



Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the Co-Presidents

It will soon be the New Year when you receive this newsletter. We're counting down the days to inauguration; whether it is with anticipation or dread, it will be. To me, I am spurred on to do even more to support AAUW since we have always stood for equity, for education, for fair pay, for equal pay, for integrity, for honesty, for openness, for making our voices heard, for supporting other women. I'm afraid that we do have our challenges ahead of us. How about joining the march in Austin? How about supporting women's sports? How about talking to our daughters/granddaughters/great-granddaughters about bullying? Find out what their schools do about it. How about writing our legislators about a ninth Supreme Court justice? How about bragging about what AAUW is all about? Just pick one and see what you can do.

I am so proud of our San Antonio Branch! We study, we learn, we share ideas, we support each other, we march, we foster growth, we laugh, we raise a fabulous amount of funds for scholarships, we're involved with the branch, the state and national. I am so happy to be a part of you all.

Many good wishes as we enter the New Year.

Karen Reichensperger

NO JANUARY MEETING. INSTEAD, JOIN US AT...

Wine, Women, and Wisdom



NO BUSINESS, JUST FUN!

Thursday, January 26, 2017

1903 San Pedro Ave, 78212
5:00 pm

\$15 includes wine and appetizers

RSVP to Malinda Gaul by Jan 23 mgaul@satx.rr.com 210-410-8992

Members are responsible for payment if reservations are not cancelled before that month's deadline

DECEMBER MEETING



RAFFLE RAISES MONEY FOR TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIPS

The \$500 Gift Card drawing was held at the Saturday, December 3rd meeting. Kimberly Sama, an AAUW grant winner, drew winner Nancy Tamburo-Trevino's name. When presented with the card later in the day, Nancy, a member for one year, said, "I can't believe this! I am so grateful and so happy. I'm doing a happy dance around my living room."

The raffle raised \$1620 with proceeds designated for the annual Textbook Scholarships awarded by the branch. Thank you to all members who bought tickets and made contributions.

Pat Sanford

LEGACY CIRCLE

The first of the year is a great time for making sure you have an up-to-date will, annuity, trust, IRA or other documents used to designate the specific goals of your personal estate.

Please consider becoming a member of the AAUW Legacy Circle by making a planned gift to AAUW and affirming your commitment to the future of women and girls. These gifts can be given to AAUW's general fund or directed to your preferred program. You can designate any amount.

Planned gifts expand AAUW programs and its public policy agenda by providing for future generations of women and girls.

AAUW seeks to increase our long-term financial resources to help continue our important work. Members of the Legacy Circle have begun that expansion through their planned gifts.

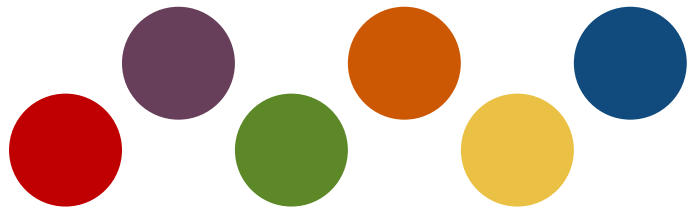
Questions? Read more about the Legacy Circle, review the brochure, or simply call AAUW's Major and Planned Giving senior manager at 202-785-7766.

Mynda Holman McGuire

MEMBERSHIP

I want to thank those who renewed before the year's end: Karen Davis, Shirline Fox, Janina Kuzma, Monica Ruiz-Mills, and Deborah Sochia. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting or at one of our fabulous groups.

Suzanne Benson



Who is YWTF San Antonio?

The Younger Women's Task Force of San Antonio was chartered in August 2016. To date there are eight YWTF chapters across the country. YWTF chapters are "powered by AAUW." We are comprised of women in their 20's, 30's and 40's from the San Antonio community. To date we have eight members and a growing team of directors who are passionate about advocacy as it relates to girls and women. Our mission: To advance initiatives and programs focused on education, development and wellness of girls and women through advocacy, community engagement and education (ACE).

The Younger Women's Task Force national platform includes the following nine demands:

- Equal Access to Education
- End Human Trafficking
- Work Life Balance
- Leaders Who Look Like Us
- Professional Mentorship
- End Violence Against Girls and Women
- Fair Pay
- Intersectionality
- Reproductive Justice

We are focusing our efforts on equal access to education for girls and women. Our programs and events will include content and speakers with this focal core. However, the work is intersectional and impacts the other eight demands. To date we have hosted two "EduDialogue" panels (October and November) focusing on the "Current state of girls and women in STEM in San Antonio" and the "Current state of education for girls and women in San Antonio." During the month of October, domestic violence prevention month, we collected 100 handbags filled with toiletries to be donated to the Battered Women's Shelter of San Antonio to assist young women as they transition and heal from violence.

We have partnered with Girls Inc., St. Mary's University, Can We Talk?, The Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women, and AAUW WorkSmart.

We will host an official launch event in March. We invite you, your daughter, granddaughter, niece, neighbor, mentee, family member, colleague or friend to join us on this journey to make a difference in San Antonio. It only costs \$21 to join.

www.facebook.com/YWTFSanAntonioTX

Shene Simon

PUBLIC POLICY

Happy New Year!

Hopefully, you have had a restful and blessed holiday season and are ready to settle into the New Year. As you reflect on 2016, you may decide to reread previous material from the 2016 archives. In addition, AAUW has several articles reflecting on the upcoming term. Here are some of my favorites:

AAUW will continue to advocate for issues that matter most to women and require attention at the local, state and federal level. To read information regarding the election results, visit: www.aauw.org/article/aauw-reacts-to-election-results/

AAUW recently selected ten new up-and-coming college leaders for the 2016-2017 Student Advisory Council. These remarkable young leaders are politicians, bloggers, scientists, educators and engineers, just to name a few. To read their stories, visit: www.aauw.org/2016/10/17/ten-up-and-coming-feminist-change-makers/

Finally, there is a webinar on the book Poisoned Table on January 10, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Taken from the AAUW website: "Described as 'fiction mixed with real-life people and fascinating situations... [to make] a page-turning read,' The Poisoned Table portrays a passionate rivalry between fictional actress Isabel Graves and real-life Shakespearean stage sensation Kemble." The webinar will include questions and answers with the author, Diane Michael Cantor. To register for the webinar follow the link: www.aauw.org/event/2017/01/adelante-discussion-the-poisoned-table/

If you plan on attending the inauguration, please visit the following site and let AAUW know. Submit your plans and take the survey: salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/t/0/blastContent.jsp?email_blast_KEY=1332368

Monica Ruiz-Mills

INTEREST GROUPS

WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM

Thursday, January 26

EDERA OSTERIA & ENOTECA

1903 San Pedro Ave, 78212

5:00 pm

RSVP to Malinda Gaul
mgaul@satx.rr.com
210-410-8992

MOVIEGOERS

Saturday, January 28

Movie, time, and place
announced the day before,
selected by the group

Contact Fran Vettters
francesvettters@yahoo.com
210-347-8962

BRIDGE

First and Third Mondays

6:00 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Bridge

La Madeleine at Park North
722 NW Loop 410, 78216

Contact Pearl Eng
pquaneng@hotmail.com
210-240-8118

HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

Saturday, January 14

DoubleTree Hotel
37 NE Loop 410, 78216

12:00 pm

RSVP to Lola Hill
lnhill25@gmail.com
210-334-5897

BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, January 21

THE APACHE WARS by Paul Andrew Hutton

Host: Mary Heye
215 El Cerrito Circle, 78232

10:00 am

RSVP to Mary Heye
maryheye@gmail.com
210-490-0260

WANDERING WONDERS

Friday, January 27

MISSION TRAILS

9:30 am

Meet at
Blue Star Arts Complex
1414 S Alamo St

Lunch at
The Guenther House

RSPV to Diantha Perelli
cyclobabe1946@yahoo.com
210-497-4121

CULINARY ADVENTURES

Thursday, January 19

THE FRUTERIA

1401 S Flores St, 78204

11:30 am

RSVP to Fran Vettters
francesvettters@yahoo.com
210-347-8962

WOMEN'S MARCH ON ATX



At the same time as the Women's March in D.C., Texas women will be marching in Austin. Join AAUW San Antonio members as we march in support of women's rights. Several AAUW San Antonio members are staying at the La Quinta Capitol Friday night before the march. If you drive up for the day, meet us for muffins and mimosas at 10:00 am in Malinda Gaul's room at the La Quinta Capitol. Text your name and phone number to 210-410-8992 and we will let you know the room number. We also plan to go to lunch after the march.

Contact Malinda Gaul mgaul@satx.rr.com 210-410-8992



Christmas lights on the Riverwalk with Wandering Wonders

AAUW Creating Opportunities for San Antonio

San Antonio is well-positioned to be competitive in the technology industry, but requires a workforce educated in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics), and a diverse and integrated workforce promoting the important role that girls and women play in contributing to this growth. Because boys frequently have more informal opportunities for STEAM experience outside of school, this lack of STEAM education especially impacts girls, as well as many youth of color. STEAM jobs are among the fastest growing and highest paying, yet few women are benefitting from these occupations, increasing social inequities and barriers to girls' future life opportunities. Girls need technology skills to thrive in the 21st century, as more than 95% of all jobs have a digital component.

"Industry and workforce are moving at a pace that is almost impossible for education to maintain in order to meet the demands of creating an adequate workforce." (San Antonio Regional Workforce and Education Forum, Rackspace 2014). One of the programs that I manage, a Teen Tech Center, plays a critical role in building strong foundations for today's youth by providing them open spaces for exploratory

learning equipped with the latest technology. This complementary method of education fosters creativity, innovation, as well as critical analysis skills. Captivating girls' interest and galvanizing their creative energy is a key focus that will further develop a diverse platform for innovative thinking and expansion within the STEAM fields.

In the past year, we have expanded the impact of our 2015 AAUW partnership hosting a summer girls' maker camp to triple girl attendance within the center and quadruple the number of female mentors. In the past six months we have launched a girls' robotics team that will continue to grow opportunities for our community girls to connect with their passions and create an innovate a brighter future.

Kimberly Sama



PINE NUT COOKIES

As requested, a recipe for the pine nut cookies from our December meeting.

2 7oz tubes almond paste
1 cup sugar
2 large egg whites
zest of 1 orange, finely grated
1.5 cups pine nuts

This can be done with a bowl and mixer or a food processor. Preheat oven to 350°. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Crumble almond paste into bowl or processor. May be quite dense and sticky. Mix until paste is in crumbs. Add sugar, mix to fully incorporate. Mix in orange zest and egg whites, one at a time, until dough is smooth. Spread the pine nuts on a plate. Pinch off tablespoon sized pieces of dough and roll into balls. Lightly press each ball into pine nuts to cover top of cookies. Place on baking sheets, nut side up. Bake for 15-20 minutes, until lightly browned and springy. Bake one sheet at a time in middle of oven, or two sheets in top and bottom third of oven, switching halfway. Let cool completely before serving.

Web and Social Media



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

sanantonio-tx.aauw.net



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AAUW.SanAntonio@gmail.com



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