

June 2019
Vol. 48 No.10

September Branch Meeting

The next Branch meeting will be September 7. The Board decided not to have a Meet and Greet this year. The September meeting will be held at Coronado Villa Retirement Resort. Watch for the September newsletter the third week of August. You will not want to miss the first meeting of the 2019-2020 program year. The Program Committee has already met and is working on exciting and interesting programs. Yearbooks will be distributed at this meeting.

President's Luncheon



Pamelya Herndon



Cheryl Klenner &



Joy Donelson,

The annual President's Luncheon was held this year at the Canyon Club at Four Hills. Vivian Harris, a member of the Branch presented a program of Brazilian folk stories. Ted Cooley was installed as Program Vice President and Rae Siporin as Treasurer by Sylvia Fink, AAUW-New Mexico Co-President. Sylvia and Pamelya Herndon presented information about the AAUW initiative Work Smart. An article about this initiative is included in this newsletter.

Pamelya Herndon was presented with a Shape the Future Membership. Pamelya is in the left photo above. As Chief Executive Office of the KWH Law Center for Social Justice and Change, Pamelya is responsible for helping to ensure the social justice needs of women throughout the South and Southwest are met primarily by engaging pro bono attorneys to use their innovative and creative skills to help find solutions to the access to justice that women and their families need. She uses an effective, comprehensive applied program of creativity, innovation, and the unique application of the law to provide responsive solutions to problems. Pamelya is coordinating with Sylvia Fink in distributing information about AAUW's Work Force program across New Mexico.

AAUW has recently updated a number of useful advocacy resources on our website. Check out our updated Quick Facts on the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#), [Equal Pay](#) and [Title IX](#), as well as our numerous, updated [Know Your Rights at Work](#) and [Know Your Rights on Campus](#) legal advocacy resources. This is information that members should be sharing with the young women in their families and friends.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan [ruled in](#) late April that employers have until September 30, 2019, to report two years of pay data by sex, race and ethnicity to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The district court admonished the administration for failing to immediately reinstate this critical equal pay protection, which the court had [previously held](#) was unlawfully halted. Today, the EEOC [announced](#) that it expects to begin collecting EEO-1 pay data for 2017 and 2018 in mid-July 2019. This data collection, which was halted by the Trump administration in 2017, will be used by the EEOC to better identify trends in pay discrimination.

Economic Security Task Force

Sylvia Fink will be initiating and chairing an Economic Security Task Force for the Albuquerque Branch. As you know this is a major strategic focus of AAUW. This Focus also ranked highly when we did our sticky note interest poll last fall. The Task Force will be publicizing the new online Work Smart and working on other issues pertinent to Economic Security as determined by the Task Force members. Prospective members will select the meeting time and place.

If you would be interested in participating, please contact Sylvia through her email: sjsfink@gmail.com



Please check the newspaper for Tech Trek 2014 alumni scholarships and awards as our first Camper graduates complete high school. Albuquerque Branch will send graduation cards to these alumni graduates and later ask for updates on their post high school plans.

The Los Alamos Foundation is giving 116 students \$773,500 in scholarships in 7 northern counties. The following Tech Trek campers were among the awardees. Iris Vance, West Las Vegas High School is a Bronze Scholar (up to \$6,000). She plans to major in architecture at UNM. Leah Epstein, Taos High School is a Silver Scholar (\$15,000). She plans to major in mathematics at Harvey Mudd College.

Sylvia Fink, STEM Chair

Democracy Dollars

ARE YOU TIRED OF BIG MONEY DECIDING OUR ELECTIONS?

Too many elections are often decided by a small group of secretive and rich political donors. They have all the power to decide who represents us, but it doesn't have to be that way. Democracy Dollars gives the power back to the people—at no extra cost to the taxpayer—by letting public candidates raise small contributions from regular people who normally wouldn't participate in funding campaigns. Today's candidates pay too much attention to wealthy donors and not enough to regular people.

Democracy Dollars/Burque Bucks

Democracy Dollars (Burque Bucks) will help to modernize the Albuquerque's current public financing program because they will ensure that participating candidates from all parts of the city can run competitive campaigns based on the strength of their local support, not the size of campaign contribution checks.

Democracy Dollars gives candidates the freedom (and the incentive) to walk out of that high-dollar fundraiser and come knock on your door—for a real conversation about what matters to you. Every year, fewer and fewer candidates take public financing: they know it's gotten harder to win under the current structure, letting big donors' voices dominate elections that should be determined by all of Albuquerque's voters.

Modeled after the Seattle Democracy Vouchers program, mayoral and city council candidates who qualify for public financing would have the opportunity to collect \$25 coupons from community members whom they seek to represent! The coupons are available to any federally recognized donor and are an important way for candidates to meet the people of their district, curb the influence of private money and corporate PACs and create a community donor class. All but one candidate in the 2017 city general election in Seattle ran with vouchers and small donations. This is a program that works.

The Albuquerque Democracy Dollars ballot initiative is well on its way to the November ballot. A steering committee, which consists of Center for Civic Policy, Common Cause New Mexico, Equality New Mexico, OLÉ and New Mexico Working Families Party has been working to ensure this initiative will be on the ballot.

An Information meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 4 at 10:00 am at the CCP conference room (625 Silver SW 87102, 3rd floor).**

AAUW Albuquerque members have been invited to this event. For more information visit Burque Bucks website at www.burquebucks.org



The article below is being repeated in this issue to encourage AAUW members to talk about and refer young women to this program. At the May meeting it was discussed that this program would benefit older women and men who are seeking a new position.

Salary Negotiation Workshops/Economic Security

AAUW National has Work Smart online for free and has asked that we publicize this resource as much as possible. Coca-Cola has made the largest corporate donation ever with benchmarks of 14,000 per month, 100,000 by August 2019, and one million by 2022. So far, only 2000 have taken the beta test version currently on line.

Please help AAUW meet our goals! As a first step, please register for Work Smart Online, the free course that teaches women salary negotiation skills. We've updated it to make it easier to register and navigate. Even if the curriculum doesn't seem directly relevant to you, please take the class: we need our leaders to familiarize themselves with the material so they can serve as ambassadors in their communities for pay equity. Then, ask 20 contacts to take the tool. We need your help to train 100,000 women in Work Smart online by August. We are calling it "100K for Equal Pay"!" <https://www.aauw.org/resource/mobilize-a-million-social-media/has>

suggestions/resources for this effort. As well as <https://www.aauw.org/resource/strategic-plan-engagement-for-members/> More items will be added to the AAUW National website.

Interesting data on necessary income to support a working adult, plus child, plus second child in New Mexico is available at <https://statusofwomendata.org/explore-the-data/state-data/newmexico/>

You will need to copy and paste the URL, then download the Economic Status of Women in New Mexico Fact Sheet (2018) <https://www.aauw.org/resource/strategic-plan-engagement-for-mbers/url> for new information on Strategic Plan plus announcement of Work Smart FREE online course.

Sylvia Fink, Co-President AAUW-NM



Olin Bray

Olin Bray passed away on May 22. Olin and his wife Jan have been very active members of the Albuquerque Branch for many years. Olin joined AAUW in 2003. He earned a BS and MS from the University of Alabama and an MBA from the University of Minnesota. Olin and Jan chaired the Great Decisions Interest Group for many years. He will be missed.

A memorial service for Olin will be held on Thursday, May 30, at 11:00 a.m. in Carter Hall in the Main Building at La Vida Llena, 10501 Lagrima de Oro Rd. NE.

Mary Campbell

Long-time member, Mary Campbell passed away on May 23rd. Mary was 97 years old. An announcement will be e-mailed to members when the family after the family announces a memorial service in late June.



Membership

Membership Renewals are Due by July 1

The 2019-2020 Yearbook will be printed in August so that the yearbook is available to members at the September 7 meeting. Members must pay their dues by August 1 to ensure that their name and contact information is included. An e-mail will be sent in June to members that have not paid their dues. Members that do not use e-mail and have not paid their dues will be contacted by phone or letter.

There are two different ways to renew your membership and update your contact information if needed:

1. Mail dues to: AAUW Albuquerque Branch, Albuquerque Branch Treasurer, P.O. Box 92643, Albuquerque, NM 87199-2643. Your check will not be deposited until after March 15.

3. Renew online at: aauw.org, click on "membership" and then on "Renew Your Branch Membership".

4. Albuquerque Branch dues are \$95 (\$56 tax deductible). Dues for a Life Member is \$36. Checks are payable to AAUW Albuquerque Branch. Dues should be paid between **March 15 to June 30, 2019**. Thank you for your membership and continued support.

New Members

Pamelya Herndon
PO Box 27724 97125-7724
385-4518
BBA Harvard University
JD Univ. of Texas School of Law
pamelyaherndon@gmail.com

Brie Logan
6000 Montano Plaza Dr. Apt 9D
87120
304-0900
B.Ed. University of New Mexico
blogan@21stcenturypa.com

Change of Address

Shirley Ash
300 Valencia Dr. SE, Room 233
87108
260-8233

Shila Marek, Membership Vice President



Interest Groups

Mystery Book Group will meet this summer in June and August. We are skipping July 4th which is a national holiday. **June 6-** read *Have His Carcase* by Dorothy L. Sayers. For **August 1-** read *A Burial at Seaby* Charles Finch. We will meet in the small room off the dining room at the Buena Vista Building in La Vida Llena at **1:30 p.m.** Come join us. Call our chair, **Diane Vadnais, 323-1924** for information.

Evening Literature Group will meet on June 17 at **6:30 PM**, to discuss *Death Comes*, by Sue Hallgarth. This is a potluck evening. For more info call Sheila Richmond, 280-8904 or email at sdrich111@comcast.net. In July read *Prairie Fire* by Caroline Fraser. We will meet at the home of **Marianne Helgesenon August 19 at 7:30 PM**. We will read *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks, and meet again at the home of Sheila Richmond, at **7:30 PM**.

International Relations will not meet in June. Members will be contacted if a meeting is scheduled in August

Calendar

May 29-June 1 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

(NCCWSL)

August 19 AAUW ABQ Board Meeting 10-12 noon at Mimi's Café, 4316
The 25 Way NE

September 7 September General Meeting 10-12 Coronado Villa Retirement
Resort

Contact Information

AAUW Albuquerque E-mail: aauw.abqnm@yahoo.com

AAUW Albuquerque Branch Website: <https://albuquerque-nm.aauw.net>

AAUW Albuquerque Mail Address: PO Box 92643, Albuquerque, 87199-2643

Newsletter Editor: Patricia Maben, pam1246@me.com

AAUW New Mexico Website: <https://aauw-nm.org>

AAUW Website: AAUW.org