

October Branch Meeting
October 2, 2021
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. Please wear a mask and maintain social distance. Carpooling is encouraged.

Tech Trek 2021



Staff and attendees at the 2021 New Mexico AAUW Tech Trek virtual camp will share their experiences. Two virtual camps were held this year. Girls that were accepted for the 2020 camp, attended a camp held in June. A second camp was held in July for girls that were accepted for the 2021 camp.

Through hands-on problem solving and encounters with women role models in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), AAUW Tech Trek helps girls see their futures while having the opportunity to participate in activities related to STEM fields. Research conducted by AAUW has indicated that attendance at Tech Trek encourages girls in middle school to enroll in science, technology, engineering, and math courses.

AAUW Tech Trek alumnae surpass the national average in most advanced math and science courses

Girls who completed precalculus in 2009



87%

of respondents had completed algebra II, compared with 78 percent of female students and 73 percent of male students nationally.

President's Message



On October 2 the branch will return to Coronado Villa for the first time since March of 2020. I am grateful that Joy Donalson was able to make the arrangements for us to use their wonderful facilities. They are gracious to provide coffee, tea and water to our members at no charge.

We have several members that live out of town. There are members that are no longer able to attend the meetings person. Some members would like to attend branch meetings via Zoom during bad weather. In response to these requests, the branch has purchased the necessary equipment that will allow the use Zoom during branch meetings. The Zoom invitation will be sent to all members via e-mail in the week before branch meetings.

The board will continue to use Zoom for the meetings. AAUW board meetings are open to members. If a member would like to attend a board meeting, just let me know. I will send an e-mail invitation. My contact information is (505) 504-2466 or pam1246@me.com.

For several years, the board has had difficulty communicating with the Alumnae Association at the University of New Mexico about the management of Albuquerque AAUW Graduate Scholarship. There have been several meetings with the former group. Our concerns were that we were not given the opportunity to review the candidates for the scholarship and were not notified of the recipient. According to some members this has been a problem for about 10 years.

This past spring there was an article in the Albuquerque Journal about the 2021 recipient. We did not receive any information about the recipient. The recipient this year was Emily Hayes-Rich. Ms. Hays is using the scholarship to support her research of irrigation systems in Morocco. She also has earned a Fulbright Grant to study the system

The Santa Fe branch has had a good experience with the management of their graduate scholarship with the University of New Mexico Foundation. The board determined that we needed pursue the possibility of moving the management of the branch scholarship. Sylvia Fink and I met with the comptroller of the Foundation. At the September board meeting Sylvia and I presented a recommendation to the board that we amend the agreement with UNM to allow the UNM Foundation to manage the scholarship. Yesterday, I signed the new agreement electronically. On October 1, Sylvia and I will meet with the staff person responsible for our account.

Patricia Maben, President

'Underutilized': Ideas from female and minority biomedical scientists are "less widely used," according to new research that examines how new ideas spread among networks. This has important consequences, [MarketWatch reports](#). Female scientists are more likely to conduct research that could yield patents in women's health.

Surprised?

New Mexico AAUW Leadership Team Meeting

The fall Leadership Team Meeting for AAUW New Mexico will be hosted by the Albuquerque Branch on October 30 from 9:00 AM to 3: PM. The location is The Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice. The Center is located at 202 Harvard Dr. S.E. The center is on Yale just south of Central. I

will send out the meeting agenda to branch members when it is available. The speaker will be Tracy Lassiter, PhD. Tracy is a member of the Gallup Branch and is an assistant professor of English. She recently returned from Venice, Italy where she was a presenter at an international education meeting.

Public Policy

Education Reform is on the Agenda!

The Santa Fe AAUW Branch is hosting a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 29 at 11:30 AM – 1 PM. The speaker will be Abenicio Baldonado, Director of Education Reform for *Think New Mexico*. He will present on overview of Think New Mexico's Legislative Agenda. The agenda will focus two legislative initiatives: Financial literacy as a graduation requirement and maximizing dollars going into the classroom.

Mr. Baldonado was an educator who taught government, economics, and history at a public New Mexico Charter School, and later chaired the governance board that that school. Additionally, he has served as an Ethics Officer for the Secretary of State, Policy Director for the New Mexico Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and was legislative Analyst for the Public Education Department under both Republican and Democratic Administration. He earned a BA in political science and Master of Public Affairs degree from Highlands University.

Membership News

Leticia Topa joined the branch at the Meet and Greet. Leticia is a graduate of Central New Mexico Community College. She will be a senior at the University of New Mexico this fall. She is majoring in Family and Child Services with a concentration in Early Childhood Multicultural Education.

Below is Leticia's contact information

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Shirley Ash has moved to Portland to be closer to her daughter. She has joined an AAUW Branch in Portland and now a dual member of the Albuquerque Branch. She is happy to be closer to family, but misses her friends in Albuquerque.

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Please add the above to your membership list. An updated membership list will be posted on the branch website soon. Members that do not use computers will receive a hard copy. Members with e-mail addresses will receive a copy by e-mail.

Interest Groups

New members are welcomed to all interest groups. Contact the chair for information.

Current Literature: 2nd Tuesdays: Group will meet, October 12th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Gordon, 4059 Dietz Farm Circle, NW. Review *Remember: The Science of Memory and the Art of Forgetting* by Lisa Genova). The is a rescheduling of the September meeting. Chair: **Liz Gordon, 344-7842.**

4th Tuesday. On October 26 we will meet at Flying Star, 10700 Corrales Rd NW. Call if you need directions. Chair: Janet Matwiyoff, 821-0418

Investigating Games Interest Group. Meets on the 4th Thursday. The group will meet October 28, 6 - 9 PM at O-Neill's on Central. Contact Cheri Burch, ctburch@aol.com for questions or reservation. Chair: **Cheri Burch**

Evening Literature. Meets on the 3rd Mondays at 7:30 PM. The group will meet on October 18 at Sheila Richmond's home at 152 Juniper Hill Rd. NE. Please read *The Survivors* by Jane Harper. Chair: Sheila Richmond, 280-8904 or sdrich111@comcast.net

Morning Cuisine. Meets on the 3rd Tuesday. We will meet on October 19 at 11:30 at a restaurant. Members of the group will be called with information. Chair: **Marilyn Dunn, 299-5487**

Mystery. First Thursday at 1:30 PM. **October 7.** We meet in the small living room at La Vida Llena's Nueva Vista Building, Juan Tabo at Lagrima de Oro. Read *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Hostess: Linda McDowell. Chair: **Diane Vadnais, 323-1924**

STEM Task Force. Thursday, **October 21**, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM—Luscombe's Winery, 901 Rio Grande Blvd NW #B-100, Albuquerque, NM 87104. Contact Cheri Burch, ctburch@aol.com, for questions or reservation.

Travel. Third Mondays at 1:30 PM. The Travel group will not meet in October or November. Chair: **Ted Cooley, 255-3720**

Calendar

Oct. 2	Branch meeting at Coronado Villa	10:00-12 noon
Oct. 11	Albuquerque Branch Board Meeting on Zoom	5:30 to 7:30 PM
Oct. 30	New Mexico AAUW Leadership Team meeting	9:00 AM-3:00 PM