



# Capital Women

## AAUW – SANTA FE BRANCH MEETING SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 11:00 am HACIENDA HOTEL

### WHAT'S COMING UP?

#### February Branch Meeting & AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting & Legislative Issues Discussion:

Sunday Feb. 8, Santa Fe Skies RV Park.

**Board Meeting:** Jan. 10, 9:00 am, Hacienda Hotel. All are welcome to attend.

#### State Convention Planning Committee Meeting:

Jan. 17, 1:00pm, Drury Plaza Hotel.

#### Daylighters Book Group:

Wednesday, January 14 at 1 p.m. at the Santa Fe Bar and Grill. We will discuss The Book Thief by Markus Zusak. Contact Helen Fan, 795-7767.

**Book Women:** Jan. 19, 7:00 pm, discussion of The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd at the home of Nancy Scheer. Contact Judy Kares, 474-0799.

**AAUW Day at the Legislature:** Feb. 9, 9:00am.

**February Newsletter Deadline: Jan. 15th.**

**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.

Girls Inc. & Tech Trek Attendees

from Santa Fe will be highlighted.

Come and experience Girls Day Out.

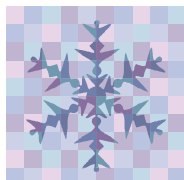


Santa Fe AAUW members are encouraged to attend our January program featuring the Director of Santa Fe Girls Inc., Kim Brown. Santa Fe AAUW has a partnership with Girls Inc. AAUW and Girls Inc. share some of the same goals; encouraging women and girls to break down barriers and to be strong, smart and, bold.

Girls Inc. has been in Santa Fe since 1959. General Patrick Hurley and his wife were so impressed with the Girls Inc. program that they donated their home at 301 Hillside Drive to Girls Inc. The home still serves as the headquarters for the program.

Girls Inc. is known for the Arts and Crafts Fair that is put on every August downtown on the Plaza. People mark their calendar just to come to Santa Fe for this fair. So come and become enlightened about Girls Inc.

Five young women from Santa Fe attended the July 2014 Tech Trek camp. They attended a daily math or science core class, participated in focused workshops, performed hands-on activities, attended a field trip to a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) work environment and met female STEM role models. So come and become enlightened about Tech Trek (more about the attendees on page 2).



**Lunch** will be \$18 with an option of 3 entrees and will include beverage and dessert. No RSVP needed.

## From Our President



I hope everyone had a great Holiday season. I am looking back on the year and reviewing the positives and negatives. On the positive side I think Santa Fe AAUW accomplished many things. We have over 100 members (+), we have an active STEM program (+), we have many members committed to advancing the Mission of AAUW (+). On the negative side, we lost some committed members, Helenn Rumpel and June Smith.

I am excited about our April State AAUW convention here in Santa Fe April 17-19. So far, Supreme Court Justice Petra Maes and Valerie Plame Wilson have committed to being speakers. Other dynamic speakers are pending.

Our programs for the 2015 year include meeting our summer Stem camp graduates on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Girls Inc. program, February 8<sup>th</sup> our AAUW-NM winter leadership meeting and Legislative Day lobby training, March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting our scholarship recipient and May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting Cheryl Sommer, Santa Fe Attorney and owner of Kaune's Market. (The only grocery market in Santa Fe that delivers.) June 10<sup>th</sup> we install our new Santa Fe Branch officers at El Castillo.

I am looking forward to a productive and exciting 2015.

Jeanne Patrick

## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

**January 11: Lobby Corps Meeting** – 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Placitas Library in Bernalillo. Robert Pearson, state legislative coordinator for Amnesty International NM, and Sonya Berg, AAUW-NM Public Policy co-chair, will present *Lobbying 101: the nuts and bolts of lobbying*. Dede Feldman, former NM Senator, will talk about advocacy in the Roundhouse. Any AAUW member interested in Public Policy may attend.

Directions: Heading south on I-25, take exit 242 (Bernalillo/Placitas) and go east on Hwy 165 about 4.5 miles. The library will be on your left.

## WANT TO MEET AN INSPIRATIONAL YOUNG WOMAN?

On January 10<sup>th</sup> our AAUW Branch members will have a chance to meet 5 exciting 13 year old future scientists. Our graduates of the AAUW-NM STEM camp (Tech Trek) held at NM State University in July 2014 will be attending our Branch meeting to talk about the STEM program experience. The young women are: Alexandra Pougmann, Mercy Jones, Natalie Nathanson, Sofia Slocomb, and Fatima Gutierrez. We promise you will be really touched by these girls' energy, dreams and intelligence.

Next July [Tech Trek New Mexico](#) will be at Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico. That is right in our own backyard. I hope many of our members will be willing to volunteer for Tech Trek. Volunteers are needed to interview potential applicants, serve as dorm monitors and provide supplies. Also donations of money will be appreciated.



Joint Session of the NM Senate & House

New Year Resolutions? Now that 2015 is here how about making one of your resolutions to head down to the Roundhouse during the up-coming session.

February 8<sup>th</sup>, Santa Fe will host AAUW members from around the state for lunch and discussion of pending legislation. Whether your interest is Early Childhood initiatives, pay-equity or other issues; you can learn more about the 2015 AAUW Priorities from Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice-President for Government Relations, who will be coming from the National AAUW office to participate in our lobbying efforts.

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> is the Day at the Legislature for AAUW and we hope many of you will take part. If you do not wish to lobby, you may attend committee meetings or a House or Senate session. Lisa Maatz will be speaking for a press conference at 1:00pm. **Please plan to attend both days and become more involved. Let's have a great turn out!**



## 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 Lina Germann 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.



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## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The Santa Fe Branch of AAUW concluded November 2014 as follows:

Total Members .....	95
Total Life Members .....	8
Total Members on Branch Roster...	103

In December 2014 the roster changed as follows: one deceased member, June Smith, and one renewed dual membership, Jowilla Forman. Thus, we enter the New Year 2015 with 103 members listed in the Branch Member Roster.

Please consult the national Website to obtain a correct, up-to-date Branch Member Roster. Members can also update, correct, or change personal information by following web site instructions.

With over a hundred members in AAUW-Santa Fe, a rough tally of attendees at events in the fall of 2014 indicated only 10-20% participation. A suggested goal for the New Year 2015 would be to improve attendance, participation and camaraderie within AAUW. This year is an opportunity to renew previous friendships and make new acquaintances.



## CORINNE WOLFE ENDOWMENT

Have you wondered what happened to all those dollars AAUW-NM members worked so hard to raise in order to establish a national AAUW fellowship in the name of long-time Santa Fe Branch member Corinne Wolfe?

AAUW members in New Mexico worked for almost ten years to raise \$100,000 to fund the endowment for an international student to work on a graduate degree in some area of Social Work, Corinne's field. Funds were even solicited from other states, branches and individuals from around the Rocky Mountain Region and elsewhere in the U.S.

Our dollars have been at work as we intended. The following students have had the opportunity to study in the U.S. due to the generosity of AAUW-NM members:

- ♦ 2012-13, Menuka Karki from Nepal at New Mexico State University
- ♦ 2013-14, Mine Tafolu from Turkey at University of Texas in Austin
- ♦ 2014-15, Sharon Gideon from India at Dallas Baptist University

## LOS ALAMOS: “Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry” January & February 2015



For six weeks in January and February the Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos will host a traveling exhibit about the epic drought that devastated the Great Plains in the 1930s. Mesa Library is one of only 25 libraries nationwide chosen by the American Library Association to host the exhibit. Letters, oral histories, photos, maps, and individual voices tell the story of the human and environmental impact of extreme weather, agricultural disaster, and economic devastation during the Dust Bowl. An emphasis of the exhibit is on women's voices and their eloquence about their experiences in the Dust Bowl.

Our Los Alamos AAUW branch has offered to facilitate community discussions of Timothy Egan's award-winning history of the Dust Bowl, *The Worst Hard Time*. Other activities will include a talk on climate change by LANL scientist Nate McDowell and two showings of Ken Burns' film *The Dust Bowl*.

We extend an invitation to all AAUW members to come see this informative exhibit on a very timely topic—drought and climate change—and learn more about the great American Dust Bowl. We also invite you to read Egan's telling chronicle of those who survived the disaster and join us in discussing its lessons for today. Key exhibit events are as follows:

Jan. 7 – Feb. 20 exhibit at Mesa Public Library  
Jan. 29—Nate McDowell's climate change talk, 6:30 pm  
Feb. 10—AAUW-led book discussions of *The Worst Hard Time*, 1 and 6:30 pm



The Mesa Public Library is at 2400 Central Ave., across from Ashley Pond. For directions and more information, see the library's website at [www.losalamosnm.us/library](http://www.losalamosnm.us/library) or contact Judy at [djprono@msn.com](mailto:djprono@msn.com).



### ETHIOPIAN FOOD ADVENTURE

Last September several of you indicated an interest in traveling to Albuquerque to try some Ethiopian food. I was able to sample the food from the restaurant in October and it was not really the best Ethiopian food. So now I am wondering how many of you would just like to try some local restaurants in a group experience? We could start with Italian, French, Mexican, Chinese or even American! Contact me and let me know if you want to try to put together an EAT and MEET Group.

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The Santa Fe Fall 2014 Expanding Your Horizons STEM-C Conference was held on Saturday November 8, 2014 at the Santa Fe Community College, presented by NM Network of Women in Science & Engineering (NMNWSE) and AAUW-Santa Fe.

The mission of Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) is to encourage young women to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics – computer science (STEM-C) careers. Through EYH programs, we provide STEM role models and hands-on activities for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Our ultimate goal is to motivate girls to become innovative and creative thinkers ready to meet 21st Century challenges.

142 girls participated in the conference and represented 37 different public, charter, and private schools from all over Santa Fe and surrounding communities (Pojoaque, Los Alamos, and Albuquerque). The girls seem to enjoy the conference as indicated by their responses to the open-ended questions and the conference evaluation questions, using adjectives like: **inspiring, awesome, fun, wonderful, and intriguing.**



The EYH conference was successful with keynote speaker Jen Martinez, a Los Alamos National Lab staff scientist, and 10 one-hour-long STEM workshops taking place concurrently plus an adult workshop presented by ¡Explora! Staff.

As in previous years, the overwhelming number of volunteers at this event was integral to its success. 61 adult volunteers participated in this conference. Special thanks to our own AAUW member Shelley Rossbach, who was on the steering committee. Also many thanks to our AAUW branch volunteers: Barbara Asarch-Aronowitz, Shirley Aune, Jeri Balick, Sandra Bradley, Melanie Buchleiter, Joan Cavolina, Margo Clark, Carol Heppenstall, Esther Milnes, Luanne Moyer, Helen Nelson, and Sally Sower.

Sincerely,  
Lina Germann, AAUW-Santa Fe STEM Chair  
Fall 2014 Santa Fe EYH conference co-chair



## EVENING BOOK GROUP

We are welcoming new members. The meetings are on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm and members rotate hosting the meetings. The title we are reading for January is the second half of the Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson. For locations and more information, contact Sarah Fassett at 983-6011 or [sarahsheafe@qwest.net](mailto:sarahsheafe@qwest.net).



## CLAIRE KERVEN: ONE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS



Claire was born in Brooklyn, New York. At sixteen she went to the Sorbonne in Paris to study art history. This experience inspired her to study studio art at the Brooklyn Museum Art School, the Art Student's League in Woodstock, NY and privately with a cubist painter.

Her work is strongly influence by Kandinsky and Klee and can be seen at [clairekerven.us](http://clairekerven.us). Claire moved to New Mexico in 1997 and got a seond graduate degree from UNM in Water Resources Management.

She worked for several years at LANL in the Environment Division and also taught math at Pojoaque Middle School until 2013 when she retired.



The Northern New Mexico Regional Art Center presents:

### Rhythm, Blues & Other Colors

*A Solo Exhibit of Abstract Oil Paintings by:*

**Claire Kerven**

Opening Reception:  
Friday, January 16, 2015  
5:00 — 7:30

Show Dates: *January 9 — February 13, 2015*  
In the Convento Gallery  
Plaza de Espanola

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## MISSING CHILDHOOD

- ◆ **58 million children** between the ages of 6 & 11 are out of school around the world and most live in conflict zones.
- ◆ **215 million children** are thought to be involved in child labor, **115 million** are in “hazardous occupations.”
- ◆ Pakistan has the second-largest out-of-school population in the world at **7.3 million**, including **4.2 million** girls.
- ◆ Pakistan has **12 million children** ages 5 to 14 working for pay.
- ◆ At least **2 million** Afgan children are likely to be involved in paid work.
- ◆ **1.5 million** Afgan children serve as the breadwinner for the family.
- ◆ **47%** of the labor force in Afghanistan’s brick-kiln industry is under age 14.
- ◆ About **one-half** of Afghanistan’s 24 million people are under age 18.



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APRIL 17-19, 2015  
SANTA FE DRURY PLAZA HOTEL**

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This is your opportunity to:

- Meet the National AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho
- Hear other great speakers
- Make new friends from around the state
- Learn what AAUW is doing nationally
- Learn what AAUW is doing in New Mexico

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**HAVE FUN!**

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