



### WHAT'S COMING UP?

#### **March Branch Meeting:**

**NOTE DATE CHANGE** to Saturday March 14th, 11:00am; Santa Fe Branch Scholarship winner will speak.

**Board Meeting:** Feb. 21, 10:00 am, Joe's Dining, Rodeo Rd. Plaza All are welcome to attend.

#### **Daylighters Book Group:**

Wednesday, February 11 at 1 p.m. at Joe's Dining. The topic is great rivers of the world. Contact Helen Fan, 795-7767.

**Evening Book Group:** Feb. 12, 6:30pm, discussion of Fatal Grace by Louise Penny at the home of Elizabeth Pease. Contact Sarah Fassett at 983-6011 or [sarahsheafe@qwest.net](mailto:sarahsheafe@qwest.net).

**Book Women:** Feb. 16, 7:00 pm, discussion of Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck at the home of Vesta Webster. Contact Judy Kares, 474-0799.

**Careers & Curoosity:** Feb. 18, E. J. Martinez Elementary School. Contact Lina Germann at [Lsgermann@gmail.com](mailto:Lsgermann@gmail.com).

**March Newsletter Deadline:** **Feb. 18th.**

**AAUW-NM State Convention:** April 17-19, Santa Fe Branch hosting at the Drury Plaza Hotel.

**AAUW National Convention:** June 18-21, San Diego, Calif.

# Capital Women

**AAUW-SANTA FE BRANCH PROGRAM  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1:00pm**

**Featured Speaker: Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice  
President of Government Relations**

**Lunch Preceding at 12:00 noon**

**SANTA FE SKIES RV PARK  
14 Brown Castle Ranch**

**Directions:** <http://santafeskiesrvpark.com/directions>

**Lunch** will be quiche, salad, dessert, coffee and tea. To reserve lunch, please make your **\$10** check payable to AAUW-Santa Fe and mail **before February 1** to: Santa Fe- AAUW  
P.O. Box 31584  
Santa Fe, NM 87594  
If you have a special dietary need, contact Riette Mugleston at 505-983-1268 and you will be accommodated.



As AAUW's top policy advisor, Lisa Maatz works to advance AAUW's priority issues on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in coalition with other organizations. You will not want to miss her presentations Sunday & Monday afternoons.

**AAUW-NM LEGISLATIVE DAY  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 8:00am  
New Mexico State Capitol**

All interested AAUW-NM members are invited to participate in the AAUW Legislative Day at the Roundhouse. We will meet in Room 326 to go over bills that we wish to bring to the attention of our elected representatives and senators. Lunch is on your own at the Roundhouse cafeteria, and we will reconvene in Room 326 to eat lunch and discuss your actions. At 1:00 pm, we will hold a press conference in the Capitol Rotunda, and Lisa Maatz will be the speaker. It is very likely that the topic will be pregnancy accommodations in the workplace, which is a bill AAUW is working on with the Southwest Women's Law Center.

## From Our President



What a great Branch meeting we had January 10<sup>th</sup> ! The Tech Trek graduates were so endearing. It was a great program of Girls Inc and Tech Trek graduates. And I thank all of the people who were involved in preparing the program.

Now we are coasting into the Leadership Team meeting February 8<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Maatz, AAUW's National Policy guru, is scheduled to speak at Santa Fe Skies on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Everything I have heard is that she is a dynamic speaker. So come and check this rumor out yourself.

Then there is the convention - actually it is THE CONVENTION. So far, many of our members have come forward to volunteer for different assignments at the 3 day convention. If you have not volunteered yet, please give it some thought. We will need members to donate appetizers for the Friday reception at a Canyon Road gallery on April 17<sup>th</sup>. So if you cook or if you are able to buy food to donate let me know.

On April 17<sup>th</sup> AAUW will sponsor a forum on the New Mexico Fair Pay Act for Women as part of the AAUW-NM convention. The forum will be at noon and will feature some fiery speakers. Please, pencil that event into your calendar.

Again, I appreciate all 103 members of our Branch. I thank you for your support - whether is financial or physical or emotional.

*Jeanne*



## PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Make your voice heard! There are many ways to lobby. And if that word scares you a little just think of it as talking with your legislator on a topic that you support or oppose.

Don't know your legislators? How can I contact my legislators? Want to sit in on a committee meeting but don't know where it is?

These may be just some of the questions you have. Come early Monday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, - 8am in room 326 of the State Capitol and Sonya Berg, AAUW-NM Public Policy Chair, will not only answer questions but will give helpful suggestions on your next step. She will also hand out folders full of information like House and Senate bills that AAUW supports or opposes or is undecided about so that you will be confident.

Another great resource:

<http://www.nmlegis.gov>. Look on-line to find bills, committee meetings, who your legislators are and so much more.

This is a long session - 60 days ... Come several times.

**One person can make a difference!**

Cynthia Dobson, Public a Policy Chair



The young ladies from Santa Fe who attended AAUW-NM's first Tech Trek STEM-C camp and told of their experiences during the Santa Fe AAUW meeting January 10<sup>th</sup>.





## COMING SOON

### Careers & Curiosity in Math and Science



Two Careers & Curiosity in Math and Science events will be coming up, one on **February 18 at EJ Martinez Elementary** and one on **April 9 at Nava Elementary**.

This is a hands-on Math and Science event that is completely organized by our branch and enjoyed by all the boys and girls at the school. **PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO HELP ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT OR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PRESENTER WITH A 5-MINUTE HANDS-ON ACTIVITY IN MATH AND SCIENCE.**



Lina Germann  
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## AAUW FUNDS

As your newly (or fairly newly) elected AAUW Funds Chair for the Santa Fe branch I wanted to take an opportunity to refresh all of our memories on what our donations to the National AAUW Funds contribute to.

The AAUW Funds advance AAUW's mission by sustaining all our programs and activities. Your unrestricted gift to the AAUW Funds helps incubate and disseminate programs that:

- above all, advance equity for women and girls
- strengthen AAUW's role in the global community
- respond to and eradicate the persistent challenges facing women and girls
- leverage new opportunities and attract new audiences to our mission

In short, the programs supported get results for women and girls. And that's AAUW's top priority, now and in the future.

You can find more information about the programs AAUW supports and the funds you can contribute to on the AAUW National website.

<http://www.aauw.org/>

In the next month or so you will be receiving, by mail, information on how you can donate both to the AAUW Funds and to our local UNM Scholarship.

Luanne Moyer  
 Santa Fe AAUW Funds Chair



## Pro-Choice Rally

January 29th—11:00am  
 Probably east side of the Roundhouse

### February 8th Meeting & Lunch

The lunch for the February AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting, Santa Fe AAUW branch program, and Public Policy briefing at Santa Fe Skies RV Park will be catered. However, a few Santa Fe members are needed to bring desserts, help set up, and help clean up. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact Riette Mugleston at 983-1268.**

**March Branch Meeting date changed to March 14th at 11 a.m.. Please check next month's newsletter for location and lunch details.** You will not want to miss hearing our branch's 2014-15 UNM Scholarship winner discuss her course of study.





## Santa Fe AAUW and The League of Women Voters Need YOU !

### Public Forums for School Elections

Santa Fe AAUW and the League of Women Voters will once again be working together to inform voters about the School Board Elections which will be held February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There will be two forums to introduce the candidates to the public:

Santa Fe Community College Board Candidates  
Tuesday, January 27th. 5:30 to 7pm.

Santa Fe Community College Board Meeting Room  
6401 Richards Ave.

Santa Fe Public Schools Board Candidates  
Wednesday, January 28th 6 to 8 pm  
Santa Fe Public Schools Board Meeting Room  
610 Alta Vista Street

Here is a chance to learn more about the candidates and their positions by volunteering at one or both events. Ann Coulston of The League of Women Voters has asked for three or four volunteers for each event and, as AAUW is co-sponsoring the events, I am hoping we will have a good response. Volunteers are needed to greet attendees, gather questions and screen questions.

Please contact [anncoulston@gmail.com](mailto:anncoulston@gmail.com) if you are able to help with this very worthy cause.

Come 30 minutes before the event starts. Ann will assign jobs at the venue.

I would appreciate if you would let me know if you will be helping at either event. Please phone or text. I plan to attend both events.

Thanks.

Cynthia Dobson, Public Policy Chair

505-603-7793 or [cynthiadobson.storyteller@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiadobson.storyteller@gmail.com)

### *Adelante Dinner-March 11th*

Santa Fe AAUW members will be providing & serving a dinner to clients, and their families, of the Adelante Program for Homeless Children & Youth in the Santa Fe Public Schools. **If you would like to donate ingredients, help prepare, serve, or cleanup please contact Julie Vollmer; [jvpaint@gmail.com](mailto:jvpaint@gmail.com) or 474-1495 or Riette Mugleston at 983-1268.**



## Who's Cooking?

AAUW New Mexico is fortunate to have chosen the Drury Hotel in Santa Fe as the site for the 2015 AAUW State Convention. As it turns out celebrity chef John Rivera Sedlar will be opening his newest restaurant there in March. I have eaten in Chef Sedlar's restaurants in Los Angeles two times. Both times the food was heavenly. In 2014 Chef Sedlar cooked a 4 course meal at the Compound Restaurant for the Chile and Wine Festival. Again the meal was extraordinary. John Sedlar invented modern Southwest Cuisine. When you see those squiggly lines around your food on a plate think of John Sedlar...he invented that.

John Sedlar grew up in Santa Fe. His great grandmother was a cook for Georgia O'Keefe for a number of years. He started cooking as a child here in Santa Fe. He went on to sharpen his cooking skills in France and Spain.

After many successful years cooking in Los Angeles, Chef Sedlar has decided to close his restaurant Rivera in downtown Los Angeles and move back to Santa Fe. His mother still lives near downtown Santa Fe.

Many chef's in Los Angeles think of John Sedlar as a chef's chef. He does not spike his hair or wear diamond aprons or earrings. He is one of the most admired chefs on the West Coast.

AAUW members who will be attending the State convention in April will have the opportunity to try some of Chef Sedlar's creations.



### Invitation to all Santa Fe Members

**"Dust, Drought and Dreams Gone Dry" Exhibit**  
**Thursday February 19, 10:15 am**  
**Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos**

AAUW Los Alamos' Out 'n About interest group would like to invite AAUW Santa Fe members to join us for a fun, informative outing on Thursday, Feb. 19 at Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos. The exhibit, "Dust, Drought and Dreams Gone Dry: The Story of the Dust Bowl" will be shown in only 25 libraries in the country and includes the voices and stories of survivors, many of whom are women.

For most of us this disaster in American agriculture sits just outside our memory, though some of us may remember our parents and grandparents stories. The confluence of three crises, one economic (the Great Depression), one climatic (severe drought) and one government induced (over cultivation and production of winter wheat) combined to create our country's single most destructive ecologic disaster. And it occurred less than 150 miles east of here in northeastern New Mexico, as well as Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas in a portion of the Southern Plains called "No Man's Land".

Join us and learn more. **We will start at 10:15 am with a fifteen-minute introduction, visit the exhibit and have lunch together at the Manhattan Project restaurant nearby. Please call or email Nina Thayer with your reservation to insure we have enough seating for lunch by Wed. Feb. 18. (662-6835, [gnthayer@cybermesa.com](mailto:gnthayer@cybermesa.com)).**



Several Santa Fe AAUW members attended the opening of "Rhythm, Blues & Other Colors," the exhibit of Claire Kerven's abstract oil paintings at the Northern New Mexico Regional Art Center in Espanola. Shown, left to right, are Nancy Scheer, Jeanne Patrick, Claire, Julie Vollmer, and Akal Khalsa.

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We're on the Web!

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