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**October General Meeting**  
**Tanoan Community Building**  
**12:30 - 2:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, October 6**



### **Another Way Forward-Grassroots Solutions for New Mexico**

Dede Feldman an award winning author and former New Mexico Senator will talk about her latest book *Another Way Forward: Grassroots Solutions from New Mexico*. She will share how innovative organizations and inspiring local leaders are changing New Mexico, one neighborhood, one clinic, one classroom at a time. She believes that these leaders share a set of related skills: collaboration, perseverance, asset building, and social entrepreneurship. They are using these skills to build a new, more sustainable and just society.

Refreshments will be provided by the Evening Literature Interest Group

### **New Location for General Meetings**

For those who attended the September meeting are aware that the location was not appropriate for our branch meetings. Janet Matwiyoff has made arrangements with Tanoan West Communities to use their community building. ...

Tanoan West Communities are located off Academy between Ventura and Eubank. There is a traffic light on Academy at the entrance to Tanoan Drive. Turn north onto Tanoan Drive, turn left at the first stop sign onto Village Green and make another left at Murifield Court. for the West Tanoan Community Building and parking lot. The address is 9820 Murifield Court NE.

### **September General Meeting**



Members had an opportunity at the September general meeting to meet in small groups to discuss the following: Public Policy, AAUW's strategic plan for economic security, education and training, leadership and governance, fund raising and new interest groups and social events.



There was lively discussion. Board members were at each discussion table to hear comments from members. Each group created a report that will be put together by Claudia Poglitsch. The report will be used by the board to discuss future programs and needed communications to members.



## **AAUW-NM SUPPORTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2 An Independent Ethics Commission**

On the November ballot, New Mexicans will have the opportunity to approve Amendment 2, adding a new section to the New Mexico Constitution to establish an independent 7 member Ethics Commission. For twenty years AAUW-NM's Public Policy Action Priorities have called for "ethics reform including creation of a state ethics commission". A joint resolution passed in the regular session of the 2017 Legislature asks voters to approve a NM Ethics Commission with the following provisions:

1. Jurisdiction over elected and appointed officials, state employees, candidates for state offices, state contractors and lobbyists in the executive and legislative branches of New Mexico's government.
2. Membership of seven commissioners, one appointed by the Governor, two by the leadership of the Senate, two by leadership of the House and two by the legislatively appointed commissioners with no more than three from the same party.
3. Resources and training to foster ethical behavior and prevent ethics violations. Investigation of all ethics complaints in a timely manner via authorized procedures.
4. The power of subpoena to require attendance of witnesses or production of records or other relevant evidence, and
5. Adjudication of civil complaints and forwarding of possible criminal complaints to the appropriate agencies.

New Mexico is one of only eight states without an ethics commission. New Mexicans deserve a fair, transparent process for handling ethics complaints.

**Vote Yes on Amendment 2**

Aug. 24, 2018

## STEM Task Force

The STEM Task Force will participate in multiple STEM activities again this year. We are waiting on confirmation for a booth at the Discovery Festival on Nov. 9 th at the Convention Center. Honeywell has sponsored a booth for Tech Trek in the past. November 3rd we will be assisting with the Tech Trek program at the general meeting. The STEM Task Force meet's at noon at Mimi's at I25 and Jefferson following the Albuquerque Branch Board meeting.

Sylvia Fink, Chair

## Membership Report

I am excited to be taking over as membership chair of such a large and active AAUW group. Claudia, has done an amazing job; a hard act to follow.

I want to welcome the old and new members and hope you might be interested in a membership committee. It could involve things like greeting members and guests, helping with name tags, following up up with new members.

Please note that AAUW (national) no longer has the half price dues period from January 1 to March 15. The Shape the Future membership campaign continues. The Branch can offer a discounted rate to prospective members. With this campaign, new members pay just 50 percent of the national dues rate when they join AAUW at a public event. Branches also earn one free national membership to give away for every two newly recruited members, with a maximum of three free memberships annually.

Shila Marek, Membership Vice-President

## From AAUW Washington Update September 7, 2018

□ "We're asking for your help with a forthcoming AAUW research report on sexual harassment at work, focusing especially on women in the mid-to-late phases of their careers. Share your experience by taking our survey, anonymously if you wish." Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWSHSurvey>. If any of you have an experience to share, please use this link for the survey,

Sylvia Fink AAUW-NM Co-President

## AAUW issues Gender Pay Gap

The U.S. Census Bureau released new data that allows us to calculate the gender pay gap nationally and in each state and congressional district, as well as by race/ethnicity. Here's what AAUW's analysis found:

- In 2017, the national median earnings were \$52,146 for men and \$41,977 for women, a gender pay ratio of 80.499%. Rounded, this equates to 80%, exactly the same as last year's gender pay gap.

- While white men's earnings rose slightly, women's earnings decreased overall, accounting for larger gender pay gaps for women of color. As compared to white, non-Hispanic men's earnings in 2017, Black women were paid 61%, Hispanic women were paid 53%, American Indian or Alaska Native women were paid 58%, Asian women were paid 85%, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander women were paid 62%, and white, non-Hispanic women were paid 77%.

- We continue to see a gender pay gap in every state and in almost every congressional district. In early October, AAUW will release an updated edition of *The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap*.

- While there were no dramatic changes in any state, we do see the gap

consistently widening between 2015– 2017 in Alabama, Indiana, and South Carolina, while California has made small but consistent gains over that same time period in closing the gap.

· Interestingly, 74.5 percent of congressional districts with gaps wider than the national average (80%) are represented by members of Congress who are not cosponsors of the Paycheck Fairness Act.

**The release of this data is an important opportunity to advocate for stronger pay equity protections to lawmakers and voters alike.** Use AAUW's tool to [submit a Letter to the Editor](#) that calls on local, state, and federal lawmakers to take action. During [candidate forums](#), ask your candidates about what steps they would take to help close the gender pay gap. Take your [state policy guide roadmap](#) to in-district meetings with state legislators or members of Congress and ask for their support of [strong legislative solutions](#). And don't forget to participate in AAUW's Two Minute Activist opportunity to [fight for fair pay!](#)

**Action Network** - The cornerstone of AAUW's online advocacy efforts, the Action Network sends subscribers urgent email notices to contact their members of Congress about legislation currently under consideration. Receiving these emails is one of the best ways to stay up to date on AAUW's advocacy efforts, and they're also a great resource to share with members and supporters. Anyone with an email address can subscribe at <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>. Or, join our Two-Minute Activist mobile program to receive timely, targeted communication straight to your cell phone via text message. Text "AAUW" to 21333 to join, or sign up [online](#).

· **Washington Update newsletter** - This weekly email bulletin for AAUW members offers an insider's view on the public policy process, the latest federal policy news, and updates from the public policy department. Go to <https://www.aauw.org/resource/washington-update/> to receive the newsletter.

· **AAUW in the Statehouse newsletter** - This monthly email bulletin for AAUW members provides updates on state policy from across the country, tips and resources for more effective advocacy, and insider information from the public policy department about good and bad bills in the states. Go to <https://www.aauw.org/resources/by-type/newsletters/> to sign up to get the newsletter.

### Equal Pay Without Delay

To begin implementation of AAUW's strategic plan for economic security, this year AAUW will focus on pay equity. Women in the United States are paid 80 cents for every dollar a man makes. According to state-specific statistics released in September, New Mexico ranked twelfth in pay equity when compared to forty nine states and Washington DC. Go to <https://www.aauw.org/fairpay/> to view the results for New Mexico.

## Interest Groups

### October 2018

**4th TUESDAY.** Meets the 4th Tuesday, **October 23** 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. **October 25** 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. On **October 12** we will meet at Nueva Vista, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro, small meeting room, to discuss Great Decisions, 2018 - Jan Bray will lead the discussion of *Media and Foreign Policy*. Chairs: **Jan Bray, 291-5867** or **Olin Bray, 850-2402**.

**MORNING CUISINE.** 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m (may vary). **October 16** we will meet at 11:30 at Marilyn Dunn's home, 8620 Northeastern NE, Bldg. C, #9, 299-5487. Salad potluck. Marilyn will call group members. **Chair: Carolyn Glen, 503-6462**.

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**Antiques and Collectibles.** 1st Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. **October 2** meet at the home of Sara Ellis, 2133 Madeira Dr. NE. 265-9365 Topic: Old Crochet Work Bring an example for Show and Tell. Other members that would like to attend this meeting and share an old crocheted item please contact the **Chair: Claudia Poglitsch, 797-4381**

**CURRENT LITERATURE.** 2nd Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. **October 9** at the home of Marilyn Dunn, 8620 Northeastern NE, Bldg. C, #9, 299-5487. JoAnn Mercer will review *We were the Luck Ones* by Georgia Hunter. Chair: **Meg Wente, 291-3324**.

**Mystery.** 1st Thursdays at 1:30. **October 4** meet in the small meeting room at La Vida Lena's Buena Vista Building, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro. Read *Gun Games* by Faye Kellerman. **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. **October 11** at Marianne Helgesen's home. Members of the group will be called. **Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956**.

**EVENING LITERATURE.** 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. **October 15.** Read *Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafron. Gothic- a story within a story set in Barcelona after the Spanish Civil War. For meeting place, call chair. **Chair: Sheila Richmond, 280-8904**.

## Calendar

**Oct. 6** October General Meeting: "Another Way Forward-Grassroots Solutions for New Mexico" Speaker: De De Feldman Tanoan Community 12:30 - 2:30 pm.

**Oct. 15** AAUW Albuquerque Board meeting, Nusenda Credit Union Training Center 10:00-noon.

**Oct. 19-21** AAUW-NM Fall Workshop & Leadership Team Meeting - Las Vegas, NM

**Nov. 3** November General Meeting: "Tech Trek: A Success Story" - Tanoan Community Building 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**Nov. 19** AAUW Albuquerque Board Meeting, Nusenda Credit Union Training Center- 10:00-12 noon.

**Dec. 1** December General Meeting. "Holiday Desert Buffet". - First Congregational UCC. 2801 Lomas. 12:30-2:30

**Dec 31** Postmark deadline for AAUW Funds contributions for year.

**Jan 5** "Inside the New Mexico Legislature" Speakers: Lobby Corps. Tanoan Community Building. 12:30-2:30.

**Jan 18** Roe vs Wade Celebration. State Capital, Santa Fe 10-11a.m.

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