



# Newsletter

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## MARCH MEETING

**Saturday, March 4**

**Firstmark Credit Union  
2023 Gold Canyon Dr, 78232  
Training Room A/B**

**11:30 am**

**Meeting Speaker**  
**Karen Kelly**  
**St. Mary's School of Law and  
Social Justice Program**

### **Croissant Club Box**

Nitrate-free ham, roasted turkey breast, bacon, cheddar, Swiss, leafy lettuce and tomato on an all-butter croissant. Chips, pickle, dessert, and drink.

### **California Club Box**

Roasted turkey breast, fresh-made guacamole, tomato, organic field greens, bacon, and Swiss on an all-butter croissant. Fresh fruit or baked chips. Dessert and drink.

### **Nutty Mixed-Up Salad Box**

Organic field greens, grapes, grilled 100% antibiotic-free chicken breast, feta, our cranberry walnut mix, and organic apples with balsamic vinaigrette.  
Includes dessert and drink.

**\$20 cash or check payable to AAUW**

**RSVP with menu choice to Cié Gee by Wednesday, March 1**  
**ciegee3@aol.com 210-602-9458**

Members are responsible for payment if reservations are not cancelled before the deadline.

## From the Co-President

Greetings Fellow Powerful Women!

What a month it has been! For those of us who marched in the Women's Marches around the country/world(!), how inspiring and heartening it is to know that there are so many who are willing to come together to protest marginalizing women and girls, as well as so many other people of different faiths, sexual orientations, and backgrounds! I was honored to march with so many people who truly represented the melting pot of who we are as Americans. All I can say is "WHEN IS THE NEXT ONE?"

So many of our membership have been living the AAUW mission, through participation in marches and rallies, repeatedly calling and writing their congressional representatives to voice their opinions on what has become a plethora of issues that threaten the wellbeing of people, including many women and girls, and pouring money into causes that represent civil liberty and human rights. There are many issues at stake right now that could negatively impact women and girls, and I admit I have found myself dismayed throughout the last couple of months as each day brings another array of "new orders."

I can honestly say that my membership and friendships with people in AAUW and similar organizations has only strengthened my resolve and optimism! When I think what women before us went through, from getting the vote, to fighting through the McCarthy era, for marching for equal rights, to fighting for women's healthcare rights - well, this current time seems to be a blip that is a minor distraction. And so, we must continue to do our part to carry on the legacy of the fine and courageous women who came before and continue to stand up every single time they are knocked down. THANK YOU! Thank you for teaching me about women's role in our nation's history and thank you for inspiring me to join, participate, and become active in causes that seek to empower women and girls. I hope you have been motivated to get involved in causes that keep the rights of women and girls as their priority. Together, I know we can continue to fight for our rights, and all of the girls who are depending upon us in the future who will one day look back at the work we did to keep their rights intact and ever improving toward equality.

Gayna Dupont

## FROM THE CO-PRESIDENT

As I look forward to March, I think of St. Patrick's Day, Ash Wednesday, spring with early flowers and greening trees, basketball tournaments, scholarships...

Many scholarship applications have arrived and the committees are working diligently on them. We will have a chance to raise more funds for textbook scholarships at our March chocolate/champagne meeting. Come & celebrate another group that advocates for equity for women and girls.

We have the opportunity of being a partner with 300 San Antonio by collaborating with another group for an event open to the community. A number of ideas, like partnering with YWTF on women's issues, pay equity, Start Smart, or a health fair, have been submitted. This would be an opportunity to increase our visibility in the community as well as serving the community. A group of our members are in the process of evaluating this possibility. This event would be presented sometime during 2018, San Antonio's Tricentennial. Let us know your thoughts.

March starts building up to the end of the school year. Up north we say, "In like a lion, out like a lamb" (and vice versa). Is that true in Texas? Nevertheless, we are building up to ending the year, but not our activities, in good style. Our work and our fellowship never ends. Be a part of it all.

Karen Reichensperger

## CHAMPAGNE & CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

At the March Meeting, we will hold our annual fundraiser for textbook scholarships. A donation of \$25 for chocolate. A donation of \$50 for chocolate and champagne. A donation of \$100 for chocolate, champagne, and a flower.

## PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW members participated in the Women's March in Washington, DC, on January 21, 2017. AAUW continued to voice their concerns for equality and civil rights for all Americans. Highlights of the event and information on continuous involvement can be found on the following link: [www.aauw.org/2017/01/24/2017-womens-march/](http://www.aauw.org/2017/01/24/2017-womens-march/)

February is Black History Month. AAUW will host a discussion with 2005–06 AAUW American Fellow and University of Michigan associate professor Sherie M. Randolph, Ph.D., regarding her new book, *Florynce 'Flo' Kennedy: The Life of a Black Feminist Radical*. The book accounts Kennedy's career as an activist including her "founding roles in organizations such as the National Black Feminist Organization and the National Organization for Women. Using an extensive and previously uncollected archive, Randolph demonstrates profound connections within the histories of the new left, civil rights, Black Power, and feminism, showing that black feminism was pivotal in shaping postwar U.S. liberation movements." You can register for the discussion on the website at: [www.aauw.org/event/2017/02/author-book-discussion-sherie-randolph/](http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/02/author-book-discussion-sherie-randolph/)

Monica Ruiz-Mills



# INTEREST GROUPS

## WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM

**Thursday, February 23**

### SILO

434 N 1604 W, 78232

5:00 pm

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

**Thursday, March 23**

### CAN WE TALK?

(see registration form below)

SAWS Headquarters  
2800 US 281, 78212

5:00 pm

## MOVIEGOERS

**Saturday, February 25**

**Saturday, March 25**

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

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

## HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

**Saturday, March 11**

**COASTAL COWBOYS  
AND CATTLE TRAILS**  
by Paul Noack

DoubleTree Hotel  
37 NE Loop 410, 78216

12:00 pm

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

## BOOK DISCUSSION

**Saturday, February 18**

**HOW YOGA WORKS**  
by Michael Roach and  
Christie McNally

Host: Pat Sanford  
18314 Beargrass Ct, 78258

10:00 am

RSVP to Pat Sanford  
pacmsan@me.com  
210-392-0728

**Saturday, March 18**

**THE LITTLE RED  
CHAIRS**  
by Edna O'Brien

Host: Beverly Baucum  
3203 Tophill Rd, 78209

10:00 am

RSVP to Beverly Baucum  
bbaucum@satx.rr.com  
210-821-5252

### SAVE THE DATE

**AAUW Texas Lobby Day**

**Tuesday, April 4**

Join AAUW members from all  
over Texas for a Lobby Day at  
the Texas State Capitol.  
Look for further details

## 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

## CULINARY ADVENTURES

**Thursday, February 16**

### IL FORNO

122 Nogalitos, 78204

11:30 am

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

**Thursday, March 16**

### MAX AND LOUIE'S NEW YORK DINER

226 W Bitters Rd, 78216

11:30 am

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

## WANDERING WONDERS

**Friday, February 24**

### MORNINGSTAR BOARDWALK

10:00 am

Meet at Salado Creek  
Trailhead parking lot on the  
south end of Lady Bird  
Johnson Park  
Nacogdoches just south of  
Wurzbach Parkway

Lunch at Fidelo's

RSVP to Karen Reichensperger  
jkreichen@att.net  
210-637-0170

**Friday, March 24**

### TEXAS WILDFLOWERS

9:00 am

Wildflowers don't always  
bloom on schedule.  
Nevertheless, we'll find a  
place to appreciate what is  
blooming on the 24th.  
Notification of where we're  
going will be emailed by  
March 17. Make plans now to  
carpool.

Contact Mynda Holman McGuire  
mynda@satx.rr.com  
210-287-1423

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CONCERT - Monday, March 6 7:30 pm

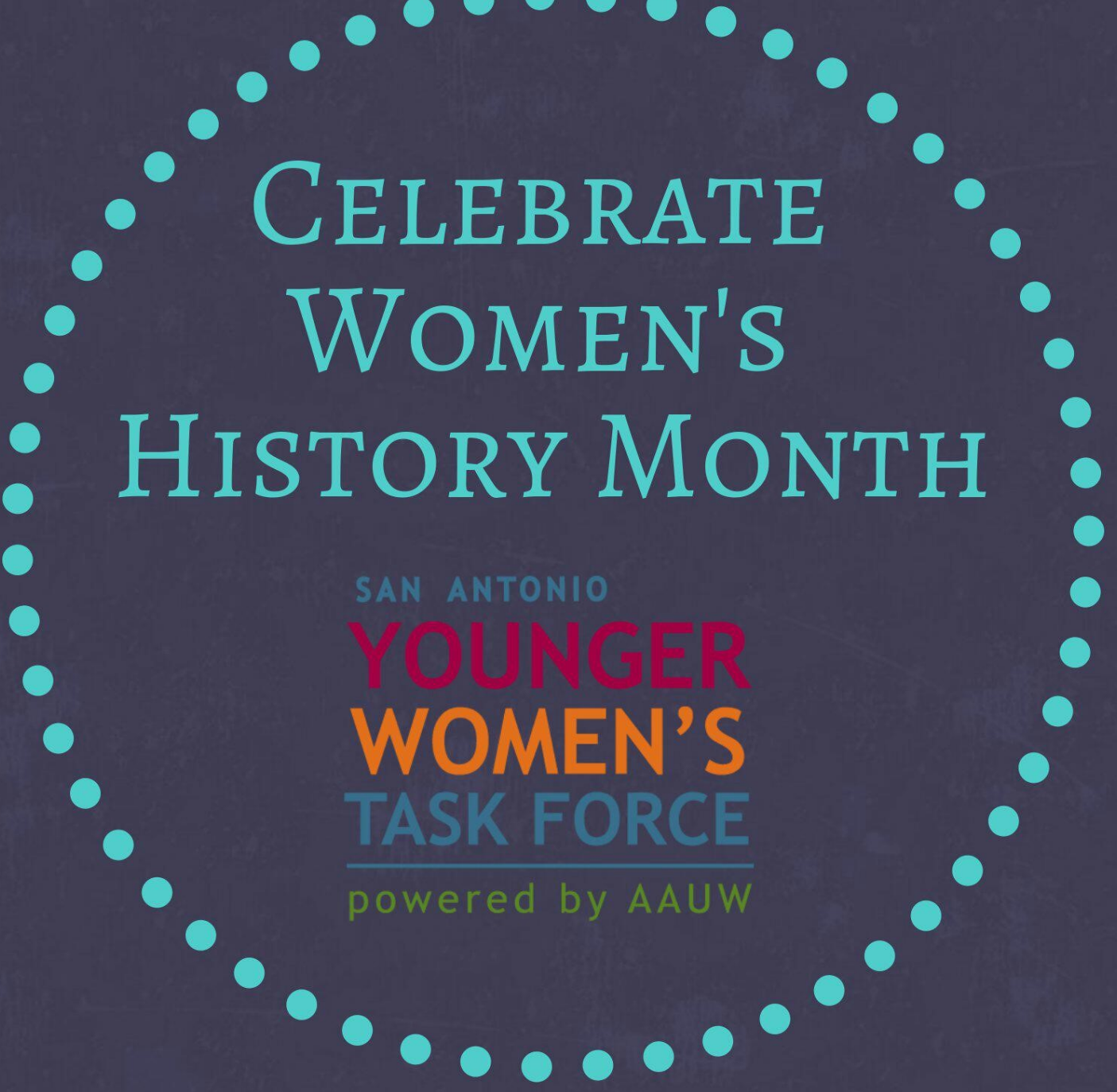
A concert by the Olmos Ensemble celebrating International Women's Day,  
featuring works by female composers.

Cecile Chaminade: Concertino for Flute and Piano  
Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel: Trio for Violin, Cello, and Piano  
Katherine Hoover: Lyric Trio for Flute, Cello, and Piano  
Amy Beach: Sonata in A for Violin and Piano

Laurel Heights United Methodist Church  
227 W Woodlawn Ave, 78212

Admission by donation at the door,  
suggested \$15 adult, \$10 student/senior





# CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SAN ANTONIO

**YOUNGER  
WOMEN'S**  
TASK FORCE

powered by AAUW

## LEARN. CONNECT. SHARE.

Saturday, March 4, 2017 3-5PM  
Aldacco's @ Dominion  
22211 Interstate 10 Frontage Rd, San  
Antonio, TX 78257  
RSVP by March 1, 2017

featuring live music by Bekah Kelso



# Can We Talk?

# About Civil Rights in Texas

With  
**Mimi Marziani,**  
Executive Director



*During March we celebrate Woman's History Month. The National Women's History Month theme for 2017 honors trailblazing women in labor and business and how appropriate that this month's speaker is the Executive Director of the Texas Civil Right Project that takes on causes of both these areas.*

**Thursday,  
March 23, 2017**

**SAWS Headquarters  
2800 US Highway  
281 North  
San Antonio, Texas 78212**

## 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.



Mimi Marziani has an extensive background in civil rights advocacy and nonprofit management, as well as expertise in election law. Ms. Marziani previously directed voting rights programs for multiple political campaigns and committees, also overseeing compliance with election law. In 2014, Ms. Marziani led the first coordinated, statewide voter protection program for progressive candidates and groups in Texas.

Before moving to Texas, Ms. Marziani spent several years as Counsel for the Democracy Program of the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, where she litigated election law cases in federal courts across the country, including before the U.S. Supreme Court. In that role, she worked to promote voting rights and regulate money in politics through legislative counseling, academic research and communications strategies. Ms. Marziani has also

served as a litigation associate of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, where she represented corporate clients in all types of complex civil litigation while maintaining an active pro bono practice. She clerked for Magistrate Judge James C. Francis, IV of the Southern District of New York.

Ms. Marziani teaches "Election Law and Policy" at the University of Texas School of Law and serves on the NYU Board of Trustees. Ms. Marziani has also taught constitutional law at NYU's Wagner School of Public Policy and at NYU's campus in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Ms. Marziani graduated cum laude from NYU School of Law, and received a B.A., magna cum laude, from Vanderbilt University.

When she is not working to advance equality and justice, Ms. Marziani can be found hiking on the Greenbelt or eating tacos in South Austin with her husband, Matthew, and their 15 month old daughter, Carmine Anne.

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—  
San Antonio 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-San Antonio 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 League  
Planned Parenthood South Texas  
Rape Crisis Center  
SLEW Wellness Center  
San Antonio College Women's Center  
San Antonio Feminist Film Festival

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  
Univision Women Leadership Council  
WELEAD San Antonio  
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  
Young Women's Task Force San Antonio  
Zonta Club of San Antonio

# Can We Talk?

## Thursday, March 23, 2017

- 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 \$25 postmarked by 02/17/17;**  
**\$35 after 02/17/17 - \$45 after 03/17/17****

### CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT

Name on Check \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATIONS

CIRCLE APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE

Name: _____	<b>\$25</b> <b>\$35</b> <b>\$45</b>	Name: _____	<b>\$25</b> <b>\$35</b> <b>\$45</b>
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MEAL RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

SUBTOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PROGRAM ADS AVAILABLE

CIRCLE CHOICES

Provide camera ready ad to: can\_we\_talk\_sa@yahoo.com  
by **March 17, 2017**.

**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### (LIMITED) VENDOR TABLES AVAILABLE

CHECK APPLICABLE

Complete contact info. above.

Enter type of booth/merchandise here : \_\_\_\_\_

If meal is desired, circle: **\$25**, **\$35**, **\$45** based on date mailed, & fill in meal registration above. **Vendor Table - \$60** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vendor Table reserved ONLY when Registration Form and Payment received.**

Electricity is needed ? \_\_\_\_\_

**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 17th also require an RSVP to (210) 422-2245.**

Thank You!

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_