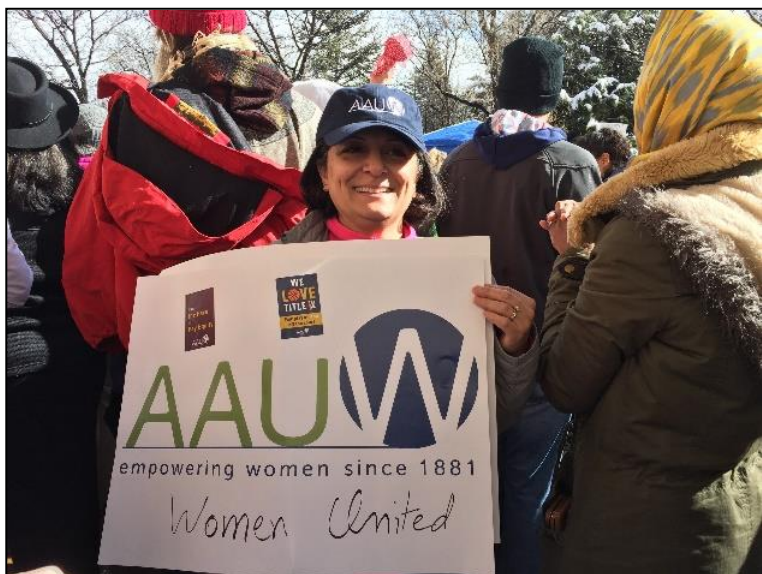


Capital Women

February, 2017

Our AAUW year has begun with a roar! Definitely!

From our wonderful La Fonda Tour to our Legislative Talk, from beginning New Mexico's 2017 Legislative Session to finalizing art for the annual AAUW art contest, from meeting in our interest groups to meeting on the streets around our nation for the Women's March--- Wow! We are off and running!



AAUW women in Santa Fe and New York, marching for equal rights for all.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>January</i> 29 	30 New Mexico 2017 Legislative Session continues 	31 Annual Art Contest: SUBMISSION PERIOD ENDS 	<i>February</i> 1 •12:30 to 2 Board Meeting	2 Make your reservations by tomorrow for the Luncheon and Program on Sunday the 5th	3  •4 to 6pm Cocktails and Conversation, El Dorado Hotel	4
• 10:30am to 5pm 5 State Legislative Meeting  • 12:15 Lunch • 1pm Program	6 • 8:30am AAUW Legislative Day  • 1pm Knitting Group	7 Annual Art Contest: VOTING PERIOD BEGINS  • 10 to 11am Roe v Wade Rally	8  • 1:30 to 3 Daylighters Book Group	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i> 	15	16  Tech Trek Essay Reader-Training	17 Our Quilt Raffle Continues! Did you buy a ticket yet? 	18 <i>Cacao, the Art & Culture of Chocolate</i> • 11:30am Lunch • 1 to 3 Program 
19	<i>President's Day</i> 20  • 1pm Knitting Group • 7pm Book Women	21	22	23	24 • 8am to 1:30pm Julia Robinson Math Festival	25
26	27	28 Annual Art Contest: VOTING PERIOD ENDS 2-28 	<i>March</i> 1 • 12:30 to 2 Board Meeting	2	3	<i>Santa Fe Trails Women's Diaries</i> 4 • 11:30am Lunch • 1pm Program

A Word from Our Co-President,

Jeanne Patrick

AAUW Santa Fe has lots to be happy about – honest.

We do have a newsletter editor in place. Mary Jensen stepped up to take on the position. Welcome Mary.

We have a location for the Leadership Team meeting Sunday February 5th! It is at the Santa Fe Community College in the main building in room 414B. The meeting will start at 10:30 am for the Branch Presidents with a working discussion on the latest Bylaws changes needed. Then you are all invited to join us for lunch at 12:15 (reservations needed, see below) followed by a program on Lobby Day at 1:00. Meredith Machen, President of the New Mexico League of Women Voters will be the speaker.

For lunch, a variety of Subway sandwiches will be served. The cost for lunch will be \$10. Please send checks to: AAUW Santa Fe, PO Box 31584, Santa Fe NM 87594 by Friday February 3. Write Feb 5th lunch in the memo line.

The Women's March on Jan 21 in Santa Fe had everyone excited. It has been a long time since such a movement has inspired women to get on their feet. We were ready with banners, signs, stickers, and scarves, gloves and hats.

We continue to have exciting programs each month for our members. We have a meeting at a chocolate shop on February 18th.

Life is good. Enjoy each day to the fullest.

Welcome New Members!

2016-2017

We are delighted you have joined AAUW in Santa Fe. ☺ We look forward to seeing you at the meetings and hope you will join in one or two of our Interest Groups and community activities.

Please welcome:

Debbie Marcee	May, 2016
Jennifer Baker	May, 2016
Ann Marie McLaughlin	May, 2016
Emma Smith	May, 2016
Laurel Winter Stritzinger	May, 2016
Rebecca Buchleiter	June, 2016
Constance Deschamps	June, 2016
Heather Basham	July, 2016
Rhea Maxwell	July, 2016
Donna Gomien	September, 2016
Amy Gordon	September, 2016
Caroline Kirkpatrick	September, 2016
Sudha Rani Kailas	September, 2016
Jan Westrick	October, 2016
Carol Sanchez	October, 2016
Phyllis Baca	November, 2016
Sharon van de Velde	November, 2016
Lisa Sorkin	January, 2017
Debra Lineback	January, 2017
Leslie Krasne	January, 2017

Please see Bios on several of our new members, at the end of this Newsletter!

Luanne Moyer, Membership Vice-President

February, 2017 Events

2-5-17 9am to 5pm AAUW-New Mexico Leadership Meeting

The AAUW Leadership Meeting is an all-day meeting, for all AAUW members. It is a required meeting for Branch Presidents, but everyone else is welcome to attend the whole day and meet and mix with AAUW members from around the state. More importantly, members are particularly encouraged to attend the Luncheon and Speaker event, from 12:15 to 2. The rest of the day is taken primarily with by-law revision discussions in the morning and discussions of current state activities and issues in the afternoon.

The Meeting will be held at the [Santa Fe Community College](#), Main Building, Room 414B

Agenda

- 10:30am Coffee – Meet and greet
- 11:00 By-Laws Working Discussion - Shelley Rossbach and Phyllis Ludi
- 12:00n Adjourn
- 12:15 Lunch** Lunch Reservations must be made by Friday 2-3. Please send checks for \$10 to: **AAUW Santa Fe, PO Box 31584, Santa Fe NM 87594**
- 1:00 Speaker - Meredith Machen from NM League of Women Voters**
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 Resume Program
- 5:00pm Adjournment



2-6-17 8:30am AAUW Legislative Day at the Round House

AAUW in Santa Fe is hosting Legislative Day for members from around the state, a day to lobby our legislators on the issues that are important to AAUW-New Mexico. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. in Room 326. During the day, we will visit senators and representatives in the morning, then pick up lunch at the sandwich shop and compare notes back in the same room. Various committee hearings and floor sessions will be available in the afternoon.

Volunteers are needed to staff an AAUW table in the lobby. Contact Public Policy Chairperson **Cynthia Dobson** if interested.

1-17-17 12n New Mexico 2017 Legislative Session Continues

SESSION DATES 2017

- December 15, 2016 - January 13 Legislation may be pre-filed
- January 17 Opening day (noon)
- February 16 Deadline for introduction of bills
- March 18 Session ends (noon)
- April 7 Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed
- June 16 Effective date of legislation not a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date



2-6 to 2-28-17 [2017 AAUW Annual Art Contest](#) *Member Voting*

In 2012, only 4 percent of artists on display at the Metropolitan Museum were women. That's why AAUW hosts an annual art contest to give women artists the equal attention they deserve. Please support our member artists by voting for your favorite contest submissions in February!

For more information on the AAUW Art Contest, see the contest rules at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/artcontest-rules/>.

2017 Timeline

- Submission period: January 4–31 Submit your artwork. Members can submit up to two pieces.
- Voting period: February 6–28 AAUW members can vote for up to 10 entries.
- Winner announcement: Early March We'll announce the six winners!

2-7-17 10 to 11am Roe v Wade Rally

The 44th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* will be celebrated at the New Mexico capitol rotunda, with speakers and a reception. The New Mexico AAUW is encouraging our participation in this event.

The Santa Fe chapter of the National Organization of Women, NOW, will be hosting the 44th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* on February 7th at the New Mexico state capitol rotunda between 10 - 11 A.M. To quote Planned Parenthood, "On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its landmark decision in the case of *Roe v. Wade*, which recognized that the constitutional right to privacy extends to a woman's right to make her own personal medical decisions — including the decision to have an abortion without interference from politicians. Over 40 years later, Americans are still standing by this decision — with 7 in 10 Americans believing *Roe v. Wade* should remain the law of the land."

The keynote speaker will be attorney Maureen Sanders. A number of legislators will speak at the event in support of reproductive justice. Cake and coffee will be served.

2-16-17 [Tech Trek Essay-Reader Training](#)

Special Member Recruitment

Recruiting Essay Readers for the 2017 Tech Trek New Mexico Summer Camp

2-16-17 Essay Reader Training
3-1-17 to 3-31-17 Essay Reading and Grading

The 2017 Tech Trek summer camp, sponsored by New Mexico AAUW, is to be held June 18-24 at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. At this camp, girls who will be in the 8th grade the next fall come from all over New Mexico to participate. Girls are now being nominated to apply to

participate in Tech Trek by their 7th grade science teachers. Applications will be sent to girls on February 1st, and must be returned by February 28th.

AAUW members are asked to volunteer, in March, to read the essays that the girls write. As many essay readers as possible are needed, since each essay is read and graded three times. A training for essay readers outside of Albuquerque is planned for Thursday February 16th at a time to be determined.

If interested in being an essay reader, please e-mail **Sylvia Fink** at sjsf44@hotmail.com with your 1) name, 2) contact information (e-mail address and/or phone number), and 3) your input about the time of day that would be most convenient for training on February 16th.

2-18-17 11:30 to 3 February Program Cacao, The Art and Culture of Chocolate

As you munch on your Valentine's candy, consider where that wonderous flavor came from--- and join us for lunch and a talk about chocolate, its history, and how it is made on the 18th. Chocolate sampling is included!

- 11:30am Lunch will be at Tortilla Flats, 3139 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe.
- 1pm Program, **Cacao, The Art and Culture of Chocolate**, will be at Cacao, 3201 Richards Lane, Santa Fe.

Please RSVP to **Program VP**, **Melanie Buchleiter**, at mkbuchleiter@sbcglobal.net , if you plan to attend!



2-24-17 8am to 1:30pm Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival

The Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival is an event for 7th and 8th graders designed to inspire these students to explore the richness and beauty of mathematics through activities that encourage collaborative, creative problem-solving. There will be games, puzzles, and mathematics activities not usually seen in the classroom. Some of the activities will be purely fun; others are meant to really challenge this age group. Numerous universities including Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, and Yale have hosted this Festival. And now it is our turn, led by our Co-President, Lina Germann!

Teachers and students have already signed up, buses have been booked. Now volunteers are needed to be Table Leaders. A volunteer training will be held. To volunteer, please fill out the **Volunteer Form**.

When: Friday, 2-24-17

- 8 to 8:30am Volunteers arrive Breakfast available for Volunteers from 8 to 8:30am
- 9:30am to 1:30am Festival Lunch available to all from 12:30 to 1:30

Where:

**Santa Fe Community College, Jemez Rooms
6401 Richards Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87508**

For more information, visit www.stemsantafe.org

For questions, email events@stemsantafe.org



Julia Robinson
Mathematics Festival

On-going to 5-6-17 Quilt Raffle for STEM Activities

AAUW in Santa Fe is sponsoring a Quilt Raffle benefitting our STEM initiatives for girls. Raffle tickets may be purchased from **Jeanne Patrick** (505-699-8645) at **\$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00**.

Interested members are encouraged to sell tickets for this worthy educational cause! Call Jeanne for tickets!

The quilt is a beautiful handmade coverlet, valued at \$600, which was donated by the New Mexico Quilters' Association. The quilt is in a traditional maple leaf pattern and measures 77" x 101", lovely for either a king or queen sized bed.



Interest Groups

Book Women

The Book Women Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at a member's home. At our monthly meetings, we discuss the reading selection of the month. We read a variety of books including but not limited to fiction, non-fiction, mysteries, and biographies. Our group is currently full. Contact Judy Kares at (505) 474-0799 or jkares@earthlink.net for more information or to get on the wait list.

Unbook Club

The Unbook Group meets to discuss everything, plus the book! The only requirement for this club was that the author must show up to discuss their book. So far, 13 local authors have met with the group. The invited authors have ranged from Anne Hillerman to Valerie Plame to Maxine Davenport. All members are invited and a notice will be sent out when a meeting is setup. Contact Jeanne Patrick at pres.jeannepatrick@gmail.com or Lina Germann at lsgermann@gmail.com for more information.

Knitting Club

The AAUW knitting group is an interest group for women who like to do handwork, including knitting, crocheting, embroidery, weaving, sewing, etc. We initially organized to knit warm scarves and hats for children in the Adelante program in the public schools. The group meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 1:00 at one of the tables in the de Vargas Mall near the Op. Cit. bookstore. We meet informally to chat and share knitting projects and techniques. Instruction is available for those wanting to learn to knit or crochet. Please contact Sandra Bradley at Sandbrad@aol.com for more information.

Daylighters Book Group

The Daylighters Book Group meets the second Wednesday of the month, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the La Farge Library Community Room. We either read and discuss books on selected topics or we will read and discuss the same book. This month, February, the focus will be on books by author Louise Erdrich. You may read any book you choose by Ms. Erdrich. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Connie Petersen at valkyrie719@yahoo.com.

Hiking Group

The Hiking Group hikes from approximately April through mid-November, depending on the weather. Our hikes usually last two to three hours and the locations vary. If you are not already on our email list, please email Barbara Asarch-Aronowitz at barbaracoyote@gmail.com and she will add you to the group email.

Meet & Eat

The Meet and Eat group meets once a month on Sunday evening at a moderately priced restaurant for dinner. Contact Jeanne Patrick at pres.jeannepatrick@gmail.com for more information.

Cocktails & Conversation

The Cocktails and Conversation Group is a National AAUW program from Program in a Box. The idea is for local AAUW members to meet in a public bar and discuss issues pertaining to AAUW locally and nationally. The next Cocktails and Conversation group will meet on

Friday, February 3rd, at the El Dorado Hotel from 4-6 pm. Parking is free for 2 hours with validation. No RSVP needed. Contact Jeanne Patrick (505) 984-1720 for more information.

Your Choice

If you are interested in starting a group that addresses your interests – interests—art, computers, gourmet, etc., please contact Jeanne Patrick at pres.jeannepatrick@gmail.com to discuss how you might get started!

Committees of Interest



PUBLIC POLICY

The Public Policy Committee locally provides candidates' forums in conjunction with other SF community groups for support of community issues that promote AAUW goals and participates with national AAUW to influence PP on all issues affecting women and girls such as education, the environment, families and equity in the work place. Contact our **Public Policy Chair, Cynthia Dobson**, with questions or interest.

STEM

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Committee promotes equity for women through STEM education. Participate in projects to help girls realize their potential. Projects such as *Careers and Curiosity* for elementary girls and boys, and *Expanding Your Horizons* conference for middle school girls. Contact one of our **STEM Chairs, Lina Germann**, or **Lynn Heffron**, with questions or interest.

OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee promotes equity for women through community service, such as collecting coats and food for the *Adelante Program* for the Santa Fe Public Schools' homeless children, youth, and their families; and advocating for Girls Inc. programs.

FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising Committee helps raise funds through activities such as the Trash and Treasure Sale. Contact our **AAUW Funds Chair, Jeanne Patrick**, if interested in participating.

LEGISLATIVE POTLUCK

Our Program VP helps organize a potluck in preparation for a day of lobbying at the Roundhouse during legislative sessions. Contact our **Program VP, Melanie Buchleiter**, at mkbuchleiter@sbcglobal.net, if interested in helping.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee recruits members and help new members feel welcome. Contact our **Membership VP**, **Luanne Moyer**, at ca_mom2000@hotmail.com , if interested.

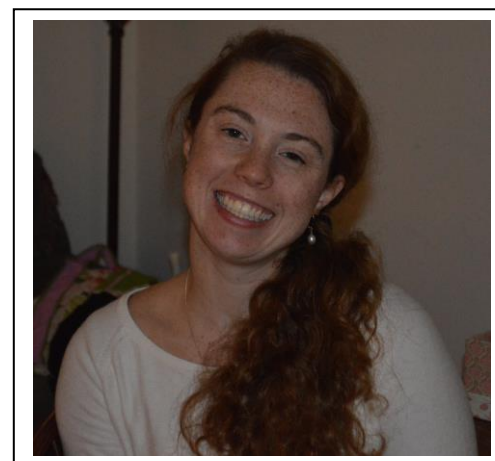
DIVERSITY

Currently the Diversity Chair position is vacant. Let us know if you would like to take on this important role.

Welcome New Members! ♥

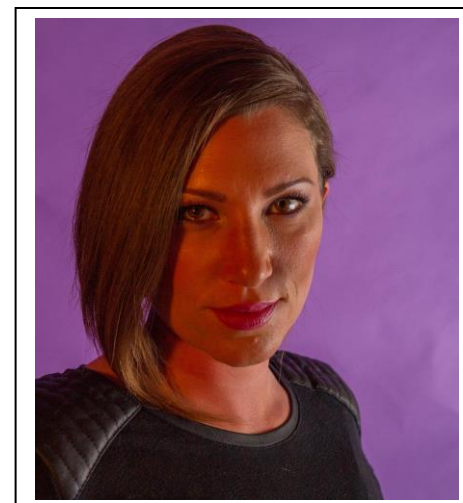
Welcome, Laurel Stritzinger!

Originally from New Jersey, I spent a few years in Massachusetts for college and later in Florida for graduate school. As a result, I love the ocean, and miss it living in New Mexico. After graduating with my PhD in Physics from Florida State University, I moved to Los Alamos in mid-2015 with my husband, as we were both offered postdoc positions at LANL. I'm passionate about encouraging young girls to study science and am active in outreach activities both within and outside my job. When I'm not working, I like to knit, read, do yoga, and in the winter try to snowboard.



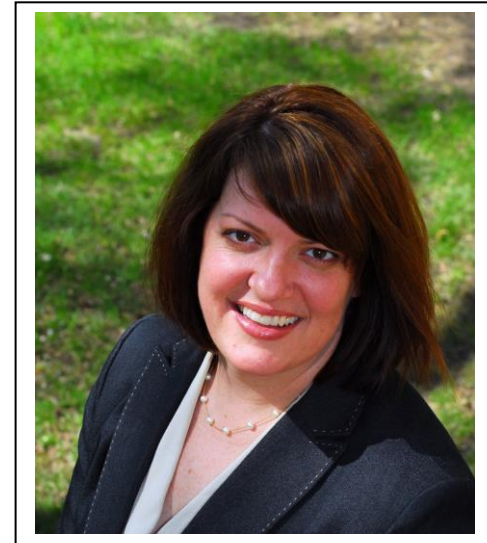
Welcome, Amy Gordon!

Amy Gordon is a master's degree candidate at Southwestern College in Santa Fe, where she is studying Counseling. She moved to Santa Fe NM from Lincoln NE in July 2015, where she worked for the State of Nebraska in Human Services Administration. In 2012, Amy graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska where she studied Psychology and Religious Studies. Amy has worked in the Human Services field for 10 years and has most recently served as the Executive Director of Community Options in Santa Fe.



Welcome, Jenn Baker!

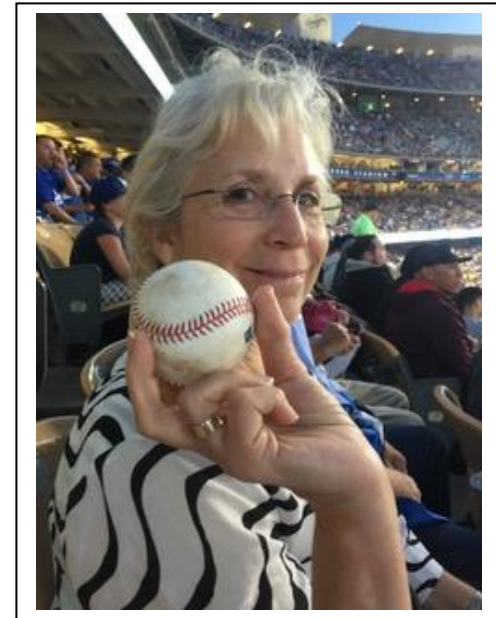
I graduated with Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Northwestern College, a small liberal arts school in St. Paul, MN. I have worked in Human Resources and corporate recruiting for over 20 years. My focus has always been technical companies in Defense, Industrial Manufacturing and Construction/Architecture. I recently moved to Los Alamos, NM from Minneapolis, MN. We moved out here in July of 2015. My husband took a role at LANL as a Modeling & Simulation Engineer. I have worked with Ingersoll Rand for 6.5 years and they allow me to work remotely as I support all of our Engineering, Product Management & Marketing roles across all of our business units in North America. We enjoy the outdoors, so have taken advantage of all the wonderful activities New Mexico has to offer: hiking, photography, rafting, fly fishing and skiing.



Welcome, Lisa Sorkin!

Lisa Sorkin was born, raised, and spent most of her life in Southern California. Lisa was originally an art major in college, right out of high school. She married at the young age of 22 and was a stay at home mother and raised her children before going back to school in 1992. She received her AA in art at College of the Canyons, in Santa Clarita before transferring to California State University, Northridge (CSUN). Lisa decided to do the computer option as part of the math degree because she never liked writing papers. She graduated from CSUN with a BS in Mathematics and a minor in Computer Science in spring of 1998.

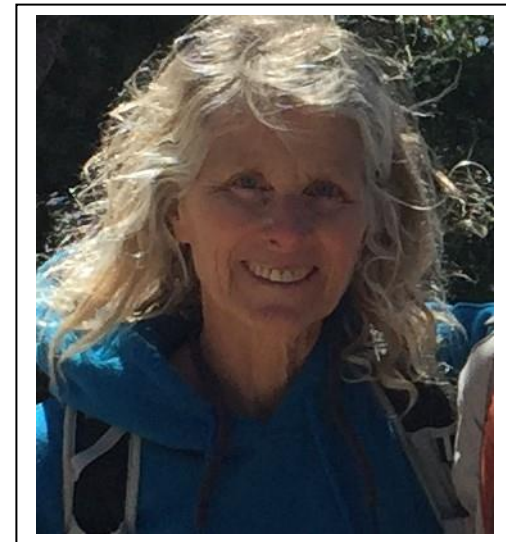
Lisa started her career as a Software Engineer in October of 1998, when she was in her early forties. She worked as a software engineer for eighteen years, contributing to the support and safety of our US military. During her career, Lisa went back to school, taking one class a semester and received her MS in Engineering Management from CSUN in 2008. Lisa spent her whole career working for the same company and made lasting relationships with her co-workers and managers. She took pleasure in her accomplishments and the success of her career, but wanted to experience more from life. She recently retired this past December, 2-16, and made her move to Santa Fe, NM so she could spend time and travel with her husband of thirty-nine years, David.



Lisa at a Dodger's Game

Welcome, Deb Lineback!

Deb has resided in Santa Fe since 2002 after living in California, Oregon, Mississippi, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Arizona in her adult years. She and her husband, Bob, met at the University of Oregon and are retired now. They have two grown daughters and one amazing grand-daughter, age 2. Deb has fun hiking, swimming, kayaking, reading and most of all, traveling with Bob and their dog, Bert.



New members are welcome year-round. If you have a friend whom you would like to invite to join AAUW, please feel free to invite her to one of our events and let her meet some of the other women in AAUW- Santa Fe. **Membership Vice President Luanne Moyer** reminds us that we currently are offering great rates for new memberships. From January 1 through March 15, 2017, we are offering Half-Year Dues for new members, with such memberships expiring on June 30, 2017. For those members who join at a public event, which includes all of our branch meetings, the cost to join would be \$29.25. Again, please bring your friends and/or family to any branch meeting so they can take advantage of this great membership rate offering.

AAUW Loss

One of our longtime members Helen Snoke, passed away in January, 2017. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends. She will be missed.



Her obituary in the *New Mexican* noted:

30-year Santa Fe resident, Helen Snoke, passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at the age of 91. Helen is survived by devoted husband, Ralph Snoke, daughters, Deborah Lloyd Forrest and Diane Lloyd Kliebenstein, both of Dallas, Texas, Deborah's husband Thomas C. Scott and Ralph's son Donald D. Snoke and wife Jan of Maine... Born on May 20, 1926 in Miami, Oklahoma, to William Morgan Ditson and Margaret George Ditson, Helen grew up in Joplin, Missouri. She graduated from The University of Oklahoma in 1948 with a BA in Drama and numerous acting awards. She received a Master's Degree in Library Science in 1960 and a Ph.D. in 1968, also from OU. Helen served as Associate Professor of Library Science at Oklahoma State University from 1962 to 1966 and Director of School Media Services of the Oklahoma City Public Schools from 1966 to 1969. From 1969 to her retirement in 1989, Helen served as professor, university leader and ultimately Acting Associate Dean of the School of Information and Library Science at The [University of Michigan](#). She served in numerous leadership roles in The American Library Association and as President of the Association of School Libraries. After moving to Santa Fe with her beloved Ralph upon retirement, Helen became active in numerous civic and charitable organizations including the Santa Fe Council on International Relations, **AAUW** and the Unitarian Universalist Church as well as at El Castillo, where the couple moved in 2007. A memorial gathering will be held at El Castillo in the coming weeks. Helen chose to be cremated and will be interred at Santa Fe National Cemetery. Donations in Helen's honor would be welcome by The Unitarian Universalist Church of Santa Fe or National Public Radio.