



WHAT'S COMING UP?

May Branch Meeting: Wed.
May 13, 6:00pm, Santa Fe
Country Club. Election of
branch officers & Speaker:
Cheryl Sommer, attorney and
owner of Kaune's Market.

Careers & Curiosity: Apr. 9,
Nava Elementary School.
Contact Lina Germann at
Lsgermann@gmail.com.

Board Meeting: Apr. 11
10:00 am, 1st Christian
Church, 645 Webber St. All
are welcome to attend.

Daylighters Book Group:
Wed., April 8 at 1 pm for
lunch at Hotel Santa Fe. The
topic is local authors with an
emphasis on Los Alamos.
Contact Helen Fan, 795-
7767.

Book Women: Apr. 20, 7:00
pm, discussion of The Chili
Queen by Sandra Dallas at
the home of Sandra Bradley.
Contact Judy Kares, 474-
0799.

Tech Trek: July 12-18, High-
lands University, Las Vegas,
NM.

May Newsletter Deadline:
Apr. 19.

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



Convention registration form at:

<http://santafe-nm.aauw.net/files/2015/02/2015-NM-AAUW-Conv-registration.pdf>

Capital Women

AAUW-NM STATE CONVENTION

Authors, Artists, & Advocates

Hosted by AAUW-Santa Fe

April 17-19—Drury Plaza Hotel



Keynote Speaker
Patricia Fae Ho
AAUW National President

Educator and advocate, Patricia has served in significant leadership positions with nonprofit organizations, addressing issues of equity and access to education for women and girls.

She is currently National AAUW President and has served as Board Vice President, Director on the Board Executive Committee, Conference of State Leaders Chair, New England Regional Director, Massachusetts state and branch president. She is a member of six branches in MA, HI, UT and NC.

Professionally, she was Director of a Teacher Resource Center and a gifted education specialist, implementing a school-wide enrichment model in New York schools. While living in England, she received certification in Further and Higher Education, teaching on faculty at Highbury College, Portsmouth UK. As a speaker, Patricia has addressed issues in enrichment learning, leadership development and gender equity, and has moderated candidate forums on public television.

Nonprofit board leadership has included the United Way, YWCA, League of Women Voters, Head Start, Healing Abuse Working for Change Domestic Violence. She is past chair of the County Commission on the Status of Women MA, past president of Health Quarters Inc, and Trustee at Peabody Essex Museum, Salem MA

Raised in Hawaii, Patricia lives near Boston MA, has traveled extensively and has led AAUW women in leadership delegations to Israel, Cuba and Poland. She believes that equity for women is a global human rights issue and that access to education and health care are prerequisite for women's leadership and economic self-sufficiency.



From Our President



My husband recently had a visit with his best friend from high school. They had not seen each other in 53 years. They had both missed their 50 year high school reunion. His friend Bruce was driving across country and got our address from Dave's brother who still lives in the Chicago area. After they spent about 30 minutes together it was as if they had last seen each other 5 days ago not 53 years ago. They were not quite finishing each others sentences but almost. Whatever they liked about each other 53 years ago was still part of their personality.

Our members of AAUW form similar friendships . Some of our members have lifelong bonds with members that they have met along the way. I am still very close with a member I met at the Thousand Oaks California Branch of AAUW.

Our members will have a chance to make lasting friendships at our AAUW State convention which begins April 17th here in Santa Fe .

We have planned a wonderful convention. We have our National President Patricia Fae Ho attending.

We have our State Presidents Karyl Lyne and Helena Whyte attending. I will be attending . We have an exciting line up of speakers attending. This convention will be talked about for years!

I hope our member do take advantage of the reasonable registration fee of \$50 for the 3 days of interesting events. This also includes a reception Friday night at New Concepts, a Canyon Road gallery. Dinner For Two, the winner of the 2015 Souper Bowl, will be catering the reception Friday night. Then lunch on Saturday will be catered by Eloisa. This is the first New Mexico restaurant for super star chef John Sedlar. He has had 4 restaurants in the Los Angeles area . So for fifty dollars you will have world class food and wine and world class speakers. What are you waiting forsign up today!

Jeanne

PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Equal Pay Day

Circle your calendars - Tuesday, April 14 is Equal Pay Day and join us in Mayor Javier Gonzales' office while he reads the Equal Pay Day Proclamation. The actual time is not yet set but we'll let you know when we hear.

Also, the 7th and 8th grade students at the Santa Fe Girls' School are writing essays on equal pay. There will be a first prize of \$25 and a second prize of \$15. It is hoped the winner will be able to read her essay at the Pay Equity Forum or the AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting April 17th. If you are interested in reading some of the essays, please contact me.

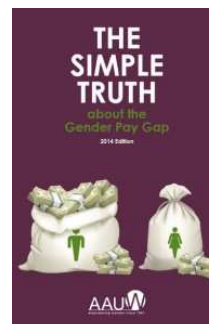
Still More - I have ordered 150 copies of AAUW 's The Simple Truth - the 2015 edition on equal pay and if you want some for a special group, please let me know. I am putting aside some for the mayor and his staff as well some for the girls writing the essays and possibly for the Santa Fe University of Art and Design if they want some.

Cookies?

Are you a good cookie maker? Some help is needed to bake a few dozen cookies with a portion cut out of each cookie to emphasize that pay is not equal with the idea of giving them along with the equal pay AAUW booklet possibly to the mayor and his staff! Send me a text or email if interested.

cynthiadobson.storyteller@gmail.com

Cynthia Dobson,
Public Policy, Chair



COUNT DOWN TO THE AAUW-NM CONVENTION!

AUTHORS, ARTISTS, & ADVOCATES

SANTA FE'S DRURY PLAZA HOTEL

APRIL 17-19

Convention Schedule

Friday April 17

12:30 - 5:30 Registration at Drury Plaza Hotel

6:00-7:30 Welcome Reception, New Concept Gallery, 610 Canyon Rd.

Saturday April 18 at Drury Plaza Hotel

7:30 Registration

8:30 Opening Words by Santa Fe Mayor Javier Gonzales, Branch and State co-Presidents

9:00 Keynote Address by Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW National President

10:30 Authors and Artists Panel of AAUW-Santa Fe Members

(Maxine Davenport, Virginia Lierz, Enid Tidwell)

11:30 Business Meeting #1 – Election of State Officers

11:45 Lunch with speaker Ricardo Cate, best know for his Cartoon “Without Reservations”

1:30 Irene Lee, Director of Santa Fe Institute's Learning Lab and founder of Project GUTS

2:30 Connie Burke, International Folk Art Market Director

3:30 Fair Pay Act Forum and Other State Projects Highlights

4:30 Free Time, Sightseeing

6:30 Convention Banquet, Installation of Officers and awards



Sunday April 19 at Drury Plaza Hotel

8:30 Annual Membership Meeting & Business Meeting #2

10:00 Online Branch Meeting

10:20 San Diego Conference Meet-up

11:00 Ex-CIA officer and Author Valerie Plame interview by Mary Coffman



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Speaker,
AAUW
Scholarship
Recipient,
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Muldoon.**

HIKING GROUP STARTING UP

The hiking group is having its first meeting of the season on April 14th at 10 am. We will plan all upcoming hikes with each member planning at least one hike. Our goal will be to have two hikes planned each month from May through October. After our meeting is completed, we will go on a two hour local hike. If you are interested in attending, email Barbara A. at barbaracoyote@gmail.com



AAUW-NM CONVENTION OPENING EVENT GALLERY RECEPTION FRIDAY APRIL 17th

All AAUW-NM Convention attendees are invited to a Private Gallery reception Friday, evening. Wine, sparkling water and appetizers catered by Dinner for Two will be provided.

Time: Friday, April 17, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: New Concept Gallery, 610 Canyon Road

New Concept Gallery is offering a 10% discount on any artwork sold this evening.

Options on how to get there:

- Gallery is approximately a 15 minute walk from the Drury Plaza Hotel. If you wish to walk, but would like a ride back, that can be arranged.
- Transportation will be provided by Girls Inc. Santa Fe in one of their 13 passenger vans. Van will pick up in front of the lobby starting at 5:45 p.m.. Van will also be available for return to Drury Plaza Hotel.
- Santa Fe Free Pickup Shuttle.
- Parking on Canyon Road available at:
 - ◆ 225 Canyon Road, free parking, approximately a 6 minute walk to New Concept Gallery.
 - ◆ Public Parking on left past New Concept Gallery, approximately a 5 minute walk.

AAUW-NM CONVENTION CLOSING EVENT APRIL 19th VALERIE PLAME INTERVIEW BY MARY COFFMAN

A former career covert CIA operations officer, Valerie Plame worked to protect America's national security and prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons.

Valerie is the author of the *New York Times* best-selling memoir *Fair Game: My Life as a Spy, My Betrayal by the White House*, which was released as a major motion picture of the same name starring Sean Penn and Naomi Watts. Her first fictional spy thriller written with Sarah Lovett, *Blowback* was published by Penguin in the fall of 2013. The second book in the series, *Burned*, came out in late 2014.

Valerie has done extensive public speaking throughout the country and internationally on issues including nuclear proliferation, women in intelligence, and the NSA revelations. She serves as Director of Community Outreach at the Santa Fe Institute, serves on the boards of United Way of Santa Fe County, the Penn State School of International Affairs, Postpartum Support International, and is involved in local public school reform.

She lives in Santa Fe, with her husband and two children.



Mary Coffman moved to Santa Fe in 2012 from Washington, D.C. after a long career as a broadcast journalist, professor, and media consultant. The Associate Professor-Emeritus of Journalism from Northwestern University has turned her talents to volunteer work. She is a board member of Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity, a docent at both the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, and an active member of AAUW.



FAIR PAY for WOMEN

Public Forum April 17th, 12:00 –1:00pm

Drury Plaza Hotel

In 2013, the New Mexico Legislature passed the Fair Pay for Women Act, making it easier and less expensive for workers to file a claim if they believe they have been paid less than their co-workers solely on the basis of gender. This law provides important protections for workers who file a claim and it also protects anyone who assists an employee filing a claim. In addition, the NM Fair Pay Act applies to companies with as few as four employees and it defines stiff penalties for employers who violate the law.

However, this important legislation has received very little coverage in the media, and few employers, attorneys or employees are aware of it. AAUW-New Mexico, in conjunction with the Southwest Women's Law Center and the New Mexico Human Rights Bureau has launched a campaign to bring information about this law to public attention, so that both employers and employees will be aware of their rights and responsibilities under the law.

To that end, a series of public forums have been planned in various parts of the state. The Santa

Fe forum will be held on Friday, April 17, 2015; preceding the AAUW-NM State Convention. Speakers will include representatives from the SW Women's Law Center and the NM Human Rights Bureau.

AAUW members may attend this forum without registering; just go to the hotel ballroom and sit at the back, away from the tables set for those who registered and paid for lunch.

Lawyers can earn one CLE (continuing legal education) credit by paying for and attending the forum. The on-line registration, including lunch, may be found at: <http://aaunmFairPayForumSantaFe.eventbee.com>

Each of you is encouraged to attend this forum and to pass the word about it to your colleagues, friends and anyone you think would be interested in attending. The event is for the public, especially for employers and lawyers.



SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 3rd Annual Adelante Productions dinner and benefit is going to be held on Thursday April 30 at La Fonda Hotel, 100 E. San Francisco St. from 6-8 PM.

Tickets are \$25/person or \$200 for a table of 10.

RSVP by April 23. For tickets, go to www.adelantesantafe.org or call 505-467-2559.

Also a beautiful handmade quilt (84" by 104" oversize queen, valued at \$500) donated by New Mexico Quilters' Association is being raffled at the benefit. Raffle tickets can be bought in advance. Tickets are \$5 /ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. You do not need to be present to win. Contact SFPS Adelante Office (505-467-2559) to buy tickets.

The Adelante Program works to strengthen opportunities for the academic achievement and life success of Santa Fe children and youth who are experiencing homelessness. Our services are bilingual and include advocacy, tutoring, evening programs, case management and providing material aid such as school supplies and clothing.

Adelante Dinner

The dinner for Adelante on March 11th at Sweeney Elementary School was a great success. We fed a pasta and salad dinner to about 50 people. Altogether we distributed 6 crock pots full of pasta, 2 huge pots of meatballs and sauce, and 4 large bowls of salad. Garlic bread and dressing completed our menu. Thanks to Gaile Herling and Adelante for the dessert. Kudos to Riette Mugleston who organized the dinner with me. Jeanne Patrick, Nancy Scheer, Gail Fine, Lina Germann, Pat Price, Elaine Carson, and Margaret Amrosino generously donated prepared food. Sandra Bradley, Enid Tidwell, Barbara Asarch-Aronowitz, Sue Matthews, and Riette, who in addition to food prep, also helped serve.



Thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible. This menu worked very well, as members brought the crock pots full of hot food to the school and we were able to plug them in to keep them warm - a good plan for future dinners. I forgot to take pictures but did manage to get one of our little helper Devon, who did a great job on the floor with a broom twice his size.

Julie Vollmer



CANDIDATES FOR THE 2015-17

NATIONAL AAUW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It's time to meet the candidates! When voting opens on April 15, members will select the AAUW president, vice president, and 10 directors. It's your AAUW, so [learn about the candidates](#) and make your voice count.

AAUW-Los Alamos Out 'n About

Albuquerque Museum, Sculpture Garden Tour & Lunch—Wednesday, April 29, 2015

The Albuquerque Museum has just opened their newly remodeled history and culture wing titled, "Only in Albuquerque" to rave reviews. We will visit this wing as well as take a tour of the sculpture garden, full of sculpture by New Mexico artists. Santa Fe members are welcome to join in the fun and create their own car pools. Admission cost is \$3 per adult, \$2 for seniors (65+).

Tentative schedule:

10:45 arrival, visit Only in Albuquerque wing

12 noon Lunch at Museum Cafe

1:00 pm Sculpture Garden Tour

2:30 pm Depart Albuquerque

Please make reservations: Nina Thayer, 662-6835,
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Feb. Out'n About Group at the Los Alamos Historical Museum. Can you find the four AAUW-Santa Fe Branch members amongst the Los Alamos members?



A little background:

Created by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in 1998, Tech Trek has been a successful program in California for 16 years, inspiring over 9,000 girls to be excited about pursuing higher education and careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. With the generous support of AAUW members and donors, camps have been added in eleven new states throughout the country over the past three years. The first Tech Trek in New Mexico took place on the campus of New Mexico State University in 2014. It was a huge success and this summer 50 girls will attend Tech Trek at New Mexico Highlands University In July 2015.

Tech Trek directly addresses the low number of women in science, math, engineering and technology (STEM) fields by hosting these camps for girls entering the 8th grade. Campers pay just \$50 to attend Tech Trek. In order to provide this one-of-a-kind experience at such a low cost, AAUW-NM relies on support from businesses and organizations as well as AAUW members and chapters. They have already raised \$40,000 and only need to raise an additional \$5,000 to fully fund the camp. If you can, please help them reach out to businesses that could help them reach their fundraising goal, or consider making a donation to support Tech Trek-NM 2015. Here's a link to the web site with more info: <http://techtrek-nm.aauw.net/>

AAUW members across the state are currently interviewing girls and their parents to select this summer's campers. The six 7th grade Santa Fe girls who applied have already been interviewed thanks to our members:

Jeri A. Balick
Melanie Buchleiter
Lina Germann
Lynn Heffron
Susan Mathews
Helen Nelson

Careers & Curiosity

Once again our AAUW-Santa Fe STEM Chair Lina Germann is planning the second Careers and Curiosity in Math and Science event this school year. This time it is going to be **Thursday April 9 at Nava Elementary** (2655 Siringo Road).

Please consider volunteering to help and let Lina know by April 3.

Careers & Curiosity in Math and Science is an elementary school event with women presenters who use math and science in their jobs. This format of career fairs has the unstated goals: (1) to give GIRLS role models who are women with careers using math and science, (2) to show the boys careers that use math and science, (3) to send the message for the boys that girls can do math and science. It is a lot of fun and it is very rewarding. For more information and pictures, see our website: <http://santafe-nm.aauw.net/stem/careers-curiosity/>



AAUW-Santa Fe members volunteering at C&C event on February 18 at E.J. Martinez Elementary. L to R: Barbara Asarch-Aronowitz, Lina Germann, Cynthia Dobson, Julie Vollmer, Riette Mugleston, Maxine Davenport, & Esther Milnes. Missing from this photo are Enid Tidwell and Akal Kaur Khalsa.

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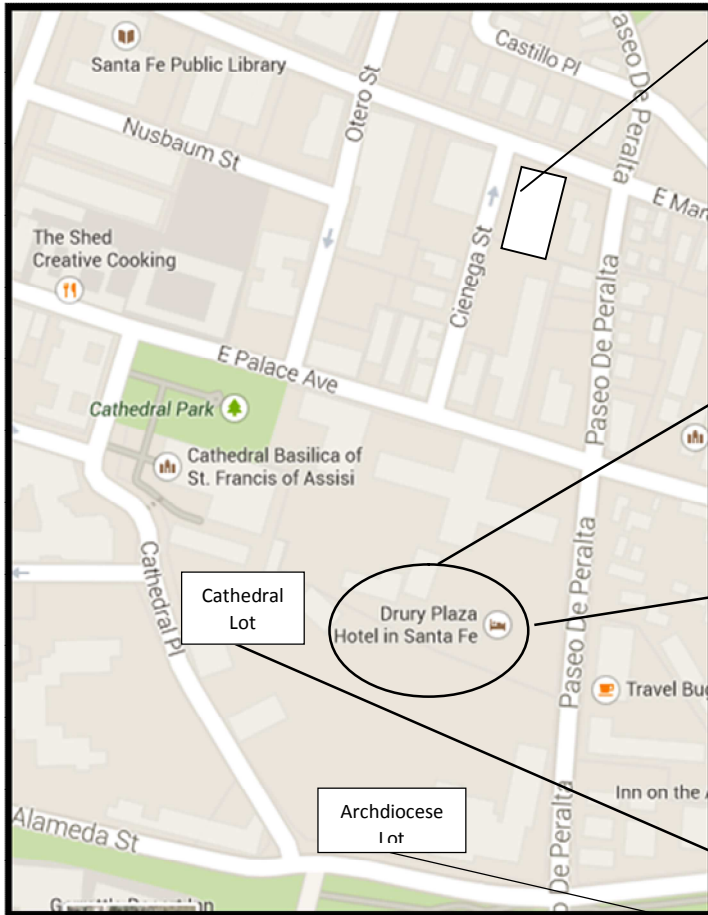
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The Congressional Action
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Call 800-821- 4364 for
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Convention Parking Options



First Citizens Bank Parking Lot

Free **daily parking** is available for convention attendees on **Saturday** and **Sunday** in the bank parking lot. Enter the lot from Cienega Street. Note that Cienega is a one way street heading north from E Palace Ave. toward Marcy St.

Drury Plaza Hotel Guests

Valet parking with unlimited in/out privileges is available for \$14 per night.

Daily Parking at Drury Plaza Hotel

Valet parking is available for \$7 per day. You will have to pay an additional \$7 each time you leave and return.

Public Parking Lots

The closest public parking lots are the Cathedral Lot (215 Cathedral Place) and the Archdiocese Lot (251 E. Alameda St.) The cost is \$2.00 per hour with a maximum of \$10.00 per day. Overnight parking is available for \$20.00 per night.

Santa Fe Parking Meters

Parking meters are enforced Monday through Saturday from 8AM – 6PM.