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## January General Meeting

**Tanoan Community Building  
9820 Muirfield Court NE  
12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Saturday, January 5, 2019**

Directions: Go to 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 into the West Tanoan Community Building and parking lot. The address is 9820 Murifield Court NE.

International Relations Interest Group will provide refreshments.  
Guests are always welcome



### "Inside the New Mexico Legislature"

**Elinor Rushforth**, Senior Attorney Southwest Women's Law Center (SWLC) and **Elena Rubenfeld**, Attorney at the UNM Office of Equal Opportunity will share their experiences advocating for New Mexico's women and their families and preview the 2019 Legislative Session.

In 2018, Elinor and Elena led Southwest Women's Law Center efforts to pass House Bill 189: Pregnant Worker's Accommodation Act which was priority legislation for AAUW NM Lobby Corps. SWLC will reintroduce legislation to improve workplace conditions for pregnant women, as well as, legislation supporting paid family and medical leave. Because both issues directly impact economic security for women, they will be a priority for AAUW NM Lobby Corps. As a bonus, Elena will update us on the U.S. Department of Education's proposed changes in Title IX regulations which AAUW vigorously opposes.

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### A Note from the President

This past year has been a busy and informative year for the AAUW Albuquerque branch. Our membership remains steady and we have welcomed a few new members, which allows us to continue in our mission to empower the women in the greater Albuquerque area and beyond.

Our monthly general meetings continue to address issues that focus on Albuquerque women of all ages. Our September meeting gave us the opportunity to discuss ways we can be involved in AAUW at the local level. The board and program chairs will continue to use the suggestions and ideas to plan future meetings. November we heard from four Tech Trek alum who shared what they learned and liked at the week long camp. Thank you to the many members who continue to support this important program. December's Holiday Dessert Extravaganza and music was a wonderful time and put us all into the holiday spirit.

Finally, I would like to express my deep gratitude and thanks to Pat Freeman and Pat Maben for their work on this year's yearbook. I know that many hours were spent to put the yearbook together and it is very much appreciated!

I look forward to our new year and seeing you at our January 5 meeting to hear about the upcoming NM Legislative issues.

Wishing all of you a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!

Lynette Schurdevin, Branch President

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### Holiday Extravaganza

The Holiday Extravaganza was a wonderful event on Dec. 1. The winter songs presented by **La Flores de la Valle** was enjoyed by members and their guests. **Leila Flores-Duenas and Carol Vigil** sang holiday songs and led the group in singing familiar holiday music. Leila shared that she received an AAUW grant while working on her Ph.D. She is a professor in the College of Education at UNM.

**Chef David Kaufman** provided a wide variety of sweet and savory items along with a chocolate fountain with fresh fruit. As promised, there was something for everyone's taste.

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### **Margret Wente & Janet Matwyloff Honored with 50 Year Memberships**

#### **Janet (Jan) Helen Hogberg Matwyloff**

Jan was born in Chicago. Her family soon moved to Pittsburgh when World War II started. Her father was a blast furnace expert and worked in the steel industry. When her father was transferred to Michigan, they settled in Dearborn where Jan completed high school. In her junior year Jan was an American Field Service Exchange student in New Zealand. She says, "It shaped my life. It created a fierce independence in me."

Both of Jan's parents were college graduates. Her mother taught nursery school but her health was a factor in their lives. Jan's father helped to rebuild the steel industry in Europe after the war. Jan attended the University of Michigan with majors in History and French. She spent her junior year in Sweden, from which her father's family had immigrated from.

After graduation from college, Jan married Nick Matwyloff, who she met in high school. They maintained a relationship for seven years.

Nick's degrees were in chemistry. He was involved in the early development of the MRI. They spent time at Stanford and Pennsylvania State where Jan was a teaching assistant in the History Department. She was the first woman hired for that position. Jan and Nick moved next to Santa Fe, where Nick worked for over 20 years at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. His final years of work were as a neuroscientist at the University of New Mexico Medical School. Their son, Greg was born while they lived in Santa Fe. Jan involved herself in community work. She chaired the Santa Fe Centennial Celebration. She served as the first administrator of the Brunn School for four years. She also assisted Nick with organizational work at the UNM MRI Center where Nick educated physicians and scientists about the new MRI technology.

Jan joined AAUW shortly after moving to Santa Fe. At that time AAUW had national study groups including one on the environment. After Earth Day 1972, Jan and others in AAUW worked with the city in developing a recycling program. After the kiosks were erected to collect recyclables, the AAUW members worked on how to find markets for glass, steel cans, and newspapers. Their motto was Garbage is not Glamorous.

Jan and Nick more to Albuquerque when Greg finished high school and began attending University of California at Santa Barbara. Jan was active in fund-raising for the AAUW Educational Foundation on the local and state level. She served as Branch President from 1996-1998. She made many innovations in our branch including the development of the 50-year history of the Albuquerque Branch.

Later, Jan's time was occupied by caring for Nick. After he passed, she entered a new phase of her life and is now back active in AAUW. She is currently serving as interim fund raising chair and supervising the calling committee and started the Fourth Tuesday Interest Group.

Jan spends as much time as she can with her son's family in San Diego. Greg is now a captain in the US Naval Medical Corp at Balboa Hospital. She has two grandchildren who are the light of her life.

### **Margaret (Meg) Wente**

Meg Wente was born in the Belgium Congo, Africa. Her parents were missionaries sent by the Disciples of Christ, a U.S. protestant denomination. Her father was a medical doctor and her mother was a teacher. Meg was the second of four children. She was home-schooled for eight years when she lived in Africa.

She left Africa when she was 15 to live in Hiram, Ohio under the watchful eyes of relatives in a house that had belonged to her grandmother. Meg went on to Hiram College, graduating with a degree in History. After extra studies, she then became a teacher in a rural elementary school and later taught in Shaker Heights, Ohio. With four years' experience she was able to afford a trip to visit her parents in Congo. She taught for the U.S. military in England for one year. She left teaching to obtain a Master's Degree at Indiana University in Guidance and Counseling for elementary students.

When Meg was in a wedding party her future took a different turn. She met Hermann Wente and after a year they were married. Hermann worked at the Sandia Labs. Meg decided when she moved to New Mexico, to leave teaching to raise her children, Clara and Will.

Meg joined the Albuquerque Branch of AAUW in 1968 and took an active part in the Education Group. In 1984 the Education Forum of New Mexico was organized, and in time became the Coalition for Literacy, which exists today. She became active in the League of Women Voters and managed their office for twelve years. After Hermann died, Meg moved in 1913 to La Vida Llena, where she lives today. She is currently chair of the AAUW Current Literature group and is co-editor of LWV newsletter

Thank you to Marilyn Dunn for preparing the biographies and Claudia Poglitsch for the photos.



### **Public Policy**

**The 46th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision will be celebrated at the New Mexico capitol rotunda on January 22, 2019, 1-2 p.m.**

The event is sponsored by a coalition of organizations including AAUW NM with NOW taking the lead. Several NM Senators and Representatives will attend. Our AAUW banner will be flying, and there will be cake.

HB51 Decriminalization of Abortion has been pre-filed by Representative Ferrary from



Las Cruces. The purpose of the bill is to repeal an outdated pre- *Roe v. Wade* statute criminalizing abortion in almost all circumstances. This bill is supported by AAUW NM. If you have decriminalization petitions, please mail them to Linda McDowell. The petition data will be taken to the Roundhouse on February 14 which is Coalition for Choice/ Respect NM Women's pro-choice pro-family Lobby Day.

### **Albuquerque Public Schools Mail In Election**

Registered voters residing in the Albuquerque School District will be mailed a ballot in January seeking a property tax increase to pay for renovating and repairing aging schools as well as updating security, technology, and educational equipment. The ballots must be returned by February 5. More information can be found at <http://www.aps.edu/community/mail-in-election/2019-mail-in-election/>

Linda McDowell, Public Policy Chair

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### **Lobby Corps Sign up for AAUW-NM Members**

The Lobby Corps team worked very hard over the summer crafting and writing a clear, accurate Lobby Corps Job Description, Lobby Corps sign-up form, and developing a data-based matrix to track AAUW-NM members and improve the advocacy efforts for our state.

AAUW members in New Mexico are being asked to use the form so that their activities related to legislation can be collected. Members will not be inundated with emails or required to do anything except what you wish to do. The form can be accessed at <https://aauw-nm.aauw.net/policy/>

Many members may feel they cannot participate in AAUW-NM Legislative efforts because they live far away from Santa Fe. This Lobby Corps effort will make it possible for all members to support AAUW-NM's advocacy work right from your arm chair by responding to action alerts, emailing the governor, representatives, senators, and/or committee members. You can also meet and talk to your elected officials right in your home town. You can also watch (active link on the form) committee meetings and floor sessions in the comfort of your home!

The form is a fillable PDF, and it has 3 active links embedded. Please download the file to your desktop, file, phone; anywhere you choose. Complete the form checking those things that you are willing to do (at the very least the action network 2-minute activist which is one of the active links.) There is also an active link to locate your district # for representatives and senators. Please fill those in.

*\*\**(download the form, save the blank form to your desktop as *AAUW-NM LC form with your initials and date*, complete the form, and save it again, In some systems you must right click outside the form to save as.). Attach the completed form and email it to [beccarphillips@gmail.com](mailto:beccarphillips@gmail.com) with subject line: *AAUW-NM LC membership form test\*\**

PLEASE take the time to download the form and send it in. Your single action will make AAUW both nationally and locally more successful in their advocacy work to achieve our Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

In Solidarity,

Sonya Berg, AAUW-NM Public Policy Chair

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### **Fundraising Committee**

Thanks to all who "bought or brought" to the Holiday Dessert Silent Auction. Special thanks to committee members **Jo Rose, Dana Roberson, Joy Donaldson, and Antje Muir** for coordinating the event. We already have some ideas for efficiencies for next year such as smaller bid sheets, reducing the time for bidding to winning bids can

tabulated and fewer books! Start saving your "white elephants" now!

The board will allocate the funds raised between Tech Trek, AAUW Funds and UNM Graduate Fellowship. The total raised was \$553.50.

Janet Matwyoff, AAUW Funds Chair

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### Additions to Calling Committee

Thank you to three additional members who have agreed to serve on the Calling Committee.

**Louise Gerstle** 888-5102, ltgerstle93@comcast.net

**Helen Fuller** 294-4206, hfuller43@comcast.net

**Rae Siporin** 792-4913, raesiporin@hotmail.com

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### Violence Against Women: Campus Challenges & Solutions

The Santa Fe AAUW Branch with help from Carol Neal, AAUW Los Alamos Co-Chair has been able to secure speakers at St. John's College to address issues of sexual harassment on campus. St. John's is a member of AAUW and the vibrant young women, about 30 in number, requested our help to set up a campus wide event on this and related issues of violence against women.

**The event will be held on Wednesday, January 23 at 6:00 pm on the St. John's campus.** The specific room will be identified in January. When the newsletter editor receives the room information, a Constant Contact will be sent to AAUW-ABQ members.

Topic: ***Violence Against Women: Campus Challenges and Solutions.***

The purpose of this panel discussion is to bring attention to the current state of gender violence in the United States and our community. We will discuss specific challenges in preventing and responding to sexual violence, as well as providing the latest research and some concrete skills about how this issue can be addressed most effectively.

Do not miss the opportunity to hear from the outstanding speakers listed below:

**Kristy Dean Nadler, Ed.D.**, Faculty, UNM-LA Professor of Psychology and Student Success, Project Director of the OVW Grant to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus. Dr. Dean Nadler specializes in leadership, child development, and issues of sexual violence prevention, and someday she will figure out how to change the world!

**Cynthia Goldblatt, Ph.D., LPCC, LMSW** and Project Coordinator of the Office of Violence Against Women Grant/UNM-LA Sexual Violence Prevention Program. Dr. Goldblatt has worked in the counseling and medical social work field for many years, with a specialty in providing behavioral health programs, grant coordination and counseling in the prevention of interpersonal and sexual abuse violence.

**Christie Knight, Ph.D.**, Training and Development Specialist of the OVW Violence Against Women Grant/UNM-LA Sexual Violence Prevention Program. She has worked for many years in sexual violence prevention and response. Dr. Knight specializes in teaching student bystander intervention.

Sylvia Fink AAUW-NM Co-President

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### A Farewell Message from Dixie Trebbe

I joined AAUW in January of 2005. Jan Bray and Corrine Howard took me to the legislature in Santa Fe, and from there it was all up hill. Jan was so patient when she realized I had never done it before.

By the next January I was Albuquerque's Public Policy Chair. I had spent the year doing my homework. After two years, I was the State Public Policy Co-Chair. By that time we had the metro train which made it much easier to go back and forth. I never found out for sure who the people were who turned in my name, but as it got to the place where I was going to have to time out on the state level, I was invited to serve on the national Public Policy committee. I think I know who those great people were but no one ever admitted it, so I will just say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

After two terms, I timed out.. I moved back to Iowa . Things are very different here. I live 100 miles from Des Moines **and** there is no metro train. I can't tell you when the Loess Hills Branch held their last meeting. I have been serving as one of four state district Public Policy people but it is sort of in name only. I was never high on the list financially and I don't know if it is national or Iowa's state laws, but since I have moved here finances have been downhill all the way.

For that reason I am dropping my membership. I can't afford to pay the dues and not do anything for the "cause". I will always remember those great and active years in New Mexico AAUW. I wish it was possible to still be a member of New Mexico AAUW. I feel I don't know what is going on here.

Again, thank you so much. I enjoyed being able to work with Sonya before I left. I will say that my health is pretty good. My leg will never get better but I use a walker and don't let it slow me down. I drive because I still remember how to get where I want to go. Streets didn't change names they just got longer. Of course I am still a political junkie and serve on the County Central Committee for the party of my choice.

Thank you again and Love and Best Wishes to a great group of AAUW.  
Dixie Trebbe

AAUW ABQ and AAUW NM owes a debt of gratitude for the tireless work Dixie performed as public policy chair. She was recognized as an expert on many types of legislation. If you would like to thank Dixie personally, her new e-mail is [dixietrebbe33@gmail.com](mailto:dixietrebbe33@gmail.com)

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### ABQ STEM Task Force

Central NM Regional Science Fair will be held on March 22. The Stem Task Force has proposed funding AAUW ABQ Young Scientist Award(s). Cheri Burch will take the proposal to the AAUW ABQ Board.

The task force will be participating in Explore Your Horizons (EYH) on January 26, 9 to noon at University of New Mexico. There will be three presentations for parents

On December 6, the Public Education Department held a comment session in Santa Fe about adopting Computer Science Standards for K-12. Cheri Burch attended. Is there a member that would be willing to follow any Science Education related bills during the upcoming session?

### Tech Trek

Persons interested in volunteering for Trek Tech this summer will find information at <https://techtrek-nm.aauw.net/volunteer/>

Do you know a 7th grade science or math teacher that would be a good recruit for this year's camp. Nominations maybe submitted at <https://techtrek-nm.aauw.net/forms/>

Are you willing to donate? Go to <https://ww2.aauw.org/program-gift/?treatments=TECHTREK> **SPECIFY NEW MEXICO in the drop down list.**

**Tech Trek also needs a Selection Chair for the Steering Committee.** This position is very active from March to mid April. Qualifications: ability to use Excel, Goggle Drive, and email. Availability of a scanner to create pdfs of essays would be very helpful. Contact Helena Whyte [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com) or Sylvia Fink at [sjsfink@gmail.com](mailto:sjsfink@gmail.com) for further information

### AAUW National Updates

## New Fundraising Priorities

When giving this season, please prioritize the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund, #9110 (formally AAUW Fund) which allows us to rapidly respond to new and emerging challenges and opportunities facing women and girls. To learn more about AAUW's fundraising priorities go to the following website. It will be worth your time.  
<https://www.aauw.org/resource/the-aauw-fund-faq/> There is also a new funds chart at <https://www.aauw.org/files/2016/05/AAUW-Fund-Diagram-nsa.pdf>

### National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

This conference prepares women in college to develop skills to be student leaders. The conference will be held in Washington, D.C., May 29-June. AAUW-NM will send out scholarship applications forms shortly.

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## Interest Groups

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

**4th TUESDAY.** Meets the 4th Tuesday. The group will meet on **January 22 at Flying Star on Alameda on Corrales Road.** Get ready to pull up to the fireplace at this popular spot. We'll be meeting there the winter quarter (January-March) and will possibly return for the summer quarter (June, July, August) to enjoy the morning patio. And, we hope more Westsiders will find this a convenient place. Drop in and get to know members in a different setting. Then go shopping in Corrales if you haven't been there in a while! **Chair: Janet Matwiyoff 385-2624**

**EXPLORING GAMES.** Meets the 4th Thursday. Due to work being done on this Flying Star, we will need to meet at a different venue for our January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. We'll let everyone know when we find a location in the general area with a Constant Contact message. **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/GREAT DECISIONS.** 2nd Fridays, 10:00 a.m. January meeting will be Friday January 11 at 10:00 at Nueva Vista (the usual meeting place at Juan Tabo and Lagrima de Oro - a block north of Montgomery). The topic will be *Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future* led by Olin Bray. Chairs: **Jan Bray, 291-5867 or Olin Bray, 850-2402.**

**MORNING CUISINE.** 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (may vary). **January 15** we will meet at 9:30 at Suzanne Weissman's home., 11100 Lagrima de Oro Rd NE, Apt 9410, 314-9410. **Chair: Carolyn Glen, 503-6463.**

**ANTIQUe and COLLECTIBLES.** 1st Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **Tuesday Jan 8 at 1:00 pm** at the home of Bonnie Paine, 5416 Candlewood Ct. NE, 821-7512. The topic is "Antique and Vintage Desk Accessories". Please bring items for "show and tell". **Note:** Since the first Tuesday in January falls on Jan 1, our January meeting will be on Tue, Jan 8. Any questions, call **Chair Claudia Poglitsch at 797-4381.**

**CURRENT LITERATURE.** 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. The group will meet on **January 8** at the home of Marilyn Dunn, 8620 Northeastern, NE. Ann will review the book *Uncommon Types* by Tom Hanks. Chair: **Meg Wente, 291-3324**

**MYSTERY.** 1st Thursdays at 1:30. **January 3.** Meet in the small meeting room at La Vida Llena's Buena Vista Building, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro. Read *Questionable Remains* or any Lindsay Chamberlain book. Hostess: Diane Vadnais. Chair: **Diane Vadnais, 323-1924.**



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

**EVENING CUISINE.** 2nd Thursdays. The group will meet at 5:30 p.m. on January 10, at Chris Hill's home. Members will be e-mailed or phoned about details. **Chair Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

**EVENING LITERATURE.** 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. **January 21.** Call or e-mail Sheila for location information. January our book will be *Old Filthy* by Jane Gardam. Chair: **Sheila Richmond, 280-8904 or sdrich111@comcast.net.**

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## Calendar

**Dec . 31** Postmark deadline for 2018 Donations (eg. AAUW Tech Trek NM, UNM Graduate Fellowship and AAUW Funds)

**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 22 Roe v Wade Celebration.** State Capital, Santa Fe 1-2 p.m.

**Jan 23** Panel Presentation: "**Violence Against Women: Campus Challenges and Solutions**", St John's College, 6:00 pm, Room has not been designated. A special Constant Contact will sent out when location is available.

**Feb 2 February General Meeting: "Immigration in Albuquerque"**

**Feb 10** Winter State Leadership Team Meeting

**Feb 11** AAUW New Mexico Legislative Day - Santa Fe, NM

**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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