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## Albuquerque Branch January Meeting

January 4, 2020  
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. Carpooling is encouraged.



### The Needs of Minority Women Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez JD

Senator Sedillio-Lopez JD will speak to Branch members about the needs of minority women in New Mexico. Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez was appointed to her seat as a New Mexico State senator on January 14th, 2019 by the Bernalillo County Commission. She was the executive director of Enlace Comunitario, an anti-domestic violence non-profit that serves all and focuses outreach efforts in the Latino immigrant community of Central New Mexico. Prior to her role at Enlace, she served as a Law Professor at UNM for over 27 years, including eight years as Associate Dean of UNM's Clinical Law program. In this role she supervised law students serving low income clients. Over the course of her career, Antoinette's leadership on critical social and civil rights issues has earned her numerous awards and national recognitions.

### Three AAUW Albuquerque Branch Members Honored as 50 Year Members

#### Evelyn Kelly Cooley



Eleanor Cooley was born in Madison, Wisconsin to Alden and Evelyn Kelly while these young parents were students at the University of Wisconsin. By her first birthday, Eleanor developed a serious illness, that returned by her second birthday. In 1945 a doctor suggested that the family that included her sister move to Albuquerque. A boy joined the family in 1952.

Eleanor attended Monte Vista Elementary, Jefferson Junior High, and graduated from Highland High School in 1960. She went to Texas Christian University for one semester, returning home to marry Ted Cooley between semesters, both age 19. She graduated in 1964 with a degree in history.

Ted next attended Brite Divinity school, at Texas Christian University, in Fort Worth, Texas. After Ted graduated, they moved to Georgia, then Raton, New Mexico and Kansas. Three sons were born were born during this time. All three sons chose scientific careers.

While living in Horton, Kansas, Eleanor received her Master's Degree in Religious Studies in Historical Theology from the University of Kansas. An AAUW Project Renew grant funded her first two semesters of this Master's program. This led to Eleanor's continuing education courses taught through the University of New Mexico that she has taught for thirty-three years. She has taught thirteen different courses. Her first course was presented to an interest group in our branch. Eleanor has many loyal fans who often repeat the classes. The class sessions are held in her home.

Eleanor first joined an AAUW Branch in Raton. She served in many offices in that Branch. She continued her membership in Horton. In 1985, her mother, Evelyn Kelly, an associate member of the Albuquerque Branch gave Eleanor an AAUW Life Membership.

### **Geta Aileen Smith Gatterman**



Geta was born on June 4, 1933 in Big Cabin, Oklahoma to James M. and Sue Trout Smith. She was the first of seven children. Her father was a carpenter and her mother, a homemaker. Geta went to the Big Cabin schools and graduated in 1951. She went to business school in Tulsa and worked at Douglas Aircraft. She met and married Llewellyn Francis Pollack, Jr. Her marriage ended tragically when Llewellyn died from a massive heart attack at the age of 27.

Geta worked for Southwest Bell while going to night classes at the University of Tulsa. She attended the University of Oklahoma in Norman where she met and married Raymond Dean Gatterman, a Navy aviator in 1959. They were stationed in Naples, Italy when their daughter Katherine was born. They next were stationed at Quonset Point, Rhode Island where their son was born. Geta continued her education and earned her Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of Rhode Island. They were transferred to the Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey. Geta joined the Tom's River, New Jersey AAUW. Next the family moved to the island of Guam, where her son David was born.

In 1970, they transferred to Sandia Base (now Kirkland Air Force Base). Geta transferred her AAUW membership to the Albuquerque Branch. She became interested in environmental issues such as recycling, conservation of energy, water and land use, and preservation of open spaces through study topics of the Branch. This led to serving on a number of civic committees. She was also active in the League of Women Voters which was also studying environmental issues. She served as the president of the Albuquerque League and was the league state president.

In 1985 Geta was appointed to the Bernalillo County Planning Commission for two terms. She was asked to join the Consumer's Advisory Committee for the city's San Juan Chama Project which brought water purchased in the 1960's for use in the Albuquerque distribution system. This volunteer position led to Geta's employment as assistant to the United States District Court's Special Master for water adjudication cases for five northern New Mexico rivers. Geta worked for the Special Master for nine years and retired when her husband, Dean needed assistance with advancing symptoms of Parkinson's Disease. Since Dean passed away, she has devoted herself to her family, business interests and organizations such as AAUW.



### **Linda Jean Wallace Martinelli**

Linda was born to Walt and Fran Wallace in Endicott, New York, home of IBM. She was the first of three children; the other children were boys. During her school years, 4<sup>th</sup> grade through high school, Linda was a Girl Scout and fulfilled the requirements for the rank of First Class, the highest rank in Girl Scouting. She graduated from Union-Endicott High School. She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology. During her college years she was involved in

a “usually fatal” auto accident. Her face was seriously damaged and she endured many decades of multiple reconstruction surgeries. After graduation she worked at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Linda was the instigator in the development of the Thurston Nature Center in Ann Arbor which exists today. The center is dedicated toward educating and providing space to learn for those in the school system and community about the natural world around them. The Center was featured in the movie *Flipped*.

While in Ann Arbor, Linda met and married Jack Boers. They had two children, Amanda and Robert. Linda moved to Albuquerque when Jack accepted a position at the Sandia Laboratories. After Jack's death, she married Richard Martinelli and was his caregiver for three years. She also cared for a grandson for five years. After the passing of Richard, she provided care to her companion, John Edwin Walters for 15 years. John passed away in early 2019 and is remembered fondly.

Linda is an avid bird watcher. She belongs to two photography groups. She estimates she has a collection of over 5,000 photos. She also enjoys singing and belongs to a group that performs at senior living facilities.

In 1967 Linda joined AAUW. She remembers working on the Kindergarten Survey led by Mary Ann Fisher. The survey was published and made available to the public. She also was the co-producer of a film shown on local television station in 1977 about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AAUW Albuquerque Branch. She served as corresponding secretary on the local Branch board. Linda is active in the Antiques and Collectibles and Travel Interest Groups.

### Opportunities to Serve AAUW Albuquerque

The FUNDS committee would like help for a fundraising tea at Janet Matwiyoff's home on February 14. Time to be decided. Please email Janet at [helenjan@aol.com](mailto:helenjan@aol.com) if you can help. An organization meeting will be held mid-January.

The nominating committee will meet January 10. If you are interested in serving as Co President, Membership Co chair, or Co chair for AAUW Funds please call Shila Marek, 369-1521, Dana Roberson, 410-5317 or Janet Matwiyoff, 821-0418.

Don't forget your AAUW "give a gift". Those of you who signed up to call some MAL people, be sure to call and invite them to the January general meeting. They should be called at least 5 days or more before the event, December 30. Calling new Members would also be good. Thanks, Shila Marek

### Woman's Suffrage Story in New Mexico

On Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 10:30-12:00 pm, the Albuquerque Public Library, Special Selections Library will present a special event about Women's Suffrage in New Mexico.

The campaign for woman's suffrage in New Mexico is rich and deep. But, as with other aspects of women's lives, most of their stories—political, economic, social—are not found in history books. This talk travels from suffrage nationally to suffrage and suffragists in New Mexico. Some of the protagonists in this story, such as Adelina Otero Warren and Octaviano A. Larrazolo, are well known historical figures. Others, including Ada McPherson Morley, Isabella Selmes Ferguson, Cora Armstrong Kellam, and Evelyn Fisher Frisbie are less so. We'll look at some of the women and men whose contributions to that 72-year-long struggle are still being unearthed in family lore, memoirs, songs, newspapers, and a few precious, oft-quoted scholarly works.

The speaker, Sylvia Ramos Cruz, is a retired general surgeon, poet, writer and women's rights activist. Her ongoing creative work focuses on women's history in New Mexico. The centennial of the 19th amendment to the US Constitution, Woman's Suffrage, inspired her to research and write about the suffrage movement here and the people who took part in it. This is the program Ted Cooley mentioned at the December meeting.

#### Special Collections Library

423 Central NE 505-848-1376  
Albuquerque, NM 87102 [specialcollections@cabq.gov](mailto:specialcollections@cabq.gov)

## Carrie Chapman Catt

Carrie Chapman Catt came by train to Albuquerque this day-December 3, 1919, one hundred years ago. By Jan 17, 1920, Ina Sizer Cassidy, the first president of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico, had an article in the immensely popular national publication called The Woman Citizen, stating that NM women are ready for ratification. Catt had met at the YMCA on Central Ave. with a large number of enthusiastic officials, leaders and hard-working suffragists who had obtained Governor Larrazolo's commitment to support the ratification of the 19th Amendment. He convened a short special session of the Legislature, which approved ratification, which he officially signed on February 21. During the tense debate, Nina Otero Warren, leading suffragist/League leader, was the first woman to caucus with the Republicans. The meeting lasted for three hours before NM's Republicans committed to support the amendment. Both parties nationally had supported the suffrage amendment in their official plank for 1920 election.

## Equal Means Equal

Equal Means is the definitive documentary film on the status of women in America. Update and Q & A following the film presentation. The League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico, Albuquerque NOW and Indivisible Nob Hill will sponsor the showing of this film at the Guild Cinema at 3405 Central Ave NE. at 1 PM on January 19 and 26, 2020. Tickets are available at the League of Women Voters CNM, 505-884-8441 or [www.lwvcum.org](http://www.lwvcum.org) for \$10. This is a fundraiser for the Equal Rights Amendment.

## Interest Groups

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

**4th TUESDAY.** Set your calendar for **January 28** 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** if you have questions/suggestions.

**EXPLORING GAMES.** Meets the 4th Thursday. The group will meet on **December 12** 6-9 pm. Contact Cheri Burch at [ctburch@aol.com](mailto:ctburch@aol.com) or 286-9674 for location information.

**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, **January 10** at 10:00 at Nueva Vista (the usual meeting place at Juan Tabo and Lagrima de Oro - a block north of Montgomery). We will examine the 2020 Great Decision books and take assignments for 2020. Books are \$30. If you wish to join us, come to this meeting to get your book. This group has interesting discussions on current topics in the news. **Chair: Jan Bray, 291-5867.**

**MORNING CUISINE.** 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (may vary). **No meeting in January.** Chair: **Marilyn Dunn, 299-5487.**

**ANTIQUES and COLLECTIBLES:** *Please note the change in meeting date and time.* Our next meeting is Tuesday, **January 14** at 1:00 am. at the home of Judy Kadner, 5410 Candlewood Ct NE. Topic for discussion and 'show and tell' is inherited jewelry. Please contact chair: **Claudia Poglitsch, 797-4381.**

**CURRENT LITERATURE:** 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. We will meet on **January 14** at the home of Marilyn Dunn, 8620 Northwestern, NE, #9, 299-5487. The group will bring book reviews of recently published books for consideration for the Traveling Library and choose one to present to the group in ten minutes or less. **Chair: Meg Wente, 291-3324.**

**MYSTERY.** 1st Thursdays at 1:30. **January 2.** Meet in the small meeting room at La Vida Llena's Nueva Vista Building, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro. Read *The Glass House* by Louise Penny. 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.** 2nd Thursdays. On **January 9,** we will meet at Enid's home. This will be a potluck. Please contact Chair: **Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

**EVENING LITERATURE.** 3rd Mondays, 6:00 p.m. For the **January 20** meeting please read Sinclair Lewis' book *It Can't Happen Here*. Please contact Sheila for the location of the meeting. **Sheila Richmond, 280-8904 or sdrich111@comcast.net.**

## Calendar

**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 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

**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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