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NOTE: Change in Location of General Meetings

Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center

501 Elizabeth St, SE
(505) 275-8731

Go to Eubank and Southern (South of Central)
Turn left (east) on Southern to Elizabeth St



Fall Kick-off Fair!

Come one and all for fellowship and to share your experiences and ideas! As we start our new year, all members or those considering membership in the AAUW-Albuquerque are invited to our September branch meeting where we will report our current activities and everyone will have an opportunity to participate in roundtable (well, they may be rectangular) discussions about possible future activities for our branch. Information and sign-up sheets for our twelve interest groups will also be available.

The AAUW Albuquerque is entering its 91st year. This branch has more than 110 members and there are 95 AAUW National-only members in the Albuquerque area. Over 25 percent of our branch members joined in the last five years. The branch has 17 Honorary Members who have been involved for over 50 years in AAUW. There are 11 students in the AAUW University of New Mexico affiliate organization that was formed last year.

Together we can do great things and we would like to hear your suggestions, input and answer questions about what we want to do together in our branch, gathering with like-minded women and men in a fun and engaging atmosphere to advance opportunities and equity for women and girls in our area and state.

We look forward to seeing you at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center September 1, at 12:30 p.m. for meeting and greeting, followed by our discussions from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

To our 95 national-only members in the Albuquerque area and student affiliates who receive this newsletter, this is a great opportunity for you to leave about the branch, share ideas, and meet other AAUW members. We hope many of you will join us. Feel

free to bring a friend.

Refreshments will be provided by the Evening Cuisine Interest Group



A Note from the President

After a fun-filled and warm summer, it is now time to get back into the Fall swing! August 17 was the kick-off to our year with a Meet and Greet at Joy Donelson's home. Members and guests had the opportunity to learn more about AAUW and what the Albuquerque Branch does to promote equity for women and girls.

We also enjoyed sharing conversation and delicious finger food. There were opportunities to share with our guests some of the AAUW Albuquerque programs that can shape the lives of the next generation of women leaders.

I am happy to see that the program committee had great planning sessions for the coming year. I look forward to some very interesting and informative programs. Our first meeting will be on Saturday, September 1 with social time at 12:30 and program starting at 1 p.m. We will continue our discussion on ways you can be more involved in AAUW. Please note that we will be meeting at a new place this year, Manzano Mesa Multi-generational Center.

Finally, a reminder to renew your AAUW Albuquerque membership, if you haven't. This valuable membership will provide funding for our branch, but also AAUW activities on the state and national level.

See you September 1!

Lynette Schurdevin, AAUW-ABQ Branch President



Celebrating Women's Equality Day

August 26, 2018, is Women's Equality Day. This day marks the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution 89 years ago and celebrates the women's suffrage movement that led up to the amendment's passage. The League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico will host a Women's Equality Day Celebration at Tiguex Park across the street from the Albuquerque Art and History Museum from 1:00-3:00.

Unite for Justice: #Stop Kavanaugh National Day of Action

President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to a lifetime appointment on the U.S. Supreme Court and the stakes are enormously high. Despite the fact that his full record has not been released, the Senate has scheduled his confirmation hearings to begin as soon as September 4. AAUW has carefully considered his record and one thing is clear: Judge Kavanaugh would put at risk the issues that are central to AAUW's mission.

What's at Stake

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. But 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 healthcare, entangling public education and religion, and restricting voting rights. (Source AAUW website: AAUW.org)

August 26, Planned Parenthood will hold a Unite for Justice: #Stop Kavanaugh National Day of Action at 10:30 at Hoffman Park, 8701 Phoenix Ave NE.

Public Policy Advocacy and Activism

We think of the AAUW branches as a pleasant way to meet friends through interest groups and monthly meetings, but we are more than that. We need to think about ways we can contribute to AAUW's vision of equity for all. If each of us uses our individual strengths to advance AAUW's mission, collectively we will be a powerful force for equality and social justice.

For 137 years, AAUW members have spoken out on issues affecting women and girls at the local, state, national and global level. Today, AAUW offers many convenient opportunities to support and push forward the work of our foremothers. Use the Two-Minute-Activist tool (www.aauw.org/takeaction) to contact your members of Congress. For updated Quick Facts on AAUW's priority issues, visit [www.org/what we do/publicpolicy](http://www.org/what-we-do/publicpolicy). If you want to support AAUW-NM Public Policy Priorities subscribe to [AAUW in the statehouse](mailto:berg.sonya42@gmail.com) or berg.sonya42@gmail.com. You also can contact Sonja Berg at (505) 425-6680 and join the AAUW NM Lobby Corp.

Linda McDowell serves the AAUW Albuquerque Branch as public policy chair. Please call Linda at (505) 974-1942 with your public policy questions and concerns.

AAUW 2018 STRATEGIC PLAN
BEYOND ASPIRATIONS: Advancing Equity for Women & Girls



Education & Training



Economic Security



Leadership

AAUW's new strategic plan is now available on
the National website: <https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/>

AAUW Vision: "Equity for all"

AAUW Values: "Non-partisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality."

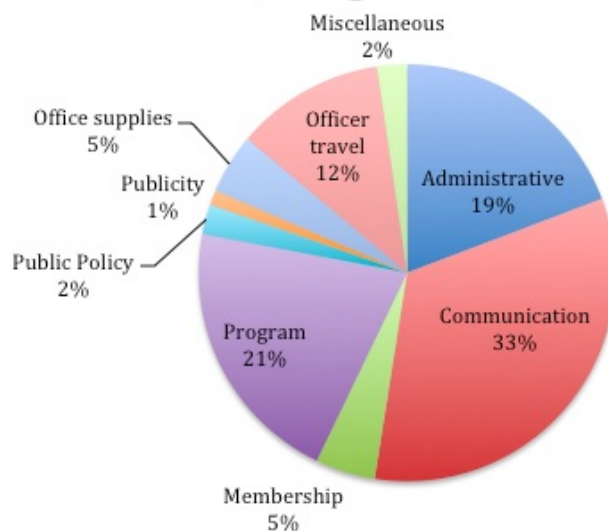
The plan has four areas of focus:

- 1. Education and Training** - Addressing the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women;
- 2. Economic Security** - Ensuring livelihoods for women;
- 3. Leadership** - Closing the gender gap in leadership opportunities; and
- 4. Governance and Sustainability** - Ensuring the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW well into the future.

I encourage you all to download and read the background of our new strategic plan. And, I hope that you will be energized to help create local plans to meet the goals of the four areas of focus.

Sylvia Fink, AAUW-New Mexico Co-President

AAUW-ABQ Budget 2018-2019: \$2,158



Treasurer's Report

Thanks to all who have paid their annual AAUW-ABQ dues for 2018-2019! Those of you who plan to renew your membership in AAUW this year can still send \$95 to AAUW-ABQ, at my address: 39 Chaco Loop, Sandia Park, NM, 87047 or renew at the AAUW website: www.aauw.org. Our yearbook will be printed earlier this year, so if you want us to be able to include your contact information, please send me a check or go online as soon as possible.

So you'll know how we spend our branch dues, I'm including the above graph of our budget for this year. A particular thanks to all who donate to our branch over and above the cost of dues!

If you have any questions for the treasurer, contact me at ctburch@aol.com or 505-286-9674.

AAUW Tech Trek NM 2019



The AAUW Tech Trek NM steering committee is starting to plan for Tech Trek 2019. As before, we will need help from many of you in March when we are interviewing girls and their parents, as well as reading application essays and evaluating them. But we also need help with many other tasks throughout the year. If you'd like to volunteer to help in a larger way this year and/or at a different time of the year than March, please contact either Cheri Burch, ctburch@aol.com, or Helena Whyte, mozden08@aol.com, to let us know what you have in mind, or if you'd like to hear some ideas we

have.

2018-2019 AAUW Albuquerque Branch General Programs

September 1 **AAUW Albuquerque Kick-off Fair!**

Coordinator: Claudia Poglitsch

Manzano Mesa 12:30-2:30

October 6 **Another Way Forward-Grassroots Solutions for New Mexico**

Speaker: De De Feldman, author and former New Mexico State Senator

Manzano Mesa 12:30-2:30

November 3 **Reflections of 2018 Tech Trek from the View of Campers & Counselors**

Coordinator: Cheri Burch
Manzano Mesa 12:30-2:30

December 1 **Holiday Desert Buffet New Mexico Folk Music**

Speaker: Joan Punt, President of Silver Horizons
AAUW Funds Auction
50 Year Members will be honored
Manzano Mesa 12:30-2:30

January 5 **Inside the New Mexico Legislature**

Speakers: AAUW-NM Lobby Corp
Manzano Mesa 12:30-2:30

February 2 **What's Happening at the University of New Mexico**

Speaker: Garnett S. Stokes, PhD, President of University of New Mexico
Manzano Mesa 12:30-2:30

March 3 **Albuquerque and Immigration**

Coordinator: Mary Tyler Browne
Manzano Mesa 12:30-2:30

April 7 **United World College in Montezuma, NM**

Speakers: United World College students
Manzano Mesa 12:30-2:30

May 5 TBD

All general meetings this year except for the May Luncheon will be at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St. NE (505) 275-8731

Joy Donelson and Joan Goodman, Co-Vice Presidents Program

Interest Groups

4th TUESDAY. Meets the 4th Tuesday. **August 28** and **September 25** at 10:30 am - noon at the **Cinnamon Cafe, 5809 Juan Tabo Ave (Mountain Run Shopping Center at Juan Tabo and Eubank).** Come, have a cup of coffee or tea and visit with other Albuquerque AAUW members. **Chair: Janet Matwiyoff 821-0418.**

EXPLORING GAMES. Meets the 4th Thursdays. **August 23** and **September 27** from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Nob Hill Flying Star, 3416 Central Ave. to play board games. Bring any games you would like to play. You can order dinner or a snack. Spouses and guests are welcome. **Chair: Cheri Burch 286-9674**

ART, DRAWING, PAINTING, AND FABRIC ARTS. Meets most Fridays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or any hours between at Monte Vista Christian Church, 3501 Campus Blvd. NE, to do individual art projects and to enjoy the fellowship of others interested in art. **Chair: Chris Hill, 828-3926.**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. 2nd Fridays, 10:00 a.m. **September 14.** we will meet at Nueva Vista, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro, small meeting room, to discuss Great Decisions, 2018 -*The Waning of Pax of Americana?* Led by Sylvia Fink. **Chairs: Jan Bray, 291-5867 or Olin Bray, 850-2402.**

MORNING CUISINE. 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (may vary). **September 18** we will meet at 11:30 at Marilyn Dunn's home, 8620 Northeastern NE, Bldg. C, #9, 299-5487. Salad potluck. Group members will be called by Marilyn. **Chair: Suzanne Weissman, 314-9410 or sweissmans@msn.com**

ANTIQUÉ and COLLECTIBLES. 1st Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. **September 4** at the home of Claudia Poglitsch, 2310 Calle de Rafael NE. We will make plans for the year that include topics and meeting places. **Chair: Claudia Poglitsch, 797-4381**

CURRENT LITERATURE. 2nd Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. **September 11** at the home of Marilyn Dunn, 8620 Northeastern NE, Bldg. C, #9, 299-5487. **This will be a discussion about the future of the Current Literature Group and the Traveling Library.** **Chair: Meg Wente, 291-3324.**

Mystery. 1st Thursdays at 1:30. **September 6** in the small meeting room at La Vida Lena's Buena Vista Building, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro. Refreshments by Susanne Weissman. Read *Worthy Brown's Daughter* by Phillip Margolin. **Chair: Diane Vadnais, 323-1924.**

TRAVEL. 4th Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Call **Chair: Ted Cooley, 255-3720** for information.

EVENING CUISINE. 2nd Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. **September 13** at Khit Harding's home at 1814 Ridgcrest Circle SE. Members of the group will be called. **Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

EVENING LITERATURE. 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. **September 17** Read *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by JD Vance. For meeting place, call chair. **Chair: Sheila Richmond, 280-8904.**

**Please welcome new AAUW
Member Maria Canfield!**

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*Shila Marek,
Membership VP*

Calendar

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Sponsored by League of Women Voters

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10:00-noon

Sept. 25 Native American Women's Equal Pay Day

Oct. 6 **October General Meeting: "Another Way Forward-Grassroots Solutions for New Mexico"** Speaker: De De Feldman Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth St, SE 12:30 - 2:30 pm.

Oct. 19-20 **AAUW-NM Fall Workshop & Leadership Team Meeting** - Las Vegas, NM

Oct. 22 **AAUW Albuquerque Board**

Nov. 2 Latina Equal Pay Day

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