

State Rep. Gonzales is AAUW luncheon speaker

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MCALLEN — Join members of the McAllen chapter of American Association of University Women (AAUW) as they welcome Texas State Rep. Veronica Gonzales at their monthly program and luncheon scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at McAllen Country Club. She will discuss current legislative issues concerning the state.

Gonzales is the first female elected to represent District 41, which is contained entirely in Hidalgo County. She sits on the Judiciary and Public Health committees and serves as secretary of the State Democratic Caucus. She currently chairs the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus' task force on immigration.

Gonzales is an active member of several local associations and takes great interest in community issues. Among her many involvements, she is a member of the American Heart Association and supports local community advocacy causes such as the Miracle Riders Bicycle Team. She is also involved with the Edinburg, McAllen and Mission Chambers of Commerce, McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the South Texas Community College Education Advisory Committee. She was the first in her



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family to go to college and therefore understands the importance of a quality education.

AAUW promotes equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. The McAllen Branch of AAUW has sponsored many community service projects and fund-raising events to benefit educational programs and scholarships for local high school graduates since the mid-70s. This past May, they presented the University of Texas-Pan American with a \$5,000 endowment.

If you are interested in attending the October 13 program and luncheon or would like information regarding AAUW membership, call 648-7577.