



Newsletter

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From the New Co-Presidents

The stage has been set for this year. Following a focus in previous years on education and research, last year Pat Sanford showed us ways that we can empower girls and women. The next logical step is to **advocate** for girls and women. I'm looking forward to hearing from those who are already **advocating** for girls and women as well as opportunities for us to do the same. Alicia Hyk is putting together programs that I am sure you will find motivating and uplifting. The mission of AAUW is being carried on very well by our San Antonio Branch. I'm looking forward to working with you all and with Gayna Dupont as my partner in the presidency. I'm looking forward to seeing what kind of a 'dent' we can put into society to further the cause for girls and women.

- Karen Reichensperger

Happy Fall, fellow AAUW members! It is always an exciting time of year when everyone "goes back to school," and we anticipate a welcome change in the weather. As we begin this year, I look forward to our monthly AAUW meetings and Interest Groups that begin on September 10, at First Mark Credit Union (more detail in this newsletter). I am especially excited to serve as your co-president with Karen Reichensperger, who thankfully has a vast history of leadership within AAUW. I am so grateful to have been a member throughout Pat Sanford's term, whose passion and excellence in every aspect of her presidency was inspiring!

As you are aware, this year has been filled with many historic political events. Even though the political discourse has been heated and even shocking, I am always grateful to live in a country where we are free to seek and speak about change where we see it is needed. The issues that impact women and girls are still at the forefront of political discourse, including Title IX and pay equity. Women's issues have received a great deal of press and publicity of late, and now is the time for us to continue to strongly **advocate** for progress on these, as well as other issues impacting women and girls. In the next two months, it is vitally important to encourage all voters to use the power of their one vote to drive forward change that they wish to effect.

Our programs this year focus on **advocacy**, one of the main tenets of our mission. At the September meeting, we will introduce all of the various Interest Groups that are offered by our branch. A box lunch will be provided at no cost, so please bring your friends, family, and co-workers to introduce them to the possibilities for learning, effecting change for women and girls, and creating lasting friendships with other members of AAUW.

It is such a joy to see you and hear your interesting stories and perspectives on our world. This year will be exciting and full of historic moments, and I am proud and honored to be a member of an organization that continues to be involved in seeking positive change for women and girls. Thank you for allowing me to serve you this term.

- Gayna Dupont



Hello AAUW,

I want to introduce myself again. My name is Cié Gee. I will be taking your reservations for the meetings this year (2016-2017). You may remember me as a previous scholarship recipient. I became a member last year and hope to be more active in the organization this year. I am in the data collection stages of my dissertation, "Shadowed Road: Illuminating the Journey to Leadership for Women in Higher Education." This is a very exciting time in my academic career and I look forward to sharing it with AAUW. Keep an eye out for my emails in August and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Thanks!
Cié Gee

September Meeting

Saturday, September 10, 2016

11:30am - 1:30pm

First Mark Credit Union

2023 Gold Canyon Dr, 78232

Training Room A/M

RSVP to Cié Gee
by Wednesday, September 7

ciegee3@aol.com

210-602-9458

This is a **FREE** interest meeting!

Come learn about AAUW's mission,
programs, and Interest Groups

Please bring potential new members

RSVP with one of the following
lunch choices:

Croissant Club
ham, turkey, bacon

California Club
turkey, bacon, guacamole

Nutty Mixed-up Salad
chicken, fruit, nuts

Super Slaw w/ Salmon
kale, quinoa

San Antonio Branch Officers

2016 - 2017

Co-President
Gayna Dupont

Co-President
Karen Reichensperger

VP Programs
Alicia Hyk

VP Membership
Suzanne Benson

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REMINDER Pay Your Dues

This is a reminder to bring your checks for membership renewal to the September meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone and meeting those who I have not crossed paths with in the two years I have been a member.

- Suzanne Benson, VP Membership

44 Years of Title IX

Welcome back to all our members! For the first newsletter of the season, I thought I would use the public policy segment to highlight some articles on the AAUW website. Under **Advocacy**, Senator Harry Reid was honored by AAUW as the 2016 Title IX Champion. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination of females in federally funded programs and educational activities. In the *Career and Workplace* tab, anthropologist Elizabeth Colsen discusses discrimination in academia, reflecting on her own experience as a women attending Radcliffe College and her charge to make a change. This article correlates with the *Barriers and Bias, the Status of Women in Leadership* report, which provides data on the gender leadership gap and what can be done to close the gap. All of these resources, and much more, can be found at www.aauw.org.

- Monica Ruiz Mills

PUBLIC POLICY



AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz presented Democratic Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) with the 2016 Title IX Champion award and a letter from AAUW of Nevada's co-presidents

HISTORY

This year marks the 44th anniversary of Title IX legislation, signed into law on June 23, 1972, which prohibits gender discrimination in schools receiving federal funding. Many people have misconstrued this legislation as pertaining only to sports for female students. Instead it covers all aspects of equality in education at all levels.

In the years before 1972, AAUW did a research study entitled, "Campus 1970: Where Do Women Stand?" It documented widespread sex discrimination against women at all levels of higher education, from students to trustees. AAUW created a set of guidelines for college and university presidents across the U.S. That survey and standards predated federal legislation by two years, and the Title IX regulations by five years.

In 1977, five years after passage of the legislation, AAUW's "Monitoring Title IX: A Guide to Action for the Volunteer Organization" came out. It was a grassroots effort by branch members and other volunteer groups to visit local educational institutions to inquire about sex discrimination and administrative awareness of Title IX. They were met with responses that varied from outright defiance to complete participation.

AAUW's Archives hold over 200 monitoring forms that reflect insight into the state of gender discrimination and how Title IX was perceived in academia at the time.

- Mynda McGuire

Wine, Women and Wisdom and the San Antonio Stars

Sunday, September 18, 2016

AT&T Center

2:30 Reception
3:30 Game

\$35
(includes ticket, parking, reception w/ food and cash bar)

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

CELEBRATE TITLE IX

Interest Groups

Moviegoers

Sunday, August 28

JANE EYRE

2:00 pm

Alamo Drafthouse Stone Oak
22806 US Hwy 281 N, 78258
at TPC Pkwy

\$15 (admission, tea, scones)

Tickets sell out quickly
[Reserve yours now](#)

Saturday, September 24

Movie, time and place
announced on Friday,
selected by the group

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

Book Discussion

Saturday, August 20

**CROOKED LETTER,
CROOKED LETTER**
by Tom Franklin

Host: Kathy Dicke
4307 Paddling Pass, 78253

RSVP
dwdkid@hotmail.com

Saturday, September 17

**THE WRIGHT
BROTHERS**
by David McCullough

Host: Ann Marie Rehner
16 Grassmarket, 78259

RSVP
amrehner1@att.net
210-497-8034

Culinary Adventures

Thursday, August 18

SICHUAN HOUSE
(considered the most authentic
Chinese food in town)

3505 Wurzbach Rd, 78238
behind Ingram Park Mall

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

Thursday, September 15

RED
(restaurant of the Culinary School of the Art
Institute of San Antonio)

10000 W IH 10, 78230

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210-481-7765

Night Bridge

First and Third Mondays

6:45 pm

La Madeleine at Park North
722 NW Loop 410, 78216

Contact Pearl Eng
pquaneng@hotmail.com
830-438-5959

Wandering Wonders

No Walk in September

Friday, October 28

Museum Reach

Lunch following

Contact Helga Anderson
handerson5@satx.rr.com

May Board Meeting Highlights

- Gayna Dupont and Karen Reichensperger will share presidential responsibilities. Questions to be sent to both of them.

- Cié Gee will take reservations, an added position this year.

- **The theme for 2016-2017 is Advocacy.**

- The first meeting of the year will be on September 10, 2016, catered with the cost of the luncheon paid from the budget.

- Fundraising for textbooks will continue with the raffle in December chaired by Pat Sanford, and the chocolate and champagne fundraiser managed by Malinda Gaul in February.

- All budget requests for the coming year should be sent to Ann Marie Rehner before August 1st. The Budget Committee consists of Rehner, Dupont, and Mynda McGuire.

- The "Wine, Women and Wisdom" April event will focus on pay equity and member recruitment. Included as a budget item.

- Dupont has verified leaders for all of the Interest Groups.

- The Younger Women's Task Force is independent of the branches. A suggestion was made to put their link on our website.

- Dupont and Reichensperger have emailed the district representative of TX AAUW to network with other area branches.

- Board members agreed to call every member in the directory at some point during the year to personalize the branch.

- Newsletter will be published by Gaul.

- Several options were presented for an activity during the year. They included expanding College/ University Partnerships and presenting programs such as "Start Smart," getting information to Title IX coordinators in each school, collaborating with other women's organizations. Gaul is speaking at "Can We Talk?" in August.

- Gaul will update branch bylaws consistent with national changes.

- The next board meeting will be following the September 10th meeting.

Historic Southwest

**Will begin meeting
in October**

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

GOOD NEWS!

In late June, Sophie Lim's husband, Alex, received a call from Iowa about a potential kidney donor. After a successful surgery, he is home once again and doing well!

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Kate Aultman
Elaine Hartle
Martha Lankford
Dalia Mohamed
Kimberly Sama
Eleanor Skelley
Martha Steele

Also Welcome to the State Convention Speakers Who Are Now Branch Members

Hope Andrade
Leti Andrade
Justice Sandee Bryan Marion
Rep. Ina Minjarez
Mayor Ivy Taylor

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



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

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We would love to be added to your network at

www.linkedin.com/in/aauwsanantonio