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Albuquerque Branch February Meeting

February 1, 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 on San Vicente NE. 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.



Climate Change

Dr. Katrina Bennett, PhD will be our speaker. She earned her PhD in Alaska at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, focused on the impacts of climate change on extreme events in boreal forest watersheds of interior Alaska. As a Los Alamos National Lab staff scientist, Katrina's work examines changes in the high latitude regions of the world, and in particular shifting hydrology and snow regimes in Alaska river basins. Katrina works on several major projects focused on Alaska's changing climate, and has spent significant time over the past 10 years living and working in Alaska watersheds, observing the changes that are ever present in this rapidly changing region of the globe.

Do not miss the opportunity to hear Dr. Bennett presentation about one of the most serious challenges of our day.

2020 Starts a New Decade – What at the New Challenges for Women?

For the past three years, the mantra has been 2020 will be the Year of the Woman. For decades women have been fighting for pregnancy accommodations, fair pay and the role as President of the United States. In 1972, Shirley Chisholm became the first woman to run for the position as President of the United States. Four decades and eight years later, other women have run for the office, but none have been elected, despite the voting strength of women across the country.

What other challenges are still facing women as we step into a new decade? We need look no further than the legislation pending in New Mexico to see the scope of challenges that women are still facing. Currently, 228 pieces of legislation have been pre-filed reflecting a broad range of topics, many of which affect the civil and social justice rights of women.

During 2020 legislative session, we will prioritize 10 bills that align with our National Public Policy Priorities. If you have not joined the Lobby Corp, please sign up today to be a part of the core committee that will review legislation and serve as the core team to help AAUW advance e legislation that supports the well-being of women, children and families.

The top five legislative priorities from the 228 bills that have been pre-filed in the New Mexico legislature are as follows:

1. SB 66 – Services for Victims of Human Trafficking
2. HB 65 – Funding Support for School Based Health Clinics
3. SB 13 - Increasing Minimum Salaries for Special Education Teachers
4. SB 41 - Public Awareness Campaign for Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives
5. HB 25 – Pregnant Worker Accommodations

We will continue to watch the legislation filed in the House and Senate and provide the final recommendation of the top 10 legislative priorities for the 2020 Legislative Session. In order to ensure that we are most effective during the legislative session, we need every member of AAUW to identify their state representatives and senators and commit to calling them at least two times during the legislation session, asking them to support the legislative priorities that AAUW identifies.

Please review the National Public Policy Priorities for 2019-2021 on our state website at <https://aauw-nm.aauw.net/policy>

Please plan to attend the Public Policy 2020 luncheon on Sunday, February 2 at 12 noon at Hotel Santa Fe. We will be discussing our legislative priorities in more detail. The registration form for the luncheon is on the AAUW NM website.

On Monday, February 3, all members of AAUW are invited to join us for Lobby Day at the New Mexico State Capitol where we will collaborate with members of the League of Women Voters and the National Organization of Women to encourage each representative and senator to support AAUW legislative priorities. We will also be the guest of Representative Melanie Stansbury on the floor of the House of Representatives and have a picture opportunity with both Representative Stansbury and Brian Egolf, the Speaker of the House.

Let's work together to truly make 2020 The Year of the Woman.

Pamelya Herndon, Chair

Public Policy Committee – New Mexico

Becoming a member of the AAUW_NM Lobby Corps allows you to receive ongoing updates about what is happening in the legislature. You are able to decide the level of your participation. You can obtain a fillable copy of the form posted below by going to <https://aauw-nm.aauw.net/policy/>

2020 Leadership Team Meeting and Legislative Day

The Leadership Team Meeting and Legislative Day is fast approaching and we need your support. Meetings are open to ALL AAUW NM members! The Leadership Meeting will be held Sunday, February 2 and Lobby Day at the Capital Building, Monday, February 3

You can join us for all or part of both days? On Sunday the Leadership Team Meeting begins at 8:30 am with a continental Breakfast and meet and greet. The business meeting will begin at 9:00 am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon and a speaker will discuss the NM Political report at 1:00 pm. The meeting ends on or before 5:00 pm with dinner on your own. Sunday February 2's Registration is \$55.00 which includes breakfast, lunch and gratuity payable to AAUW-Santa Fe. The registration form is available on AAUWNM.org Click on link for registration form: LTM Registration

The business meeting will be at Hotel Santa Fe. If you need a room, PLEASE CALL the hotel at 855-825-9876 and tell them you are there for the legislative session. The rate is \$89.00 plus tax. If you have any difficulty, ask for Penca reservations manager.

Lobby Day will begin at the Capital Building at 8:30 for a briefing. 9:00 am we will begin going to the offices of our legislatures to speak with them about our issues. AAUW-NM is being recognized on the House floor. TBD Breakfast and lunch on your own in Capitol cafeteria or grill. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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Tech Trek NM 2020

Yay! Tech Trek is currently receiving nominees for our seventh STEM camp this summer. Nominees will be receiving applications at the beginning of February and completing them by the end of February. If you are interested and available to interview applicants for Tech Trek NM 2020 on Saturday, March 21 or 28, at the NM Trails Girl Scout Office in ABQ, please contact Cheri Burch, ctburch@aol.com. A rubric will be provided and if it's the first time you've interviewed, you'll be partnered with someone with experience.

Also, if you wouldn't mind traveling to parts of NM where we don't have branches, maybe visiting family or friends, or visiting interesting NM sites, or you're just flexible about traveling, please let Cheri know so we can go to more remote areas to visit with applicants in more remote areas.

And if you'd be interested in reading and scoring essays from applications, please let me know, too. I'll contact our essay reader chair to share your e-mail. This requires no travel and no specific schedule, and it also includes a rubric.

Cheri Burch, Branch Stem Chair



Update from AAUW Albuquerque STEM Taskforce!

AAUW Tech Trek Camper Reunions: Since 2015, the Albuquerque Branch STEM Taskforce has hosted annual reunion events in Albuquerque for AAUW Tech Trek NM camper alumnae, inviting campers from all years, to a two-hour event we put together and hold on the UNM Campus in the Centennial Engineering Center. As the ages of our camper alumnae now span 13 thru 19 years old, this year we expanded and are holding one reunion for more recent alumnae and another one for older alumnae.

Recently, we held our older alumnae reunion on January 12 for those who attended camp in 2014, 2015 and 2016 (current juniors or seniors in high school and high school graduates). The format was an informal reconnecting and networking event at Saggio's Restaurant across from UNM campus. Pizza and drinks were provided and sixteen alumnae attended, including alumnae from the Albuquerque area, Laguna, Las Cruces, Carlsbad and Gallup. Alumnae caught up, met alumnae from other years and informally shared current and future plans with Albuquerque Branch STEM Taskforce members. We also provided handouts with current STEM internship and research opportunities for interested alumnae.

Next up, on Sunday, February 2nd, we are hosting a reunion for campers who attended last year and in 2017 and 2018 and are now in 8th, 9th and 10th grade. Partnering with the Museum for Natural History & Science in Albuquerque, we are holding this reunion in the education annex of the museum. Look in the March newsletter for a report including photos!

Pictured below are some of the camper alumnae and AAUW members at the Saggio's Reunion held on January 12.



STEM Taskforce Handout: The STEM Taskforce maintains and updates a four-page handout with STEM out-of-school activities, clubs, internships and events. Our listing focuses on items that are mainly low to no cost for participants, are generally centered in the Albuquerque area and include, but are not limited to, items specifically for girls and young women. In January, we provided 150 handouts for one of our STEM partners, the "New Mexico Network for Women in Science & Engineering" (NMNWSE) for their annual Albuquerque "Expanding Your Horizons" (EYH) event held at the UNM campus on Jan 18th.. EYH in Albuquerque is an annual one-day event with the mission of

encouraging young women (grades 5-9) to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics careers.

Discovery Festival 2019: On November 22nd the STEM Taskforce provided an interactive STEM Puzzle booth at the day long STEM festival hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters at the Albuquerque Convention Center. This is our fourth year with a booth at the event and STEM Taskforce members were kept busy all day helping over 1500 Albuquerque area K-12 students learn how to play and engage with the wide array of spatial and mathematical puzzles provided at our booth. Our booth also featured a poster display with information on AAUW and AAUW Tech Trek New Mexico and we collected contact information from 7th grade math and science teachers to include them on the AAUW Tech Trek NM Teacher Nomination email list. We are thankful again to have been chosen by Honeywell as one of the booths they pay for participating at the event and donate to a non-profit organization.

Claudia Poglitsch, Albuquerque Branch STEM Taskforce Member
AAUW Tech Trek NM Board Member & Volunteer Coordinator

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, Janet Matwiyoff, Dana Roberson and Shila Marek met on Tuesday, January 14. The offices to be filled for 2020 are: president, membership vice president and secretary. Some of these offices could be shared by two members. The present secretary, Mary Moskal has agreed to serve another term. We thank her.

We discussed the office of membership vice president at length because it is so important for the organization that we retain members and continue to add new members. We are planning on forming a committee to share the work. This might include a Co-Chair or an assistant; one or two members to be in charge of name tags; a member that would be responsible for printing name tags as needed; a greeter; and other possible helpers.

The committee members are continuing to contact AAUW ABQ members to fill the open positions.

Shila Marek, Chair, Nominating Committee

Interest Groups

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

4th TUESDAY. Set your calendar for **February 25** 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 **February 27** 6-9 pm. Contact Cheri Burch at 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, **February 14** at 10:00 at Nueva Vista (the usual meeting place at Juan Tabo and Lagrima de Oro - a block north of Montgomery). The books are in. Two are still available. We will discuss Topic One Climate Change and the Global Order. The discussion will be led by Cheryl Klenner. Chair: Jan Bray, 291-5867.

MORNING CUISINE. 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (may vary). **February 18.** Carolyn Glen will call members with time and place. **Chair: Marilyn Dunn, 299-5487.**

ANTIQUES and COLLECTIBLES: Our next meeting is Tuesday, **February 4** at 1:00 am. at the home of Bonnie Paine, 5416 Candlewood Ct NE. Topic for discussion and 'show and tell' is Antique and Vintage Kitchen Utensils. 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. We will meet on **February 11.** Plans for the February meeting have changed. Member will be called. Chair: Meg Wentz, 291-3324.

MYSTERY. 1st Thursdays at 1:30. **February 6.** Meet in the small meeting room at La Vida Llena's Nueva Vista Building, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro. Read Boar Island by Nevada Barr. **Chair: Diane Vadnais, 323-1924.**

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

EVENING CUISINE. 2nd Thursdays. We will meet on **February 13,** please contact Chair for location. **Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

EVENING LITERATURE. 3rd Mondays, 6:00 p.m. For the **February 17** meeting, please read *The Secret Garden* (an oldie) by Francis Burnett. Please contact Sheila for the location of the meeting. **Chair Sheila Richmond, 280-8904 or sdriech111@comcast.net.**

Calendar

Jan./Feb TBD Lobby Corps Meetings in Albuquerque/Bernalillo

Jan 25- June 30 Celebrating the Centennial of the Women's Vote: National Hispanic Cultural Center, History & Literary Arts Hallway. Tuesdays-Sundays, 8:30-5 PM. Celebrating the Centennial of the Women's Vote features Latinas from the international Hispanic diaspora who were instrumental in women's suffrage worldwide. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

Feb. 2 Winter State Leadership Team Meeting in Santa Fe

Feb. 3 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. 14 Women's Suffrage in N.M. Albuquerque Public Library, Special Collections Library 10:30 am - 12 noon

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. 17-18 AAUW-NM Convention and Leadership Team Meeting in Las Vegas (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/June TBD National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

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