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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are well into the New Year and we have already had many opportunities to make a difference. I hope you all are using the [*Two Minute Activist*](#) to make your voices heard. Dream Week, honoring the work of Martin Luther King Jr., was wide in its scope and we participated by sponsoring a table at UIW titled *Creating the Vision: Making the Dream Matter* where young women created their own vision statements for their future. Now we are in the month where we are reminded of love, gratitude, and chocolate. Malinda Gaul will be hosting our Champagne & Chocolate *fundraiser* for textbook scholarships at our February meeting. It is always fun to take home some heartfelt gifts. We are also looking forward to a delightful young speaker who will share her experiences in India for her Girl Scout project, and expound on the value of Girl Scouting. See the details in our newsletter. The scholarship committee is working to finalize our recipient list to be awarded in April and we continue to work on expanding our university partner list. There are many places in AAUW-SA where you can participate. We hope you will find a group or committee to join in the mission as well as the fun of being with like-minded women. If that is not in your schedule, know that we appreciate your membership, knowing that you support our mission with your dues and your desire to keep up with our branch and what is being done at the state and national level.

In gratitude for all of you,
Suzanne Benson



FEBRUARY MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 11:30 AM

PAESANO'S AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS
555 E. Basse Rd., 78209
Between Quarry Market and Broadway

\$25 cash or check payable to AAUW

Please RSVP to Eleanor Skelley by Wed., Jan. 30
eleanor.skelley@gmail.com

Cancellations should be made prior to the meeting.
No-shows will be charged.

Meeting Speaker

Our speaker is Gowri Lyengar, a high school senior at Keystone School. Her topic is the effect that her experience with Girl Scouts has had on her. Gowri designed her Gold Project as an international effort to serve educational needs of young women in an orphanage in India. AAUW San Antonio member Jeanette Pierce was her mentor for the project.

Gowri will attend Rice University in the fall and hopes to become a medical doctor. Her work has aligned beautifully with the mission of AAUW to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

It will be wonderful to hear from a future AAUW member. After our luncheon, she will head downtown to dance with her group for the Asian Festival at the Institute of Texan Cultures.

Champagne and Chocolate Fundraiser for Textbook Scholarships

The annual *Champagne and Chocolate Fundraiser for Textbook Scholarships* will be held at the February meeting. If you donate \$25 you get your choice of chocolate. If you donate \$50 you get your choice of chocolate and a bottle of champagne. If you donate \$100 you get your choice of chocolate, a bottle of champagne, and an additional gift.

Support Stronger Equal Pay Legislation

You've heard the statistics—women working full time in the United States are typically paid just 80 percent of what men are paid, and for many women of color, the gap is even wider. Despite federal and state equal pay laws, the gender pay gap persists. But congressional action can help change this.

The *Paycheck Fairness Act* would take meaningful steps to update and strengthen the *Equal Pay Act* of 1963 to help close the gender pay gap, including:

- closing loopholes that have weakened the law over time to allow employers to justify paying workers unfairly
- creating more robust remedies for those who have suffered discrimination
- preventing employers from retaliating against workers who discuss their wages

Meeting Menu

House Salad

Farfalle Primavera
with Shrimp and Scallops

Parmesan Crusted Chicken
Mediterranean Salad
(will not start with House Salad)

Chicken with Lemon Butter and Capers

Mushroom Ravioli
with Pesto Cream Sauce

Tea, Coffee, and Soft Drinks

- prohibiting employers from relying on salary history to set wages
- providing much needed training and technical assistance, as well as data collection and research

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Obituary

One of our life members, Linda Tisdale, died January 2. A member of AAUW since 1971, Linda was a graduate of Vassar College and the University of Oklahoma. As a military spouse, she lived in several locations, among them Florida, where she served as President of AAUW Florida from 1984 to 1988. At one time she was parliamentarian for this branch, and was quite active until recent years.

INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE **TIME CHANGE**

1st and 3rd Mon, 2:30pm–5:30pm

LA MADELEINE at Park North
722 NW Loop 410 at Blanco, 78216
Contact Pearl Eng
pquaneng@hotmail.com
210.240.8118

HISTORIC SOUTHWEST

Sat, Feb 9, 12:00pm

DOUBLETREE HOTEL
37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough, 78216
Contact Ruth Lyle
ruthannlyle@gmail.com
210.479.3349

BOOK DISCUSSION

Sat, Feb 16, 10:00am

Warlight
by Michael Ondaatje
Hostess Wondra Chang
100 W. El Prado Dr. #206, 78212
RSVP to Wondra Chang
wchang646@gmail.com
361.774.2960

CULINARY ADVENTURES

Thu, Feb 21, 11:30am

CLEMENTINE
2195 N.W. Military Hwy. at West Ave.,
78213
RSVP to Fran Vettters
francesvettters@yahoo.com
210.481.7765

MOVIEGOERS

Sat, Feb 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, Feb 27, 5:00pm

FREDERICK'S
7701 Broadway St. #20, 78209
Contact Malinda Gaul
mgaul@satx.rr.com
210.410.8992

Legislation Continued

The gender pay gap is persistent and can only be addressed if women have the tools they need to challenge discrimination and employers have the incentives they need to comply with the law.

Ask your member of Congress to support the *Paycheck Fairness Act* to help close the gender pay gap!

A quick phone call to each of your senators, and your House representative could help push positive equal pay legislation in Congress. You will probably never talk with the actual members, but they all have young people who will politely take your message and pledge to pass your views to the legislator. Email and letters work too. Just get off the dime and do it!