



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 Corner

Greetings!

What character traits do you admire? Personally, I think discipline is highly undervalued. Making informed decisions about what is important to us personally is an excellent start to a happy, fulfilling life. Acting on these decisions helps us become the person we want to be. Putting decisions into action may be as natural as breathing or may require determination, motivation, and yes, discipline! I've often heard the hardest step in exercise is the first step. Whether you want to run two miles, learn a new language, meditate regularly, read more, watch TV less, get involved politically, volunteer, take advantage of cultural offerings, or any number of other worthy endeavors, taking that first step is crucial. But it's not the only step. To keep moving forward, use the power of discipline and build time and strategies into your schedule to make your goals reality.

Spring is almost here, and with it the promise of new beginnings and new growth. I plan to take some first steps and be disciplined in turning new goals into reality. I hope you will too.



Pat Sanford



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February's Meeting

Where: Firstmark Credit Union
2023 Gold Canyon Drive, SAT 78232

Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Cost: \$15

Program: Empowering Teenage
Girls

Presenter: Caprica Wells, the Red
Diamond Organization;
Assistant Principal,
Lee High School

Saturday, March 7, 2015



*Please RSVP to Pat by
Wednesday, March 4th*

pacmsan@me.com or 210-392-0728

Menu Choices:

Croissant Club Box

Or

California Club Box

Or

Nutty Mixed-Up Salad Box

Or

Mighty Wild Salmon Box

San Antonio Branch Officers

President Pat Sanford
President-Elect Pat Sanford
VP Membership Malinda Gaul, Esq.
VP Programs Fran Vettters
Treasurer Janina Kuzma
Co-Secretaries Diantha Perelli
 Dr. Karen Reichensperger

2015-2016 Slate

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for office for the 2015-2016 administrative year:

President, Pat Sanford
Co-Presidents-Elect, Karen Reichensperger and (TBD)
Vice President Membership, Malinda Gaul
Vice President Programs, Fran Vettters
Treasurer, Ann Marie Rehner
Co-Secretaries, Karen Cool and Jeanette Gittinger

February Featured Speaker



Caprica Wells, PhD
Empowering Others to Achieve Their Potential

Dr. Caprica Wells has forged her way to success despite difficulties that would discourage many of us. Raised in poverty, the only child of a schizophrenic mother, Caprica always knew education was the key to open doors of self-fulfillment and accomplishment, starting with a drive to excel in academics and sports in high school and continuing through attainment of a doctoral degree last year. She also uses her insight to help others reach these goals.

The story of collaborating with a family member who won a lottery to develop a program called Red Diamonds that encourages girls to go up the ladder of success is a heart-warming one. If Caprica could rise from Temple Junior College (Associate's), to Southwest Texas State University (Bachelor's), to Texas A & M University-Kingsville (Master's and PhD), so could others.

Dr. Wells is currently Assistant Principal, Curriculum at Lee High School in the North East Independent School District. She has been an English teacher and a coach. She is also an inspirational speaker at women's, youth, and leadership conferences, and an ordained minister. We look forward to her exhilarating presentation on March 7.

Fran Vettters

Interest Groups!



Chat - N - Chew

When: Sunday, March 1, 2015 @ 2:00 pm

Where: The home of Nancy Ogden, 30 Calais Way, Shavano Park, TX 78249

Contact: Please RSVP to Malinda Gaul @ 210-490-7315, 210-410-8992 or mgaul@satx.rr.com



Historic Southwest

When: Saturday, March 14, 2015 @ 12:00 pm

Where: Doubletree Hotel on the corner of McCullough and IH 410 East

Cost: Lunch & Meeting is \$21

Speaker: Mary Ann Laughlin Abbott (Resident of Hondo, Texas Author, Writer and Tour)

Program: "The Music Plays On", the story of Garner State Park

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



Moviegoers

When: Saturday, Feb 28, 2015 matinee time.

Where: TBA via email on Friday, February 27, 2015

When: Saturday, March 28, 2015 mid-afternoon matinee time.

Where: TBA via email on Friday, March 27, 2015

Contact: Fran Vettters to add your name to the list @ 210-347-8962 or frankenvettters@sbcglobal.net

There will be Oscar nominees to choose from!



World Affairs Discussion Group

No February 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, March 19, 2015 @ 11:30 am

Where: Mr. and Mrs. G's

2222 WW White Road, SAT 78222

"Greatest Soul Food on earth!"
says one reviewer.

Contact: Please RSVP to Fran Vettters @
francesvetter@yahoo.com or
mfrankenvettters@sbcglobal.net



Book Discussion

When: Saturday, March 14, 2015 @ 10:00 am

Where: The home of Diantha Perelli,
19914 Encino Ridge, SAT, 78259

What: Will in the World by Stephen Greenblatt
and The Secret Life of William Shakespeare
by Jude Morgan

Contact: Please RSVP to Diantha Perelli @
210-497-4121 or cyclobabe1946@yahoo.com



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

When: Thursday, February 26, 2015, @ 5:00 pm
Where: Paloma Blanca, 5800 Broadway SAT 78209

<http://www.palomablanca.net/>
Contact: Malinda Gaul @ 210-490-7315,
210-410-8992 or mgaul@satx.rr.com

When: Thursday, March 26, 2015 @ 5:00 pm
Where: TBD

What: Can We Talk? Mollie Lam from the AAUW
Legal Advocacy Fund will be one of the speakers
on Title IX and its impact on young women.

Contact: Malinda Gaul @ 210-490-7315,
210-410-8992 or mgaul@satx.rr.com



Wandering Wonders

When: Friday, February 20, 2015 @ 10:00 am

Where: Eisenhower Park
(19399 NW Military Hwy).

What: We will walk about 3 miles, at a moderate
pace, in this popular park with
beautiful natural trails.

Contact: Please contact Nancy Anderson to sign
up for the walk or get more information @ 210-
833-1291 or anderson@loyno.edu

When: Friday, March 27, 2015 @ 10:00 am

Where: Government Canyon State Natural Area

12861 Galm Road –

Meet at Parking Lot D

What: This outing in the back country, on the
bluff spurs trail, will include some uphill dirt
trails. We can also have an alternative walk in
the easier level Front Country. Both routes will
be about 3 miles, at a moderate pace. Carpools
will be arranged.

Contact: Please contact Nancy Anderson to sign
up for the walk or get more information @ 210-
833-1291 (cell), 210-370-9459 or
anderson@loyno.edu

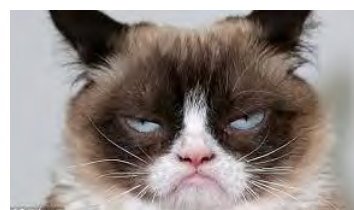


March 21, 2015 Texas Business Women –

San Antonio will be doing a vendor fair to support women owned businesses and improve Pay Equity.

AAUW Pay Equity Unhappy Hour –

April 23, 2015, 5:00 pm at Silo located at:
434 TX-1604 Loop, San Antonio, TX 78232.



At the March 7, AAUW-SA meeting:

There will be a drawing for prizes in support of the Judge Katy Duderstadt Scholarship. Friends and family of Judge Duderstadt have made donations throughout the year, but we need another \$500 to complete a graduate scholarship in her name.



March 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, a gift, and a ticket in the Judge Katy Duderstadt drawing.

Graduate Scholarships

Twelve (12) graduate scholarship applications and 23 textbook scholarship applications have arrived and are being distributed to committee members to review on 2/28 and 2/24, respectively. The committees' recommendations will be presented to the board at its March meeting for a decision. The scholarships will be awarded at the April 4th Branch meeting so be sure to come and greet these talented women!

It would be nice to help as many students as we can.



Equal Pay Day



AAUW Texas is planning an AAUW Texas Lobby Day at the state capitol on **April 14, 2015**, Equal Pay Day. We will have an information/resource table and during the morning we will have Lobby Day Training and lobbying of each participant's State Representative and Senator. We will provide AAUW one-page fact sheets on the Wage Gap. We will also present Recognition Certificates of Gratitude to those returning legislators who voted for the Equal Pay Amendment that Gov. Perry vetoed. To those legislators who did not return this Session, we will mail those certificates to them. We are also planning to wear a visual reminder to everyone we connect with of the Wage Discrepancy broken down according to race. (ex. Asian women, Feb; White Women, April; Black Women, June; Latinas, September). In addition, we will be presenting our signed petition Stand Up 4 Texas Women & families to Gov. Abbott and Lt. Gov. Patrick. Please remember to have your branch members sign this petition and then send it by April 1st to Melodia Gutierrez gutierrezm@aauw.org

We really need your support! We'd like as many AAUW Texas members as possible to join us in Austin on April 14th. Let us know of your plans. Several AAUW TX members have already been to the Capitol lobbying for S.T.E.M. education, speaking before various committees and this is exciting. Please make sure you fill out and email any Lobbying event you attend to AAUW National, even if you are a member of another organization. Our petition focuses on the following issues:

- Quality Education (Funding issues, AAUW TX supports Public Schools and opposes vouchers, portability of Title I funds (aka Student 'Backpack') or any legislation that takes away funding from our Public Schools
- Equal Pay for Women
- Affordable daycare
- Paid Family Sick Leave
- Comprehensive Health Care for Women

-Jeannie Best, AAUW Texas State President

At some point in our career we have all encountered a situation where instead of being called “assertive” or “driven” we’re referenced as “aggressive,” not “nurturing” or “unlady-like;” all stereotypical comments towards the so called persona of what a women should be instead of successful. AAUW recently announced that in the spring of 2015, eleven campuses in the United States would be working to fight against the stereotypes and bias towards women. The AAUW has paired with Pantene to develop the Campus Action Project (CAP) grants. Student led teams will have opportunities to implement their mission to help put an end to gender bias and stereotypes in communities. The CAP Projects will be addressed through webinars, book studies, campus visits and guest speakers.

To read about the campuses and their CAP grant project, please read the article, Beyond Bossy, Slutty, or Bitchy: College Students Fight Gender Stereotypes on the AAUW website <http://www.aauw.org/2015/01/29/beyond-bossy/>.



Monica Ruiz-Mills

Did You Know?

Did you know that two Branch members published books of poetry last month? Laura Van Prooyen and Sheila Black hosted a book signing and poetry reading on January 29 at Beethoven Hall for a very appreciative standing room only audience. Laura will be speaking at our April meeting. We hope she and Sheila will bring some of their books at that time so that we will each have an opportunity to purchase our own copies.



Sheila Black



Laura Van Prooyen



Sharon Bartling

A Fond Farewell to a Member Who's Moving

This branch is regrettably saying goodbye to our friend Sharon Bartling who is moving. Sharon served us as an outstanding President in 2010-2012. An educator all her working life, Sharon continued that focus into retirement. Sharon grew up in Weatherford, Texas, earned an A.A. at Weatherford College, a B.A. and M.A. in English at the University of North Texas, taught there three years, earned tenure at the University of Texas-Arlington, and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Sharon taught English and Women's Studies courses at Eastern Illinois University, served as Assistant Dean of Arts and Science at EIU, and retired in 1995 as professor at a time when few women were made full professor.

As a very successful Branch President Sharon specifically focused on community education for women and girls throughout her two years. Public Policy was another of her long-time interests. She worked on that aspect of our AAUW mission focusing sharply on equity for women and girls for many years. She also was an active participant in the local League of Women Voters, and most recently served as a volunteer registrar in an effort to get out the vote. Sharon also brought many of her students at the Academy of Learning In Retirement (ALIR) into AAUW membership. Needless to say, many aspects of her legacy will long continue in this Branch.

We wish the best to Sharon and her husband Herb as they move to Portland, Oregon. Please keep in touch!

Fran Vettters

Can We Talk?

...about Shooting for the Stars?

With Marie Ferdinand-Harris and Mollie Lam, Senior Manager, AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund
Come join our host organization, AAUW as we Celebrate Women's History Month and the 35th anniversary of the Women's History Movement.

This year's theme Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives will focus on Title IX. *"Accounts of the lives of individual women are critically important because they reveal exceptionally strong role models who share a more expansive vision of what a woman can do...Knowing women's achievements challenges stereotypes and upends social assumptions about who women are and what women can accomplish today."* (NWHF)

Event Schedule:

- Shop 'til you Drop Displays – 5:00 to 8:30
- Networking – 5:30 p.m.
- Dinner – 6:15 p.m.
- Program – 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday,
March 26, 2015**

**DoubleTree by Hilton
San Antonio Downtown
502 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd
San Antonio, Texas 78207**

Can We Talk is a coalition of over sixty-five women's organizations in San Antonio, Texas. Can We Talk events are scheduled each year in March, to commemorate Women's History Month, and on or near August 26, to commemorate Women's Equality Day and Texas Women's Independence Day. Can We Talk events are coordinated by a steering committee made up of representatives from member organizations.

Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation
Alpha Home, Inc.
American Association of University Women-SA Branch
American Society of Women Accountants
Annie's List
Association for Women in Communications, Inc.
Bexar County Democratic Women
Bexar County Women's Bar Association
Center for Women in Church and Society
Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Dress for Success San Antonio
Esperanza Peace and Justice Center
Executive Women's Golf Association
Family Assistance Crisis Team (FACT)
Family Violence Prevention Services
Federally Employed Women
Financial Women in Texas
Friendship Bridge
Fuerza Unida
Heidi Search Center
Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas
Girls Inc. of San Antonio

Hispanas Unidas
Hispanic Women's Network of Texas-SA Chapter
IMPACT San Antonio
Institute of Texan Cultures
Leadership Texas Alumnae Association
League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area
Martinez Street Women's Center
Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women
Mujeres Unidas Contra El SIDA
National Association of Professional Mortgage Women
National Association of Women Business Owners
National Coalition of 100 Black Women, S. A. Chapter
National Council of Negro Women
National Organization of Women (NOW)
National Ovarian Cancer Coalition
National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.
Network Power/Texas
P.E.A.C.E. Initiative
Pan American Round Tables of Texas
Planned Parenthood South Texas
Planned Parenthood South Texas Votes
Rape Crisis Center
SLEW Wellness Center

San Antonio College Women's Center
San Antonio Stars
San Antonio Society of Women CPAs
San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce
San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame
Sistas in Business, Inc.
South Texas Women's Business Center
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
Texas Business Women - Corpus Christi TBW, Mexican
American TBW; TBW of San Antonio
Texas Nurses Association, District 8
University of Texas at San Antonio Archives
WELEAD
WINGS
Woman at the Well House
Women of AT&T
Women's Faculty Association
Women's Global Connection
Women's Pavilion at HemisFair Park, Inc.
Women's Sports Foundation
Women's Studies Institute - UTSA
Young Women's Christian Association
Zonta Club of San Antonio

Can We Talk?

March 26, 2015

- Attendees should complete contact and registration information, and enter total enclosed
- Vendors/ad purchasers should fill in contact information, meal if desired, and enter total

Registration and meal: EARLY BIRD - \$30 postmarked by 02/28/15
\$35 postmarked by 03/14/15
\$45 after 03/14/15 and at door

CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT

Name on Check _____ Phone/Cell _____
 Organization _____ Email _____
 Address _____ City/Zip _____

REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATIONS

CIRCLE APROPTEATE REGISTRATION FEE

Name: _____	\$30 \$35 \$45	Name: _____	\$30 \$35 \$45
Name: _____	\$30 \$35 \$45	Name: _____	\$30 \$35 \$45
Name: _____	\$30 \$35 \$45	Name: _____	\$30 \$35 \$45
Name: _____	\$30 \$35 \$45	Name: _____	\$30 \$35 \$45

MEAL RESTRICTIONS _____

SUBTOTAL \$ _____

(LIMITED) PROGRAM ADS AVAILABLE

CIRCLE CHOICES

Provide camera ready ad to:
 can_we_talk_sa@yahoo.com
 by **March 15, 2015**.

Please add \$10 if you would like your ad in color. YES/NO ➤

Business Card.....	\$25
Quarter Page.....	\$35
Half Page.....	\$60
Full Page	\$100

(Don't forget the \$10 for color if needed) SUBTOTAL \$ _____

VENDOR TABLES AVAILABLE

CHECK APPLICABLE

Complete contact info. above.

Enter type of booth/merchandise here : _____ **Vendor Table - \$60** _____

If meal is desired, circle: \$25, \$35 or \$45 based on date mailed, & fill in meal registration above. Electricity is needed ? _____

Vendor Table reserved ONLY when Registration Form and Payment received. 6' Skirted table ? _____

Vendors questions ONLY, Contact Bonnie Ayer at (210)213-4177.

SUBTOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to **Can We Talk** and mail form to Pat Jasso, 326 Anton Drive, San Antonio 78223

Registrations postmarked after March 14th also require an RSVP to (210) 422-2245.

Thank You!

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____



Wine, Women, and Wisdom

January 2015



February Meeting & Luncheon at Palenque Grill



*Guest Speaker:
Letty Dodd*



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



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



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