



SAN ANTONIO BRANCH

Advocating for Women and Girls Since 1908

NEWSLETTER

September 2017

Volume 109, Issue 1

2017-2018 THEME
Equity: Putting Advocacy into Action

BRANCH OFFICERS

President Karen Reichensperger
President-Elect Suzanne Benson
VP for Programs Alicia Hyk
VP for Membership Pat Sanford
Secretary Kathy Dicke
Treasurer Mary Heye

sanantonio-tx.aauw.net

aauw.sanantonio@gmail.com



From the President

Are you ready for a new AAUW year? We, your Board of Directors, are! Our theme this year is **Equity: Putting Advocacy into Action** which builds upon our focus of Advocacy last year. It is exciting to think of making more impacts in our community for girls and women. Keep tuned to the programs that Alicia Hyk is arranging and do take part as you can. As each of you learns more about San Antonio opportunities for women and girls, ask yourselves, "What can I do?" "What can our Branch do?"

Your Board of Directors (BOD) has been busy this summer. See the BOD highlights in this newsletter. Area Title IX Coordinators were recognized at a San Antonio Stars game at the beginning of August. Title IX is so very important and is under siege recently so it is important to celebrate what those Title IX Coordinators do. See more in this newsletter. *Can We Talk?*, of which AAUW is one of many members, is presenting a program on Human Trafficking in August. See more about this in this newsletter, also. The Interest Groups are gearing up for the year. Plan to take advantage of many of these opportunities and others as they materialize during the year.

As your President, I am committed to spreading the word about AAUW. I will be meeting with our current College/University members and looking forward to expanding that program. AAUW has so much available for women and girls so I would like to see more movement on that front. If any of you have contacts at any college or university, let me know so that you can be a part of facilitating these meetings. College girls deserve more! Our community deserves more!

I also know that AAUW, strong as we are, cannot achieve equity for women and girls alone. Your BOD will be reaching out to similarly focused organizations. Do join us in this endeavor. If you belong to an organization that facilitates equity for women and girls, do let one of us know so that you can be a link, maybe informing them of us, maybe informing us of them.

I'm excited about this year. I do hope that you are, too. Let us make an impact! Let us enjoy each other as we learn and work!

Karen Reichensperger

September Meeting

Saturday, September 9, 2017

FirstMark Credit Union, Training Room AB
2023 Gold Canyon Dr, 78232
11:30am-1:30pm

This is a FREE meeting. Lunch will be provided.
Come learn about AAUW's mission, programs, and interest groups.
This is our annual Meet and Greet Meeting. Please bring potential new members.
RSVP to Kate Vettters by Wednesday, September 6 kvettters@sbcglobal.net

Pay Your Dues

This is a reminder to bring your checks for membership renewal to the September meeting. I will have blank membership forms for new members. It will be good to see you again as we begin a new year.

Pat Sanford, VP Membership
pacmsan@me.com 210.392.0728

Outlook Going Digital

Starting with the summer 2017 issue, AAUW Outlook will be going digital. You'll still get the same insight about the issues that affect women and girls the most, but with more content. Make sure we have your preferred email address on file, and look out for this issue in your inbox!

Celebrating Title IX

Last year, the San Antonio Branch reached out to higher education Title IX coordinators in the San Antonio area about resources available from the Department of Education. In celebration of these Title IX coordinators, branch members, coordinators, family, and friends attended the San Antonio Stars game on August 4. In addition to having a lot of fun, branch members talked with game attendees about Title IX and handed out AAUW Title IX stickers.



May BOD Meeting Notes

- Theme for the year: *Equity: Putting Advocacy into Action*
- Priorities for National AAUW include: pay equity, campus leadership, research, and increasing the number of girls in STEM
- Priorities for State AAUW include: education, health, and pay equality in the work force
- Cost of the general meeting luncheons for 2017-2018 will be \$25
- The major fund-raising projects this year will be Champagne and Chocolate and the Textbook Raffle
- College/University members of AAUW are OLLU, St. Mary's, SAC and Palo Alto. Membership for colleges and universities is \$125 and all students are free as e-members. Start Smart and NCCWSL are available. In the fall, Karen Reichensperger will be in contact with them. She will also solicit members who have connections to other colleges and universities so that we can encourage them to join AAUW



INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge 1st & 3rd Mon

La Madeleine at Park North
722 NW Loop 410 at Blanco, 78216
6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm Bridge
Contact Pearl Eng
pquaneng@hotmail.com
210.240.8118

Historic Southwest 2nd Sat, Oct

No meeting in September
DoubleTree Hotel
37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough, 78216
12:00pm
RSVP to Lola Hill
lnhill25@gmail.com
210.334.5897

Book Discussion Sat, Sept 16

Hag-Seed by Margaret Atwood
Host Gayna Dupont
2203 Postoak Ct, 78248
10:00am
RSVP to Gayna Dupont
gaynadupont@yahoo.com
210.274.7321

Culinary Adventures Thu, Sept 21

Leon Valley Café
6417 Evers Rd, 78238
11:30am
RSVP to Fran Vettters
francesvettters@yahoo.com
210.481.7765

Moviegoers Sat, Sept 23

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, Sept 27

Frederick's
7701 Broadway, 78209
RSVP to Malinda Gaul
mgaul@satx.rr.com
210.410.8992

Can We Talk? About Human Trafficking

Can We Talk? is a coalition of over 65 women's organizations, including AAUW, with the semi-annual meeting this year focusing on human trafficking.

This event, held on or near the date in which US women achieved suffrage on August 26, 1920, commemorates Women's Equality Day and Texas Women's Independence Day. This event is a great chance to meet and network with feminist women of diverse backgrounds.

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

SAWS Headquarters
2800 Hwy 281 North, 78212

5:00-8:30pm
Women's Handicraft Bazaar
Organization Tables
Networking

6:15pm
Dinner

7:00pm
Program

Kirsta Leebug Melton, Deputy Criminal Chief
Human Trafficking and Transnational/Organized Crime Section
Office of the Texas Attorney General

Registration Fee
\$45 after August 21
Make checks to *Can We Talk?* and mail to
Pat Jasso
326 Anton Dr, 78223
Registrations postmarked after August 21
also require an RSVP to 210-422-2245

See attached flyer



President-Elect Suzanne Benson represented AAUW San Antonio at the first networking event for the Promesa PAC. AAUW San Antonio is one of the supporting groups for the Promesa PAC, a hub where women can find support and resources to run for office effectively.

The Promesa Pac will support women candidates who:

Believe in equality and equity

Believe in fighting against discrimination of any kind

Believe in ensuring access to a quality education at all levels

Our Members Support AAUW

These 31 members made very welcome donations to AAUW from August 20, 2015 to July 5, 2017. It was a generous total of \$7,986. In addition, the San Antonio Branch contributed \$2,000 in 2016, and \$2,500 in 2017 to the AAUW Fund and \$80 in memorial donations for eight deceased members. This added \$4,580 to the individual member donations. Thus, this branch donated a total of \$12,566 in a 23 month period. The majority of our donations went to the AAUW Fund. This selection allows National to focus their dollars on programs that need immediate attention.

Here, in alphabetical order, are members who made donations to AAUW during this period:

Beverly Baucum	Barbara Kyse
Barbara Benson	Carol Lahser
Barbara Bird	Martha Lankford
Janet Black	Mynda Holman McGuire
Mary Brennan	Arlis Olson
Karen Davis	Ann Marie Rehner
Kathy Dicke	Jean Rodman
Carol Duganne	Trudy Rafelson
Gayna Dupont	Margaret Salisbury
Susan Ewers	Pat Sanford
Cheryl Fuller	Martha Steele
Malinda Gaul	Josephine Talariski
Jeanette Gittinger	Alexandra Van De Kamp
Lola Hill	Dorothy Warras
Mary Heye	Martha Whitehead
Pat Jasso	

Whatever program you choose and whatever amount you donate, the amount given will always remain anonymous. We welcome and sincerely appreciate all donations of any amount.

Another way you can elect to give to AAUW and its future programs in support of women and girls is to join the Legacy Circle. You pay nothing now. Simply decide with your loved ones the amount you wish to leave to AAUW in your will. To help you make a decision, go to www.aauw.org/resource/legacy-circle-packet/ and download the Legacy Circle booklet in PDF format. As a member of the AAUW Legacy Circle, you will receive a beautiful pin designed by Swarovski to honor your generosity and commitment to the future of women and girls.



2017-2018 OFFICERS &
BOARD OF DIRECTORS



CULINARY ADVENTURES



TEXAS DELEGATION AT
AAUW LOBBY DAY, DC

Can We Talk?

about the
victims of
Human
Trafficking

HUMAN TRAFFICKING



**Tuesday,
August 29, 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.

Kirsta Leebug Melton is the Deputy Criminal Chief of the Human Trafficking and Transnational/Organized Crime Section of the Office of the Texas Attorney General. From 2000-2014 she prosecuted in the Family Justice Unit of the Bexar County District Attorney's Office, combating human trafficking, physical and sexual abuse of children and family violence, and in 2012 helped establish and lead the Bexar County DA's Human Trafficking Unit. Melton also chaired the Alamo Area Coalition against Trafficking, a regional multi-disciplinary group of law enforcement, non-profits, government agencies, business people, and academics assembled to coordinate the fight against human trafficking. She has trained more than 10,000 people across the state on human trafficking and has testified on multiple occasions before the Texas legislature on trafficking related issues. Melton graduated from Cornell University in 1993 and received her JD and Masters in Public Affairs from the University of Texas in 1998. In addition to prosecuting, Melton is one of the founding members of Truckers against Trafficking, a nationwide campaign dedicated to educating, equipping, empowering and mobilizing the trucking industry in the fight against human trafficking.

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?

Tuesday Aug. 29, 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 07/31/17;

\$35 after 08/01/17 - \$45 after 08/21/17

CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT

Name on Check _____ Phone/Cell _____

Organization _____ Email _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATIONS

CIRCLE APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE

	\$25	\$35	\$45
Name: _____			
Name: _____			
Name: _____			
Name: _____			
Name: _____			

	\$25	\$35	\$45
Name: _____			
Name: _____			
Name: _____			
Name: _____			
Name: _____			

MEAL RESTRICTIONS _____

SUBTOTAL \$ _____

PROGRAM ADS AVAILABLE

CIRCLE CHOICES

Provide camera ready ad to: can_we_talk_sa@yahoo.com
by **August 21, 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.

Vendors questions ONLY, Contact Bonnie Ayer at (210)213-4177.

Electricity is needed ? _____

SUBTOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to **Can We Talk** and mail form to Pat Jasso, 326 Anton Drive, San Antonio 78223
Registrations postmarked after August 21st also require an RSVP to (210) 422-2245.

Thank You!

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____