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Albuquerque Branch March Meeting

March 7, 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 meeting will begin at 10:15 am in the theatre. Carpooling is encouraged.

Why refugees are coming to US from Honduras



Rev. Roger Scott Powers

Our speaker for March is Rev. Roger Scott Powers. He is the pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Prior to this post he was pastor of Light Street Presbyterian Church and associate pastor of the First and Franklin Street Presbyterian Church both in Baltimore. He has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University, an M.A. in international politics from the University of Denver and an M.Div. from Andover Newton Theological School. Nationally he has been actively involved in the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. Last year he went to Honduras with 72 other faith leaders to try to discover the underlying causes of the refugee migrations from Honduras to the U.S. He will be discussing his findings.

REVISION OF BRANCH GOVERNANCE BEING CONSIDERED

Because the Nominating Committee cannot fill the office of President, the Board has agreed we will begin to consider a change of governance to a council-type board. Many of the same functions such as membership, programming, treasury and a secretary are covered right now and would be included, but the Presidency would be a more shared responsibility. The term Councilors or Facilitators issuing considered.

Over the next months we will consider new formats such as the one that has guided the Los Alamos Branch for many years and may fit our branch. Newer branch types such as On-line Branches, Student Affiliate Branches and probably others we don't know about have been implemented for several years.

This proposal will be presented at the March General Meeting and will be voted upon at the April General Meeting. Please plan on gathering in the auditorium at 10:15 so that there is time to discuss this issue before the program.

Janet Matwiyoff, Nominating Committee Chair



On February 2, the AAUW-ABQ STEM Task Force hosted a Tech Trek reunion for alumnae from 2017-2019 at ABQ's Natural History Museum. Girls from across the state came to enjoy displays offered by the museum, videos from their camp years, and snacks as they reconnected with campers from their year, and were introduced to campers from different years from their home communities.

Looking for volunteers...

The AAUW-ABQ STEM Task Force plans to send graduation congratulations notes to all 50 2015 Tech Trek alumnae who will be graduating this spring (as we did last year for our 2014 cohort). We have a member whose handwriting makes her the choice for writing these notes, but are looking for some help for her. If you have great handwriting, we'll provide the guidance, wording, and addresses for you. Just call Sharon Diamond at 994- 9523 and offer your assistance.

Cheri Burch, AAUW-ABQ STEM Task Force Chair

Women's Vote Centennial celebration at the NM Capitol



Nina Thayer, Los Alamos, Shila Marek, ABQ, Karyl Lyne, Las Vegas, and Sonya Berg, Las Vegas

On February 6, 2020 AAUW-NM joined in celebrating New Mexico's ratification of the 9th Amendment to the Constitution, acknowledging women's right to vote and the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters. Governor Lujan-Grisham delivered the proclamations. Other speakers included Senator Liz Stefanics, Rep. Gail Casey, Maggie Toulouse Oliver and our own AAUW-NM Public Policy Chair Pamelya Herndon. AAUW-NM hosted a table along with other women's groups. Members of AAUW-ABQ participated. Cake and lemonade were enjoyed.

Membership

Membership Matters from National AAUW

We are grateful for all the AAUW members who shared the Work Smart Online tool with people around the country. As a result, the Coca-Cola Foundation awarded us a \$500,000 renewal grant to continue training women. We are also excited about branches and states participating in the 5-Star Recognition Program. It is a critical election year to make sure every voice is heard as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the 55th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act.

New Member Coffee

Membership will be hosting a New Member Coffee on Sat., March 21, 10-11 at Le Chantilly Bakery, 8216 Menaul NE. Tell us what are your interests!! RSVP to shila.marek@gmail.com. All other members are welcome too.

Membership Renewal

Membership renewal for the 2020-2021 year begins on March 15. There are three different ways to renew your membership and update your contact information with AAUW if needed:

1. Pay dues at the March, April or May General Meetings. This is my favorite way because then I remember.
2. 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.

To ensure that your information is included in the 2020-2021 yearbook, your membership dues must be paid by August 1.

Thank you for your membership and continued support.

Shila Marek, Membership Chair - 505-314-6222

Interest Groups

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

4th TUESDAY. Set your calendar for **March 24** at 10:00 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 **March 19** 6-9 pm-ish at Flying Star Nob Hill, 3416 Central Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. **Chair: Cheri Burch, ctburch@aol.com** or 286-9674.

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, **March 13** 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 Great Decisions Topic: India and Pakistan. The discussion will be led by Linda McDowell. **Chair: Jan Bray, 291-5867.**

MORNING CUISINE. 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (may vary). **March 17.** Hostess, Chris Hill. Members will be called. **Chair: Marilyn Dunn 299-5487.**

ANTIQUES and COLLECTIBLES: Our next meeting is Tuesday, **March 3** at 1:00 am. at the home of Marilyn Dunn, 8620 Northeastern NE, #10. Topic for discussion and 'show and tell' is Souvenirs of Washington, DC. 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 March 10** at the home of Carolyn Glen, 12201 Manual Blvd., Apt. Please read *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy. Chair: **Meg Wente, 291-3324**

MYSTERY. 1st Thursdays at 1:30. **March 5.** Meet in the small meeting room at La Vida Llena's Nueva Vista Building, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro. Read *The Big Cat Naps* by Rita Mae Brown. Chair: **Diane Vadnais, 323-1924.**

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

EVENING CUISINE. 2nd Thursdays. We will meet on **March 12** at 5:30. Please contact Chair for location. Chair: **Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

EVENING LITERATURE. 3rd Mondays, 6:00 p.m. For the **March 16** meeting, please read Jane Harper's *The Lost Man*. Please contact Sheila for the location of the meeting. Sheila Richmond, 280-8904 or sdrich111@comcast.net.

Calendar

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.

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

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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