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Equity: Putting Advocacy into Action

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From the President

This has been a wonderful and rewarding two years. Many intelligent and talented women have used their time, skills, and commitment to further our mission-based agenda, specifically advocacy and equity. I can't begin to list all those who made these two years so successful. I am so grateful for these and so many other women.

Together, we have:

- Awarded textbook scholarships to 10 students for a total of \$5,400, and to 7 graduate students for a total of \$14,000.
- Contributed to AAUW Funds and the Ann Richards fund.
- Advocated for girls in several organizations such as Girls, Inc., Girl Scouts, THRIVE, and the SA Chamber Orchestra.
- Fostered Title IX in Bexar County educational facilities receiving federal funds.
- Celebrated the Title IX coordinators, distributed resource materials to them, and helped our members understand the importance of Title IX.
- Encouraged members to express their views in the legislative process by joining AAUW's Two-Minute Activist.
- Become aware of challenges and accomplishments in the judicial system.
- Recognized our 3 college/university members and begun a strategic plan to recruit more colleges and universities to join AAUW.
- Paved the way for stronger efforts to achieve gender pay equity.
- Continued many interest groups where we broadened our horizons, shared ideas, and strengthened friendships.
- Reached out via phone and mail to our members as well as AAUW members-at-large to continue and reinforce their membership.
- Arranged meetings at venues in various part of the city for the convenience of our varied membership.
- Formed new friendships and celebrated continuing ones.

Again, I can't begin to list all our accomplishments. I am so proud of our branch! Thank you for the opportunity to represent our branch. I look forward to joining you for a wonderful and motivating year to come with our new officers. Have a great summer!

Karen Reichensperger

MAY MEETING Saturday, May 5 11:30am

First Mark Credit Union, Training Room A/B
2023 Gold Canyon Dr, 78232

Panel Discussion:

Title IX, Providing a Safe, Successful Learning Environment for Women

Dr. Gilda Garcia, former Chief Diversity Officer and Title IX Coordinator, Texas State University
Dr. Lisa McDougle, Assistant Dean of Academic Success and Student Affairs, School of Physical Therapy, University of the Incarnate Word

RSVP to Kate Vettters by Wednesday, May 2 kvettters@sbcglobal.net
\$20 cash or check payable to AAUW-SA (can be paid at the door)

*Members are responsible for payment if reservations are not cancelled by the deadline.

Lunch includes sandwiches, salads, beverages, and dessert

AAUW MEMBER PANELIST ON MAY PROGRAM

Lisa McDougle, EdD, former AAUW-SA scholarship winner and branch treasurer will return to participate in our May program's panel on Title IX. Among the responsibilities in her present position as Assistant Dean for Academic Success and Student Affairs in the School of Physical Therapy at University of the Incarnate Word is that of Title IX Coordinator, which makes her a perfect choice for the discussion.

Well aware of our mission of advancing equity for women and girls, Lisa joined AAUW after winning a graduate scholarship from our branch, and later served as its treasurer from 2011 through 2013.

In her professional life she has served as Director of Residence Life at St. Mary's University, Director of Student Life at the University of Texas Health Science Center (2002-2010), and Assistant Dean for Student Success at the School of Health Professionals at UTHSCSA (2010-2013) before assuming her present position at UIW in 2013. We are proud of her steady rise through academia and look forward to hearing of her experiences with Title IX. But we are also anticipating a visit with a good friend.

Pay Dues Now to Be in Early Bird Drawing

There's still time to have your name entered in the AAUW-SA early bird drawing. Pay your dues at the May 5th meeting or before and your name will be placed in the drawing for free membership for the 2018-2019 year. You may pay your dues by cash or check made payable to AAUW-SA. Send to Pat Sanford, VP for Membership, 18314 Beargrass Court, San Antonio, TX 78258, or make your payment directly to her at the May meeting. Dues are \$88.

Also, this is the time to think of friends you would like to invite to join AAUW too! Beginning March 16th, new members enjoy membership for the rest of this year and all of next year. Thank you for your continued support of AAUW!

AAUW mission and limits the organization's capacity to increase its impact.

Check on the AAUW website for "AAUW Bylaws", with key dates and information posted. Your voter PIN should have been provided in April. The results are expected on June 10, 2018.

Again, a reminder about the Two-Minute Activist! Sign up on the AAUW website to support the passing of the Dream Act, the Higher Education Act reauthorization, Title IX protection, and opposition of public funds for private school vouchers. AAUW continues to support the high priority issues of pay equity, as well as gender equity in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.

Public Policy

All members are urged to vote on the three bylaw amendments proposed by the AAUW Board of Directors and Governance Committee. With voting beginning online on April 25, members may vote through 9pm on June 9, 2018. Proposed amendments include:

- Creating 3-year staggered board terms
- Opening board service to those outside AAUW membership
- Eliminating the degree requirement

Details of these proposals can be found on the AAUW website. The site states that the first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices. Regarding the third item, the board feels strongly that this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to the



TEXTBOOK AND GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Left to right: Julia Garza, Northwest Vista College; Yolanda Martinez, UIW; Mona Loordu, UIW; Megan Curtis, UTSA; Elexus Oglesby, UTSA; Shannon Sanchez, UTHSC

COLLEGE/UNIV. REPRESENTATIVES

Left to right:

Beth Tanner

Palo Alto College

Karen Reichensperger

President, AAUW-SA

Creighton Chandler

OLLU

Missing: M. Helen Vera

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INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge 1st and 3rd Mon

La Madeleine at Park North
722 NW Loop 410 at Blanco, 78216
5:00pm
Contact Pearl Eng
pquaneng@hotmail.com
210.240.8118

Historic Southwest Sat, May 12

Chinese Immigrants in Texas
Speaker Camille Gong
DoubleTree Hotel
37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough, 78216
12:00pm
RSVP to Lola Hill
lnhill25@gmail.com
210.334.5897

Culinary Adventures Thu, May 17

Aloha Kitchen
1151 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209
11:30am
RSVP to Fran Veters by May 14
francesveters@yahoo.com
210.481.7765

Book Discussion Sat, May 19

We will decide on 11 books to read for the upcoming year. Bring your suggestions for a book which might lead to great discussion. Please consider literary merit.
Host Eleanor Skelley
16330 Hidden View St, 78232
10:00am
RSVP to Eleanor Skelley
eleanor.skelley@gmail.com
210.496.0387

Wine, Women, & Wisdom Wed, May 23

Liberty Bar
1111 S Alamo St, 78210
5:00pm
Contact Malinda Gaul
mgaul@satx.rr.com
210.410.8992

Moviegoers Sat, May 26

Movie, time, and place selected by the group and announced the day before.
Contact Fran Veters
francesveters@yahoo.com
210.481.7765

Branch Gives to National AAUW Funds

For almost two years, this branch has made significant donations to AAUW's various funds.

Ann Richards Fund	\$490
Eleanor Roosevelt Fund	\$100
Educational Opportunities Fund	\$100
AAUW-SA Honorary Fund	\$20
Charting the Course Fund	\$2,400
AAUW Fund	\$4,896.16
Total Branch Donations	\$8,006.16
April 22, 2016 - March 22, 2018	

Individual donations, ranged from \$10 to \$2,400, and totaled \$5,506.16. There were 77 donations.

All were personal donations except for \$2,500 given by the branch to the AAUW Fund on May 8, 2017, and \$20 given by the branch in honor of members' deaths.

Each and every donation counts. We thank these members for supporting our national AAUW funds and their important mission issues for women and girls:

Beverly Baucum
Mary Brennan
Suzanne Benson
Barbara Bird
Janet Black
Kathy Dicke
Carol Duganne
Gayna Dupont
Susan Ewers
Cheryl Fuller
Malinda Gaul
Jeanette Gittinger
Mary Heye
Lola Hill
Pat Jasso
Barbara Kyse
Carol Lahser
Martha Lankford
Mynda McGuire
Arlis Olson
Trudy Rafelson
Ann Marie Rehner
Patricia Sanford
Martha Steele
Elaine Talarski
Martha Whitehead
Dorothy Warras



The League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area
presents

Erika Prosper Nirenberg



Chairwoman, San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Keynote speaker
at the League's annual luncheon
Saturday, May 19

Eilan Hotel
18603 La Cantera Terrace
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. RSVP
by May 12

Individual luncheon tickets \$50, Table of 8 for \$400.
Purchase tickets [here](#) or send check payable to The League of
Women Voters of the San Antonio Area, 106 Auditorium Circle,
Suite 120, San Antonio, TX 78205. Please specify if vegetarian.

[Directions/Parking Options](#)