



Newsletter

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2016-2017 Theme: Advocacy

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From the Co-Presidents

Happy October! I wanted to say my most heartfelt thank you to those of you who attended our Kick Off meeting in September. It was great to have so many of you interesting ladies attend. I hope you were able to connect with friends, both old and new. The interest and study groups highlighted are such a valuable way to connect with one another, and one will never be bored as a member of AAUW! Please make sure you see the details for October's meeting.

I am so pleased that we have been invited to the Equal Pay SA Event on October 22. I hope you will plan to attend. Any knowledge we are able to attain, or actions we can take with respect to achieving equal pay before our grandchildren have grandchildren would be a great accomplishment. Details on the event are contained in this newsletter.

Soon it will be November and another President of our country will be elected. It could be quite an historical moment. If you support a particular candidate, it should comfort us all to know that even if she/he does not win the Presidency, we as Americans can continue to voice our opinions without fear of reprisal. I have recently met and gotten to know a Russian American who shares her stories of the old Soviet Union and the current Russian president. I always come away from our conversations feeling more grateful to live in America. I hope we will all exercise our RIGHT as Americans to vote on, or by November 8 for the candidate of our choice. So much has been sacrificed to preserve that right. I am so proud to work with women who believe that they can attain equity through knowledge and actions that involve participating in our democracy.

Have a great month and hope to see you at our next meeting!

Gayna Dupont

The year for AAUW-San Antonio has gotten off to a running start. Gayna Dupont has created the Directory for our on-going reference. The interest groups have resumed with vigor and good fellowship. Helga Anderson and Nancy Anderson have stepped up to get Wandering Wonders off to a running, errrrrrr walking, start; other volunteers will follow, I'm sure. Suzanne Benson is busy looking for women who believe in the mission of AAUW in promoting the equity of women and girls. Remember, membership is Everyone's Business! Alicia Hyk has arranged meetings for the year to focus on **Advocacy**, our theme from AAUW's mission. In recognition of Title IX (particularly since the Olympics has brought attention to women athletes), efforts are underway to **advocate** more for girls. AAUW-Texas is contacting Title IX coordinators in colleges and universities; look for a big event next summer possibly involving the Stars. And, look for ways we can collaborate with AAUW-Texas in this **advocacy** effort. On September 10th, I will be in Minnesota attending the day-long Northland (MN) gathering of branches from the northern part of that state. They will be discussing the evolution of women's roles and how female pioneers were in the vanguard of the monumental changes we all experienced during the past century. I look forward to being back in San Antonio and working with you all in our ventures and seeing you at one of our meetings.

Karen Reichensperger

OCTOBER MEETING

Saturday, October 1, 2016

11:30am

PIATTI

at The Quarry

255 E. Basse Rd, 78209

\$20

cash or check payable to AAUW

MENU CHOICES

ITALIAN SALAD with CHICKEN

Fresh baby greens, cucumber, tomato, red onion, pecorino romano, croutons and champagne vinaigrette with a grilled chicken breast

POLLO MARSALA

Sautéed chicken breast, mushrooms, marsala wine, whipped potatoes and seasonal vegetables

RAVIOLI

House-made spinach and ricotta ravioli, lemon cream and citrus gremolata

with TIRAMISU

Espresso, rum-soaked ladyfingers and mascarpone

RSVP to Cié Gee by Wednesday, September 26

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Not pictured: **Karen Reichensperger** Co-President klmncic@frontiernet.net

MEMBERSHIP

It was great to have so many renewing members at the September meeting as well as some new members. Don't forget that current members may offer a discounted rate to prospective members. New members and students can take 50 percent off the national and state dues rates when they join on the spot during an AAUW public event. Branches also earn one free national membership to give away for every two newly recruited members, with a maximum of five free memberships annually. Let's see our branch grow. I will have a list of those who have renewed along with new members in the next newsletter.

Suzanne Benson



Leticia Hernandez of Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) will speak about the CASA program. The role of the court-appointed volunteer advocates who provide constancy for abused and neglected children and youth while advocating for services and placement in safe and permanent homes.



BRANCH BUDGET 2016-2017

INCOME	\$
Local Dues (80 members x \$16)	1280
2016 AAUW-TX Convention Share	2739
TOTAL	4019

EXPENDITURES	
Meeting Expenses	375
P.O. Box Rental	74
Postage	75
Supplies	73
Directory Printing	200
Printing Newsletter	150
Membership Recruitment	130
Community Outreach	70
Memorial Donations	20
AAUW-US Convention Expense for AAUW-SA president	1000
AAUW Fund	1500
Insurance	332
Miscellaneous	20
TOTAL	4019

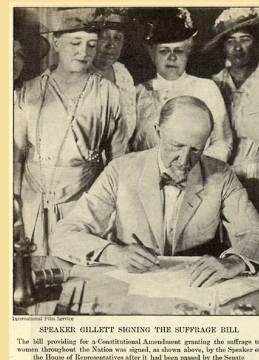
SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET

INCOME	
Withdrawal from E. Jones	6000
Raffle	1500
Chocolate & Champagne	1000
Other	200
TOTAL	8700

EXPENDITURES	
3 \$2000 Graduate Scholarships	6000
4 \$500 Textbook Scholarships	2000
Printing Scholarship Applications	50
Supplies for Scholarship Raffle	150
Gift Card for Raffle	500
TOTAL	8700

PUBLIC POLICY

Ratified in 1920, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution granted women the right to vote – a process that took women 70 long years to achieve. With the upcoming election, it is imperative we get the word out to young people to vote. AAUW sponsors webinars to inform future voters called, “It’s My Vote: I Will Be Heard 2016 GOTV Skill Trainings.” The webinars focus on voter registration, voter education and turning out to vote on election day. The webinars can be viewed at <http://www.aauw.org/event/2016/08/2016-gotv-skill-trainings/>. This election may also determine the ninth justice nominated for the Supreme Court. Currently, with the unexpected death of Justice Antonin Scalia, decisions have been made with the remaining eight justices which impact gender equity <http://www.aauw.org/2016/08/04/scotus-empty-seat/>.



Monica Ruiz-Mills

IN MEMORIAM

Longtime member Edna Sharp passed away on August 23, 2016. At her memorial service, we learned about the life-changing trip Edna took to visit her brother in Houston. On that bus, she met Henry Sharp, an airman traveling to Alabama to visit family. When they returned to San Antonio, they began dating and eventually married - a marriage that lasted 65 years! Edna served AAUW San Antonio in many capacities over the years, including greeting us at the door at every meeting. However, she will be best remembered for raising money for scholarships through the yearly raffle. Edna donated all the supplies and sent out solicitation letters to every member. Over the years she helped raise thousands of dollars. Remember Edna this year with a donation to the AAUW San Antonio raffle.

INTEREST GROUPS

MOVIEGOERS

Saturday, September 24

Saturday, October 22

Movie, time, and place announced on Friday, selected by the group

Contact Fran Vettters
francesvettters@yahoo.com
210-481-7765

WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM

Thursday, October 27

FLEMING'S
at The Quarry

5:00pm

255 East Basse Rd
78209

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

NIGHT BRIDGE

First and Third Mondays

6:45 pm

La Madeleine at Park North
722 NW Loop 410, 78216

Contact Pearl Eng
pquaneng@hotmail.com

BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, October 15

FLYING HOME:
SEVEN STORIES OF THE
SECRET CITY
by David Nicholson

10:00am

Host: Eleanor Skelley
16330 Hidden View, 78232

RSVP
Eleanor.skelley@gmail.com
210-406-0387

WANDERING WONDERS

Friday, October 28

MUSEUM REACH

Hotel Emma
136 E Grayson, 78215

9:30am Meet at Hotel Emma, by the stairs leading to the river. Walk toward downtown, 3-4 miles total.

11:30am Lunch at Supper in Hotel Emma

1:00pm Brief tour of Hotel Emma

Contact Helga Anderson
handerson5@satx.rr.com
210-661-3126

CULINARY ADVENTURES

Thursday, October 20

ERNESTO'S
RESTAURANT

11:30am

2559 Jackson Keller Rd
78230

RSVP to Fran Vettters
francesvettters@yahoo.com
210-481-7765



HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

Saturday, October 8

OLD SANTA FE TRAIL
Speaker: Sherri Briscoll

12:00pm

DoubleTree
37 NE Loop 410, 78216

RSVP by Wednesday
to Sophie Lim
limsoph@gmail.com
210-445-0654

SAN ANTONIO FEMINIST FILM FESTIVAL

This second annual event will feature a collection of films "devoted to the awareness and the realization of the educational evolution of feminism."

To learn more about this year's films and to purchase your ticket, please visit safeministfilmfestival.net

September 20-22

6:00pm

Alamo Drafthouse Park North
618 NW Loop 410, 78216

The Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

EQUAL PAY SA SUMMIT

"This will be a day long summit of business and non-profit leaders as well as community members to discuss the impact of pay equity in our daily lives and economy. We will feature three panel discussions through the day focusing on policy surrounding pay equity, individual experiences, and creating systematic change."

Saturday, October 22

9:00am-4:00pm

TriPoint Event Center

3233 N. St Mary's St, 78212

FREE if you [REGISTER HERE](#)

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Budget: Ann Marie Rehner submitted the 2016-2017 budget which was unanimously approved. It will be presented to the membership at the October general meeting.

Membership: Suzanne Benson reported three new members and 12 renewals today.

Newsletter: Malinda Gaul asked that all articles be submitted on the new form.

Outreach: Kate Vettters reported sending two get well cards and one sympathy card.

Funds: Mynda McGuire will speak at the next general meeting about becoming a Legacy Circle member.

Get Out the Vote: League of Women Voters is having a Texas Voter ID Law forum on September 20. Dupont is attending the meeting and will email the membership after the meeting about the law. It will also be in the newsletter. Benson will register members to vote at the October meeting.



Next board meeting: November 5 following the November meeting



JUST FOR FUN

[CLICK HERE](#) to get your cards!

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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You can also tweet to us, with us, and retweet for us

twitter.com/AAUW_SanAntonio



We would love to be added to your network at

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