



Albuquerque (NM) Branch

March 11, 2021

AAUW NM Annual Meeting 2021-2022 Membership Dues Information

President's Message

This special issue is focused on two important events. The annual meeting for AAUW-NM was not held in Las Vegas last year due to the pandemic. The inventive members of the Las Vegas Branch have created what will be a virtual convention for 2021. The pandemic restrictions created an opportunity for more AAUW members to attend this annual event. If you have access to a computer. You can attend the annual meeting without leaving your home. My past experiences attending an AAUW convention in Las Vegas have been great.

This year has been difficult. The branch purchased a Zoom license to keep in touch with members. The sad thing is that many of our members do not have access to a computer. Thirty eight of our membership have attended at least one Zoom meeting since September. We had an attendance of 29 members at the March meeting. Dixie Trebbe, a member for many years, who lives in Council Bluffs, IA, rejoined this year and is able to attend our meetings on line. Lynn Heffron, co-president of AAUW-NM has been a guest frequently this year. I know we all be glad to be able to meet together in person, however we should be pleased with the number who have been able to participate via Zoom.

We are hopeful that by fall enough of our members will have received the appropriate vaccination and we can meet together again. The board has decided that we will continue to meet via Zoom. Zoom has made it easier for board members that work to attend our meetings.

On the last page of this newsletter is a form for members to use to renew their membership. As was announced earlier this year, AAUW National dues for the 2021-2022 year was increased by \$3. Included on the form is the opportunity for a member to purchase a Life membership. When a member purchases a Life membership, they no longer need to pay annual AAUW dues. If a member is interested in purchasing a Life membership, the form must be completed and sent to our treasurer or paid on line **before March 15**.

To pay your dues online go to AAUW.org. Click on the Membership Services Data on the right side of the landing page. This will take you to the membership section of the website. Click on Membership payment program and select renew membership. You will be able to pay your Albuquerque AAUW dues along with the state and national dues using a credit card. AAUW will then send your payment for the branch dues to the branch treasurer.

It is most helpful if you send your dues to Rae Siporin, branch treasurer or pay on line by June 30.

Patricia Maben, President

Announcing AAUW NM State Convention

IT'S CONVENTION TIME FOR AAUW NEW MEXICO!

The AAUW Las Vegas 2021 Spring Convention Planning Team has been hard at work putting together a fun, fast-paced, and exciting zoom meeting for **Saturday, April 17**, from 9 am to 2 pm with short breaks along the way.

We're delighted to have **Sarah Urech**, daughter of AAUW Las Vegas member, **Beth Urech**, as our featured speaker. Sarah is the senior strategist for the Omega Women's Leadership Center at the Omega Institute for Holistic Studies, a Rhinebeck, New York-based premier holistic education center since 1977. Sarah facilitates programs in women's leadership, antiracism education, and public speaking. A certified coach, master's social worker, and psychodramatist, Sarah has performed and taught Playback Theatre for over three decades in 19 countries. Originally from Switzerland, Sarah speaks seven languages and sings in fourteen. You won't want to miss this dynamo!

In an engaging and interactive presentation, Sarah will invite us to examine our relationship with power--within ourselves, our important relationships, and the larger world. We'll also talk about power FOR WHAT and reconnect with what matters most to us. There will also be an opportunity to learn from our fellow AAUW members and focus on how we can use our power for good.

Also scheduled prior to the Convention is an online sale of items from the estate of AAUW Las Vegas Life Member **Louise Drlík**, who was a music and piano teacher, collector of art, and avid "AAUWan" in Las Vegas for decades. The sale items will be online for shopping and purchase as of Saturday, April 10, and through the week leading up to the Convention on April 17. Proceeds from this sale will go to **Tech Trek New Mexico** as per Louise's wishes. SOOOOOO, put April 10 in your calendar to **GO SHOPPING ONLINE** to honor Louise and support Tech Trek New Mexico! Detailed information on shopping will be provided closer to the event.

SINCE THERE ARE NO HOTEL, TRAVEL, OR MEAL COSTS FOR THE CONVENTION THIS YEAR, WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THE LARGEST CONVENTION EVER! YOU CAN JOIN IN FROM HOME AND COME IN YOUR JAMMIES IF YOU WANT! SOOO, **COME TO THE CONVENTION APRIL 17TH, SHOP THE SALE APRIL 10 - 18, AND CONNECT WITH AAUW MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER NEW MEXICO.** KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR THE **REGISTRATION FORM** AND JOIN THE FUN! SEE YOU SOON!

Karyl Lyne, Co-President

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Thank you for your membership & support for our branch and for girls & women in Albuquerque and across the state and country.

Renewal Questions? Contact:

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Treasurer: Rae Siporin 792-4913

Current Address to mail dues (due to virus): Rae Siporin, Treasurer
179 Loma del Oro, Corrales, NM 97048

Please check any information that should be updated. See below for dues amounts.

AAUW Albuquerque Branch Membership Renewal Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Continuing Life Dual (Abq 2nd branch) Honorary Life

Amount enclosed \$ _____
Make checks payable to "AAUW Albuquerque Branch"

Continuing Member: **\$95** total (of which \$56 is tax deductible). After July 1st dues increase to \$98. Breakdown: \$36 (local & state combined) \$59 to AAUW National

Continuing Life Member: **\$36** (local & state combined)

Dual Member: (Abq 2nd branch): **\$18**

Honorary Life Member: (50 years membership) *Optional Donation:* \$18 or \$36 or more

New Life Member: Interested in becoming a **Life Member**? AAUW National currently has a rate of \$1,121. After which nothing more is required for national dues, Life members pay local and state dues currently \$36 for both. Take advantage now before March 15th, after which the cost will be \$1,240.

