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November General Meeting

Tanoan Community Building
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 3

Mystery Interest Group will provide refreshments
Guest Are Welcome



2018 Albuquerque Campers:

Olivia Cole, Jefferson MS, Vanessa Doyle, Menaul School. Sophia Finale and Jayden Giersch, The Montessori School, McKenna Guidice, Madison MS, Claire Gunderson, Sandia Prep, Violet Kelly, Cottonwood Classic Prep, Mariel Leon-Lazcano, Pub. Acad for Perf. Arts, Le Andra Loya, N. Valley Academy, Isabella Lundahl, Desert Ridge MS, Elizabeth Martinez, SAMS Academy, Sarah Muller, 21st Century Academy, Gabrielle Olubiyi, MAS Charter School, Lily Rich, Taylor MS, Victoria Scott, Cien Aguas International School, Fallon Setter, St. Mary's ABQ CS.

A Success Story

Come hear the details about Tech Trek NM 2018 **from this year's campers and steering committee members**. Join us in welcoming these amazing young women as they share their stories!

Tech Trek offers girls before their eighth grade year the opportunity to spend a week living in a dorm at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, attending STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) classes, workshops, and field trips. Women involved in STEM fields, either as students, teachers or STEM professionals led the activities . AAUW NM is proud to be one of only nine states in which AAUW offers this program to young women. Come listen to stories of life changing experiences that many of you and our branch supports.

Cheri Burch, Curriculum Chair, AAUW Tech Trek New Mexico

Meeting Location Directions

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. There is a parking lot in front of the building and along Murifield Court and neighboring streets. The address is 9820 Murifield Court NE.



Math Puzzles and Games



Tech Trek Summer Camp for Seventh Grade Girls Comes to New Mexico for the Fifth Year!

Participants were nominated by their science or math teacher. Students completed an application and interview process before final selections were made in early April. Cost for the camp was only \$50 per student, as the program is funded by AAUW-NM as well as by New Mexico businesses and individuals.

Sixty five girls were chosen from across the state of New Mexico to attend the camp. They gained first-hand knowledge of real world applications of STEM in a fun-filled, hands-on college environment. Campers participated in one of five core classes each day and in hands-on field trips and workshops to expose them to several STEM fields. Core classes were: A Tour of the Stellar Cycle of Life (Astronomy); App Creators (Computer Science); Girl Powered Robot! (Robotics); Gear Girls—A Motorized Toy Challenge (Mechanical Engineering); and Forensics (Chemistry). Campers also interviewed women in STEM fields at the Professional Women's Banquet Wednesday evening. More information is located at: <http://TechTrek-NM.aauw.net>.

The camp builds on AAUW's research report *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math* which identifies camps like Tech Trek as increasing girls' interests in STEM fields. Girls benefit greatly from exposure to STEM role models, knowing that they too can excel in these fields.

Funding was provided by private donations, including those of many AAUW members. There were donations from Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico Public Education Department, Honeywell, Raytheon, Virgin Galactic, El Paso Electric, Walmart and Los

October Meeting

Forty-four members and guests attended the October 6 meeting. There were a number of positive comments about the new location at Tanoan Community Building. The remarks included, cozy, able to hear speakers, and members and guests were visiting more easily.

At the October board meeting there were suggestions on how to arrange the room to create more space for seating.

Speaker **Dede Feldman** presented an interesting and challenging talk. Dede served in the New Mexico Senate for 16 years. Her experience as a legislator influenced her to write a book, *Another Way Forward: Grassroots Solutions from New Mexico*. She presented examples of grassroots groups that are solving problems in New Mexico. These groups are changing New Mexico from the bottom up. The stories she shared demonstrated how local communities have pulled together local talent and resources to improve the quality of life for their citizens. She discussed development of programs for new types of health care workers which has increased the effectiveness of health care in underserved areas. Programs for youth have connected them to New Mexico's natural environment. Participants developed skills that prepared them for work in and/or prepared them for professional education in forestry and related environmental occupations. She talked about job development organizations that support economic improvement in low income areas. Another program supported low-income youth to enroll in higher education. One of the most interesting projects she talked about was *Meow Wolf in Santa Fe* that has developed a creative way to develop a new type of economic enterprise with a wide ranging impact.

Dede's presentation generated many questions and a lively discussion. Members shared information about local organizations that are working to improve the quality of life in Albuquerque and New Mexico. If you were unable to attend her presentation, consider purchasing her book.



To have your voice be heard, **you must vote on or before November 6**. Below is information on where to vote, how to obtain a sample ballot or request an absentee ballot.

Bernililio County
(505) 468-1291
One Civic Plaza NE 1
Albuquerque, NM 87102
www.bernco.gov/clerk/elections

Sandoval County
(505) 867-7572
500 Idalia Rd. NE
Bernililio, NM 87004

<https://www.sandovalcountynm.gov/elected-officials/county-clerk/bureau-of-elections/>

The League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico posted their voters guide on their website. This year, the Secretary of State gave approval to the League to provide a copy of the guide at voting sites. This important document can be found on the web at:

<https://www.lwcnm.org/elections/VG/VotersGuide2018.pdf>

The Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission posts an evaluation of judges for election in November. The commission report can be found at:

<https://nmjpec.org/en/>

AAUW-NM supports the passage of Constitutional Amendment 2. The passage of this amendment to the New Mexico constitution would provide for the creation of an ethics commission. New Mexico is one of the six states that do not have an ethics commission. The constitutional amendments are located after the list of local bond issues.

Remind family and friends to vote on November 6



Holiday Silent Auction

We are bringing back the Holiday Dessert Silent Auction! Start to look around for your "white elephants" be they jewelry, accessories in excellent condition, pictures and paintings, hard-covered books, DVD's, tickets to local concerts or plays, small pieces of pottery or porcelain. Home canned or baked goods always go well, too.

Be sure to mark your value and starting bid, as in \$35/3.50 and plan to bring it at least 1/2 hour early to the December meeting. If you need a pick up, call Janet Matwyoff at 821-0418 the week before.

Janet Matwyoff, Funds Chair



The Traveling Library

The Traveling Library provides an opportunity for members to read current books without having to attend any meetings! The Traveling Library is under the aegis of the Current Literature Interest Group. The Traveling Library has been an AAUW group since the 1930s. Members pay \$20 each for the opportunity to read 12-15 recent books during a year. Anyone who joins can help with the selection of books.

Members submit potential selections to Sheila Richmond between December 1 and the date of the selection meeting in February. Books are current, within the past two years. Members send a review of a book they are recommending to Sheila. This year the selection meeting will be February 12. At the meeting members will discuss and vote on selections for the coming year.

Once there is a decision on the books, Sheila orders two copies of each book. She organizes a routing system for the books. In April, at the meeting of the Current Literature Interest Group, members can pick up their first book. On or about the 15th of each month the member will deliver a book to the next person on the routing list. Another member will deliver a new book to you!

There are typically twenty two to twenty four members. Two routing lists are developed. Members will deliver the last book for the year in March 2020. At the April 2020 meeting the last book will be turned in.

The benefits are great: lots of good current books; about evenly divided between fiction and non-fiction; for the cost of only \$20 for the whole year; and a chance to help choose books. Someone else buys and wraps the books for distribution and you are welcome to join in discussion at the end of the year. The books can be purchased by members at the April meeting for a nominal price. Books that are not purchased are donated to local libraries.

For further information and to join, please email Sheila Richmond sdrich111@comcast.net or call her at 280-8904. Members may send their check for \$20 to Sheila Richmond, 152 Juniper Hill Rd. NE, Albuquerque, 87122-1913.

Help Wanted

AAUW Albuquerque Branch is in need of two volunteers who are willing to assume responsibility for positions that have not been filled.

Hospitality Chair

One of the reasons women and men join our AAUW Branch is the opportunity to meet and talk with members and guests who are interested in issues related to our community and the promotion of equity for women and girls. The first thirty minutes of our meetings is devoted to promoting these interactions. The Interest Groups graciously provide tasty and interesting refreshments.

We are fortunate that our general meetings are held in a facility that provides coffee pots and other equipment for refreshments. The hospitality chair prepares the coffee and hot water for tea. The coffee needs to be prepared around 11:45 AM in order to be ready when members start arriving around 12:15. At the end of the meeting the chair and helpful members will clean up the coffee pots and the area. Please contact Lynnette Schurdevin at lynetters618@gmail.com or (575) 636-3237 if you are willing to fulfill this need for the Branch

Communications Chair

Do you believe that AAUW Albuquerque is and has been a force in promoting equity for women and girls? Our branch needs a member to prepare and organize information about Branch activities to send to media organizations to tell our story. Wouldn't it be wonderful for Branch members to appear on TV and radio talk shows to present information about Tech Trek? We need to find ways to post information about our meetings and activities in on- line postings and print publications. If you have skills in this area, please contact Lynnette Schurdevin at lynetters618@gmail.com or (575) 636-3237.

Membership

Please welcome new AAUW Members!

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There are several members that have indicated they will renew their membership, but have not. Albuquerque Branch dues are for the member year, July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. **AAUW will review their membership list on November 1 and remove those members that have not paid their 2018-2019 dues.**

The dues are \$95 (\$56 tax deductible). Life members are \$36. Checks should be made payable to "Albuquerque Branch". Mail dues to "AAUW Albuquerque Branch, Albuquerque Branch Treasurer, PO Box 92643, Albuquerque, NM 87199-2643. Thank you for your membership and continued support!

Shila Marek, Membership Chair

Interest Groups

4th TUESDAY. Meets the 4th Tuesday, **November 23** at 10:30 am - noon . We are meeting again at *Cinnamon Cafe in Mountain Run Shopping*. We had a great turn out and remember, you don't have to come exactly at 10:30 or stay a long time; it's a drop in social! **No December gathering.** Call or text Janet Matwyoff if you need directions, etc.: 385-2624 **Chair: Janet Matwyoff 385-2624**

EXPLORING GAMES. Meets the 4th Thursdays. **November 29** 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 **November 9** we will meet at Nueva Vista, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro, small meeting room, to discuss Great Decisions, 2018 - Olin Bray will lead the discussion on "*US Global Engagement and the Military*". **Chairs: Jan Bray, 291-5867 or Olin Bray, 850-2402.**

MORNING CUISINE. 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m (may vary). **November 20** we will meet at 11:30 at Betty Benson's home, 7909 Hendrix Av NE. Salad potluck. Betty will call group members. **Chair: Carolyn Glen, 503-6462.**

ANTIQUe and COLLECTIBLES. 1st Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m **November 6** meet at the home of Joy Donelson, 10527 City Lights Dr NE, 797-8032. Topic: Perfume Bottles and Atomizers. Bring examples that you would like to share for show and tell. Chair: **Claudia Poglitsch, 797-4381**

CURRENT LITERATURE. 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. November 13 at the home of Sheila Richmond, 152 Juniper Hill Road NE, 280-8904. Sheila will review Zora Neale Hurston's book *Barracoon*. Suggestions will be accepted for books for the 2019-2020 Traveling Library starting now. Bring a review, if possible, or at least title and author. Chair: Meg Wenthe, 291-3324

MYSTERY. 1st Thursdays at 1:30. **November 1** Meet in the small meeting room at La Vida Llena's Buena Vista Building, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro. Read *Thankless in Death* by J.D. Robb. Hostess: Mary Ellen Simms. **Chair: Diane Vadnais, 323-1924.**

TRAVEL. 4th Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Travel Group will meet on **November 26** at 1:30PM at the home of Eleanor and Ted Cooley, 608 Val Verde Dr. SE. Topic: Highlands and Islands of Scotland. **Chair: Ted Cooley, 255-3720**

EVENING CUISINE. 2nd Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. **November 8.** The group will be going out to dinner. Members will be informed by phone about the restaurant and location. **Chair Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

EVENING LITERATURE. 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. **November 19.** Read "Becoming Nicole" by Amy Luis Nutt. Meet at the home of Diane Vadnais, 3711 Ridge Point Loop NE, 323-11924. **Chair: Sheila Richmond, 280-8904.**

Calendar

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 January General Meeting "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.

Feb 2 February General Meeting Immigration in Albuquerque

March Women's History Month

April 9 Equal Pay Day

April 26-28 AAUW-NM Convention and Leadership Team Meeting in Las Cruces

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