and co-workers at the EEOC have started a local AAUW San Antonio scholarship in her memory. Donations are being accepted for the scholarship.

Malinda Gaul

### Public Policy

The Ken Burns series on the Roosevelts that aired on PBS in September is being described as 'brilliant' and 'inspiring.' Twenty-five years ago, AAUW presented the first Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award at the 1989 National Convention in Washington, D.C.

Lesley Perry has written an article on the historic significance of the award that is on the AAUW website under Issues. When you go to AAUW.org., the homepage has menu items across the top. Click on Issues. Scroll down to Leadership. There is a picture of Roosevelt and the title of the article, Creating the World of the Future: Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award at 25. Click on the title to read and enjoy this informative article. It's fascinating reading with elections imminent, especially from Perry's perspective that now, half a century later, Roosevelt's words continue to resonate.



#### Social Media and Web

AAUW San Antonio Branch is proud to announce our new Facebook, Twitter, and email accounts! We also have a general email box for you to reach out to our board members or newsletter editor Anna Castro.

Check out our website at:

AAUW http://sanantonio-tx.aauw.net/

Please take a moment to like us on Facebook at:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/AAUW-San-Antonio/642519255840823

You can also Tweet to us, with us and retweet for us!



Please follow us @AAUW\_San Antonio

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



AAUW.San Antonio@gmail.com



#### Announcements



Join the wave heading to our 2015 AAUW National Convention in San Diego, June 18–21, 2015!

Our national convention is the place to get the latest on AAUW's programs and initiatives, learn how other branches are empowering women in their local communities, and hear from inspiring women leaders like you.

But don't worry — convention isn't all work and no play. We'll connect with fellow AAUW members and friends from across the country and take San Diego by storm!

Please like our event page on facebook: AAUW National Convention

AAUW San Antonio Chapter introduced a new column called "Member Spotlight." Each month, we will select a member that we would like to highlight in order for us to get to know each other better. If you are interested in volunteering yourself or another AAUW San Antonio Chapter member, please email the editor at aauw.sanantonio@gmail.com. We would ask for a short bio that includes past/current/future career highlights, volunteerism, any AAUW activities or community events that the member of the month would like us to learn more about, and any other information that would help us get to know you like a fun fact or favorite hobby. A picture would also be appreciated so we can put a face to a name. If you do not have one, we can possibly arrange for your picture to be taken by the editor or another board member at one of our monthly events or meetings. We look forward to sharing this information with our San Antonio members and cultivating a deeper understanding of who each of us is!