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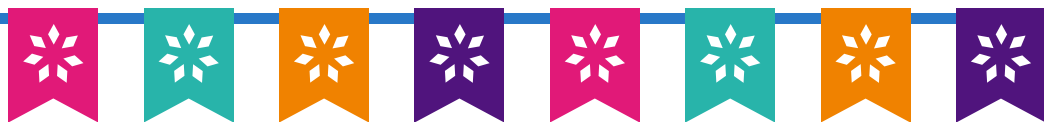
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy October!

I was glad to see so many attend our Kick-Off meeting in September. It is always good to reconnect with old friends and welcome new friends to our AAUW branch. As always, the activity groups are offering wonderful opportunities this month to connect with one another. I hope you will join in the fun. We usually don't have a speaker in September but were fortunate to have our member, Michele Petty, educate us on the important issue of having our powers of attorney and wills in order. I hope this was helpful to our members.

It will soon be mid-term election day. If you or someone you know is not registered to vote, the last day to register and be able to vote in this election is October 9. I and several of our members are deputized voter registrars. If you have any questions, please ask and hopefully we can answer your questions. Early voting begins on October 22 and last until November 2. Election day is November 6. You can verify that you are registered to vote at www.votetexas.gov.

I am proud to be associated with women who believe in equity for all and are willing to stand up for a more peaceful and unified world. As we continue to educate ourselves and connect with other local organizations that work tirelessly for equity, I know we will make a difference.

At the San Antonio Holocaust Museum where I am a docent, we remind visitors, especially the students, of the message "Now that you know, what will you do?" National has made it easy for us to have our voices heard with the Two Minute Activist. If you haven't signed up, go to www.aauw.org and click on "Take Action". It is easy to sign up and easy to send a message.

I look forward to seeing you at our October meeting. Yolanda Rodriguez-Escobar, Ph.D., LMSW, Associate Professor of Social Work, at Our Lady of the Lake University will be our speaker about the effects of HIV on the Latina community.

Suzanne Benson



OCTOBER MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Paesano's at Lincoln Heights
555 E. Basse Road, 78209
Between the Quarry Market and Broadway

The Effects of HIV/AIDS on Latinas
Yolanda Rodriguez-Escobar, PH.D., LMSW
Associate Professor of Social Work
Our Lady of the Lake University

Please RSVP to Eleanor Skelley by October 3
eleanor.skelley@gmail.com

MENU FOR MEETING

House Salad

Choose One:

**Farfalle Primavera with
Shrimp and Scallops**

**Sole with Lemon Butter
and Capers**

Chicken Marsala

Tea, Coffee, Soft Drink

**\$25.00 cash or check
payable to AAUW**

PUBLIC POLICY

Tell Senators how you feel about the pending SCOTUS confirmation.

After careful consideration—and a reminder that this is an issue of policy, not party—AAUW has announced its opposition to the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. Review of his available record has made clear that Judge Kavanaugh holds positions that are fundamentally at odds with AAUW's mission.

If you agree or disagree with AAUW's

stance in this matter, you may want to alert your two members of the Senate about your preference. To contact them:

Senator John Cornyn
Local 210-224-7485
Washington 202-224-2934
Website www.cornyn.senate.gov

Senator Ted Cruz
Local 210-340-2885
Washington 202-224-5922
Website www.cruz.senate.gov

AAUW's CEO, Kim Churches, has forwarded this AAUW position on the pending confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh.

"AAUW's expectation is that our next Supreme Court justice will support the fundamental rights of all individuals and understand that his or her decisions have a very real impact on the daily lives of women and their families. After careful review of Judge Brett Kavanaugh's available record, it is clear to us that he would not be that justice. Judge Kavanaugh's record shows that he is willing to do grave harm by

undermining positions central to AAUW's mission, including upending employment and labor rights, opposing reproductive rights and access to health care, entangling public education and religion, and restricting voting rights. The Supreme Court is the arbiter of so many of the rights essential to women and girls, and if confirmed Judge Kavanaugh will have a say in those decisions for decades to come.

Therefore, AAUW opposes Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court.

On the specifics of his available record, Judge Kavanaugh confirmation would put women's constitutional rights, including abortion, at risk. He has shown opposition to women's access to reproductive health care and contraception, seeking to delay a woman's access to an abortion, arguing in support of religious employers who obstruct their employees' access to contraceptive coverage, and calling into question protections of the Affordable Care Act.

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We have three new members who are sure to be assets to our branch. Please welcome Diane Carr, Gail Coe, and Wondra Chang. All have signed up for a variety of interest groups so we will be able to see them soon and often.

Pat Sanford, Membership Vice President

INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE

1st and 3rd Mon, 5:00pm
LA MADELEINE at Park North
722 NW Loop 410 at Blanco, 78216
Contact Pearl Eng
pquaneng@hotmail.com
210.240.8118

HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

Sat, Oct 13, 12:00pm
John Manguso - History of Fort Sam
DOUBLETREE HOTEL
37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough, 78216
Ruth Lyle 210.479.3349
RSVP by Oct 6

BOOK DISCUSSION

Sat, Oct 20, 10:00am
Love and Ruin by Paula McClain
Hostess: Cheryl Fuller
18611 Double Fork Rd.
Contact Cheryl Fuller
cfuller5@satx.rr.com
703-582-0692

CULINARY ADVENTURES

Thu, Oct 18, 11:00am early start time
NOLA Brunch and Beignets
111 Kings Ct, 78212
RSVP to Fran Vettters
francesvettters@yahoo.com
210.481.7765

MOVIEGOERS

Sat, Oct 27
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, Oct 24, 5:00pm
Piatti
255 E. Basse Road, Suite 500, 78209
RSVP to Malinda Gaul
mgaul@satx.rr.com
210.410.8992

Public Policy continued

Judge Kavanaugh has shown little support for workers' rights, including low-wage workers and workers of color. While on the bench, Judge Kavanaugh argued to weaken protections for race and age discrimination, as well as to narrow prohibitions against retaliation. He routinely argued to limit workers' rights to organize and to narrow the scope of our nation's labor laws. He has consistently sided with employers and against workers, refusing to support those who seek to improve workplace conditions and to protect those who have experienced discrimination.

While we continue to urge that Judge Kavanaugh's full record be released to the American public, his available record makes clear that he stands in opposition to the values and mission of AAUW. He is the wrong choice for the Supreme Court and for women and girls. Now more than ever we need a Supreme Court justice who is not beholden to ideology and will be an independent voice. The role the next justice will play in all of our lives is too important for anything less."

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AAUW? JOIN THE AAUW TEXAS CONFERENCE CALLS

Conference Calls Schedule
Call 641.715.0634
Pin 622745#

Calls will take place in:
October - December - February -
April - June

Second Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. -
Membership with Gloria Long

Second Thursday, 5:00 p.m. - Public
Policy with Crystal Garcia

Third Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. - AAUW
Funds/Fundraising with Jean Dodds

Third Thursday, 4:00 p.m. - Program
with Melodia Gutierrez