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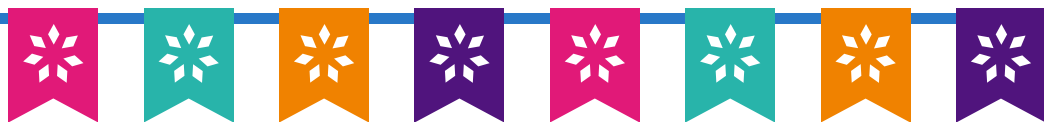
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to a new AAUW year! We, your Board of Directors, met this summer and are planning a year around our theme of *Empowerment Through Education*. As we continue to focus on advocacy for women and girls, we are keenly aware that these issues still loom before us. As these issues face us, we will continue to educate ourselves on programs, policy, and actions that we can support.

The other aspect of our theme this year is increasing our College and University Partnerships. The committee worked hard last year to develop a plan and policy for spreading the word to get the many institutions in San Antonio involved. We were excited to add the University of the Incarnate Word this spring to our list of partners. There are more that can get involved. AAUW has much to offer these students. If any of you have contacts at area colleges or universities, let me know so that you can help spread the word and get them on board as partners.

I recently saw the movie *Won't You Be My Neighbor* about Mr. Rogers. In it, he spoke of *tikkun olam*. This is a Hebrew phrase meaning to repair the world or make the world a better place. This is one of the foundations of my upbringing that I resonate with and saw in the tenets of AAUW. This is what I see happening on a national level with the programs and initiatives that are born of research. As we move forward, let us keep our sights on *tikkun olam* with our membership dollars and our participation in AAUW by using the [Two-Minute Activist](#) and getting involved with programs that advance women and girls. I am still getting to know each of you and look forward to seeing you at our September meeting that will be held at the Franklin Park assisted living on Sonterra Blvd (see the details later in the newsletter). The meeting is free. We encourage you to bring your friends that are ready to do more to advance women and girls and are ready to meet like-minded friends. Come and get reacquainted with your fellow members and our many interest groups.

I am excited about this year and the impact we can make. I look forward to seeing you on September 8.

Suzanne Benson



SEPTEMBER MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 11:30AM - 1:30PM

FRANKLIN PARK SONTERRA
18323 Sonterra Pl, 78258

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.

Please RSVP to Eleanor Skelley by September 5
eleanor.skelley@gmail.com

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for your membership in AAUW. Your support is crucial to advancing equity for women and girls. As we begin a new year, now is the time to renew your AAUW membership. Our current year began on July 1 and ends June 30, 2019. We are collecting dues now. If you have not already paid for this year, please bring \$88 in cash or a check made payable to AAUW SA to the September meeting.

It is also time to think of friends who would like to join AAUW. September is our annual Meet and Greet kickoff meeting, and lunch is provided at no charge. Pat Sanford, Vice President for Membership, will collect dues and have membership forms for new members.

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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I thank all of you who expressed your condolences to me on the death of my husband, Roman John. His roller-coaster ride with leukemia/lymphoma over the last 20 years is now over. I so much appreciate the friendship and fellowship of our members. You continue to be an anchor in my life. Thanks again!

Karen Reichensperger

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, Sept 8, 12:00pm

DOUBLETREE HOTEL
37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough, 78216
RSVP to Lola Hill
lnhill25@gmail.com
210.334.5897

BOOK DISCUSSION

Sat, Sept 15, 10:00am

Rules of Civility by Amor Towles
Host Beverly Baucum
3203 Tophill Rd, 78209
Contact Diantha Perelli
cyclobabe1946@yahoo.com

CULINARY ADVENTURES

Thu, Sept 20, 11:30am

JERUSALEM GRILL
203 N Loop 1604 West
at Stone Oak Pkwy, 78232
RSVP to Fran Vettters
francesvettters@yahoo.com
210.481.7765

MOVIEGOERS

Sat, Sept 22

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 26, 5:00pm

FREDERICK'S
7701 Broadway, Ste 20, 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."

CAN WE TALK?

Tuesday, September 4 5:00pm

SAWS Headquarters
2800 Hwy 281 North, 78212

For online tickets, visit
[www.brownpapertickets.com/
event/3582375](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3582375)

