



Newsletter

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From the Co-Presidents

Hello Fellow AAUW Members,

You are reading your last newsletter for our fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. The year has flown by! It has been a year full of twists and turns for our country politically. So much news every day and it doesn't look like it is close to calming down. Our role as advocates for women and girls seems to me to be more important than ever.

While we are breaking for the summer, several interest groups will continue to meet. Your Board of Directors and newly elected officers will plan the next year's meetings and projects. If you have any great ideas for possible speakers that would align with the AAUW mission, please let Alicia Hyk know.

I would like to thank our officers and committee members who have given their time, creativity, and intelligence during this year. We have had a great year working together and collaborating on various initiatives. Your hard work and dedication has been noticed and appreciated.

Have a great summer!
Gayna Dupont

Congratulations to the

2017-2018 Branch Officers

Co-President *Gayna Dupont*

Co-President *Karen Reichensperger*

President-Elect *Suzanne Benson*

Vice President for Programs *Alicia Hyk*

Vice President for Membership *Pat Sanford*

Secretary *Kathy Dickie*

Treasurer *Mary Heye*

Wow!! It is hard to believe that this year is coming to a close and that planning is already occurring for 2017-2018. In some ways it seems like we are revving up to rev down. Yet, many of our Branch activities are continuing into this next year.

Our Branch has heard about and participated in many advocacy efforts through our meetings and projects this year thanks to Alicia. We have connected with a number of other groups that advocate for women and girls like League of Women Voters, Can We Talk?, Younger Women's Task Force. Scholarships have been awarded to 9 deserving young women who will follow in our footsteps and, hopefully, take over for us one of these days. Our Branch has been represented on Texas AAUW Board of Directors (Gayna and Malinda) and national AAUW Board of Directors (Malinda) and a national committee (Karen).

Our Title IX contacts to higher education facilities in San Antonio are in process as are plans to celebrate their efforts at a Stars basketball game this summer. Texas Lobby Day at the Capitol was energizing and enlightening, enlightening to realize that Texas still has such barriers to equity for women and girls. All the states around Texas have higher minimum wages than we have, yet our legislators are keeping 60% of our women at lower than poverty hourly wages. Much work still to do. We need to get the vote out to make changes to the legislature.

St. Mary's University has expressed an interest in knowing more about AAUW so we will meet with them. I'm hoping that they will decide to become a College/University member. Many opportunities will be opened to their students. I'd like to foster that next year with Our Lady of the Lake, San Antonio College and Palo Alto who have been College/University members.

Besides all this, the interest groups will be making plans for next year. It is honestly exciting to see how many opportunities we have for our members. Do recruit others and pay your dues—if you have not already done so—to be eligible for the Early Bird drawing at the May meeting for a year of free membership AND continued service, learning, fun and fellowship.

Working together on advocating equity for women and girls.
Karen Reichensperger

MAY MEETING

Saturday, May 6

11:30 am



Aldino at The Vineyard
1203 N Loop 1604 W at Blanco

\$20 cash or check payable to AAUW-SA

RSVP to Cié Gee by May 3 ciegee3@aol.com 210-602-9458

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

Program: Advocating for Homeless LGBTQ Youth

Sandra Whitley Executive Director, Thrive Youth Center

Chelsea Berkowitz Assistant Director, Thrive Youth Center

2016-2017 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship recipients and their guests were celebrated at a luncheon at Los Patios on April 1st.

The Branch raised funds and were able to grant six textbook scholarships. Andrea Smith and Jemima Baca—both baccalaureate students at St. Mary's—each received a \$500 Helen Aude textbook scholarship. Other \$500 textbook scholarship recipients were Ashley Hass, seeking an MBA at St. Mary's; Yolanda Martinez in the Doctor of Pharmacology program at UIW; Megan Uhlig, earning a baccalaureate in industrial engineering at St. Mary's; and Vy Nguyen, a baccalaureate student in biology at St. Mary's.

The interest from endowed funds was used to grant three \$2,000 graduate scholarships. The recipients were Sarah Kane, working on a masters degree as a nurse practitioner at UTHC; Jiyoung Moon in the doctoral counseling program at St. Mary's; and Shannon Sanchez, also working on a masters degree as a nurse practitioner at UTHC.

All these young women are the “cream of the crop.” They are following in our footsteps, they will be working with us, and they will take over where we leave off. CONGRATULATIONS to these women and to the branch for the support of these scholarships!

HONORING MEMBERS

At the April Branch meeting, Pat Sanford and Fran Veters were honored for their “outstanding service to AAUW-San Antonio and the 2016 Texas State Convention.” Pat was just elected Membership Vice President for 2017-2018, is a Past Branch President, and a member of many interest groups. She joined AAUW in 2012. Fran joined AAUW in 2009 and has been Program Vice President, founder and member of several interest groups, and a Named Grant Honoree. Our branch is privileged to have such talented and committed women, and we thank them for all they have done.

You heard from Cié Gee last November. Dissertation topic: *The Gendered Leadership Labyrinth: Journey to Leadership for Senior Level Women in Higher Education*. She received her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership in December. She is now employed at UTSA as Director of Registration and Records and Program Director of Leadership, among other things. We are proud of you, Cié!

Web and Social Media



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

sanantonio-tx.aauw.net



You can reach us via email at

AAUW.SanAntonio@gmail.com



Please take a moment to like us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/aauw.sanantonio



You can also tweet to us, with us, and retweet for us

twitter.com/AAUW_SanAntonio



We would love to be added to your network at

www.linkedin.com/in/aauwsanantonio

MEMBERSHIP

May begins our drive for membership for 2018. Our year begins in July and goes until the following June. By renewing by the May meeting, you are placed in a drawing for a free membership and will have your dues reimbursed. I am pleased at the number of members who have already renewed! I hope to see you at the May meeting. If you can't make it send your dues to:

P.O. Box 460825
San Antonio, TX 78246-0825

Please make note that the dues have increased \$3.00 and are now \$78. This allows us to continue to serve women and girls and gives you another year of participation in our fabulous groups, meeting new friends and knowing that you are helping to make a difference.

Suzanne Benson

DONATE BOOKS

San Antonio Youth Literacy is collecting books suitable for kids in kinder through 5th grade to give out at free book fairs in SAYL Reading Buddy schools.

You can help make every child a reader! The books you provide will be read again and again by their proud owners and other children in the family. Even parents can improve their reading ability by reading to or with their children!

Please bring new or gently used books from kinder through 5th grade level to the May meeting.

TITLE IX

Women's hockey came to a four-year agreement with USA Hockey to grant them what they consider a reasonable wage that would align their equipment, travel, and benefits arrangements more closely with that of the men's teams. The agreement includes payment outside of the six-month Olympic period, up to \$129,000 if they win Olympic gold, and more development of the game for women. This is a reminder of the building momentum for, and appreciation of, women's sport across the nation and the world.

A Title IX victory! National AAUW is working to identify and preserve Title IX. To that end, AAUW has worked with the Department of Education on resource material for the coordinators which is available on the AAUW web site.

One of AAUW TX's Goals is to identify all higher education Title IX Coordinators in Texas and honor those doing a great job. In support of this common goal, ten volunteers from AAUW-San Antonio are contacting higher ed. facilities in San Antonio and

1. Asking for the Title IX coordinator to see if the school knows who it is, even though we have their names.
2. Either way, we then talk to that person, introduce ourselves, 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.

We can expand this celebration outside of San Antonio to contiguous counties with your help. Please let Karen Reichensperger (210-637-0170, jkreichen@att.net) know if you are willing to contact 3-5 schools. Contact information and resources will be provided to you.

PUBLIC POLICY

The #StandUpToSexism campaign is well underway and has generated conversations on social media and in communities. A series of panel discussions will continue through October 2017. Topics include:

(Not) All in Your Head: How Women Internalize Sexism
This panel will focus on gendered microaggressions, their psychological impact, and the leadership gap.
March 24, 2017 1:00 pm

The F-Word: How to Be a Feminist in the Workplace
This panel will focus on the challenges women face while navigating their feminism at work.
April 14, 2017 1:00 pm

Feminist To-Do List: How to Maximize Your Activism
September (Date TBD), 2017 1:00 pm

You can register at www.aauw.org/event/2017/04/tune-in-for-our-panel-on-how-to-standuptosexism/ to live stream the discussion or watch an archived session.

Monica Ruiz-Mills

TEXAS LOBBY DAY



INTEREST GROUPS

WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM

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

Thursday, May 25

LIBERTY BAR

1111 S Alamo St, 78210

5:00 pm

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

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

Thursday, May 18

TORO SPANISH TAPAS

115 N Loop 1604 E, 78232

11:30 am

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

WANDERING WONDERS

Friday, April 28

MITCHELL LAKE

We will meet at the back of the parking lot of the Whole Foods in the Quarry Market to carpool.

It may be hot and there is not a lot of shade. Sturdy shoes, hats, water, and sunscreen are important. We may see some birds, so bring your camera and binoculars. We will have lunch probably in the Quarry.

9:00 am

RSVP to Diantha Perelli
cyclobabe1946@yahoo.com
210-497-4121

Thursday, May 25

THE ALAMO AND GARDENS

We will meet at the back of the parking lot of the Whole Foods in the Quarry Market to carpool.

Lunch at the Menger Hotel

9:30 am

RSVP to Janet Black
janet7766@att.net
210-822-6520

MOVIEGOERS

Saturday, April 22

Saturday, May 28

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

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

BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, May 20

Meeting to select books for the coming year, including summer. Come with your suggestions. Please suggest books you have read which have literary merit and seem to be good for discussion. We will pick eleven books.

Host: Karen Cool

10:00 am

RSVP to Karen Cool
karentcool@gmail.com
210-326-1354

HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

Saturday, May 13

DoubleTree Hotel
37 NE Loop 410, 78216

12:00 pm

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

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

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Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard

