



**August 2022**

Greetings from your Albuquerque Branch Council - in alphabetical order: Cheri Burch, Sylvia Fink, Danielle Martin, Mary Moskal, Jaclyn Page, Sarah Rahman, and Shelley Rossbach. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.

### **AAUW Albuquerque Branch**

September Meet & Greet *(in person!)*; refreshments provided

**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to Noon**

Coronado Villa Retirement Resort  
6900 San Vicente Ave. NE

Please RSVP to Jaclyn, Sylvia, or Caller by September 7th

We welcome you back to [fingers-crossed] in person meetings for this coming year. We are looking forward to the opportunity for face-to-face discussions and assume that you are as well.

#### **3 Ways to Pay Your Dues for 2023 (if you haven't already) - \$103 for "regular" members, \$36 for Life Members**

1. Bring a check to the Meet & Greet on September 10<sup>th</sup>
2. Pay dues online at <https://www.aauw.org/> or
3. Mail a check to Shelley Rossbach [address: 20 Nighthawk Canyon Rd., Placitas, NM 87043]

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

September 10 @ Coronado Villa, 10-12 - Meet & Greet with Introductions, Ice Breaker Activity, bring suggestions for upcoming programs, potential projects for a Branch Project Grant (see below), willingness to volunteer for off-site Fall State Leadership Team Meeting (LTM) in Gallup on October 7.

October 1 @ Coronado Villa, 10-12 - Educational issues in the upcoming Election.

November 5 @ Coronado Villa, 10-12 - Estate Planning: Are your will and other documents up to date? What your heirs should know re: timing IRA/Roth time withdrawals, closing your Social Media accounts, and other changes. Margaret Foster, Esq. presenter.

December 10 – Holiday luncheon Place TBD.

#### **OTHER UPCOMING STATE MEETINGS:**

The next AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting will be in Gallup October 7<sup>th</sup> afternoon to October 8<sup>th</sup> noon. The tentative agenda is Friday beginning about 3:00 - business meeting and speakers and Saturday – Field trip to Window Rock. We are looking for volunteers to do some meeting preparations. See Sylvia if you're interested in helping out.

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We (the Albuquerque Branch) will be hosting the annual AAUW-NM Convention April 14<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>. Our theme “Earth, Air, Fire and Water” will allow for an interesting mix of presentations. We are responsible for arranging lodging, meals, name tags, printing, registration, guest bags, and some input toward activities. Would you like to help with the planning of this event? Please talk to Sylvia or Shelley to be on the planning committee.

## INTEREST GROUPS

Fourth Tuesday, STEM Task Force, Current Literature, and Mystery have met during the last two years; however, many Interest Groups have not met in person during Covid. If you are restarting a group, please bring a signup sheet to the September Meet and Greet. Current or Former Chairs of all Interest Groups please inform Sylvia Fink at [sjsfink@gmail.com](mailto:sjsfink@gmail.com) if you are reorganizing and/or meeting in person so that the website can be updated.

## AAUW-ALBUQUERQUE SCHOLARSHIP

The original recipient withdrew her acceptance for personal reasons. The Scholarship was then awarded to our other nominee Maya Shamsid-Dean and she has accepted. Maya is a returning New Mexican. She received her BS-Biology from the University of Alabama, her MS-Biology from Northern Arizona University and is beginning PhD studies in the Biology Department at UNM. Maya was active in promoting STEM to minority women undergraduates and promoting both racial and gender diversity at NAU. The Scholarship Committee this last year was: Pat Maben, Jaclyn Page, Janet Matwiyoff and Sylvia Fink. We had an exceptionally difficult decision between the original awardee and Maya, so we are pleased that Maya was able to accept.

## BRANCH PROJECT GRANTS

If you have any ideas for a project you would like the branch to consider implementing this year, please let a Council member know. Below are the rules for asking for money to support projects from the State organization.

Branch Project Grants of up to \$200 per branch per year, are awarded in October. \$600 is in the budget to support branch project grants for 2022-23. If all monies are not allocated in the fall, second applications may be accepted in the Spring.

A branch seeking a Branch Project Grant shall submit to the chair [Sylvia Fink, [sjsfink@gmail.com](mailto:sjsfink@gmail.com) or 5108 Marcadass Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114-4367] a proposal in writing, preferably via e-mail, in a format of the branch's choosing. The project must have an outreach, education, or mentoring component. The application needs to be submitted no later than October 1. Applications must include the Branch name, contact person, e-mail, and mailing information:

- Project Summary.
- Grant Amount being requested.
- Simplified budgets of project costs; and
- A list of contributors/supporters, if any.

The Chair forwards copies to the task force members [assembled from non-applicant Branches] for review and comment. After the Task Force has considered the applications, it may recommend a grant of less than the full amount requested. Grants will be announced at the Fall Leadership Team Meeting.

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## **PUBLIC POLICY NEWS**

The Paid Family and Medical Leave Coalition has been very active advocating for the Act and supported the allocation of \$160,000 for Workforce Solutions to study the implementation of the Act. The Coalition has reorganized over the summer. We now have subcommittees for: Communication, Government Engagement, Field [community engagement], and Business Outreach.

Our AAUW-New Mexico commitment: Our AAUW-NM Public Policy Committee will share information with Advocacy Team and members interested in this issue. They will be asked to do an action such as: letter to the editor, send in an Op-ed, ask local government for supporting resolutions, visit with a candidate, legislator, or small business owner, testify at a hearing. PFML resources will be linked on the AAUW-NM website. Interested members can contact me directly [sjsfink@gmail.com](mailto:sjsfink@gmail.com).

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