

February General Meeting

**Tanoan Community Building
9820 Muirfield Court NE
12:30-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 2, 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 Muirfield Court into the West Tanoan Community Building and parking lot. The address is 9820 Muirfield Court NE.

Morning Cuisine Interest Group will provide refreshments.

Guests are always welcome



Immigration Update

Immigration issues are complex and often difficult to understand. Rene' Wolters and Crystine Elders will talk to AAUW members at the February meeting about their efforts as individuals and as members of the New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice to support immigrants

Rene' taught Peace Studies at the University of New Mexico. She has been a member of the Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice since it's founding. The mission of the coalition is to educate our community about immigration issues, provide compassionate services to immigrant families and advocate for humane immigration reform. Rene' s presentation will focus on what is happening in Albuquerque and on the border related to immigration. She will also share information about the Cibola County Correctional Center. Cibola is the nation's only detention facility with a "pod" specifically for transgender asylum seekers.

Christyn is a professor of English at the University of New Mexico. She will discuss her work with "Dreamers" at the University. She will also talk discuss the status and issues facing Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).



AAUW TECH TREK NEW MEXICO



AAUW Tech Trek 2019

You might have noticed on KRQE on Friday, January 17, around 7:30 a.m. that Cheryl Leung, one of our Tech Trek core class teachers and an alumni, Ella Lundahl, were interviewed (with Cheryl's mechanical toy cars) during the local morning news hour. Tech Trek was invited to participate in this program on that day in order to inform the community about the 2019 Tech Trek Camp before our camper nomination deadline. Cheri invited Cheryl and Ella to represent us.

Also, Tech Trek NM was included in an article on Sunday, January 20 in the Albuquerque Journal Education page Tech Trek has been selected to receive for the STEMYS aka Excellence in STEM Award for non-profits given by the Air Force Research Lab this year. Tech Trek was nominated by the mom of one of our 2018 campers. In addition, Ella (see above) won a student award. The awards banquet will be the evening of Friday, February 22, at the Convention Center in Albuquerque. If you'd like to attend, the cost is \$25. in STEM

Currently 7th-grade math and science teachers across New Mexico are nominating girls to be campers at this year's Tech Trek. During February the girls will be completing their applications. We will be scheduling the ABQ-area girls for interviews on March 16 and 23 at NM Trails Girl Scout office.

Below you will find two opportunities to participate in the Tech Trek Camp this year:

1. Interview girls, either morning or afternoon one (or both) on March 16 and 23rd. Please contact Louise Gerstle, at 885-5102 or ltgerstle93@comcast.net. There's a rubric to follow and if you're new to interviewing, you'll be partnered with someone who's experienced.
2. If you would like to read and approve essays on your own schedule sometime during the first two weeks of March, please contact Sylvia Fink at 898-2799 or sjsfink@gmail.com.
3. And if you would like to make a donation to our fundraising efforts, please write and send the check to:

AAUW Tech Trek NM
PO Box 251
Placitas, NM 87043-0251

Thanks to everyone who supports Tech Trek NM, in any way!

Regional Science and Engineering Fair

Our branch STEM Task Force will be awarding certificates and \$20 to each of 10 girls

who compete in the Central New Mexico Science & Engineering Challenge (often called the Science Fair) on March 21-23 at the Manual Lujan Exhibit Complex at Expo NM. Four of the awards will be given to outstanding projects by elementary girls and six will be given to outstanding projects done by middle school girls.

Expanding Your Horizons

On Saturday, January 26, our STEM Task Force will be offering adult programs for parents and teachers who bring girls to Expanding Your Horizons at the UNM Centennial Engineering Building. Girls from 5th-10th grades attend hands-on workshops, while we are offering programs for their accompanying adults:

Program

9:00 "College Ready, Career Bound" by Rebekah Floryance, Assistant Principal, Career Enrichment Center & Early College Academy

10:00 "Managing/Preventing College Debt" by Sylvia Fink, Co-president, AAUW-NM

11:00 "After EYH: Further STEM Activities" by Cheri Burch, Steering Committee, AAUW Tech Trek NM

Leaders Needed

At the April Branch meeting, members will vote for the offices of Treasurer and Program Vice President, who will serve for the next two years. A **nominating committee** is being assembled to find nominees for these two elective offices. To be a successful branch we need members who are willing to serve in leadership roles. The board member election will be held at the April meeting. If you have talents related to these two positions, please contact any board member, who will advise the nominating committee.

Should you be contacted by the nominating committee, please consider how you could serve the branch. AAUW is a completely volunteer based organization, except at the national level, and relies on your expertise. The Board is flexible about meeting times and other issues that potential members may view as a barrier. Also, co-chairs for Program, as it has been for the past two years, can always be a possibility.

Linda McDowell has resigned as **Public Policy Chair** due to family issues. With the development of the new Lobby Corp system discussed in the January update, has made the process of following the actions of legislature much easier. This is a critical appointed officer responsible for following the activities of the New Mexico Legislature related to issues important to women and girls. According to Linda, with the new system, one can follow legislative activities from your own home using computer access processes now in place. The Public Policy Chair is supported by the AAUW-NM Public Policy Chair and is provided information by the national organization about what is happening related to AAUW Public Policy Issues.

Janet Matwiyoff agreed to be AAUW Funds Chair last year. She also had performed the duties of Communication Chair, an appointive position, for a year before taking over Funds last summer. The board is hoping for a new **Communications Chair**. Among the duties are publicity, mostly through the posting of meetings on-line, and occasional special features when the Journal is contacted. Communications should coordinate with other branch services such as the Calling Committee and when asked by the Membership VP for help making is a highly interactive position for intra branch effectiveness.

Another appointive position that needs to be filled is social chair, soon to be re-named **Hospitality Chair**. The gracious help from Marilyn Dunn and the Interest Groups have continuously provided light refreshments for many years. As we have sought a variety of meeting places, some aspects may have to change and the term "hospitality" could be broadened to greeting members and sending cards to members facing personal challenges.



The **Protect Abortion Bill** will be heard on *Saturday the 26th* in front of the House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee, which is the first step in getting the bill heard and passed!

Keep Abortion Safe and Legal in New Mexico

HB 51: Decriminalize Abortion

Sponsored by Reps. Joanne Ferrary, Georgene Louis, Deborah Armstrong, Eliseo Alcon, and Sen. Linda Lopez

New Mexico is one of nine states that still has an unconstitutional, pre-Roe v. Wade statute on the books that criminalizes abortion in almost all circumstances. If Roe v. Wade falls, this law could become enforceable again, making abortion a crime and jeopardizing access to safe and legal care in New Mexico.

This bill would repeal an outdated statute that criminalizes healthcare providers working in abortion care and puts people seeking an abortion at risk. It would protect personal decision making of New Mexico women and families. Reproductive health care is NOT a crime. Every New Mexican deserves access to safe and legal healthcare without fear or penalty. Health care providers should not be criminally charged for providing care that women need

Keeping abortion legal ensures safety

- **Medical care is highly regulated.** We don't need a criminal law that singles out abortion to ensure that abortion care is provided safely and according to standards of care.
- Healthcare providers, including abortion providers, prioritize patient safety. They already follow state and federal regulations, licensing requirements, and constantly update training and standards to deliver the highest quality, safe care, and strict penalties are in place to ensure that no person can deliver medical care without an appropriate license and training.
- Medical experts and providers agree that laws restricting abortion access harm patients. Respected medical organizations such as the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists (ACOG) support safe abortion access.

For those interested in the bill but unable to be at the Roundhouse Saturday morning, please use the following link to watch the committee meeting live.

<https://www.nmlegis.gov> Click on webcast at the top of the page and select the House meeting in progress.

Contacting Your Legislators

Below are documents you can save to your computer with the phone numbers of Senators and Representatives in the New Mexico Legislature. Our speakers last month, Elinor Rushforth and Elena Rubinfeld encouraged members to call and leave messages for legislators about legislation you either support or do not support. They emphasized

that personal messages, e-mails and face to face contact is very powerful.

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Publications/Handbook/Representative_Office_And_Phone.pdf

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Publications/Handbook/Senator_Office_And_Phone.pdf

You have to dial 505-986-ext - those are direct lines



MEMBERSHIP

AAUW Events to Broaden Your Horizons

You can learn more about the Public Policy work of AAUW in Santa Fe on February 10 and 11. February 10 is the Winter State Leadership Team meeting. February 11 is Lobby Day at the Capitol headed by our hardworking Policy Chair, Sonya Berg. AAUW will be recognized in the Rotunda at 11 am. Let's show our support for AAUW by attending one or both these events.

Our next big opportunity is the AAUW-NM Convention in Las Cruces on April 26-28. This is a great chance to learn more, meet interesting people from all over the state and further, and visit another part of our great state. Look for information in the Spring Roadrunner or just call me!

AAUW Albuquerque Buddies

Membership would like to start a Buddy System for new members. It would work like this. Someone who has been a member for a few years would choose a name or two from the new members list. They could call and visit, invite them to one of our interest groups or 4th Tuesday, or even volunteer to pick them up. I am having breakfast this week with a newer member to discuss her upcoming trip to Italy since I have been there. I will have a list of names and contact information at the February meeting. If you want to sign up earlier, call me at 314-6222.

Please welcome Monique Dodd and Dixie Cole as members of the Albuquerque Branch. Dixie's contact information was not available for this issue. Her information will appear in the March newsletter.

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Shila Marek, Membership Chair

Revision of Policy and Procedure related to the Yearbook

At the January 21st meeting of the AAUW Albuquerque Board, the following revisions were approved by unanimous vote. The purpose of this change is to ensure that members have an up to date yearbook at the beginning of the program year.

Prior version

C. 2. **Yearbooks.** Yearbooks shall be in the hands of the Branch membership in November.

Revised version

Section C. 2 **Yearbooks.** Yearbooks shall be distributed to members in September. To be included in the membership roster, members must pay their renewal dues by August 1.

Reminders about this change in policy will be published in the newsletter each month through May.

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 **February 26 at Flying Star on Corrales Road off Alameda Road.** Get ready to pull up to the fireplace at this popular spot. We hope more Westsiders will find this a convenient place. Drop in and get to know members in a different setting. **Chair: Janet Matwiyoff 385-2624**

EXPLORING GAMES. Meets the 4th Thursday. The group will meet on **February 28** from 6:00-9:00 ish 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. First time visitors are always welcome to join us. To ensure there are enough chairs let Cheri know you will be attending. **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. The will meet on Friday **February 8** 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 Rise of Populism in Europe led by Caroline Kaye. Chairs: **Jan Bray, 291-5867 or Olin Bray, 850-2402.**

MORNING CUISINE. 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (may vary). **February 19** we will meet at 9:30 at Chris Hill's home, 7912 William Moyers NE, 828-3926. **Chair: Carolyn Glen, 503-6463.**

ANTIQUe and COLLECTIBLES. 1st Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **Tuesday February 5 at 1:00 pm** at Nueva Vista at La Vida Llena, 11100 Lagrima de Oro at Juan Tabo. We will meet in the small meeting room, with Jan Bray as hostess. The topic is "Clocks". Please bring items for "show and tell". Any questions, call **Chair Claudia Poglitsch at 797-4381.**

CURRENT LITERATURE. 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. The group will meet on **February 12** at the home of Sheila Richmond at 152 Juniper Hill Rd. NE. Book Selection for Traveling Library. Chair: **Meg Wente, 291-3324**

MYSTERY. 1st Thursdays at 1:30. **February 7.** Meet in the small meeting room at La Vida Llena's Buena Vista Building, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro. Any Perry Mason book by Erle Stanley Gardner. Hosting: Jan & Olin Bray. Chair: **Diane Vadnais, 323-1924.**

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

EVENING CUISINE. 2nd Thursdays. The group will meet at 5:30 p.m. on **February 14** 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. **February 18.** Call or e-mail Sheila for location information. February, our book will be "*She Dog*" by Phil Knight. Chair: **Sheila Richmond, 280-8904 or sdrich111@comcast.net.**

Calendar

Feb 2 February General Meeting: "Immigration Issues 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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