



**NEWSLETTER**  
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**2017-2018 THEME**  
Equity: Putting Advocacy into Action

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## From the President

Greetings!

First things first. I want to encourage you—to exhort you—to vote in the primary on March 6. Early voting is February 20 through March 2. Texas has one of the lowest primary turnout rates in the nation. Do your part to turn that around. Then, remember to think of AAUW’s mission—enhancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research, and philanthropy—when you do vote.

- We need greater access to education by protecting Title IV (federal student financial aid funds) and Title IX (protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance), and enhancing female participation in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).
- We need economic security by lessening the pay gap (moved up to 80 percent, hurrah?) and enhancing other equities in the workplace (on average, women in the workplace are promoted at a lower rate than men. The biggest gender gap is at the first step up to manager. Entry-level women are 18 percent less likely to be promoted than their male peers).
- We need more women in leadership (look at what is going on in Congress as I write this, and probably still as you read this) and protect Title VII (civil rights).

So, VOTE!

I just finished reading *The Firebrand and the First Lady* by AAUW American Fellow, Patricia Bell-Scott. The firebrand is Patti Murray and the first lady is Eleanor Roosevelt. In many ways, I would like to be as dedicated as they were to human rights, civil rights, women’s rights, peace, and economic justice. I am thankful for them. Dedication takes so many sacrifices and such talent and commitment.

Admittedly, so much gets in the way. However, each one of us can do something in our own way to make this world, this nation better for women and girls. I try not to lose heart. Join me in keeping up the effort. Vote, write, speak, encourage, show gratitude, mentor, and raise your hand to be counted.

Together we can make progress!

Karen Reichensperger

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# MARCH MEETING Saturday, March 3 11:30am

Matamoros Restaurante y Cantina

12844 IH-10, between Hausman and De Zavala, 78249

Program: **Changing Women's Lives in the 20th Century**

Written by our historian and archivist, Mynda Holman McGuire

Performed by the AAUW-SA Players

RSVP with your menu selection to Kate Veters by Thursday, March 1  
\$25 cash or check payable to AAUW

## Welcome New Members

We welcome three new branch members:

Anita Barner  
Kathy Kraft  
Betsy Rhines

We look forward to seeing you at future meetings and interest groups!

## 2018-2019 Proposed Slate of Officers

*President and President-Elect*

Suzanne Benson

*Co-Vice Presidents for Programs*

Eleanor Skelly and Eva Nwokah

*Vice President for Membership*

Pat Sanford

*Secretary*

Cheryl Fuller

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the April meeting.

Many thanks to the  
Nominating Committee:

Ruth Lyle, Chair

Michelle Aichele Malinda Gaul  
Cheryl Fuller Debbi Sochia

## MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL DISTRICT REP

Greetings to all branch members in the Central District. The end of another year brings reflections about 2017.

Through the early summer of 2017, I was able to visit five of the eight branches: Austin, Georgetown, Polk County, San Antonio and Nacogdoches. Your collective efforts for fund-raising methods and membership recruitment gave me many new insights and best practices to share with the branches.

During the calendar year, I attended three State Board meetings: Round Rock in January, Fort Worth in July, and Houston in November. The emphasis of these board meetings was focused on planning the 2018 State Convention.

*E<sup>3</sup> – Blasting Off for Education, Equity, and Empowerment* is the theme for the convention that will be held in Houston on April 20-22, 2018. The State Board wants to encourage all of the 34 branches to attend. Therefore, the Board is offering a free early bird registration to each branch for participating. A key note speaker will be Lisa Falkenberg, a recipient of the Pulitzer Prize, and a noted columnist.

Make sure you donate to the Ann Richards Fund, slated to be completed in early 2018. AAUW Texas will match, dollar for dollar, every branch and individual donation.

As we begin 2018, I wish for each of you continued success in your branches and I look forward to meeting and working with even more of you. Don't miss the detailed information in the [January issue of UWT](#).

Marina Rivers

## Celebrating Women's History Month in Our 110th Year

Were you around when our first president graduated from Cornell in 1900? Or earlier,

## MENU

Flautas de Pollo

Two crispy corn tortillas filled with chicken and Monterrey jack cheese.  
Served with guacamole, sour cream, rice, and beans.

Chicken or Beef Fajita Taco Salad

Chicken or beef fajitas served in a taco shell bowl with lettuce, tomato, guacamole, sour cream, and queso.

Enchilada Combo Plate

One chicken enchilada, one cheese enchilada, and one beef taco.  
Served with rice and beans.

Includes soda, tea, and coffee.

Sopapillas for dessert.

when our third president graduated in Mississippi in 1898? (To still be around would be remarkable, as you would be about 140 years old, or older).

Regardless of your age, March's program will take you back through the decades, celebrating what our fore-mothers did for this branch, AAUW, this state, and our community. Our early pioneering branch members were among the very few college educated women in San Antonio in 1908. As such, they firmly believed they should give back selflessly to this community.

These remarkable women were activists, suffragists, teachers, lifelong students, committed community helpers, and more. This organization enabled them, along with other local women's organizations, to bring higher education, libraries, clinics, parks, museums, lecturers, and music to San Antonio.

In addition to working to improve schools and higher education, they started a kindergarten and fought for compulsory grade school state-wide. They also fought some remarkable battles with a local school board, and were credited for "Saving SAC" when that community college was set to close after only one year of existence.

Attend the March 3 meeting and watch a brief re-creation of just a few highlights from this branch's remarkable 110 year history.

# INTEREST GROUPS

## Bridge 1st and 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, Mar 10

Government Canyon State Natural Area  
Speaker John Kiepke  
DoubleTree Hotel  
37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough, 78216  
12:00pm  
RSVP to Lola Hill  
lnhill25@gmail.com  
210.334.5897

## Culinary Adventures Thu, Mar 15

Guajira Cuban Restaurant  
3261 Nacogdoches Rd, 78217  
11:30am  
RSVP to Fran Vettters  
francesvettters@yahoo.com  
210.481.7765

## Book Discussion Sat, Mar 17

*We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter  
Host Diantha Perelli  
Blue Skies of Texas  
5100 John D Ryan Blvd #2806, 78245  
5:00pm  
RSVP to Diantha Perelli  
cyclobabe1946@yahoo.com  
210.497.4121

## Moviegoers Sat, Mar 24

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

## Wine, Women, & Wisdom Wed, Mar 28

Periphery  
2512 N Main Ave at Woodlawn, 78212  
5:00pm  
Contact Malinda Gaul  
mgaul@satx.rr.com  
210.410.8992

## Public Policy

With the president's state of the union message in January, it is especially important that AAUW members focus on how the president will address (with action) our public policy priorities. Through our actions, we must continue to advocate for policies that advance gender equity.

- *Education:* Protect Title IX and its commitment to equity in education. We must stand as an AAUW body to keep Title IX strong. STEM education must be strengthened and specifically funded with a focus on young girls. We must stand up for civil rights by opposing the advancement of candidates like Kenneth Marcus, nominated for Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights in the Department of Education, with his history of supporting sex segregation in public schools and lack of support for Title IX. Three civil rights groups have already filed suit in January against Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos and her rollback of Title IX guidance and regulations.
- *The Federal Budget:* Support programs that are critical to women and families' economic security, education, and civil rights. We need to stand together to urge Congress to pass a budget—one that supports women and families. The gender pay gap needs to be closed by enacting legislation to ensure equal pay for equal work. The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) must be expanded to cover the 40% of workers it does not currently cover, and all FMLA leave needs to be paid leave.
- *Immigration:* Stand up for the rights of young immigrants and continue to push Congress to pass a clean DREAM Act.
- *Health Care:* All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. AAUW must be a voice in telling Congress not to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Our activism is needed now more than ever at the local, state, and national levels. 2018 is our opportunity to vote for candidates that support AAUW priorities. Research the candidates, what they stand for, and how they have voted as representatives in our government. For a rundown of candidates, election dates, and sample ballots, see [ballotpedia.org](http://ballotpedia.org). Texas primaries are March 6, 2018, with early voting from February 20 through March 2, 2018.

**CLICK  
TO  
REGISTER**

**48<sup>th</sup> Biennial State Convention  
April 20-22  
Houston**

Click the button to download the registration form





Can We Talk?

# ABOUT WOMEN & PHILANTHROPY

LEA ROSENAUER  
CEO, GIRLS INC. SAN ANTONIO

## THE BIG GIVE

#BigGive2018 - The Big Give is South Central Texas' 24-hour day of online giving fueled by the power of generous donors, creative nonprofits, social media, collaboration, and you! Since 2014, 150,000 donors have given nearly \$15 million dollars to over 2,000 nonprofits through the Big Give, making it one of the most successful giving days in the country.

Thursday,  
March 22, 2018

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.

President and CEO of Girls Inc of San Antonio, Lea Rosenauer has more than twenty years of progressive philanthropic, development, and management experience. A sought-after speaker, Rosenauer is passionate about women and girls issues and has spoken about the importance of girls and STEM at National conferences including the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives and the Boeing Defense Space and Security Meeting. Prior to working with Girls Inc. of San Antonio, Rosenauer served as the Development Director with Project MEND and with the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas in the positions of Director of Girl and Volunteer Services and Chief Administrative Officer. Rosenauer is a graduate of The City South Leadership Academy, and the Women's Chamber Level 5 Leadership Class. Active in the San Antonio community, she volunteers with Fiesta San Antonio, the Institute of Texan Cultures Folklife Festival, and Fiesta Oyster Bake. She received her Master of Arts in Educational Administration from the University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Communications from the University of Oklahoma.

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
- 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 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 – 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



# Thursday, March 22, 2018

- 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 02/20/18;**

**\$35 after 02/20/18 - \$45 after 03/16/18**

<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<b>PLEASE PRINT</b>
Name on Check _____	Phone/Cell _____
Organization _____	Email _____
Address _____	City/Zip _____

<b>REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATIONS</b>	<b>CIRCLE APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE</b>			
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MEAL RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>PROGRAM ADS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>CIRCLE CHOICES</b>
Provide camera ready ad to: can_we_talk_sa@yahoo.com by <b>March 12, 2018.</b> <b>Please add \$10 if you would like your ad in color.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Business Card.....\$25 Quarter Page..... \$35 Half Page. ....\$60 Full Page .....\$100

(Don't forget the \$10 for color if needed) SUBTOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<b>LIMITED VENDOR TABLES AVAILABLE</b>	<b>CHECK APPLICABLE</b>
Complete contact info. above.	
Enter type of booth/merchandise here : _____	
If meal is desired, circle: <b>\$25, \$35, \$45</b> based on date mailed, & fill in meal registration above. <b>Vendor Table - \$60</b> _____	
<b>Vendor Table reserved ONLY when Registration Form and Payment received.</b>	Electricity is needed ? _____
<b>Vendors questions ONLY, Contact Bonnie Ayer at (210)213-4177.</b>	

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

Make check payable to **Can We Talk** and mail form to Pat Jasso, 326 Anton Drive, San Antonio 78223  
**Registrations postmarked after March 16th also require an RSVP to (210) 422-2245.**

**Thank You!**

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