



# Capital Women

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### January Branch Meeting

Sunday, January 31

State Legislative Meeting

Potluck at RV Skies Park

### Board Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 12.30

-2.30pm, 1st Citizens Bank  
reading room at 700 Paseo  
de Peralta

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### AAUW-Santa Fe Website

\*\* Membership Directory

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Both are password protected

Contact a board member for the  
password

\*\* EYH Fall Conference

**If you need to update your  
personal contact information,  
please send changes to our  
Membership Chair  
Luanne Moyer:**

**ca\_mom2000@hotmail.com**

***Happy Winter Holidays***

## **AAUW-Santa Fe BRANCH MEETING**

**Monday December 14**  
**The Holiday Meeting**

5:00 PM	Dinner	San Francisco Street Bar and Grill 50 E. San Francisco Street # 3 Elevator available
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Holiday Concert	Free at Lensic Performing Arts Center 211 W. San Francisco Street, Santa Fe

***(Guests are invited (spouses, neighbors, significant others, partners, friends, etc))***



The Santa Fe Concert Band is the oldest musical group in Santa Fe, continuing one of Santa Fe's oldest traditions of free public concerts by volunteer musicians. It traces its roots to Francisco Perez, a bugler, who served with General Henry Hopkins Sibley and the Texas Brigade. After the Civil War, Perez came back to Santa Fe with a small group of musicians later known as *La Banda de Santa Fe* and performed plaza concerts for over 20 years. His band was the first civic band in Santa Fe.

The Santa Fe Concert Band was formally incorporated in 1983 under the direction of Greg Heltman, who continues as director. It is an all-volunteer organization and open to musicians of all levels.

### **Parking**

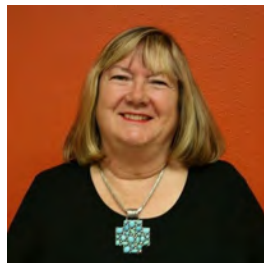
**Pay to park public parking is available across the street  
from the Lensic Performing Arts Center in the Sandoval  
Municipal Garage at the intersection of Sandoval and West  
San Francisco.**

**Rates: \$2.00 an hour, \$10 maximum**

**8 spaces for handicapped parking**

**The walking distance between the San Francisco Street  
Bar and Grill and the Lensic is an easy walk.**

**\*\*\* Restaurant has an elevator\*\*\***



## From One of Our Co-Presidents *Jeanne Patrick*

I do have many things to be thankful for: One thing is our Knitting Club led by Sandra Bradley. Sandra doesn't know I have been secretly knitting in the privacy of my home. I did finish a prayer shawl I will wear even though it has a few errors in it. I had not knit since Girl Scouts, which was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. But with Sandra's patience I was able to cast on and knit. I am hoping one day Sandra will teach me how to purl.

Another thing I am thankful for is being part of a wonderful organization—AAUW. When I see the wonderful programs we have in place I am so proud of the creative spirits we have as members. This year we are trying new things and some of the events include spouses, partners, friends, neighbors, etc.; not necessarily male.

On November 25th I received a message from our travel agent that the ship my husband and I were to take to Antarctica had caught fire in the engine room. The engine room was flooded to extinguish the fire. The ship, Le Boreal, chartered by Abercrombie and Kent travel agency had such massive fire damage that our trip to Antarctica was cancelled. Following is the column I had written prior to the notice of the trip cancellation

"In December I will be on an adventure of a life time...a trip to Antarctica. Twenty years ago my husband and I and another couple reserved a trip to Antarctica. But just 3 weeks before we were scheduled to leave the company went out of business. Fortunately, we were able to get our money back after a lot of perseverance. On this expedition we will be following in Ernest Shackleton's path; but, of course, with comfort he never had. At my age I do not wish to suffer frost bite or eat seal blubber. I am excited about this adventure. We will have a chance to visit a research station and see millions of penguins, sea birds, whales and seals. Sorry, there are no polar bears at the South Pole. So as you are sitting down to Christmas dinner or celebrating the New Year, I will be sloshing through puddles of penguin poop. It will be odd to be celebrating both holidays away from home. I plan to bring a micro sized Christmas tree along just out of nostalgia."

So, I will not be sloshing through penguin stuff after all. I plan to have a Merry Christmas right here in Santa Fe.

Happy Holidays and a Wonderful New Year to all of our AAUW members.

*Jeanne Patrick*

## Service Opportunity

### ADELANTE PANTRY ALMOST BARE

The Adelante Program for Homeless Students in the Santa Fe Public Schools is in dire need of food items for the pantry. The main items needed are:

**Canned: fruit, tuna, milk, beans, rice, pasta, & cereal**

Purchase canned items with pop-top lids when possible.

Collecting of winter coats has already begun. Children's coats, both boys and girls, sized 2—20 are needed as well as adult sizes for some high school students. The coats must be new or never worn.

All items may be taken to Riette Mugleston (983-1268) and she will deliver everything to the Adelante office.

**Food is needed now!**

## Save These Dates!

### 2015

**# 1 To Attend: Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) Meetings**  
**December 16 – 18** State Capitol, Room 307

### 2016

**# 2 To Volunteer: February** for Careers & Curiosity at EJ Martinez Elementary School. Let Lina know you can help in February! Lina Germann, [Lsgermann@gmail.com](mailto:Lsgermann@gmail.com)

**# 3 To Attend: State Legislature Events**  
**Sunday, January 31** - State Legislative Potluck - learn what bills AAUW supports  
**Monday, February 1** - AAUW Day at the Round House - a chance to talk to your legislator and follow bills important to AAUW

*More details in January from Cynthia Dobson, Public Policy chair*

**# 4 To Attend: AAUW Rocky Mountain**  
**July 14-17** Regional Conference in Albuquerque

*For updates:* <http://albuquerque-nm.aauw.net/rocky-mountain-regional-conference/>

*More details to come from Nancy Scheer*

## AAUW– Santa Fe STEM Programs



Lina Germann, STEM Chair [Lsgermann@gmail.com](mailto:Lsgermann@gmail.com)



### Careers and Curiosity in Math and Science

This AAUW-Santa Fe tradition took place at Pinon Elementary on Friday November 6, with 22 careers using mathematics and science represented by 24 women and 3 men. The careers ranged from Nuclear Physicist to Mechanical Engineer to Mathematician to Fire Inspector! It was a wonderful event attended by 300 students.

**Many thanks to the AAUW Volunteers:** Sue Mathews, Trancy Sadler, Kate Binns, Cynthia Dobson, Akal Kaur, and a non-AAUW member, Jenn Baker

This is the 9th C&C event I have organized and I am looking for a person willing to assist me in planning these STEM events and eventually take it on in the near future. We will be organizing one more in February at EJ Martinez so this is a perfect time for someone to step forward and learn the ropes.

### Expanding Your Horizons motivating young women in science + mathematics

*Don't miss the fun — volunteer and be a part of the mission*

The full report for our Fall 2015 Santa Fe Expanding your Horizons conference, is out and available on our branch website under "STEM". There you will find all the demographic information and some pictures and quotes from the girls. The event drew incredible interest from a diverse group of girls from different geographic, racial/ethnic, and socioeconomic areas. Out of the 186 girls registered, 150 attended. Students registered represented 39 different public, charter, and private schools from all over Santa Fe and the surrounding communities (Pojoaque, Los Alamos, Albuquerque, and Cimarron). Girls attending from Cimarron travelled over two hours to participate! Planning for this conference starts 6 months before the conference date.

The conference is usually towards the end of September, beginning of October. If you are interested to be on the planning committee, please contact me. I would love to have you onboard. [Lsgermann@gmail.com](mailto:Lsgermann@gmail.com)

## PUBLIC POLICY

### Chair: Cynthia Dobson



#### 1. Mark These Dates:

Time seems to be flying by so it's not too early to mark these dates!

I'll provide more details in the January newsletter.

For now, please just get these dates on your calendars.

**Sunday, January 31 - State Legislative Potluck - learn what bills AAUW supports**

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#### 2. Equal Pay:

While a woman will - someday - be on the \$10.00, the gender pay gap is still evident. On average women are paid 79% of what men earn for the same job - does that make the ten dollar bill worth only \$7.90 to women?

#### 3. Think about this:

Now that the Department of Homeland Security has denied New Mexico's request for an extension on a Real ID, will the 2016 Legislative Session finally pass the two-tier driver's license alternative? Senate Bill 653 passed with bipartisan support in 2015 but died in the House. *Just in case the politics continue, apply for your passport early and avoid the rush!*

### ! Save Your Stuff !

In the Spring the Santa Fe Branch of AAUW will have a garage sale at a member's home. This will be a fund raiser for our Branch. We have not done a garage sale in a while. Please start saving clothes, household items, costume jewelry, books, shoes, handbags, toys and things you think will sell at a garage sale.

We will need volunteers to sort, price, arrange and sell items. If you have any experience at garage sales-we need you!

Jeanne Patrick Co-President AAUW-Santa Fe

### OPPORTUNITY SANTA FE SUMMIT

Submitted by Lynn Gardner Heffron

On Wednesday, November 18, multiple city agencies and community organizations in Santa Fe sponsored a day long summit, "Expanding Opportunities for Santa Fe's Children & Youth from Birth to Career." Speakers and panels discussed ongoing Santa Fe programs whose goals are to expand and improve the many tiered educational opportunities and outcomes for our youth.

Key challenges include (1) getting buy-in from those in the community who need these  
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### OPPORTUNITY SANTA FE SUMMIT

continued

and (2) from businesses that can provide paid and unpaid internships or jobs for high school students.

The morning began with a presentation from Mission Graduate, a multi-sector education partnership from central NM. Their goal is more than noteworthy: add 60,000 new college degrees and certificates by 2020. Next, students who had attended Mayor Gonzalez' Youth Summit in October addressed the action items they sought from the community.

These included: (1) donations of school supplies, (2) healthier foods in schools, (3) promotion of community gardens, (4) mentors needed, (5) balancing schools and jobs, and (6) jobs.

Breakout sessions followed. Subjects ranged from (1) healthy babies and children, (2) improving school attendance, (3) after school and summer school programs, (4) career pathways and job growth, (5) engaging "lost" youth, and (6) mentoring, tutoring and internships.

I attended the latter and along with Boys and Girls Clubs, Communities in Schools, Adelante, Inspire Santa Fe and others, we decided both an online hub and a physical site were needed to further these opportunities for students and provide matches, - a sort of demand supply grid of students who need mentors, tutors, and internships.

As you can see, many opportunities exist and new ones are opening up for our AAUW members to volunteer.





## **New Mexico Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) Insights**

*Article submitted by Barbara Asarch*

Over the last month I attended three Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) meetings. It was interesting to observe democracy in action.

The New Mexico STEM Action Team, created in 2012 by the New Mexico Partnership for Mathematics and Science Education and New Mexico First, made a compelling presentation. They established three goals to be achieved by 2020.

- (1) The first was to increase the number of students measurably proficient in English and math by 25%;
- (2) graduate 1,000 new science and math teachers while also supporting and retaining existing STEM teachers;
- (3) increase the number of college graduates in STEM fields including health by 25%.

In addition, they provided 11 more recommendations for the Legislature to consider in support of K-12 STEM education.

I learned in New Mexico, the Legislature and Department of Education determine teacher salaries throughout the State. Most other States in the U.S. use local property taxes to fund education and local school districts determine salaries for their teachers. Salaries for teachers in New Mexico are very low. A beginning teacher last year earned \$32,000.00 and this year pay will increase Only two thousand dollars.

Aside from this raise for new teachers, there has not been a salary increase for other teachers in seven years.

Last school year a pot of money was established to give bonuses to teachers based on performance. Santa Fe Public Schools was one of very few school districts, which applied for these funds, to benefit. There was very little accountability on the distribution of these funds. One special education teacher received \$ 79.00 versus a principal who received \$ 10,000.00.

These low teacher salaries affect teacher shortages, teacher retention, and lack of substitutes among many other factors. This year the money the State is going to receive from oil and gas is projected to be lower. This will impact budgeting for the State. Yet, there was intense discussion on improving salaries for teachers, so there is some hope.

Lastly, I would like to bring to your attention there are approximately 100 Charter Schools in the State, most of which are in Albuquerque. Right now the Charter Schools receive approximately \$1,500.00 more per pupil than do the public schools throughout the State. A number of legislators felt this was unfair and want to change the formula. Time will tell if this happens.

If you have some spare time, attend the next set of meetings in December. They will be held in the State Capitol, Room 307 on December 16 – 18.

Barbara Asarch  
AAUW Member, Santa Fe

## INTEREST GROUPS December Meetings

### Daylighters Book Group



**When:** Wednesday, December 19  
**Time:** 1 p.m. for lunch  
**Where:** Luminaire Restaurant

We will discuss: Missing Person  
 by Patrick Modiano

Contact person is Helen Fan 795-7767

### Knitting Group



**When:** January 4 & 18  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Where:** de Vargas Mall at mall tables in front of the Ethiopian restaurant (The restaurant closed Mondays)

Contact Sandra at [Sandbrad@aol.com](mailto:Sandbrad@aol.com)



### Un-Book Club

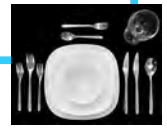
#### November Featured Author: Susan Weber

Members enjoyed meeting Susan; learning how she started her store, *Susan's Christmas Shop* (115 E. Palace Ave); how she began writing her books; and why she continues (a publisher contacted her and keeps suggesting new books for her to write). Good food, good company, interesting author, 3 books — and holiday shopping!

Next meeting announced when another author is scheduled. Un-Book Club meets irregularly as Santa Fe authors are scheduled to talk about their books.

### INTEREST GROUPS continued

### Meet & Eat



This new interest group has had two well attended meetings. For the December meeting the group is encouraging members to bring spouses, neighbors, friends, partners, etc, not necessarily male.

**When:** December 13, 2015

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Where:** Dinner For Two  
 105 N. Guadalupe  
*The Sunday dinner special includes 3 courses for \$20.*

**Parking:** 1 block away on Jefferson

Send questions and RSVP to :  
 Jeanne Patrick [jeannepatrick2001@hotmail.com](mailto:jeannepatrick2001@hotmail.com)

### Thursday Evening Book Group

Our group enjoys reading a wide variety of books, fiction and non-fiction. We usually meet the second Thursday of the month, at 6:30 PM, at members' homes.



**When:** December 10

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Interested?** Please contact Sarah Fasset at [sarahsheafe@qwest.net](mailto:sarahsheafe@qwest.net) for where the group is meeting and the month's theme.

### Cocktails & Conversations

Next meeting January 21  
 Details in January newsletter



### Hiking resumes in Spring



## Membership News

Submitted by Luanne Moyer AAUW Santa Fe – Membership VP

### Meet New Members



New member Judy Pino joins three other new members

*Tracy Sadler, Irene Dougherty, and Pamela Gallegos.*

*We eagerly await their biographies*

Do you have a friend who thinks she “might” be interested in AAUW, but isn’t sure yet?

Invite her to attend any of our branch events to check us out. Anyone deciding to join at an event receives 50% off National dues making the total to join \$52.50 instead of \$77.00.

Doesn’t everyone love a sale?

Luanne Moyer – Membership VP

### AAUW-Santa Fe Member Leaves Us *for a good reason*

An update on our youngest member (Subtitled “A proud mom’s shout out”).

I want to take the opportunity to give a pat on the back to my daughter Elizabeth Moyer.

Elizabeth has been a member of the Santa Fe Branch of AAUW since November, 2013. She will be leaving at the end of this year to pursue her Master’s Degree in Library Science and Information at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver, Canada. This is a two year program with what looks like amazing opportunities after completion.

Elizabeth graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL, with a degree in Political Science. She interned for Congressman Ben Ray Lujan in his Santa Fe office the summer between her junior and senior year of college. After graduating she taught English at a high school in Kalasin, Thailand for a term. She returned to Santa Fe to figure out the next chapter.

Please join me in wishing her well on her newest adventure.

Submitted by Luanne Moyer (AAUW Santa Fe – Membership VP)

*(To congratulate Elizabeth send cards to 16 Valle Pinon, Santa Fe, 87506,  
or e-mail Elizabeth atchefflizzie@hotmail.com)*



## 2015-16 Santa Fe AAUW Branch Board of Directors

Back row L-R: Cynthia Dobson (public policy), Luanne Moyer (membership),  
Judy Kares (UNM Scholarship), Kris Rodgers (co-finance), Nickola Rubow (co-college/univ.)  
Front Row L-R: Lina Germann (co-president), Melanie Buchleiter (program),  
Jeanne Patrick (co-president), Sandra Bradley (co-finance), Maxine Davenport (secretary)  
Missing from the photo are: Shirley Aune (co-college/univ.), Joanne Birdwhistell (caring secretary),  
Mary Coffman (public relations), Joy Poole (historian), Enid Tidwell (directory).



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# AAUW-SANTA FE 2015-16 BUDGET

<b>INCOME:</b>	Branch Dues	\$1600	
	Donations		
	Program	\$200	
	STEM Grant from AAUW-NM		
	Other		
	Directories		
	Transfer from Reserves	\$510	
<b>TOTAL:</b>			\$2,310
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	Board	\$75	
	Caring Committee	\$10	
	College/Univ. Liaison	\$10	
	Directory	\$10	
	Donations		
	Finance Chair	\$20	
	Fundraising, AAUW Funds	\$75	
	Branch, UNM Endowment	\$130	
	Membership: Sept. Social, Other	\$450	
	Operating Expenses		
	Bank Fees	\$10	
	Liability Insurance	\$175	
	NM Corporation Fee	\$11	
	PO Box Fee	\$62	
	Other Miscellaneous	\$42	
	Newsletter	\$30	
	Outreach	\$10	
	President	\$150	
	Program	\$320	
	Public Policy	\$100	
	Public Relations	\$10	
	Secretary	\$40	
	STEM		
	Careers & Curiosity	\$60	
	EYH	\$300	
	Tech Trek	\$200	
	Website Manager	\$10	
<b>TOTAL:</b>			\$2,310