



# Newsletter

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## From the Co-Presidents

Hello Friends,

I hope you are well and getting ready for an early spring. This part of year in south Texas is my most favorite part of the year. The beauty of new growth and new life is always inspiring.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you all so much for your kindness and caring at the death of my mother. The compassion shown to me and the honor paid to my mother is so touching and furthers the conclusion I have had for some years — AAUW members are intelligent, strong, and compassionate friends. It is truly an honor to be part of AAUW.

There are so many opportunities for our membership in April. Nationally, AAUW will send the slate of candidates for the AAUW national election. Please be sure to look for the information in the mail in early April. On April 4, AAUW TX, along with representatives from branches around Texas, will travel to Austin to recognize Equal Pay Day and to show legislators that women STILL expect to be paid as much as their male counterparts. In our local branch, our April meeting will honor our scholarship award winners for this year. Those are just some of the events in which our members will participate. I hope you will vote, and be able to participate in these events this month.

Gayna Dupont

I am sooooo heartened by your enthusiasm that I am just jumping with joy. I see the socializing that goes on at our various gatherings. So many friends! I listen to the speakers and realize how we connect with so many of them. Advocacy is a topic that is coming up again and again nationally, so I shared our annual schedule of meetings with the National Branch Program Resources Committee. The accolades I received go to Alicia Hyk as Program VP and you, the Branch. I hear members and the Board stepping up to contribute to AAUW and our San Antonio community, all to enhance equity for women and girls. Members are already thinking ahead to ways to enhance the AAUW mission in the community next year. I see members willing to use their time and talents to further activities that work toward equity for women and girls. I see members willing to be seen to support a more fair life for women and girls. I know how members open their wallets and contribute to scholarships so that more women can continue their education and, hopefully, join us in the AAUW mission. Such talented women are our legacy. I feel so much energy emanating from you. I have no doubt that you all will only expand on our assets and impact. I can hardly wait...

You all are so wonderful!!! Thank you for being a member of our AAUW-San Antonio Branch.

Karen Reichensperger

## APRIL MEETING and Scholarship Luncheon

**Saturday, April 1  
11:30 am**

This is our annual Scholarship Luncheon. Scholarship winners will be introduced. Graduate scholarship winners will speak about their challenges and successes.

### LOS PATIOS

2015 NE Loop 410, 78217

\$20 cash or check payable to AAUW-SA

RSVP to Cié Gee with menu selection by March 29  
ciegee3@aol.com 210-602-9458

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

#### Menu

##### Chicken Salad Plate

Chicken salad served in tomato with fruit and poppy seed dressing

##### Crepes Gazebo

A house specialty. Chicken with mushrooms served with fruit salad and mixed veggies



## MEMBERSHIP

It is time to start thinking of friends you would like to invite to AAUW. Beginning March 15, new members will enjoy all of 2018 and the remainder of 2017 by joining early. Our membership year begins on July 1, so that would be an extra three months. Also, we want to welcome our new member Jo Ann Clark who has moved here from New York, and welcome Michele Petty back to our branch.

Suzanne Benson

### ARE SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Donations to the San Antonio branch textbook funds are not tax deductible. We are a 501(c)(4) and not a 501(c)(3) local organization. National donations are tax deductible. National is a 501(c)(3). Letters are sent from AAUW-National with the tax deductible amount listed.

Ann Marie Rehner

## TITLE IX

Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in US schools and ensures all students have access to education. Unfortunately, its work is not done.

- Around 28 percent of women are targets of attempted or completed sexual assault while they are college students
- Pregnant and parenting students are often steered toward separate and less rigorous schools
- Women's teams receive only 36 percent of athletic operating dollars
- Nearly half of students in grades 7-12 report facing sexual harassment
- Women and girls are still underrepresented in STEM classes at all levels

National AAUW is working to preserve Title IX. To that end, they have worked with the Dept. of Ed. to identify Title IX coordinators and provide resources. All is available on the AAUW web site. One of Texas's goals is to verify that Texas colleges and universities have Title IX coordinators and honor those doing the difficult job. The San Antonio Board decided to contact the higher ed. facilities and arrange a celebration with the San Antonio Stars with them as our guests.

Several members have already volunteered. Resource material will be provided to the volunteers. Notify Karen Reichensperger (jkreichen@att.net, 210-637-0170) if you are willing to work with us too. Volunteers will do the following:

1. Ask for the Title IX coordinator to see if the school knows who it is (even though we have their contact information from National).
2. Either way, we then talk to that person, introduce ourselves, explain the reason we are calling, a bit about AAUW, etc.
3. See if they have any questions about Title IX.
4. Ask them if they have the resource material; if not, the caller will send them the links.
5. Tell them that we are arranging a celebration this summer with the San Antonio Stars and they will be our guests. More information will be coming.
6. Thank them for doing what they can do for gender equity.
7. Refer them to information on the AAUW web page or they might consider coming to one of our meetings.



## PUBLIC POLICY

Lobby Day is on April 4, 2017, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the State Capitol. The agenda includes equal pay and equity briefings. Members are encouraged to remain at the conclusion to observe House, Senate, and Committee proceedings. *The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap* (Spring 2017) addresses issues by explaining the pay gap in the United States and how it affects all women. The report can be found at [www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/](http://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/). Resources include statistics by state and congressional district. In Texas, the Median annual earnings for men is \$46,791 and women is \$36,934 with an earnings ratio of 79%.

Also, a video clip can be found at [www.aauw.org/resource/membership-dues-update/](http://www.aauw.org/resource/membership-dues-update/) pertaining to a dues increase.

Monica Ruiz-Mills

# 2017-2018 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

## **Co-President** ***Karen Reichensperger***

Karen Reichensperger is a dual member of the San Antonio (TX) and the Ely (MN) Branches, splitting time between the two depending upon the season. During the last 50 years, she has contributed to AAUW in many ways. She is the current Co-President and chair of the Scholarship committee in San Antonio. She has been chair of the Branch scholarship committee there for several years and recently served as Co-Secretary of the Branch. While wintering along the Texan border, she belonged to the Laredo (TX) Branch and assisted with STEM workshops. Karen was a member of the Duluth (MN) Branch where she served as Branch President, co-chair of at least 2 STEM workshops (the program was so successful that it was subsequently and continues to be offered by a Duluth college) and was MN State Historian. Karen is also on the National AAUW Branch Program Resources Committee. She has a BSN and MS in nursing, MA in education and Ph.D. in Educational Psychology. She did staff nursing and taught nursing, culminating as dean of a baccalaureate nursing program. During that time, she was an accreditation visitor for the National League for Nursing. She also did staff nursing in Germany, presented continuing education courses for nursing faculty for the City of Nurnberg, and consulted with the Bavarian Ministries of Education and Health. She taught psychology and counseling at the University of Minnesota. She considers herself semi-retired since she currently does disaster recovery work with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), working in all parts of our country. Karen enjoys AAUW because of the local and national impact the organization has on equity for women and girls and for getting to know many fabulous women. She looks forward to another year working with Gayna Dupont and the Branch as Co-President.

## **Treasurer** ***Mary Heye***

Registered Nurse in Critical Care 1974-1980. Advanced practice Clinical Nurse Specialist in Medical-Surgical 1979. PhD in Adult Health Nursing 1989. Taught undergraduate and graduate nursing courses at University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio 1980-2010. Served as Board member of national professional nursing organizations and President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for various local and state nursing organizations. Chaired numerous School of Nursing committees and appointed to chair Health Science Center wide committees on electives and tenure guidelines. Currently retired and serving as consultant for a baccalaureate program, and a member of the Institutional Review Board at Methodist Hospital. Also hold membership in the American Nurses Association, Texas Nurses Association, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women and Associates of the Sisters of Divine Providence at Our Lady of the Lake.

## **Co-President** ***Gayna Dupont***

## **President-Elect** ***Suzanne Benson***

I have been a member of AAUW since 2014. I received a BA in Education from UT Austin in 1974 and a MA in Educational Supervision from UTSA in 1980. My 33-year career in special education began in Corpus Christi, Texas. In 1976 I moved to San Antonio and began working for the Harlandale School District at Rayburn Elementary School and moved to NEISD in 1984 where I worked my last 23 years at Garner Middle School. In 1996 I was ordained an interfaith minister from the New Seminary in New York City and several years later began officiating weddings. I retired from teaching in 2008 and now keep busy by volunteering for several organizations.

## **Vice President for Programs** ***Alicia Hyk***

## **Vice President for Membership** ***Pat Sanford***

I have been a member of AAUW since 2012. It was an honor and a pleasure to serve as branch president during 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, and as co-chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2016 AAUW State Convention. I would like to continue serving our branch as Membership Vice President next year. I ask for your support in voting for me in our April election.

AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through research, education, advocacy, and philanthropy is as timely now as it has ever been. As Membership VP, I will work to recruit new members and help them feel welcome and part of AAUW SA.

I have a Master's in Public Health from the University of Illinois and a BS in English and education from the University of Wisconsin. When I retired in 2014, I was Director of Leadership Development in the North East Independent School District.

## **Secretary** ***Kathy Dickie***

Kathy Dicke was a member of AAUW in St. Louis before moving to San Antonio in 2015. She has a BS in German from Nebraska Wesleyan University and an M.Ed in Educational Administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Kathy taught first and second grade in Lincoln, Nebraska and Shreveport, Louisiana. She was a school administrator for 26 years at an Episcopal school in St. Louis, Missouri. Kathy has been married to her husband, Dave, for 50 years. They have two daughters and six grandchildren.

# INTEREST GROUPS

## WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM

**Thursday, March 23**

### CAN WE TALK?

(see registration form below)

SAWS Headquarters  
2800 US 281, 78212

5:00 pm

**Thursday, April 27**

### STONE WERKS LINCOLN HEIGHTS

999 E Basse Rd, 78209

5:00 pm

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

## MOVIEGOERS

**Saturday, March 25**

**Saturday, April 22**

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

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

## HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

**Saturday, April 8**

**EAST OF THE ALAMO:  
SA's BLACK COMMUNITY**  
by Mel Brown

DoubleTree Hotel  
37 NE Loop 410, 78216

12:00 pm

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

## BOOK DISCUSSION

**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

**Sunday, April 4**

### THE TRAIN TO CRYSTAL CITY

by Jan Jarboe Russell

Host: Mynda McGuire  
20015 Encino Royale, 78259

2:00 pm

RSVP to Mynda McGuire  
mynda@satx.rr.com  
210-287-1423

## CULINARY ADVENTURES

**Thursday, April 20**

### GALBI KIM KOREAN BBQ

4527 Goldfield, 78218

11:30 am

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

## BRIDGE

**First and Third Mondays**

La Madeleine at Park North  
722 NW Loop 410, 78216

6:00 pm Dinner  
6:30 pm Bridge

Contact Pearl Eng  
pquaneng@hotmail.com  
210-240-8118

## WANDERING WONDERS

**Friday, March 24**

### TEXAS WILDFLOWERS

10:00 am

We will meet at the back of the parking lot of the Whole Foods in the Quarry Market. We will then carpool for the 30 minute drive to Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard. The walk around the orchard trail takes about 40 minutes, so wear sturdy shoes, hats, and sunscreen. Don't forget your camera.

After our walk we will dine in their natural food restaurant where dishes are prepared using their own olive oils.

For an accurate dining reservation, RSVP to Mynda Holman McGuire  
mynda@satx.rr.com  
210-287-1423

## EQUAL PAY DAY EVENTS

### SWEET TALK ABOUT EQUAL PAY

**Monday, April 3**

4:00 pm—6:00 pm

Join the AAUW Texas community for a conversation about Equal Pay and effective lobbying techniques

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### AAUW TEXAS LOBBY DAY

**Tuesday, April 4**

9:00 am—1:00 pm

Join AAUW Texas members at the state capitol in Austin to lobby on issues important to our organization

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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

### UNHAPPY HOUR

**Tuesday, April 4**

### THE WORKERY

221 W Poplar St, 78212

5:30 pm

Equal Pay Day marks the date to which a woman must work in order to earn as much as a man in the previous year. In recognition of this date, join us at an Unhappy Hour. The cost will be based on your unequal pay rate:

Men \$10.00  
Asian women \$8.40  
White women \$7.90  
Black women \$6.00  
Hispanic women \$5.50

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

# MARCH BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Added \$1,000 from the checking account to the \$1,500 budgeted for AAUW Funds for a total of \$2,500 in the name of the Branch to the National AAUW Fund for budget year 2016-2017.
- Named Gift Honorees from the San Antonio Branch were selected, to be honored 4/1.
- Accepted three applicants for graduate scholarships of \$2,000 each.
- Accepted six applicants for textbook scholarships of \$500 each adding additional funds from the checking account as necessary.
- Motion passed to use money from the scholarship fund to pay for lunch for the scholarship applicants and one guest each.
- Suzanne Benson reported that dues will be increased to \$78 next year. Dues for new members who join after March 15 this year will carry through next year also, for an added bonus of three months.
- Karen will send one last complimentary newsletter to nonmembers with an application for membership.
- Board Members will call members to connect with them and to remind them of upcoming dues increase to \$78 next year.
- Malinda indicated that little was being done so far re: Title IX . National provided a list of colleges/universities in San Antonio with coordinators. Karen will send volunteers a script and materials to call the Title IX coordinators and see if they have the Dept. of Ed. resources materials as well as informing them of the forth-coming celebration at a San Antonio Stars game this summer in their honor. The invitation may be expanded to nearby branches to join in this endeavor.
- 300 San Antonio: After discussion of various ideas, the board decided not to formally participate in 300 San Antonio. An interest was expressed to next year participate in a project consistent with National goals. This was tabled until the 2017-2018 Board planning meeting.

## BRANCH MEMBER WINS ENDURANCE HORSE RACE

Michele Petty, San Antonio Branch member, is quite a horsewoman! Winning two endurance races in two consecutive days with two different horses! On February 25 and 26, Petty captured First Place finishes in the 25 mile Heart of the Hills endurance horse races, also winning Best Condition for her horses George and Kadmon.

Endurance riding requires stopping at regular intervals to submit the mount to veterinary checks for soundness, dehydration, and normal pulse and respiration before the horse can continue. The terrain may be rough and feature natural obstacles such as ditches, steep hills, and water crossings. The rider's time keeps running while her mount is examined, so it is important that the animal is in peak condition.

Starting with a wild pony when she was a preschooler through the present as owner of two beautiful Arabians, Michele has always loved horses. She found her sport in 2008, and has been participating in endurance riding races ever since. In 2013 she entered the US Nationals and won National Reserve Championship. Taking part in the last ever Pony Express Trail event in 2015, Michele crossed the Continental Divide, traversed the Oregon Trail, and saw ruts made by pioneer wagons of long ago.

She won First and Best Condition in this race, too. Michele will live her dreams to ride at Biltmore Estates in North Carolina in May and to be part of a 100-mile ride at Bighorn, Wyoming, in July.

Fran Vettors

## Web and Social Media



Please check out our website for more information including our history and how to join

[sanantonio-tx.aauw.net](http://sanantonio-tx.aauw.net)



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[AAUW.SanAntonio@gmail.com](mailto:AAUW.SanAntonio@gmail.com)



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