



**Albuquerque Branch September Meeting
September 12, 2020**

**MEET AND GREET
10:00-12:00 noon
Via Zoom**

Members with e-mail addresses will receive an e-mail invitation to this meeting on September 10. Members that do not have e-mail will be able to use their telephone (land or cell) to phone into the meeting. See article below about how to accept the invitation and to enter the meeting.

The meeting will open with a general meeting. Participants will then be placed in what is called break out rooms. The board is developing an agenda for the break out groups. A member of the board will be included in each break out group. Members will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and will be asked to share why they belong to AAUW. We are considering having two sessions of break out groups so that members can meet more members.

Have a cool drink and a snack available and join us in a virtual Meet and Greet. Hopefully in the near future we will be able to meet in person. Have a cool drink and a snack available and join us in a virtual Meet and Greet. Hopefully in the near future we will be able to meet in person.

Directions on How to Attend a Zoom Meeting

Members that have e-mail addresses on file will receive an invitation to the meeting. The invitation will look similar to the example of our last board meeting posted below.

The meeting will start at 10 AM. Sign in will be available beginning at 9:45. Just click on the meeting address and you will be able to connect with the meeting.

Topic: AAUW-ABQ Executive Meeting

Time: Aug 17, 2020 05:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting. *Click on the address below*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84932010698>

Meeting ID: 849 3201 0698

For those members that do not have a computer, you can participate in the meeting using your land phone or cell phone.

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Step 1

Call one of the following telephone numbers.:
+16699006833, 84932010698# US (San Jose)
AND follow the verbal instructions.

Note: You do not need to enter a 1 when using a cell phone.

Step 2

Enter the **meeting ID** you wish to join followed by the # key. The meeting ID can be found at the end of the meeting invitation. Note example above.

Step 3

You will be asked to enter your participant ID.
If you do not know your participant ID, simply press the # key

If you have problems connecting to Zoom by computer or phone, you can call the following members for assistance: Cheri Burch 286-9674 and Rae Siporin 792-4913

Being together

The past few months have been difficult. Some of our members have experienced the loss of friends and family due to the COVAID 19 virus. All of us have had to adjust to a new world where we must wear a mask when we leave our home, participate in "virtual meetings and events, and limit the number of contacts we have with family and friends. We will be living with this new reality until the virus is under control.

Some of the interest groups will not be meeting in September. Check the Interest Group list for current information. Groups of 10 may now meet together. Please stay safe and take needed precautions to prevent the spread of COVAID 19.



President's Message

For the past several years, this Branch has had difficulty finding members to serve on the board. I was called by a member of the nominating committee and asked if I would serve as president. I said no, as I believed it would more difficult to find someone to be editor of the newsletter and the yearbook. When the end of June was approaching, I made myself rethink this decision.

Since the founding of this branch in 1927, AAUW ABQ has made a difference in Albuquerque and New Mexico. To honor the 50th anniversary of the branch 1997, a booklet was published that included highlights of branch activities. Janet

Matwyoff was president of the board that year. Below are a few examples how AAUW ABQ made a difference.

In **1929** the branch established a well-baby clinic that it operated for eight years until church groups took it over. A Children's Theater Program was established in **1939** and was a branch project until the PTA assumed responsibility. **1944** was a busy year. AAUW joined the Bernalillo County Youth Council. Participation resulted in the branch's helping to locate a civic center, undertaking the "Cost of Neglect of Children and Youth" project, a study of the Girl's Welfare home, support of a city housing code, and support of urban renewal. The Branch was very active in the establishment of the Albuquerque Museum in the late fifties. In **1960**, the Current Literature study group donated twenty books to the Albuquerque Public Library. The Branch partnered with the League of Women Voters in sponsoring meet the candidates for city officers in **1972**. In the past five years, members of the Branch were in leadership roles in raising funds and organizing the Tech Trek STEM camps for 8th grade girls. The girls that attend this camp has said it was a life changing experience.

I decided that I needed to offer to be president. I believe AAUW ABQ is an important organization for its members, but also for the community. As an organization we need to take a good look at what we do and how we do it. We must find a way to involve more members in Branch activities. We need to attract younger women and men to ensure we continue to promote the missions of AAUW. I am looking forward to working with each of you to promote equity for women and girls.

We are in need of more members to serve on the board. We need a Public Policy chair. The public policy chair advocates for AAUW's public policy priorities. There are resources available from AAUW national and AAUW NM that allows this board member to be informed about legislative issues. If you are interested in becoming an advocate for women and girls this is the position for you.

The position of communication chair is also open. This member of board researches and implements a variety of sources to communicate to the community about branch events.

I am willing to continue as newsletter editor until a member agrees to take on this responsibility.

Patricia Maben



AAUW's Five-Star Program recognizes branches for aligning their work with the AAUW strategic plan and other initiatives that foster the organization's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls. Two branches a little larger than ours, shared their experiences with the program on a webinar. Most of the board members viewed the video. The presidents of the branches stated that they believe the process of systematically reviewing branch programs, activities and fundraising had a very positive effect on their branches.

Sylvia Fink attended the August board meeting and guided board members through the various sections of the program. Most of the board members had viewed the video. At the end of Sylvia's presentation, board members passed a motion to participate in the Five Star Program. Sylvia agreed to chair the Five Star Task Force.

Updating the AAUW ABQ Website

Sylvia Fink has again made a generous offer. She is willing to revise the branch website. AAUW is in the process of revising the national website. Sylvia will create the needed changes in the branch website to be in compliance with AAUW national's website recommendations.

At the August board meeting there was a discussion about the yearbook. Concerns were expressed about the small size of the print used and the need to keep the membership listing up to date. Beginning this fall, material usually found in the yearbook will be posted on the branch website. A password protected area will be created. The membership list will be posted in this area. Member contact information will not be posted in the public section of the website except for e-mail addresses. The membership list will be updated as changes occur. Members that do not use computers will be mailed an initial hard copy at least annually. Changes to the membership list will continue to be reported in the newsletter.

AAUW Funds

Suffragette cards are still available for \$5 or 2 for \$9. Profit from the sale of cards benefits NM Tech Trek. Please call Janet Matwyoff at 385-2624 if you wish to purchase cards. Janet will figure out a way a way to get the cards to you. Checks should be made out to Tech Trek NM. Janet Matwyoff, AAUW Funds Chair

New AAUW Website and the “Convenings”

Now when you go to [AAUW.org](http://www.aauw.org) you will be presented with the new website. **Warning:** Most search terms do not work! This is still a work in progress. The template for State and Branch websites should be available by late summer. At which time their web masters will be changing those sites to this newer look.

For more information please watch the webinar found near the bottom of the listing at: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/2020-convening/> It is titled “Take a Tour of Our New Online Home” originally presented April 10, 2020. The other “Convenings” are all under this portion of the website. Unfortunately, they will not show up if you look for the individual titles.

There are also a set of webinars in the Equity Network related to professional themes and racial equality/diversity <https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/equity-network/events/> Again, you will have to scroll down past “Engage and Learn” and “Upcoming Events” to reach the “Past Events.”

Many resources have not yet been transferred to the new template. If you have an old URL, you can go to that page by altering from [http://www.aauw](http://www.aauw.org) to [https://ww3.aauw](https://ww3.aauw.org) while using the remaining information for that link. It is worth a try though not always successful.

For example: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/finance-tool-kit/> will become <https://ww3.aauw.org/resource/finance-tool-kit/> to locate the finance manual for Treasurers. It may be that a revised version will later show up in the new site.

However, the fundraising policies are located on:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/state-branch/fundraising-policies-what-members-need-to-know/> in the new template.



The League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico will be posting their voter guide on their website by the end of September. Their website address is LWVCNM.org. At this site you will receive information about all candidates and issues on the ballots for the following counties: Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance and Valencia.

Voter information will also be available on the National LWV platform: VOTE411.org the end of September. To use the national site, you will enter your zip code. The report you receive will be the candidates and issues that will be on the ballot for your precinct.

Lani Desaulniers from the League will let notify the editor when these postings are up on the two websites. Branch members will be notified that the information is available.



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 **September 22** 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 September. **Chair: Cheri Burch, ctburch@aol.com or 286-9674** for information.

ART, DRAWING, PAINTING, AND FABRIC ARTS. The group will not be meeting in September. **Chair: Chris Hill, 828-3926.**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/GREAT DECISIONS. 2nd Fridays, 10:00 a.m. Check with Jan Bray for meeting information. **Chair: Jan Bray, 291-5867.**

MORNING CUISINE. 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (may vary). A meeting is not scheduled at the time of publication. Check with Marilyn Dunn for meeting information. **Chair: Marilyn Dunn, 299-5487.**

ANTIQUES and COLLECTIBLES: We will not be meeting in September. **Chair: Claudia Poglitsch, 797-4381**

CURRENT LITERATURE: 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. We will meet on **September 8th** at the home of Sheila Richmond, 152 Juniper Hill Road NE. 280-8904. Sheila will review *Sourdough* by Robin Sloan. **Chair: Liz Gordon, 344-7842**

MYSTERY. 1st Thursdays at 1:30. Check with Diane Vadnais for meeting information. **Chair: Diane Vadnais, 323-1924.**

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

EVENING CUISINE. 2nd Thursdays. We will meet on **September 10th** at 5:30 at Marianne Helgeson's home. **Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

EVENING LITERATURE. 3rd Mondays, 6:00 p.m. We will meet at Shila Marek's home at 5709 Bosque Vista Dr NE, 369-1521. For the **September 21** meeting, please read *The Splendid and the Vile*, by Erik Larson. **Chair: Sheila Richmond, 280-8904 or sdrich111@comcast.net.**

2020-2021 Calendar

Sept 12. AAUW ABQ Branch meeting via Zoom

Oct.1 Alaska & Native American Women Equal Pay Day

Oct. 3. AAUW ABQ Branch meeting

Oct. 17 AAUW-NM Fall Workshop & Leadership Team Meeting

Oct. 29 Latinas Equal Pay Day

Nov. 7. AAUW ABQ Branch meeting

Nov. 15 Deadline for 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 Chair

Dec. 15 Deadline: Career Development Grants

Dec. 31 Postmark deadline for AAUW Funds contributions for year

Jan, 2. AAUW ABQ Branch meeting

Jan. 19 Opening Day State Legislature

Jan. 28 Virtual Coverings 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 Count

Feb. 11 Asian Women Equal Pay Day

Feb. 15 Deadline for Spring Roadrunner

Feb. 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 Roadrunner

May TBD National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

June TBD Tech Trek – 2020 & 2021

June 30 Deadline for Membership Dues 2021-2022

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