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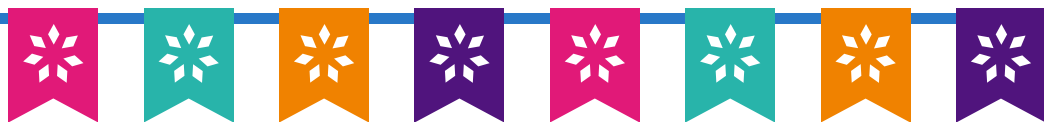
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy November!

November is a month to focus on what we are thankful for. It may not seem at times that there is much to give thanks for, but if we focus on seeing a world that embodies our mission and our goals for women and girls around the world we will see that there is much to praise. The number of women who received Nobel prizes this year was historic. The Peace Prize was awarded to Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war. These issues as well as the issues around sexual assault in our country have awakened women around the world to the inequity that has been in the fabric of our lives for many years. We can give thanks that there are a great number of women running for office in the mid term elections and that issues that we are concerned about they are too. So, what can we do? We can vote for those who include women at the table and respect the notion of equity for all. We can continue to keep our sights high and give thanks for the changes, large or small, that are coming, even if we think they can't come fast enough.

I am thankful for my association with AAUW, the friendships that I have made and the opportunity to make a difference in my world whether in my small community or for the greater good. I am grateful for my husband and family and am looking forward for a grand family get together as always on Thanksgiving. I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving.

I hope you will all join us in November for our monthly meeting at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen on IH-10. We are fortunate to have as our speaker Belinda Roman with Steve Nivin. Belinda Roman is lead investigator on the Women in the Economy project of the SABER research Institute at St. Mary's University. Steve Nivin is SABER's director and chair of the St. Mary's Department of Economics. Their topic is pay equity in San Antonio. You won't want to miss it.

Suzanne Benson



# NOVEMBER MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Pappadeux Seafood Kitchen at La Cantera  
15715 I-10 West at Loop 1604

**Belinda Román**, Lead Investigator  
Women in the Economy Project  
SABÉR Research Institute, St. Mary's University

**Steve Nivin**, Director  
Chair, Department of Economics

Please RSVP to Eleanor Skelley by October 31  
eleanor.skelley@gmail.com

## MENU FOR MEETING

### Ginger Salmon

Chargrilled salmon fillet topped  
with ginger butter  
served with almond green beans.

### Mixed Seafood Grill

A skewer of assorted chargrilled  
seafood and vegetables  
served with dirty rice.

### Sampler Platter

Fried shrimp, crawfish, and tilapia  
served with french fries.

**All meals include green salad,  
french bread, dessert, iced tea,  
soda, and coffee.**

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

## It's My Vote

What's at stake in this election? Find out using the AAUW Action Fund's Voter Issue Guide. This helpful handout provides concise information about key policy issues in the election, including the gender pay gap, family leave and paid sick days, college affordability, campus sexual violence, and reproductive rights. Use it when you table on campus, attend a town hall, or host a candidate forum. The guide even includes topical buzzwords and questions to ask candidates.

Research shows that a lack of information on the candidates and a lack of policy debates on issues of importance is the main reason some millennial women don't participate in the election process. Help combat the dearth of information.

## Plan for College/University Members

A Strategic Plan to increase AAUW membership of San Antonio area colleges and universities (C/U) has been developed, with a Committee being established to focus on relationships and partnerships with local educational institutions. In highlighting the benefits of AAUW membership for faculty, staff and students, the Committee will identify key representatives to approach at each college/university – e.g., deans, associate deans and women's groups. The Committee will develop information and materials to provide to C/U representatives and seek ways to engage C/U leaders to participate actively in AAUW activities and forums. The Committee will monitor the progress in achieving these goals, present results to the AAUW SA Board of Directors, and modify the plan, as needed.

C/U members of AAUW have included San Antonio College, Palo Alto College and Our Lady of the Lake University. In addition to AAUW membership, colleges and universities would be encouraged to compete for AAUW scholarships. The work of the C/U Committee will be important in recruiting and retaining members for our SA Branch.

Cheryl Fuller

**This election is so important for all women.**

To make meaningful change, women must be part of the conversation, and the most powerful place for us to chime in is at the polls. That opportunity awaits us in just a few days, on November 6, 2018.

Politicians and policy makers routinely make decisions about issues that directly affect women and families. Those votes include our paychecks, access to reproductive health care, and education funding. Too often those running for office do not consider the impact their actions make on women and their families. That's why we need more women in office. With so much at stake as Americans head to the ballot box it's more important than ever to identify those candidates who would best represent our values as opposed to those who would roll back our rights. On the local and state level, carefully study all candidates before you go to the polls or mail in your ballot. Always vote for the qualified women and men who support your values!

Nationally the 115th Congress saw legislative victories and defeats on several issues impacting women and girls, ranging from attacks on Title IX, defunding Planned Parenthood, to bipartisan legislation increasing women's and girls' access to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

AAUW.org provides a report card on how elected officials in all 50 states voted. You can visit that site at <https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/congressional-voting-record/>. Find Texas in both the Senate and House charts to see the names and records of your congress members. Their votes are rated from 0% to 100% on the values AAUW supports. And most of them are one of those two extremes.

Even if you voted early or by mail, you can examine this important site and pass the word along to those who are still uncertain about these important issues for the women and girls they care about. The more you research, the better voter you will be. Also, remind all your family members, wherever they live, that this election is probably the most important of their lifetime.

## AAUW Voter Issue Guide

Download the Guide

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/voter-education/>

# 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, Nov 10, 12:00pm

Allene Mandry: *Your Family History*  
DOUBLETREE HOTEL  
37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough, 78216  
Contact Ruth Lyle by Nov 3  
ruthannlyle@gmail.com/210.479.3349

## BOOK DISCUSSION

Sat, Nov 17, 10:00am

Celeste Ng: *Everything I Never Told You*  
Hostess: Suzanne Benson  
123 Donella Dr.  
Contact Suzanne Benson by Nov 15  
ssobelb@gmail.com  
210.545.0103

## CULINARY ADVENTURES

Thu, Nov 15, 11:30am

Pho Plus Vietnamese Restaurant  
1550 Austin Highway, Ste. 103, 78218  
RSVP to Fran Vettters  
francesvettters@yahoo.com  
210.481.7765

## MOVIEGOERS

No Movie in Nov / Sat, Dec 8

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

No WWW in Nov or Dec

RSVP to Malinda Gaul  
mgaul@satx.rr.com  
210.410.8992

## \$500 Visa Gift Card Drawing

The proceeds of the drawing will be used for textbook scholarships that assist women attending a college or university in Bexar County. The drawing for the Visa \$500 gift card will be held at our December meeting just in time for holiday shopping. You do not need to be present to win or be a member to purchase tickets for the scholarship fund. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25.00. Near the end of October you will receive a letter with tickets. You may return your check and the top section of your tickets to Ann Marie Rehner in the stamped addressed enclosed envelope. If you prefer, bring cash or check to the November and December meetings and purchase your tickets there.

Thank you!

Ann Marie Rehner

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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