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| **October Branch Meeting****10 AM to 12 Noon****October 3, 2020****Via Zoom** |

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| **Equity Now**Pamelya Herndon, the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the KWH Law Center for Social Justice + Change will be the speaker at the October Branch meeting on October 3. Pamelya views her role as being responsible for helping to ensure the social justice needs of women in the Southwest are met primarily by pro bono attorneys that will use their innovative and creative skills to help find solutions to the Access to Justice that women and their families need. Pamelya was recently elected to the Council of Civil Rights and Social Justice Section of the American Bar Association.Pamelya joined the AAUW Albuquerque Branch last year. She is a member of the AAUW New Mexico Board and serves as the public policy chair. She recently agreed to be the public policy chair for the Albuquerque Branch.Her topic will be Equity. **Equity Now**is a major initiative of AAUW. We as an organization believes together, we can achieve a vision of equal for all women and girls. Do not miss the opportunity to hear what Pamelya has to say about this issue. This would be a program that may interest young women in your family. AAUW branch meetings are always open to the public therefore you can share the e-mail with the meeting invitation.On one of the pages on the AAUW website is the following statement. **Equity Now! Together we can achieve a vision of equal opportunity for all.**An e-mail with information on how to access the meeting will e-mailed to members on Monday, September 28. A second e-mail will be e-mailed on with the information on October 2. Members that wish to access the meeting by telephone should call Cheri Burch at 286-9674 for information. for women and girls since 1881 and into the future! |

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| **President's Message** |

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| Thank you to Cheri Burch and Dannielle Martin for assisting with the first Zoom branch meeting. There were some glitches. One thing I did not do was assign one of the co-hosts to watch the waiting room and let members in that signed in after the meeting began. I have had feedback from several members that they believe the breakout sessions were enlightening and useful. The board will be reviewing the suggestions to help us improve the branch. November 3 is getting closer and closer. I hope every member has registered to vote. Below this article is information related to the November 3 election. Historically equity for women has been an issue since the founding of our country. Abigail Adams wrote a famous letter to her husband, John Adams, while he was involved in the development of the US Constitution. "I long to hear that you have declared an independency -- and by the way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If perticuliar care and attention is not paid to the Laidies we are determined to foment a Rebelion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation.'Unfortunately, her letter did not change the minds of the writers of the Constitution. Women had to lobby and fight for one hundred and thirty-three years before they could vote in national elections. Inequity has been an issue for women throughout history of our country. AAUW has been in the forefront fighting for equity for women and girls. Patricia Maben, President |

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| **Voting Information** |

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| Information below is from the New Mexico Secretary of State Office. They make it very easy to register to vote, obtain an absentee ballot and knownwhere you vote in person in your area. The website is https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal/. Go to this portal and click on the information you may need about voting.**https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal/**Important dates to remember: Early Voting begins on **October 17**. Absentee ballot requests will be honored through **October 20**. Absentee ballots should be mailed by **October 27**. Aa absentee ballot must arrive at your county election office by 7 pm on Election Day. There will be drop off boxes available at polling places across New Mexico.Please pass this information to family members and friends that have not registered to vote or have not requested an absentee ballot. To register to vote go to: https://www.voterparticipation.org/register-to-vote/To request an absentee ballot and other voting information go to: https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal/The *AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record* (CVR) provides information about elected federal legislators through the votes they cast on issues that are critical to the Action Fund’s mission.The CVR provides information about senators’ and representatives’ co-sponsorship and votes. Each legislator is scored based on their record on AAUW priorities, which were decided on the basis of the [AAUW Public Policy Program](http://www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities/), adopted by AAUW members. These priorities include equal pay, education, campus sexual assault, campaign finance, human trafficking, and reproductive rights. The CVR is distributed to every member of Congress. Go to https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/congressional-voting-record/The information in this article was obtained from the AAUW Albuquerque and AAUW NM websites. Take time to explore these updated websites.League of Women Voters Digital Voting GuideHow it Works1. Go online at Vote411.org.2. Enter your address to find what is on your ballot, including: Information on candidates and where they stand on issues. You will find photos of each candidate who responded and their answers to questions on their qualifications and issues. Explanations of constitutional amendments and state and county bond questions. |

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| **AAUW Contributions through United Way**I know that several members of our branch are familiar with donating money to United Way and indicating the donation is for our AAUW branch.  Several of you have done so in the past and I imagine you will again. To that end I would like to be sure you understand exactly how that works. Because United Way is a 501(c)(3) organization, donations are tax deductible. Donations therefore have to go to a similar tax-deductible organization. If you contribute through United Way, we have no way of knowing how you want it used.  United Way does not tell us who donated the funds unless we ask for that information. My practice is to contact United Way for the name of the donor and then contact the donor. The donor is asked what programs they want the funds to support. The funds available for tax deductible donations are Tech Trek NM, AAUW Funds or the branch scholarship fund. If the donation is for branch operations, it is not tax deductible.If you are interested in supporting the programs and operation of the branch, you can make the donation directly to us. We are a 501(c)4 non-profit organization because we lobby the legislators and local officials. For your donation to be tax deductible you are asked to specify how you want your contribution used. When you write your check, record on the memo line which of the following fund(s) you want the money to go to: Tech Trek, AAUW Funds, AAUW ABQ Graduate Scholarship.Please call me at 792-4913 if you have any questions about contributions.Rae Siporin, Branch Treasurer |

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| **AAUW-NM Lobby Corps**Last year, the AAUW NM revised how the Lobby Corp is organized. There are a variety of ways an AAUW member can participate as a Lobby Corp member. You decide what you are willing to do. Last year I signed up. I appreciated the e-mail reports about the status of legislative bills that AAUW supports. I used these reports to communicate to my NM legislators about issues important to AAUW and to me. Below is the "job description" for a Lobby Corp member. An e-mail will be sent to those members that use computers with the on line form that can be completed to join Lobby Corp. Please consider taking advantage of this information to stay informed about what is happening in the Kansas Legislature in the important 2020 session.**AAUW** **Two Minute Activist**You can sign up to the Two Minute Activist which is an e-mail service of AAUW. You receive e-mails that keep you apprised of national legislative activity related to AAUW Priority Issues. They provide suggested letters to your legislators that you can use to communicate with your member of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. https://ww3.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/﻿ |

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| **Roberta Wellems** |
| Word was received that Roberta Wellems, long time member of the Albuquerque Branch passed away. A memorial service will be held at Manzano del Sol sometime in the future but will be open only to those who live at Manzano. When the obituary is available, it will be published in the next newsletter. |

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| Interest Groups |

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| **Interest Groups**New members are welcome in all interest groups. Contact the chair for information. **4th TUESDAY**. We will continue to meet at Hello Deli at the Market Place of Jefferson. We will be meeting on **October 27**at 9:15 AM as there is service until 10:30 AM. We will be at tables of four outside. Please wear a mask until food is served and when you depart. Please come if you feel safe. We have met twice, and it went well **Call Janet Matwiyoff at 821-0418**if you need more information. **EXPLORING GAMES**. We will not be meeting in October.  **Chair:** **Cheri Burch, ctburch@aol.com or 286-9674**for information. **ART, DRAWING, PAINTING, AND FABRIC ARTS**. The group will not be meeting in October. **Chair:** **Chris Hill, 828-3926**. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/GREAT DECISIONS**. 2nd Fridays, 10:00 a.m. No meeting for October. Members of the group will be contacted when the group can safely meet.**Chair: Jan Bray**, **291-5867**.**MORNING CUISINE.**3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (may vary).  MORNING CUISINE 3rd Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Meetings will be announced when more bans on gatherings are lifted. Group members will be called.  **Chair: Marilyn Dunn, 299-5487.** **ANTIQUES and COLLECTIBLES**: We will not be meeting in October. **Chair:** **Claudia Poglitsch, 797-4381****CURRENT LITERATURE**: 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. **October 13**th at the home of Liz Gordon, 4059 Dietz Farm Circle NW, 344-7842. Liz will review *Barracoon: The Story of the Last Black Cargo*by Zora Neale Hurston. **Chair: Liz Gordon, 344-7842****MYSTERY.**We will be meeting **October 1**at 1:30pm at Carmen Graham's home at 7301 Gene Ave. Please let Carmen know if you plan to attend. We hopefully will meet on her large patio. She needs to know how many will attend so that she can space the chairs for our protection. We will be reviewing *Shadows*by Edna Buchanan. **Chair:** **Diane Vadnais, 323-1924.****﻿TRAVEL**3rd Mondays at 1:30 PM. Travel group will not meet in October. **Chair: Ted Cooley, 255-3720.****EVENING CUISINE**. 2nd Thursdays. We will meet on**October 15th**at 5:30 at the home of Enid Sorenson, 1412 Somervell St. NE, 294-7217. **Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.****EVENING LITERATURE**. 3rd Mondays, 6:00 p.m. We will meet at Sheila Richmond's home 152 Juniper Hill Rd NE, 280-8904. For the **October 19**meeting, please read *Educated*by Tara Westover. **Chair:** **Sheila Richmond, 280-8904 or sdrich111@comcast.net**. **STEM TASK FORCE**Third Thursday via Zoom. Time may vary. Members will be notified of meeting times. **Chair: Cheri Burch 286-9674** |

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| **Calendar****Oct. 1**Alaska & Native American Women Equal Pay Day**Oct. 3 AAUW ABQ Branch Meeting via Zoom****Oct. 12 AAUW ABQ Board meeting via Zoom****Oct. 17  AAUW-NM Fall Workshop & Leadership Team Meeting**Oct. 29  Latinas Equal Pay Day**Nov. 7. AAUW ABQ Branch meeting**Nov. 15  Deadlinefor submissions to Winter Roadrunner **Dec. 5 AAUW ABQ Branch meeting O'Neill's Restaurant**Dec. 15  Deadline: nominations for AAUW-NM officers to Nominating Committee ChairDec. 15  Deadline: Career Development GrantsDec. 31  Postmark deadline for AAUW Funds contributions for year**Jan, 2. AAUW ABQ Branch meeting**Jan. 19   Opening Day State LegislatureJan. 28   Virtual Covenings begin! **Feb. 6. AAUW ABQ Branch meeting**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. 10      Deadline to Report Discrepancies in February 2021 Membership CountFeb. 11      Asian Women Equal Pay DayFeb. 15Deadline for Spring RoadrunnerFeb. 16      NCCWSL early-bird registration ends & National Scholarships close**March        Women’s History Month****March 6. AAUW ABQ Branch meeting****March 8     International Women’s Day** Mar. 20       Last day of State Legislature**April 3. AAUW ABQ Branch annual meeting****Apr. TBD    AAUW-NM Spring Convention****May 1 AAUW ABQ President's Luncheon**May 15        Deadline for Summer RoadrunnerMay TBD     National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)       **June TBD   Tech Trek – 2020 & 2021** |

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