

November 2, 2019
10:00-12:00 Noon
Coronado Villa
6900 San Vicente NE

San Vicente is located north of San Antonio and south of Paseo del Norte off Louisiana. Turn west off of Louisiana. Coronado Villa is located on the left. When you enter the front lobby, turn to your left down the hall. The Meet and Greet will be held in the lounge and the program in the theatre. Car pooling is encouraged.



Better Brain Health through Engagement

Maralie Waterman, Program Supervisor for the Osher Life Long Learning Institute (OLLI) will be the speaker for the November meeting. She will discuss the importance of engagement in better brain health. Ms. Waterman has done research in brain health.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of New Mexico brings the challenge and excitement of university learning to adults age 50 and better who want to explore stimulating and intellectually rigorous subjects. All of the traditional disciplines are offered, as well as new areas of research and study.

Tech Trek 2019



Brie Logan, Dana Roberson, Quinn Vance, Cheri Burch, Lexi Ploughman and Claudia Poglitsch

Cheri Burch provided a report at the October Branch meeting about the successful 2019 Tech Trek camp held at the New Mexico Tech Campus in Socorro, June 9-15. Two hundred and forty girls were nominated by their 7th grade math and/or science teachers. One hundred and twenty girls completed their applications. Sixty girls were selected. Fifty two schools were represented. The girls spent the week in STEM classes, workshops and field trips.

Dana Roberson, ABQ AAUW member, spent the week at camp photographing the activities. She created and shared a video using the photos at the Tech Trek closing convocation, on YouTube, and at our meeting. It was obvious from the photos that the girls were actively involved in the various classes and events.

Each girl's family only pays a \$50 commitment fee towards the total cost of about \$70,000. All other funds are received from donors and grants: 36% from individual AAUW members, 27% from donors and grants, and 32% from corporate donors, including those who sponsor some specific programs.

Lexi Plougmann from the Bosque School, Albuquerque, in 2014, now attending UNM-Valencia Campus and Quinn Vance from Memorial Middle School, Las Vegas, in 2014 shared their memories of when they were campers in 2014 and their experiences as junior counselors in 2017. Both talked about how the week at Tech Trek was a life changing experience.

The Albuquerque Branch will host again a reunion for Tech Trek attendees in the spring.



The Equal Rights Amendment

After New Mexico ratified the Equal Rights Amendment in 1973, members of AAUW Albuquerque held a rummage sale to benefit ratification efforts in Colorado. Fast forward to 2019, we are closer than any time in American history to making the ERA the twenty-eighth amendment in the Constitution. Only one more state is needed for ratification. AAUW Virginia members have been working non-stop for Virginia to be the final state.

There is hardly a single issue facing women that the ERA wouldn't address. Currently, women don't have a constitutional right to equal pay, pregnant women and new mothers don't have job security, and many victims of violence and rape don't receive adequate

protection. Because laws can be easily changed or overturned, only a Constitutional amendment can guarantee full equality. When equality becomes part of the Constitution, everyone will benefit—women, children, families and our communities.

Ratification of the ERA in 2020 would be a terrific way to honor Alice Paul who wrote the original amendment in 1923 and to celebrate the efforts of all our suffragette foremothers. AAUW members believe they will succeed in Virginia and help realize AAUW's vision of equality for all.

If you would like to support the campaign via check, please make it out to "AAUW of Greater Richmond" and put "VAratifyERA" on the memo line. Mail checks to: AAUW of Greater Richmond c/o Jane Newell, 509 South Cherry Street, Richmond VA 23220

Supreme Court Takes Up Abortion Rights Case

On October 4, the US Supreme Court announced it will hear *June Medical Services LLC v. Gee*. This case is a challenge to a Louisiana law requiring abortion providers to have hospital admitting privileges. This will be the first abortion rights case to be heard by the Supreme Court since the confirmation of Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh. The decision in this case will have a significant impact on state efforts to restrict abortion care.

Admitting privileges do not provide health or safety benefits for people seeking abortions. The need for emergency care following abortion is highly unlikely. One clinic reported that just one case out of 3,500 patients required emergency care. In 2018, the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine determined that medical unnecessary restrictions on abortion like admitting privilege requirements delay treatment, threaten access to quality abortion care, and ultimately cause health clinics to close.

In Louisiana, the Fifth Circuit Court found that if the admitting privileges restriction is allowed to stand, only one clinic would remain open and that one clinic would be served by a single abortion provider. People of Louisiana would not be the only ones suffering consequences. State legislatures and lower courts hostile to abortion will interpret the decision as support for additional restrictions that will further limit access to abortion and ultimately dismantle constitutional protections for abortion rights. This is a big deal and could alter abortion care and access across the country for years to come.

Advocacy Workshop - 2020 Legislative Session

The League of Women Voters

of New Mexico Presents

Effective Citizen Advocacy at the Legislature

Special Focus on the Budget and Revenue Process

Saturday, December 7, 2019, 10 a.m. to Noon

New Mexico State Capitol, Room 322 (enter on the East side only)

The public is invited.

Learn tips from legislators and a professional lobbyist about how to interact with legislators, speak at hearings, and advocate for your cause.

Speakers:

Senator Sander Rue - Member of the Senate Finance Committee

Representative Christine Chandler - Member of the House Taxation & Revenue Committee

Amber Wallin, MPA, Deputy Director, New Mexico Voices for Children

Wallin oversees Voices' research and policy work. She is an expert on education, tax and budget, hunger and economic issues.

This is training on the legislative process. Questions about positions on specific issues will not be permitted.

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November Interest Groups

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

4th TUESDAY. Set your calendar for **November 16** at 10:30 at Cinnamon Café at Mountain Run Shopping Center, Eubank at Juan Tabo on the Juan Tabo side. Call **Janet Matwiyoff**, 821-0418 for more information.

EXPLORING GAMES. Meets the 4th Thursday. The group will not meet in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. **Chair: Cheri Burch** ctburch@aol.com.

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. We will meet on Friday **November 8** at 10:00 at Nueva Vista (the usual meeting place at Juan Tabo and Lagrima de Oro - a block north of Montgomery). Read - *American Foreign Policy in 2019*, pages 5-12 in *Great Decisions*. Group discussion. **Chair: Jan Bray**, 291-5867.

MORNING CUISINE. 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (may vary). On **November 19** at 11:30 we will meet at an Italian restaurant. Carolyn Glen will call group members with details. **Chair: Marilyn Dunn**, 299-5487.

ANTIQUES and COLLECTIBLES: 1st Tuesdays at 1pm. Next meeting on Tuesday, **November 5** at the home of Joy Donelson, Coronado Villa, 6900 San Vicente Ave NE. The meeting will be on the first floor on the B side. There will be someone in the lobby to provide directions. Topic for discussion and 'show and tell' is wearable items bought as a souvenir. Please contact **chair: Claudia Poglitsch**, 797-4381, if you are interested in joining us at a meeting.

CURRENT LITERATURE: 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. **November 12** at the home of Liz Gordon, 4059 Dietz Farm Circle NW, 344-7842. Liz will review *Bring the War Home: The White Power Movement and Paramilitary America* by Kathleen Belew. **Chair: Meg Wente**, 291-3324.

MYSTERY. 1st Thursdays at 1:30. **November 7.** Meet in the small meeting room at La Vida Llena's Buena Vista Building, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro. Read: *A Bali Conspiracy Most Foul: Inspector Singh Investigates* by Shamini Flint. Hostess: Diane Vadnais. **Chair: Diane Vadnais**, 323-1924.

TRAVEL 3rd Mondays at 1:30 PM. Travel group will not meet in November. **Chair:**

Ted Cooley, 255-3720.

EVENING CUISINE. 2ndThursdays. Contact **Marianne Helgesen** at 286-8956 for information about the location and time for the November meeting.

EVENING LITERATURE. 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. **November 18.** The November book will be *Don't Stop the Carnival* by Herman Wouk. Call or e-mail Sheila for location information. **Chair: Sheila Richmond**, 280-8904 or sdrich111@comcast.net.

Calendar

Nov. 15 Deadline: for Winter Roadrunner
Deadline: AAUW American Fellowships
Nov. 20 Latina's Equal Pay Day
Dec. 7 League of Women Voters Advocacy Work Shop
Dec. 15 Deadline: nominations for AAUW-NM officers to Nominating
Committee Chair Deadline: Career Development Grants
Dec. 31 Postmark deadline for AAUW Funds contributions for year
Jan. 10 Deadline: Selected Professions Fellowships
Jan. 15 Deadline: International Project Grants
Jan./FebTBD Lobby Corps Meetings in Albuquerque/Bernalillo
Feb. TBD Winter State Leadership Team Meeting in Santa Fe
Feb. TBD Legislative Day - Santa Fe, NM
Feb. 6 Centennial Celebration of Women's Right to Vote Capitol Rotunda Santa Fe
Feb. 15 Deadline for Spring Roadrunner
March Women's History Month
Mar. 5 Asian American women's Equal Pay Day
Mar. 8 International Women's Day
Mar. TBD AAUW-NM NCCWSL Scholarship Application Deadline
Apr. 1 Annual Reports due from State Officers & Branch Presidents Branch Project
Grant applications due to BranchProject Grants Chair
Apr. 2 Equal Pay Day
Apr. TBD AAUW-NM Convention and Leadership Team Meeting in Las Vegas
(proposed)
(Files & handbooks updated by officers for successors)
May 15 Deadline for Summer Roadrunner
May 30 Start entering new state & branch officers in National MSD
Jun. 30 Deadline for entering new state & branch officers to MSD
May/Jun TBD National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

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