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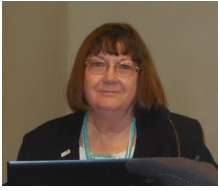
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Message from the Co-President

Santa Fe AAUW has lots of things going on. First of all, we have a new communications chair Lyric Kali. Welcome Lyric! We have a dynamite Program Chair Melanie Buchleitner who has pulled together some great speakers for our next four programs. We will have former State department officer and current President of the Santa Fe World Affairs Council Patricia Kushlis speaking March 12th about Russia and Vladimir. In April we honor our annual scholarship recipient at a special lunch. We will have Valerie Plame leading a tour of the Santa Fe Institute on May 11th. We will be recognizing three of our members who each have 50 years as AAUW members on May 11th. Sandra Bradley, Virginia Lierz and Nancy Scheer will be honored on that date for their years of membership. We will have a Trash and Treasures sale on May 21st. A high tea on June 4th and our installation of officers on June 8th

But as they say on PBS during Pledge Week we cannot do this without the strong support of our members. We need a HUGE turn out on May 11th for our annual meeting. That meeting is when we vote for next year's officers, bylaw changes and other important legal matters. If you don't show up at that meeting, you could end up being the Branch President!!! (Just kidding). Last year we ended up calling members at home to vote by phone because we did not have a quorum. So please take 90 minutes out of your day to come to this important midday meeting on May 11th.



Thank You,
Jeanne Patrick

Membership
MADE Easier!

NEW MEMBERSHIP SALE: Through March 15, 2016 we are offering new memberships for half price, National, State and Branch dues. That means new members can join for a total of \$38.50. This offer applies to the 2015-16 fiscal year, so these memberships will expire June 30, 2016.

Celebrate the success of a recent graduate with our [Give a Grad a Gift](#) program.



I HAVE NO SPECIAL TALENTS. I AM ONLY
PASSIONATELY CURIOUS.
-ALBERT EINSTEIN

CAREERS & CURIOSITY

[Careers and Curiosity in Math and Science](#) took place at E.J. Martinez Elementary on February 16. There are about 300 students at this school, about 12% English Language Learners, and about 71% Economically Disadvantaged.

17 professions were represented with 22 presenters: 17 women and 5 men. One presenter, Gretchen Gurtler, is an AAUW member who came all the way from Tucumcari to participate. Gretchen is the Director of the [Mesalands](#)



By popular demand the AAUW Trash and Treasures garage sale will be returning: **Saturday May 21 from 8 am to 2 pm.** Nancy Scheer will be hosting the sale at her home.

All of the proceeds will go to AAUW authorized funds such as: Tech Trek, AAUW Funds, UNM Scholarship and Charting the Course.

Please start saving items for the sale. If you have items to donate and don't have a way to deliver them one of our members will pick them up.

The Trash and Treasures committee

You can give any graduates you know a free, one-year AAUW national, state, and local membership in honor of their accomplishments. This could be a daughter, granddaughter, niece, or even a friend. Your special grad receives a FREE one year membership to AAUW. More information is available at the [AAUW National website](#).

The Santa Fe Branch of AAUW currently has 99 paid members for the 2015/2016 year. For questions, contact [Luanne Moyer](#), Membership VP

Preview of changes to membership fees.

Effective March 16, 2016 State dues will increase from \$12 to \$18, resulting in an overall membership fee of \$83. Any member joining March 16, or later, will pay the \$83 and their membership will expire June 30, 2017. If

[Community College's Dinosaur Museum and Natural Science Laboratory](#). Please stop by and say hi if you are ever in Tucumcari.

Thank you to our AAUW-Santa Fe Members who volunteered and were a great help: Cynthia Dobson, Sally Sower, Tracy Sadler, Nickola Rubow, Maxine Davenport, Riette Mugleston, and of course Mary Dryja who is an AAUW member and a teacher at E.J. Martinez.

Did you know that our AAUW-Santa Fe branch has been offering this event to SFPS schools since 1996. This was the 35th event!

[Careers & Curiosity in Math and Science](#) is an elementary school event with a majority of women presenters, all using math and science in their careers. For more

is accepting for sale: costume jewelry, toys, home décor, kitchen décor, linens, DVDs, CDs, tools, purses, hats, small kitchen appliances, small pieces of furniture, dishes, glasses, towels and kitchen utensils.

The following *will not* be accepted: clothes, books, large appliances, building supplies, wrapping paper and plastic ware.

Nancy Scheer will begin accepting donations May 8th.

More information will be coming. **If you have questions, please call Jeanne Patrick 505-984-1720 or [email](#)**

Volunteers will be needed on Friday on Friday May 20th to help set up, sort, organize and price items for sale. We will need cashiers for

someone joins March 16 this gives them a 15 month membership. Current member dues information is forthcoming.

information and pictures, [click here](#).

Saturday along with many other helpful volunteers to help with parking and other jobs.

**2016 AAUW Rocky Mountain
Regional Conference:
"Women Count!"**



Every other year AAUW members from AZ, NM, CO, NV, NM, UT and WY gather to learn about AAUW National activities and in these states, network with long-time and new friends, and have fun. No business meetings, but plenty of workshops. AAUW-NM is hosting the 2016 RMR Conference:

Date: July 15-17, 2016*

Place: Albuquerque, NM

Hotel: Sheraton Uptown at Louisiana and Menaul

*Program details and registration will be available soon.

Keynote Speaker: Catherine Hill, head of AAUW's research department and author of several of the recent AAUW research reports

Other Workshops/Speakers:

- Diversity Workshop with Julia Brown, recent AAUW Vice-President and a Las Cruces

***Tech Trek
Orientation Meeting***

We are happy to announce that twenty-three 7th grade girls, representing a wider range of Santa Fe schools, were nominated by their science teachers to attend AAUW-NM one-week STEM camp [Tech Trek](#). Camp will be in June at New Mexico Tech in Socorro.

To honor all nominees and to encourage them to continue their pursuit of excellence in the sciences, we hosted an orientation meeting at the Higher Education Center (HEC) from 5:30 – 6:30 on February 18. As we had not done this in previous years, the anticipated turnout was questionable. But suddenly people started arriving early. Thank goodness we ordered enough pizzas and beverages as we ended up with standing room only! Nine of the nominated girls attended and were accompanied by one or two parents, siblings, and friends. Two girls who participated in last

- branch member
- Each state will organize a session concerning AAUW activity or issue
 - Healthy Start events each day
 - Optional evening activities

**AAUW-NM's annual convention will not be held as usual in April but is scheduled the day preceding the conference, Thursday, July 14 from noon to 3:30 pm. An evening social is planned for all AAUW members present.*

Submitted by Nancy Scheer



SFPS Adelante Program is a unique local program that works to strengthen opportunities for academic and life success of children and youth experiencing homelessness. AAUW-Santa Fe branch members have for years reached out and supported the Adelante program since about 12% of SFPS are experiencing homelessness.

Upcoming events:

Tuesday March 1: Dinner at Pecos Trail Café, 2239 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, 5- 9 pm. 20% of sales go

summer's camp, Sofia Ortiz and Etta Pope, also attended with their mothers.

While Lina and I talked of the camp, its goals, the application process, and showed a video from last summer's camp, the highlight of the evening was the extemporaneous presentation given by Sofia and Etta of their experiences. They shared the stage and spoke so eloquently and fondly of the classes, teachers, projects, living on a college campus, dorm mothers and establishing lasting friendships. The dynamic duo answered questions and stated their only regret was they could not attend the camp again this year. All applauded them.

So many parents and students thanked us for our evening and for fostering girls' interests in STEM pathways. They also thanked AAUW for creating [Tech Trek](#) and continuing its growth in New Mexico. We will definitely repeat the forum next year. Thank you Cynthia Dobson for helping and Jeanne Patrick for her lemonade. Thank you Enid Tidwell and Sarah Fassett for attending the orientation meeting and for your interest in interviewing the girls in March. Anyone else interested in leading interviews contact Lynn Heffron at lgheffron@gmail.com

Please consider making a donation to Tech Trek NM or volunteering at the camp. Mail donations to: Tech Trek, P.O. Box 6572, Las Cruces,

to Adelante Program!

Wednesday March 9: AAUW-Santa Fe Members providing dinner to the Adelante Families. Help and food donations needed. Contact Julie Vollmer at 451-1495.

Tuesday March 22: Dinner at Santa Fe Bar and Grill in DeVargas mall, 5-10 pm. *20% of sales go to Adelante Program!*

Friday April 15: Adelante Productions, 6-8 pm - The Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza. Dinner, Entertainment, Silent Auction, Live Action and Quilt raffle.



DON'T GET SQUIFFY
Stay Calm and Carry On

Don't mourn for Downton Abbey any longer. One of Santa Fe AAUW members has agreed to host a High Tea at her home on Saturday, June .4 from 2 pm to 5 pm

Virginia McCallum will open the doors to her home for a tea and silent auction. There will be chamber

NM 88006 (checks should be made to "AAUW" with "Tech Trek NM" in the memo line).



VOLUNTEER - ATTEND - JOIN US!

March 1 - April 15: Various dinners and events to support Adelante (see Adelante post for details)

March 6: Two great books, one spectacular launch at the Jeanne Cocteau Theatre, 418 Montezuma Ave, Santa Fe. AAUW Members Maxine Davenport and Mary Neighbours will be launching their novels *Love is a Legal Affair* and *Speak Right On*. [Details at Jean Cocteau webiste](#)

March 9: Adelante Dinner
Another great dinner for Adelante on March 9th at Sweeney Elementary School at 6:00. We will serve a pasta, salad, and bread menu. This is a great way for new members to join in and meet long-

music and youthful 4H servers. Of course, there will be cucumber sandwiches and scones and pastries. There will be an elegant tea service complete with silver tea pots, porcelain tea cups and fine linens. The silent auction will include auctioning off new tea sets, new .Nambe and new silk scarves

The cost for all of this a very reasonable \$20 a person. Members from all local AAUW branches are welcome to attend. Come and see if Mrs. Patmore shows up

If you would like to volunteer for prep and set up, contact [Jeanne Patrick](#)

The money raised from this delightful event will support Tech Trek, UNM Scholarships, and other .authorized AAUW funds



VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATES!

Monte del Sol Charter School:
Sandra Bradley and Cynthia Dobson registered 33 students from two senior classes. Three students took the application form home, a few students had already registered, and

time members. Contact Julie Vollmer (451-1495) or Riette Muglsten (983-1268)

March 12: Brunch meeting at 11 am (location TBD) Program begins at 1 pm featuring Patricia Kushlis, Director of Santa Fe World Affairs Council will speak about Russian relations at the **Annex bldg of SFUAD** (see post below for more details)

April 12: Equal Pay Day (details forthcoming)

April 16: April Branch Meeting
Speaker is our 2015-2016 UNM Scholarship Fund recipient Emma Elliott-Smith. Luncheon at Midtown Bistro starting at 11:30

May 11: AAUW-Santa Fe Annual Business Meeting and tour of Santa Fe Institute with Valerie Plame Wilson.

- Tour begins at SFI at 10:30 am at SFI
- The 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Business Meeting will be at Estancia Primera Clubhouse at 450 Avenida Primera South (one mile south of SFI)
- Lunch will be catered via Dashing Delivery so RSVPs will be required—more on these details later this month

several others were not eligible. A successful event! Thanks, Sandra!

On February 11th AAUW co-sponsored, with the League of Women Voters, the Candidate Forum for the city elections held on March 1st. The well-attended event was held at the Main Library. Lina German welcomed the audience on behalf of AAUW and she also helped field questions for the candidates. Nancy Scheer was the timer. A number of other AAUW members helped as well... Thanks to all who took the time to be there.

APRIL EQUAL PAY DAY

Want to make a difference?
Interested in Public Policy?
Join me in planning activities for the April Equal Pay Day on April 12th, help with the Equal Pay Student Essay Contest as well explore other ways to make AAUW members aware of what National considers priorities. Contact [Cynthia Dobson](#), Public Policy Chair.

May 21: Trash and Treasure Sale
(see above post for details)

June 4: High Tea (see post to the left for details)

July 14: AAUW-NM Annual Convention from Noon-3:30 (details forthcoming):

July 15-17: AAUW Rocky Mountain Region Conference
(details forthcoming)

ONGOING

The Daylighters Book Group meets the second Wednesday of the month. Contact Connie Petersen at 930-5595 or [email](#) for details

Do you have an ongoing club or group? Let everyone know. Send an entry to Lyric at aauwinsantafe@gmail.com with the name of your group/club, when you meet, and contact information.



MARCH PROGRAM: SPEAKER INFORMATION

Stop the World I Want to Get Off

The world is facing so many different critical issues that there are times when going back to bed and pulling the covers over one's head feels like the only sane response. Yet there is another option and that is to learn more about the most significant ones.

With greater knowledge, they often become less daunting. What are the most important of these issues? A newly released survey of 700 international relations scholars teaching in American universities conducted annually by the College of William and Mary identifies the ones these specialists consider the most important. This year's list ranks conflict in the Middle East and climate change as the top two. They are followed by renewed Russian assertiveness, transnational terrorism and China's rising military power. Are these scholars right? Is the list already dated? And are some of these issues, in reality, related? The Santa Fe World Affairs Forum, which Patricia Kushlis heads, has identified the "Crisis in Human Migration" as its theme for its annual world affairs symposium April 18-19. In the US foreign policy community, the Forum is not alone in focusing on this issue. The Forum is often ahead of the curve, and the daunting problems related to migration and refugees may well appear on next year's survey. In this session, Pat Kushlis will help to demystify several of these critical issues, put them in context and discuss their interrelationships.

Patricia H Kushlis is president and cofounder of the Santa Fe World Affairs Forum, a 501(c)(3) educational organization based in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Information about Forum activities and membership is available on its website at: <http://sfwaf.org> She had a 27 year career as a US Foreign Service Officer (1970-1998) with a specialty in public diplomacy. She also cowrites the foreign affairs blog [WhirledView](#). As an FSO, she served in US Embassies in Athens, Moscow, Helsinki, Bangkok and Manila and at US Information Agency Headquarters in Washington, DC. She also served as public affairs adviser on the US Delegation to the 1992 CSCE (now OSCE) Helsinki Review Conference at the end of the Cold War. From 1998-2006 she taught international politics, comparative politics and Islam and politics at the University of New Mexico. Her PhD is in political science from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.



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