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Equity: Putting Advocacy into Action

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From the President

As I write this, so many are suffering from the effects of Hurricane Harvey. Many of us have friends and family who are affected. How does one recover from such massive destruction? Our city is again opening its arms to those experiencing tragedy. So many people are showing compassion and strength in the presence of such hardship. We do what we can, one thing at a time, one group at time, doing what each of us does best. A *big* “thank you” for whatever you have been able to do. It eventually comes together. Things will never be back to “normal.” We will have a new normal. We hope that the new normal will be a better place.

This fall, we will be learning from other organizations who intersect with AAUW’s mission, working towards equity for women and girls. How does our branch relate to our community? Might we consider cross-promoting events, speakers, projects? Even while holding membership in other organizations, we can remain fully involved in AAUW. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. We can elevate our voices by working together, looking for solutions to inequities and keeping our mission before us. We will strive towards a new normal for our tomorrows. Together, our impact will be greater towards equity for women and girls. As AAUW Executive Director Kimberly Churches says, “With the rise of populism, ... challenges to women’s rights continue, and the fight for equity becomes critically more important for women and girls.”

Karen Reichensperger

OCTOBER MEETING

Saturday, October 7, 2017 11:30am

Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen
15715 IH 10 West, at Loop 1604

Sherry Cook of *Girls, Inc.* will share with us some of the programs they provide to enhance and enrich the lives of girls in our community.

RSVP to Kate Vettters by Monday, October 2
kvettters@sbcglobal.net

See menu below

Welcome New Members

Michele Aichele
Diann Duncan
Jacqueline Grindall
Ali Heller
Roxanna Knapp
Pam McMillie

Outlook Going Digital

Starting with the summer 2017 issue, AAUW Outlook will be going digital. You'll still get the same insight about the issues that affect women and girls the most, but with more content. Make sure we have your preferred email address on file, and look out for this issue in your inbox!

Save the Date

48th Biennial
State Convention

April 20-22, 2018

Houston

October Meeting Menu

The cost for lunch is \$25
Cash or check payable to AAUW SA

Ginger Salmon
Char-grilled salmon fillet topped with ginger butter, with almond green beans

Mixed Seafood Grill
A skewer of assorted char-grilled seafood and vegetables, with dirty rice

Sampler Platter
Fried shrimp, crawfish, and tilapia, with french fries

*All meals include green salad,
french bread, dessert,
iced tea, soda, and coffee*

The meeting will take place at the
NEW PAPPADEAUX LOCATION
15715 IH 10 at Loop 1604



Sisters of Ann

Let's close out the Ann Richards American Fellowship by the 2018 AAUW Texas Convention and put it to work! Once we make the \$200,000 goal, the money can then be used to help cultivate the next generation of women scientists, engineers, and educators. But we cannot do that until we raise about \$50,000. So between now and April 2018, AAUW Texas will match every dollar donated! Also starting January 2018, we will be awarding a Sisters of Ann membership to individuals donating \$250 or more. These Sisters of Ann members will be recognized in the convention program (if donation is received before March 1) and given a yellow rose pin to signify membership. Branches giving \$500 or more will become Sisters of Ann branches and given special recognition at the state convention. Plan on becoming a member of the Sisters of Ann in 2018!

E³ - Blasting Off For

EQUITY
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INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge 1st & 3rd Mon

La Madeleine at Park North
722 NW Loop 410 at Blanco, 78216
6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm Bridge
Contact Pearl Eng
pquaneng@hotmail.com
210.240.8118

Historic Southwest Sat, Oct 14

DoubleTree Hotel
37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough, 78216
12:00pm
RSVP to Lola Hill
lnhill25@gmail.com
210.334.5897

Culinary Adventures Thu, Oct 19

Mediterranean Turkish Grill
8507 McCullough Ave, 78216
11:30am
RSVP to Fran Vettters
francesvettters@yahoo.com
210.481.7765

Book Discussion Sat, Oct 21

Kind of Kin by Rilla Askew
Host Beverly Baucum
3203 Tophill Rd, 78209
10:00am
RSVP to Beverly Baucum
bbaucum@satx.rr.com
210.821.5252

Wine, Women, & Wisdom Wed, Oct 25

Fleming's at The Quarry
255 E Basse Rd, 78209
5:00pm
RSVP to Malinda Gaul
mgaul@satx.rr.com
210.410.8992

Wandering Wonders Fri, Oct 27

Meet in front of Hotel Emma at The Pearl
136 E Grayson, 78215
9:15am Walk along the river toward Brackenridge Park
11:00am Lunch at Fratello's
RSVP to Helga Anderson by Oct 25
handerson5@satx.rr.com
210.573.8424

Moviegoers Sat, Oct 28

Movie, time, and place selected by the group and announced the day before
Contact Fran Vettters
francesvettters@yahoo.com
210.481.7765

Can We Talk? About Human Trafficking

On August 29, AAUW San Antonio members joined representatives from various women's organizations at the semi-annual *Can We Talk?* event to learn about human trafficking in Texas. The event also commemorated Women's Equality Day, the date on which women finally won the right to vote.





Mynda and Malinda's Convention Adventures

DAY ONE

Prior to the Opening Session on the evening of June 14, 2017, separate sessions were held for Presidents, Program VPs, and Fund VPs. We attended the Fund VPs session to learn more about raising money for our branch. The Texas delegation—26 members strong—gathered for a group picture prior to the Opening Session dinner. The Keynote Speaker was Judy Woodruff who is anchor of the PBS NewsHour. It was apparent she was very comfortable with our group, talking with people during dinner and then giving us her opinion on what is happening in D.C. It was an exciting first day. There is much more to come. Stay tuned...



SEPTEMBER
MEETING



INTEREST
GROUPS





*The League of Women Voters
of the San Antonio Area*

presents a forum on

Transportation Needs of San Antonio

How are we preparing for the future?

Monday, Oct. 9, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

San Antonio Central Library

600 Soledad St. San Antonio



Ron Nirenberg

Mayor of San Antonio

will deliver the keynote address

Moderator

Francine Sanders Romero, Ph.D.

Associate Dean, College of Public Policy

Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration, UTSA

Panelists

Kevin Wolff

Commissioner, Bexar County, Precinct 3

Chairman, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Ana Sandoval

Councilwoman, District 7, San Antonio

Board Member, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Bill Barker

Adjunct Associate Professor, Urban and Regional Planning, UTSA

Jeff Arndt

President/CEO, VIA

Free Admission. Free Parking. Open to the public.

For questions, call 210-657 2206