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AAUW Albuquerque Holiday Program  
50 Year Members will be honored  
Holiday Music by Cantores Festivi  
December 7, 2019  
11:00 am - 1:30 pm  
O' Niell's Cafe  
Corner of Washington and Central

Parking is behind the restaurant. A door into the room we will be using is available from the parking lot.

Members and guests will be ordering from a special menu created for us. The restaurant does need to know how many will be attending. Our callers will be contacting members to ask if they are attending and whether they will be bringing a guest. The menu is printed below.

Special Dishes

|                             |                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Fish and Chips \$11.95.     | Spicy Mac & Cheese \$13.39. | Big Cheese \$8.49 |
| Cosmopolitan Salad \$12.79. | Impossible Burger \$13.69   |                   |

Sandwiches and Burgers

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| Turkey Jack Sandwich \$9.49       | Black & Blue Burger \$12.69. | Rob's Reuben. \$9.99          |
| Buffalo Chicken Sandwich. \$9.99. |                              | Southwest Sirloin Dip. \$9.99 |

Appetizers, Side Salads and Soup are available.

Desserts

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| Irish Cream Cheesecake. \$6.25 | Chocolate Decadence. \$6.25 |
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Vegan and gluten free options will be available.

If you know a member that no longer drives, please consider offering them a ride to the meeting.



## Lynette Schurdevin is Honored

On October 31, Lynette Schurdevin on the left of the photo, president of the Albuquerque Branch of AAUW, was presented with the New Mexico Library Association Leadership award. Sylvia Fink, on the right, NM AAUW co-president attended the event for Lynette. The award is given to librarians who have rendered outstanding service beyond the local community. Lynette was recognized for her efforts to advocate for all libraries in the NM Municipal League, founding the Public Library Directors SIG within NMLA, serving as the NMLA Chapter Councilor in ALA, actively participating in the ALA's Libraries Transform initiative, and contributing to the OCLC Americas Regional and Global Councils.



## The Equal Rights Amendment is Moving Forward

If you thought the attempt to add the Equal Rights amendment (ERA) died in the 1970's, you and 90% of Americans are wrong. Diehard advocates, including AAUW members, never gave up. Over the past three years, the ERA has gained momentum. Now just one more state is needed to solidify women's rights in the Constitution.

On November 5, Virginia elected a pro-ERA legislature. Then on November 13, the House Judiciary Committee voted 21-11 to remove the time limit contained in the preamble of the Amendment. The next step is a full floor vote in the House of Representatives. If the deadline is removed, Virginia is likely to become the 38th and final state needed to add the ERA to the Constitution. The Virginia legislature will consider passing the ERA in 2020. The question is no longer how, but when? For more information go to [aauw.org/issues/civil\\_rights](http://aauw.org/issues/civil_rights) or [eracoalition.org](http://eracoalition.org).

On **Sunday January 19, and January 26, 2020 at 1:00pm**, the film **Equal Means Equal** will be shown at the Guild Cinema. This is a fundraiser for the ERA Coalition (AAUW is an ERA Coalition member) Tickets are \$10 and will be available in December at the League of Women Voters office. Their office is at 2315 San Pedro Dr. NE, phone 884-8441.

Linda McDowell

## Women's Suffrage Stories Needed

Ted Cooley and Joan Goodman are looking for members whose mothers, grandmothers or aunts were involved with the women's suffrage movement. They would like to gather stories for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment this next year. The AAUW website has several articles about the Nineteenth Amendment found at <https://www.aauw.org/2013/08/23/road-to-womens-suffrage/>

Contact Ted at 255-3720, [theodore@wt\\_cooley.net](mailto:theodore@wt_cooley.net) and Joan at 934-0514, [bjgoodman@unm.edu](mailto:bjgoodman@unm.edu)



### Katherine Yates

It is with sadness that we share the passing of AAUW Albuquerque branch member, Katherine Yates, who died peacefully on October 27, 2019. Katherine celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday last January and remained an active and vital member of the Albuquerque Branch Antiques & Collectibles Group, attending all meetings and serving as a caller for the group. Her kindness, enthusiasm and lovely Louisiana drawl never failed to bring happiness and warmth to all occasions in which she participated.

Katherine was an Honorary Life Member (a member for more than 50 years) when she

transferred to the Albuquerque Branch nearly 20 years ago. Katherine received a BS from Louisiana State University, home of her beloved, "Tigahs", and also a Masters in Education from Stephen F. Austin University in Texas. She taught and developed new curriculum in business education. Katherine was a devoted wife and mother and matriarch of a large family spread out all over the country. She traveled extensively to participate in family events and drew many visitors to Albuquerque as well.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3 pm at the Netherwood Park Church of Christ, 5101 Indian School Rd, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

Claudia Poglitsch

### Calling Committee

Several long-time members have expressed interest in attending the general meetings on Saturdays, but no longer drive, nor do not know how to use Uber/Lyft to our meeting place. Please see if you can call one of these people, especially for the December lunch

at O'Niell's and can go out of your way to take one of these members: Jan Bray, Shirley Ash, Helen Anderson, Roberta Wellems, and Susan Brand. I'm sure they would appreciate a call!

If you wish to be added to this list, please call Janet Matwiyoff at 821-0418.

## Membership News



Welcome to our Four New Members to the Branch!

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## Change of Member Information

Maria del Carmen Graham has moved to 7301 Gene Ave. NE 87109. She no longer has a landline. Her cell phone number is 505-261-5717. Please add her new address to your yearbook.

Ellen Donovan's phone number was incorrect in the newsletter. It should have been listed as 206-2909

When a member has a change in their information found in the yearbook, please e-mail Pat Maben, editor at [pam1246@me.com](mailto:pam1246@me.com)

## AAUW Funds

### Suffragette Cards

Please have a look at the cards we are displaying at each meeting commemorating 100 years of the 19th Amendment and women's right to vote. It is a Fund Raiser for our UNM Scholarship and will be designated by the Board at the end of the fiscal year. The cards were designed and printed by a Santa Fe artist and are appropriate to any occasion. They are \$5 each or 2 for \$9 or 5 for \$20. You will enjoy the interesting biography on the back of each card as well as the instructive art. There are 11 designs just now and more may be added as these sell. If you wish a larger amount, please call Janet Matwiyoff, AAUW Funds Chair

## Interest Groups

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

**4th TUESDAY.** Set your calendar for **December 16** at 10:30 at Cinnamon Café at Mountain Run Shopping Center, Eubank at Juan Tabo on the Juan Tabo side. We will decide where we want to meet for the winter quarter, if we wish to change location at all. All places seem to be noisy, but the food is good there and service friendly. Hello Deli was that way too. **Call Janet Matwiyoff, 821-0418** if you have questions/suggestions.

**EXPLORING GAMES.** Meets the 4th Thursday. The group will meet on **December 12.** at the Flying Star at Nob Hill from 6-9. Chair: Cheri Burch [ctburch@aol.com](mailto: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. Have you wondered what this group does? We have a great time talking about serious subjects and learning from others, too. Come eat with us at Mario's Pizza, 2401 San Pedro NE, December 13 at 11:30. Call **Cheryl Klenner at 307-9118** to reserve a space. Chair: Jan Bray, 291-5867.

**MORNING CUISINE.** 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (may vary). **No meeting in December** since it is so near the Holiday. Chair: Marilyn Dunn, 299-5487.

**ANTIQUES and COLLECTIBLES:** Our next meeting is Tuesday, **December 3** at 11:00 am. We will have a luncheon at Gardūnos at Winrock Town Center. The restaurant's address is 2100 Louisiana Blvd NE. and the phone number is 880-0055. Callers will contact group members. Any questions please contact Chair: **Claudia Poglitsch, 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 5.** Meet in the small meeting room at La Vida Llena's Nueva Vista Building, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro. Cookie Exchange. Read The Darling Dahlias and the Poinsettia Puzzle by Susan Wittig Albert. Chair: **Diane Vadnais, 323-1924.**

**TRAVEL** 3rd Mondays at 1:30 PM. **Travel group will not meet in December.** Chair: **Ted Cooley, 255-3720.**

**EVENING CUISINE.** 2ndThursdays. On **December 12,** we will meet at Joan's home Please contact Chair: **Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

**EVENING LITERATURE.** 3rd Mondays, 6:00 p.m. **December 16** we will have a pot-luck dinner at Sheila Richmond's home. Please bring a used book for a book exchange. Chair: **Sheila Richmond, 280-8904** or [sdrich111@comcast.net](mailto:sdrich111@comcast.net).

### Calendar

**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./Feb TBD** 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

**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 Branch Project 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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