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Holiday Dessert Extravaganza

December 1, 2018

12:30-2:30 p.m.

First Congregational UCC
2801 Lomas Blvd. NE

COME ONE, COME ALL! Come join us for the Holiday Dessert Extravaganza!

Chef David Kaufman will provide a smorgasbord of deserts that will accommodate all taste requirements. There will be something for every taste: savory and sweet, gluten free and sugar free. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be served. Guests are welcome.

A musical extravaganza of Winter Songs will be presented by La Flores de la Valle, Leila Flores-Duenas and Carol Vigil. Finish your last-minute shopping at the Silent Auction! Visit with your friends.

Members will be called by Calling Committee members for reservations to ensure there is ample food. Consider inviting a guest who may be interested in joining AAUW. **The cost is \$10 per person. Reservations must be made by the morning of November 28.** If for some reason you were not contacted, please call Janet Matiwiyoff at 385-2624.

We are bringing back the Holiday Silent Auction as a fundraiser for AAUW Funds. Please look around your home for potential "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 sell well too. Be sure to mark your value and starting bid, as in \$35.00/\$3.50. Please bring your items 1/2 hour early (12 noon) to the December meeting. If you need a pick up, call Janet Matiwiyoff at 821-0418 the week before the auction. Be sure to bring your checkbook.

Janet Matiwiyoff and Margaret (Meg) Wentz will be recognized and honored as fifty-year AAUW members.

NOTE: The Holiday Buffet (December General Meeting) will be held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ which is located at 2801 Lomas Blvd. NE at the corner of Lomas and Girard. The parking lot is north of the church and can be accessed



Public Policy

Roe v. Wade 46th Anniversary

The 46th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision will be celebrated at the New Mexico Capitol Rotunda on January 18, 2019, 10-11 a.m.

The New Mexico Coalition for Choice will be hosting the event and discussing a plan to address the growing threat to women's right to choose and privacy rights if Roe v. Wade decision is overturned at the federal level. The Respect NM women campaign is working to make the public aware that New Mexico has archaic language in its statutes that criminalizes abortions. Numerous legislators have expressed their commitment to pass legislation to remove this discriminatory law and several are scheduled to speak at the event in support of reproductive justice.

Organizer/Contact: Janet Williams, President, Santa Fe Chapter of the National Organization for Women and member of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County. (505) 670-9927, jwilli52@hotmail.com.

The 1960's New Mexico statute made it a felony for an abortion provider to terminate a pregnancy, with exceptions for rape, birth defects and serious threats to a woman's health. The law has been unenforceable for 45 years because of the Supreme Court's ruling. New Mexico is one of nine states that retain abortion bans that are not enforced because of the Supreme Court decision. Four more states have laws that would automatically ban abortion if the Supreme Court rescinds the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

Title IX Under Attack

On November 16, 2018, the Department of Education issued a plan to significantly weaken Title IX's protections by narrowing the definition of sexual harassment, limiting when schools will report, and thus make it harder to report sexual harassment and abuse. Until January 15, we have the opportunity to weigh in with the U. S. Department of Education on proposed changes. It is critical that advocates speak up and fight back against attacks on Title IX that will diminish students civil rights. To learn more and make your voice heard go to [aauw.org/take action](http://aauw.org/take-action).

Constitutional Amendment 2 Passes

AAUW-NM supported the passage of Constitutional Amendment 2 which was approved by a 75.1% vote on November 6, 2018. The amendment added a new section to Article 5 of the Constitution that provides for the establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission. The next step will be to pass enabling legislation. AAUW Lobby Corps member, Nina Thayer of the Los Alamos AAUW Branch will monitor the bills for implementation of the commission during 2019 legislative session. She will provide information to AAUW-NM members when there is a need to advocate for enabling legislation.

2019–21 AAUW Public Policy Priorities

Every two years, AAUW members vote on revisions to our Public Policy Priorities. The Public Policy Priorities establishes our organization's federal action priorities, as well as guidelines for state and local action. The AAUW Public Policy Committee (APPC) has recommended changes to the Public Policy Priorities. Through January 11, 2019, you can comment in support of these updates or suggest changes to the Public Policy Priorities that you'd like to see on the ballot in the AAUW national election in the spring.

Changes that align the Public Policy Priorities with the Strategic Plan appear highlighted in **YELLOW**

Changes that streamline the Public Policy Priorities or are editorial fixes appear highlighted in **BLUE**.

Changes that are responsive to member leader or APPC input and clarify or detail our support for specific issues appear highlighted in **GREEN**.

Here's how to comment:

1. Read the current AAUW Public Policy Priorities and review the proposed changes.
2. Scroll through the comments that have already been posted, if any.
3. Follow the prompt, type your comment in the box, and click 'Post Comment'

You can add your thoughts to other comments by clicking 'Reply' to their submission or clicking on the thumbs up or thumbs down to indicate your preference on the comment. You can also choose to receive an email when someone comments on a particular comment by using the 'Manage subscription' function.

<https://www.aauw.org/policy-priority/public-policy-priorities/>



AAUW-ABQ STEM Task Force

The AAUW-ABQ STEM task force is participating in the following central NM STEM collaboratives, sharing information about AAUW's research, inviting participation in AAUW Tech Trek NM, and hearing what is happening in STEM programs for children in our area. Our participation includes sharing e-mail, attending planning meetings, and offering assistance or participation in events.

STEM collaborative in Central New Mexico in which AAUW-ABQ STEM Task Force participates:

Discovery Festival - Dean Stoor - Big Brother/Big Sisters

Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) - Rochelle Larson - NMNWSE/cnn SWE

First Lego League - Chris Morgan FLL

NM Out-of-School Time Network - May Sagbakken - Explora!

NM Science Teachers Association - Jessica Sander - New Mexico Science Teachers Ass.

Girl Scouts-NM Trails - Amanda Lujan - Girl Scouts-NM Trails

STEM-NM/STEM Ecosystem - Allison Brody - Explora!

STORM FORCE-Socorro - Sharon Sessions - New Mexico Tech

Supercomputing Challenge - Celia Einborn - Los Alamos National Atomic Laborator

WE the People-Math Literacy for All - Karen Tyson University of New Mexico

Cheri Burch

Membership

New Members

Justine Bayles
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Ft. Lewis College (CO)

Justine will be the Director of the Tech Trek Camp this summer. Justine is a graduate student at Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, Ca.

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Shila Marek

Interest Groups

New members are welcome in all interest groups. Contact the chair for information.

4th TUESDAY. Meets the 4th Tuesday. The group will not meet in December. Chair: Janet Matwyoff 385-2624

EXPLORING GAMES. Meets the 4th Thursdays. The group will meet on December 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. December meeting will be Friday **December 14** at **11:30** at the Indian Food and Grocery at 6501 Wyoming. (Turn west off of Wyoming at the light that is the entrance to the Albuquerque Academy. It is in the complex on the northwest corner.) They do a nice lunch buffet. See you there. Chairs: Jan Bray, 291-5867 or Olin Bray, 850-2402.

MORNING CUISINE. 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (may vary). December 18 we will meet at 9:30 at Mary Strohacker's home. Call 293-170 for directions to Mary's home. Chair: Carolyn Glen, 503-6462.

ANTIQUe and COLLECTIBLES. 1st Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. The group will meet on Tuesday Dec 4 at 11:00 a.m. Bravo Cucino Italiano in Uptown. Meet at restaurant at 11 am, (2220 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 between Menaul & Indian School). Restaurant phone: (505) 888-1111. Our callers will contact you. Any questions, call Chair Claudia Poglitsch at 797-4381.

CURRENT LITERATURE. 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. The group will not meet in December. Chair: Meg Wente, 291-3324

MYSTERY. 1st Thursdays at 1:30. December 6. Meet in the small meeting room at La Vida Llena's Buena Vista Building, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro. Read *The Christmas Thief* by Mary Higgins Clark. Everyone bring six cookies to share. Chair: Diane Vadnais, 323-1924.

TRAVEL. 4th Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Travel Group will not meet in December. Chair: Ted Cooley, 255-3720

EVENING CUISINE. 2nd Thursdays. The group will meet at 5:30 p.m. on December 13. at Enid Sorenson's home, at 1412 Somervell St. NE. Chair Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.

EVENING LITERATURE. 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. December 17 Meet at the home of Diane Vadnais, 3711 Ridge Point Loop NE, 323-11924. There will be a catered dinner and members will pass along books we've read. Call or email Sheila Richmond at 280-8904 before Dec. 5. Chair: Sheila Richmond, 280-8904.

Calendar

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: Elena and Elinor will discuss legislation to repeal an outdated state statute that could criminalize abortion in NM if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v Wade. Passage of this legislation is a public policy priority for AAUW NM. **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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