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From the President

Greetings!

This is the month of love notes, of hearts and flowers, of chocolate and champagne. How frequently do you express your love? Do you automatically express gratitude to the people and for the things in your life? I try to express gratitude every day. Gratitude and love can chase the cold and clouds away, keep us from digging ourselves into some black hole. Did you read about Ted Danson in the November AARP magazine? I have to admit that, now that I am back in San Antonio, my husband is the one expressing lots of gratitude. I can take some lessons from him.

We are well into the New Year. Did you make some resolutions? Have you already broken any? I don't make any so I don't break any. This saves me the guilt of not following through. However, I try to practice in my daily life what needs to be done, how I can better this confusing world. Our world is confusing, many times even sad. So, I ask what can I do or say that is positive, back to gratitude? I try to

- thank people who contribute to the AAUW mission
- appreciate the many friends I have in AAUW
- respond to legislators through the AAUW Action Network
- thank members who keep our branch relevant and active
- praise women who have opened the door to less tolerance of any kind of abuse
- be a resource to other branches as they strive to be mission-based
- mentor those who will be coming after me, knowing that I will not be here forever
- let family know I love and appreciate them
- be thankful for the life I have been given in these United States

Can you give me more ideas? What are you doing?

So, let us share our love, share our enthusiasm, share our commitment, share our time and talents, and more.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Saturday, February 3 11:30 am

The Magnolia Pancake Haus – Huebner
10333 Huebner Rd, 78240
Please see map on P3

Program – Dr. Cheryl Davis
Navigating Life: A Black Professional Woman's
Personal Triumph in the American Experience

\$25 cash or check payable to AAUW-SA

RSVP to Kate Vettters by Friday, January 26
kvettters@sbcglobal.net 210.481.7765

Champagne & Chocolate Fundraiser for Textbook Scholarships

The annual Champagne and Chocolate Fundraiser for Text Book Scholarships will be held at the February meeting. If you donate \$25 you get your choice of chocolate. If you donate \$50 you get your choice of chocolate and a bottle of champagne. If you donate \$100 you get your choice of chocolate, a bottle of champagne, and an additional gift.

Public Policy

Prominent women in the entertainment industry (actors, directors, producers) have announced the Time's Up Initiative to combat sexual harassment across industries. As part of the project, attorneys for the group have announced the creation of the Time's Up Legal Defense Fund, which will be administered by the National Women's Law Center. The Fund aims to provide resources to victims of sexual harassment, including funding and legal representation.

Human trafficking remains another issue with much more work to be done. All states should have statutes in place that address protection of victims, prosecution, and prevention. AAUW advocates for national and international policies against human

trafficking that promote protection, justice, human rights and mutual security for all people. If you are interested in engaging in this work at the state level, check out the [State Policy Trafficking Tool Kit](#) on the AAUW National website.

The second session of the 115th Congress convened in early January and the 2018 state legislative sessions kicked off around the nation. That means it's a great time to brush up on the advocacy resources available to you as a member of AAUW! Sign up for Action Network and [Two-Minute Activist](#), and suggest any ideas you may have for our San Antonio branch so that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of women and girls.

Magnolia Pancake Haus It's Not Just For Breakfast Anymore

We're trying somewhere different for lunch in February. It's the Magnolia Pancake Haus, 10333 Huebner Road, 78240, just one block south of Fredericksburg Road. It's a new location, opened in 2016, "an urban barn with the same old school charm."

But we're not having pancakes. Instead, there'll be a buffet-style lunch featuring chicken marsala with rice pilaf, soup, salad, the usual beverages and another batch of those delicious homemade cookies your board provided in December. Hope to see everyone at the Haus for our first meeting of 2018 on February 3.

February Speaker

We're in luck! Our speaker for the February 3 meeting is Cheryl Davis, AAUW-SA President 2008-2009. Dr. Davis, a dentist with her own private practice in San Antonio, will put a different spin on Black History Month with her personal story, "Navigating Life," and the journey she took to become the successful professional woman she is today.

INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge 1st & 3rd Mon

La Madeleine at Park North
722 NW Loop 410 at Blanco, 78216
5:00pm
Contact Pearl Eng
pquaneng@hotmail.com
210.240.8118

Historic Southwest Sat, Feb 10

San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation
Speaker Katie Totman
DoubleTree Hotel
37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough, 78216
12:00pm
RSVP to Lola Hill
lnhill25@gmail.com
210.334.5897

Culinary Adventures Thu, Feb 15

Edera Osteria-Enoteca
1903 San Pedro Ave, 78212
11:30am
RSVP to Fran Vettters
francesvettters@yahoo.com
210.481.7765

Book Discussion Sat, Feb 17

Two Old Women
by Velma Wallis
Host Pat Sanford
18314 Beargrass Ct, 78258
10:00am
RSVP to Pat Sanford
pacmsan@me.com
210.479.0454

Moviegoers Sat, Feb 24

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

Wine, Women, & Wisdom Wed, Feb 28

Silo 1604
434 N Loop 1604 W, 78232
5:00pm
RSVP to Malinda Gaul
mgaul@satx.rr.com
210.410.8992

Save the Date

48th Biennial
State Convention
April 20-22, 2018
Houston

FEBRUARY MEETING MAP

