



### WHAT'S COMING UP?

**April Branch Meeting:**  
**AAUW-NM State Convention** April 17-19, Santa Fe Branch hosting at the Drury Plaza Hotel. More information on pages 3 & 7.

**Adelante Dinner:** March 11, 5:30pm, Sweeney Elementary School, Contact Julie Vollmer; 474-1495.

**Board Meeting:** Mar. 7 10:00 am, 1st Christian Church, 645 Webber St. All are welcome to attend.

**Daylighters Book Group:** Wednesday, March 11, 1:00 p.m. at the La Farge Library. The topic is Native American authors. Contact Helen Fan, 795-7767.

**Book Women:** Mar. 16, 7:00 pm, discussion of Navajos Wear Nikes by Jim Kristofic at the home of Marlene Kull. Contact Judy Kares, 474-0799.

**Careers & Curosity:** Apr. 9, Nava Elementary School. Contact Lina Germann at [Lsgermann@gmail.com](mailto:Lsgermann@gmail.com).

**April Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Mar. 23..**

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



# Capital Women

## AAUW-SANTA FE BRANCH PROGRAM SATURDAY, March 14, 11:00am Hotel Santa Fe, Kiva Room C



Please join us for a luncheon and presentation by our current Scholarship recipient,  
**Deirdre Muldoon.**

Deirdre is pursuing a doctorate at UNM in Educational Specialties with an interest in challenging behavior in school settings. She has worked as a speech pathologist and behavior analyst. You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet Deirdre and hear about her doctoral research.

The Hotel Santa Fe will provide a lunch menu with four entrée choices. Lunch includes a beverage and dessert. Cost of the luncheon is \$18 with tax and gratuity added for a total of \$22.98. No RSVP required.  
Hotel Santa Fe, 1501 Paseo de Peralta

### International Women's Day.

On March 3, 2015, in celebration of International Women's Day, SikhNet will launch an original short animated film, titled KAUR. This "trailer" of the 20-minute film "Kaur" is a reminder of AAUW's support of STEM education for girls.

A story of courage and equality, it tells of a young girl who loves science but feels the social pressure that "girls don't belong in science club."

Free online at :

<http://kaur.sikhnet.com/sikhnet-launches-animation/>

May it inspire and elevate.

Submitted by Akal Kaur Khalsa

## From Our President



What's new with AAUW? We had a great meeting with our CEO Linda Hallman on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have a chance to see her again in San Diego in June at the AAUW National Convention. I want to thank the members who turned out to meet her.

We continue to move forward with our AAUW program. We will have a chance to meet our scholarship recipient on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel Santa Fe. This is always a popular program and is usually well attended. Last year our recipient brought her parents and there was not a dry eye in the audience after she told her story.

We are fine-tuning our convention program. It is going to be fantastic. So far we have AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho, "Without Reservation" Cartoonist Ricardo Cate, Supreme Court Justice Petra Maez, Judy Espinar Co-Founder of the International Folk Art Market and Former CIA Spy Valerie Plame Wilson as speakers. Ok, so maybe Valerie is not a former spy but is still a spy...come to her presentation on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> and find out. We will also have a panel discussion with our own nationally recognized artists: Enid Tidwell, Virginia Lierz and Maxine Davenport. There will be a free gallery reception with food on Canyon Road for members on Friday evening.

In May, we will have a program at the Santa Fe Country Club. Cheryl Pick Sommers will be the featured speaker. She is an attorney turned boutique grocery store owner. Kaunes Market is the only local grocery store owned by a woman. Cheryl's father Sam Pick was mayor of Santa Fe in the 80s and 90s. Her husband Kurt Sommers is managing partner of the law firm Sommers and Udall. Yes, that Udall.

We are at that time again when we need to think about nominating new officers for the Santa Fe Branch Board of Directors. So don't be surprised if you get a call asking if you would be interested being considered for a position on the board. We will have openings for President, Program Chair and Secretary. Please consider accepting a nomination.

Looking forward to seeing all 103 of you at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jeanne

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The **Santa Fe Branch of AAUW** currently has 96 Regular Members and 7 Life Members making a **total of 103 members** listed on the Branch Member Roster for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2015. That puts our branch in second place for New Mexico and behind first place Las Cruces Branch with 107 members.

Of the total membership in Santa Fe, **14 women became new members during 2014-15**. Their names are as follows: Valerie Allen, Caitlin Armijo, Shirley Aune, Karen Blazosky, Joan Cavolina, Shelly Dalrymple, Kathryn Dorko, Kathleen Enz, Mary Jane Gilchrist, Gaile Herling, Claire Kerven, Akal Kaur Khashlsa, Marilyn Perryman, Alisha Tafoya-Lucero. Plans are in motion by the Membership Committee to invite these women to a small, intimate social in late April. We want to honor, welcome, and encourage them to participate fully in the numerous activities of our branch.

Several inquiries have been received regarding joining our branch as a new member. As part of the follow-up we hope to invite potential new members to visit a spring meeting and see what our organization has to offer. **New Member Applications and Dues Checks will be processed in June 2015 for fiscal year 2015-16**. The National Roster and Local Directory will have these new members listed mid-summer and before the opening event in September.

**May and June of 2014 will be key months for solicitation of member renewals, information updates and annual dues payments for the fiscal year 2015-16**. This early approach to membership renewals should improve retention of members. The updated information will be entered in the National Roster and also our Local Directory before the September Member Social.

The date, time, place and format for the **annual September Member Social 2015** have not been established; however, the membership committee has discussed a new format for this opening event. Stay tuned for details later this spring.



# COUNT DOWN TO OUR CONVENTION!

## AUTHORS, ARTISTS, & ADVOCATES

### DRURY PLAZA HOTEL - APRIL 17-19



In April 2014, the Santa Fe Branch volunteered to host the 2015 AAUW State convention. It had been 13 years since Santa Fe was the host. It is time to show off our wonderful city along with what we can do to welcome, educate and impress our state members.

The speaker line up is dazzling. We have: our National AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho, Native American cartoonist Ricardo Cate author of “Without Reservations”, New Mexico Supreme Court Justice Petra Maes, a Founder of the International Fork Art Market and former CIA Spy Valerie Plame Wilson.

The hotel was able to partner with celebrity chef John Sedlar to open restaurant Eloisa March 30<sup>th</sup>. That means the food we have at lunch and dinner will be prepared under Chef Sedlar's creative expertise.

We have had some wonderful people step up and help offset the cost of the convention and pre-convention activities. One of our members is sponsoring the catering of the reception at New Concert Gallery Friday evening.

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, prior to the start of the convention, there is a forum on the New Mexico Fair Pay for Women Act. AAUW-NM Co-President Karyl Lyne received a grant to initiate forums across New Mexico to raise awareness about the NM Fair Pay Act and how it differs from other legislation.

We are working on parking concerns since hotel parking is by valet only at \$14/day.

All our members are urged to support the convention. **You undoubtedly will have an action-packed weekend.**

### Careers & Curiosity in Math and Science



We had a wonderful event at E.J. Martinez Elementary on Wednesday February 18. We had 21 careers represented including Physicist, Mechanical Engineer, Science Writer, Archeologist, Museum Studies Educator, and Materials Scientist. There were also many fire fighters and police officers and detectives and the number of presenters was over 25. EJ Martinez Elementary has about 320 students, with about 69% economically disadvantaged which means they qualify for free or reduced lunch plans.

I would like to thank the wonderful AAUW-Santa Fe members who volunteered that day to help me make this event successful. I can't thank them enough for coming in so early in the morning, help the presenters load and unload, and most importantly be patient with me as we set up the place in less than an hour. Thank you Barbara Asarch-Aronowitz, Maxine Davenport, Cynthia Dobson, Akal Kaur Khalsa, Riette Mugleston, Enid Tidwell, and Julie Vollmer. Thank you for all your support and your dedication to the mission of AAUW.

STEM Chair *Lina Germann*



## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

### AAUW at the Roundhouse

Missed going to the Roundhouse? Didn't take part in AAUW Legislative Day Monday, Feb. 9th?

Don't feel bad, as the current session is not over till March 21st. You can still make an impact, talk with your senator or representative, sit in on committee meetings and follow bills that are of interest to you. Not sure who they are? Have no idea when committees meet? Don't have a clue as to what bills are being discussed? It is easy to solve - just go to <http://www.nmlegis.gov> and you will find it easy to negotiate the site and find all the information you need to make your day or days at the Roundhouse meaningful. And don't forget to look at what is going on in the Rotunda each day as there are many different groups that set up displays in the hall and have activities in the Rotunda... Fun and informative!



Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director, during the press conference at the Roundhouse Feb. 9th



AAUW-NM Contingent at the Roundhouse Monday, February 9th

### Equal Pay Day Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Though April 14th seems a long way off it is not to soon to start planning activities that AAUW can do here in Santa Fe! If you would like to participate in planning to make Santa Fe aware that April 14th is the symbolic day when women's earnings ( 78 cents to men's dollar) finally catch up to men's earnings from the previous year, please contact me. All ideas and suggestions are welcome ... And needed!

Cynthia Dobson, Public Policy Chair  
[cynthiadobson.storyteller@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiadobson.storyteller@gmail.com) or  
505.603.7793

## ADELANTE DINNER—MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>



On Wednesday March 11th, we are hosting a dinner for Adelante, the Santa Fe Public Schools program for children, youth and families experiencing homelessness. It will be at Sweeney Elementary School, 501 Airport Road, Santa Fe, NM 87507 at 5:30pm.

We will be serving an Italian dinner of rotini pasta and sauce, salad and garlic bread. Check your email for information on signing up to volunteer.

Thanks,  
Julie Vollmer & Riette Mugleston.



## SUPPORT our TREKIES

Tech Trek, a 7-day Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) camp for 35-50 girls is once again coming to New Mexico, thanks to a grant from AAUW National, in collaboration with AAUW-New Mexico and New Mexico Highlands University.

For those of you who attended the Santa Fe Branch meeting January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel Santa Fe, you were able to meet the 5 girls from Santa Fe who attended this STEM camp in Las Cruces last July. They were so enthusiastic about their experience! They were able to extract DNA from a grape!

The camp this summer will be from July 12-18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM. We will need volunteers in March and April to interview girls to screen them for camp. We will also need volunteers to work at the Tech Trek camp. If interested contact Lina Germann at [Lsgermann@gmail.com](mailto:Lsgermann@gmail.com).

The girls only pay \$50 for the entire week. That money covers their meals and their lodging. But the actual cost of the camp is much more than that. **Our AAUW-Santa Fe board has voted to donate \$500 from our cash reserve to support this summer's Tech Trek. Would you consider making a donation?** Every contribution makes a difference:

\$100 Purchases Lab Notebook, Tote Bag, Lanyard & ID Holder for one camper

\$200 Sponsors a workshop

\$375 Awards a half scholarship for one camper

\$500 Sponsors t-shirts for all campers

\$600 Sponsors the field trip

\$750 Awards a scholarship for one girl



Of course ANY amount of money from \$5 to \$5000 would be appreciated and donations are tax-deductible. If interested, please write your check to:

AAUW with "Tech Trek NM" on the memo line

Send to:

Tech Trek NM

AAUW

P.O.Box 6572

Las Cruces, NM 88006

## Books Donated to Hotel Library

While touring the new Drury Plaza Hotel in town as preparation for our state convention in April, we noticed that a library area in the hotel had very few books on the large built-in shelves.

The manager was thrilled to be asked if he would like book donations for the library! Thanks to members of our AAUW Book Women interest group, family and other friends, we collected over 50 books for adults, teens and young children!

In early February Connie Coates and Sandra Bradley delivered the books to the hotel and had fun shelving them. If any of you members have hardback or trade paperback books in like-new condition to donate please feel free to take them to the Drury Hotel. It is important that the books be in excellent shape.



The library is an elevator ride up to the 5th floor.

Thanks for encouraging the love of books and reading.

Santa Fe-AAUW  
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We're on the Web!

<http://santafe-nm.aauw.net>



#### ELECTED OFFICERS

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Association HELP LINE  
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available M-F from 10 am -  
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**2015 AAUW-New Mexico State Convention Registration Form**  
**Welcome to Santa Fe - Home of**  
**Artists, Authors & Advocates**  
**Friday pm April 17- Sunday noon April 19, 2015**

**Please complete one form per person and mail form and check postmarked by April 5, 2015 to:**  
 Santa Fe AAUW – Convention, P.O. Box 31584, Santa Fe, NM 87594

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Badge Name, if different** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box City State Zip

**Phones: Home** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Branch(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Position(s) Held: Branch** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **National** \_\_\_\_\_  
(if any)

**Special Needs** (dietary & accessibility) \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Registration Fee of \$50 includes:** **(\$60 after April 5)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- **Friday April 17, Canyon Road New Concepts Gallery Reception – 6:00pm**  
 Will you attend the Friday Evening Reception? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- **Saturday April 18, Lunch at the Drury Plaza Hotel – 12:00 noon**  
 Box Lunch – Sandwich, salad, cookie, beverage  
 Please check your choice of sandwich: \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Vegetable \_\_\_\_\_ Assorted Deli Meat

**Saturday April 18, Gala Banquet, cash bar - 6:00pm** (Price incl. all fees) \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$52/person** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entrée + whipped potatoes, green beans, dessert, beverage - Please check your choice  
 and that of any guests you might be bringing. \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken or \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Vegetable Napoleon

**Some Convention Reports will be sent to you via e-mail for you to print if you wish.**  
**If you prefer to have all reports provided in your convention book there is a \$5.00 fee.** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** (payable to AAUW-Santa Fe) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe is the host hotel. The rate is \$137 including tax for a room with 2 queen beds for April 16 – April 21. Full breakfast, Happy Hour Snacks and 3 drink coupons/person included; only valet parking for fee. **Please call the Drury Hotel at 1-800-325-0720 and make your reservation prior to March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to receive the group rate. The AAUW Code is GROUP CODE 2223502.**

**If you have questions, contact Nancy Scheer at 505-473-9897 or nscheer@cowboys.uwyo.edu**