

*May is a month of flowers...*












## May Program

- When: Saturday, May 6, 2017 1 to 3pm
- Where: Santa Fe University of Art and Design, Southwest Annex Building, 1600 St. Michael's Drive

### **Annual Business Meeting/ VOTING/ Tea**

Our Annual Business Meeting, to vote for new Officers and By-Laws, and to enjoy each other's company!  
Everyone is encouraged to come! A quorum is needed!



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday             | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <p><i>April</i> 30</p>   | <p><i>May</i> 1</p>  <p>•1pm Knitting Group</p>              | <p>2</p>   | <p>World Press Freedom Day 3</p> <p>•12:30 to 2 Board Meeting</p>   | <p>4</p>             | <p>5</p>   | <p>AAUW Annual Business Meeting/ VOTING/ Tea • 1-3pm 6</p>  |
| <p>7</p>   | <p>8</p>  | <p>•10 Hiking Club Planning Meeting</p>  <p>9</p> | <p>10</p>  <p>•1 to 3:30 Daylighters Book Group</p> | <p>11</p>            | <p>12</p> <p>•4 to 6pm Cocktails and Conversation Eldorado Hotel</p>   | <p>13</p>   |
|  <p>14</p>                        | <p>15</p> <p>•1pm Knitting Group</p>  <p>•7pm Book Women</p> | <p>16</p>  | <p>17</p>   | <p>18</p>            | <p>19</p>   | <p>20</p>   |
| <p>21</p>  | <p>22</p>   | <p>23</p>  | <p>24</p>   | <p>25</p>            | <p>26</p>   | <p>28</p> <p>Ramadan Starts</p>  |
| <p>Memorial Day Weekend 28</p>  | <p>Memorial Day 29</p>                                     | <p>30</p>  | <p>31</p> <p>•12:30 to 2 Board Meeting</p>  | <p><i>June</i> 1</p> | <p>2</p>  | <p>3</p>  |
| <p>4</p>   | <p><i>May</i> 5</p>  <p>•1pm Knitting Group</p>            | <p>6</p>   | <p>June AAUW Program 7</p> <p>•11 Lunch</p> <p>•1 Tour of Los Golandrinas</p>   | <p>8</p>             | <p>9</p> <p>•4 to 6pm Cocktails and Conversation Eldorado Hotel</p>  | <p>10</p>   |

## Words from Our Co-Presidents

### A Message from Co-President Jeanne Patrick

As my term as Co-President comes to an end, I have many positive things to look back on. First of all, I have enjoyed tremendously working with my Co-President Lina Germann. She has made what could be a tedious job really fun. Second, I have met some really dedicated AAUW members. Third, it is always a challenge to put together interesting programs and interest groups and I believe our branch has done that over the last 4 years. As our branch tries to capture the interest of younger women, we have tried to support the programs that attracted the long-time members.

I think we have been successful in raising awareness about AAUW and our mission. But it is a constant task to keep the AAUW name out there. The Tech Trek STEM camp has been helpful in creating publicity about who we are.

It is important for the next branch leaders to keep the momentum up regarding pay equity. I hope the branch rallies to keep the spirit behind the Women's March alive. There is still a lot of work ahead of us.

### A Message from Co-President Lina Germann

As my 2-year term comes to an end on June 30, I am so grateful for a very supportive Co-President Jeanne Patrick and an amazing board. We have 12 board members and some are new to serve on the board. Our new interest group Cocktails and Conversation has been a hit, and the AAUW name in Santa Fe is getting more and more recognizable everyday especially that we had a presence at the Women's March, Equal Pay Day Rally, and the March for Science, SFCC Community Day, in addition to our annual legislature Lobby Day.

Our work and support to AAUW's mission is making an impact. I see it in the girls' eyes at Expanding your Horizons conference which our branch sponsors. I see it when women stop by our table and start pouring their hearts out about discrimination that they are experiencing. I see it when tell a NM legislator that I represent

AAUW and they don't ask what AAUW stands for (ok well, some still ask).

Please let us know how we can better keep you informed and get you involved. We all want the same thing: making the world a better place for girls and women. Thank you for your support and trust in us.

## Important AAUW of Santa Fe Date

Our **Program for May**, on **May 6<sup>th</sup>**, is our **Annual Business Meeting** during which we vote for new Board Members, By-Law Changes, and a Dues Increase. Tea, coffee and a variety of homemade desserts will be served. The five Gender Gap Essay Contestants have been invited to attend, along with their parents, and hopefully will read their essays to us! And, we will have our quilt drawing!

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AS  
A QUORUM IS NEEDED.**

## Welcome New Members!

2017

We are delighted to welcome all who join AAUW in Santa Fe. ☺

We look forward to seeing you at the meetings and hope you will join in one or more of our Interest Groups and community activities.

This month, please welcome:

Wendy Barrett      April, 2017

Martha Applegate      April, 2017

**Please new member Bios** at the end of this Newsletter!

Luanne Moyer, Membership Vice-President

Please contact **Luanne Moyer, Membership Vice-President**, with membership questions at [ca\\_mom2000@hotmail.com](mailto:ca_mom2000@hotmail.com).

# AAUW News

## National AAUW News

### AAUW announces new CEO, Kimberly Churches



On April 11, 2017, AAUW National Board Chair Patricia Fae Ho announced that following an exhaustive search and interviews with many brilliant candidates, the CEO Search Committee had selected a new chief executive officer, **Kimberly Churches**. Kimberly will start on June 1, 2017.

Kimberly comes to AAUW from the Brookings Institution, where she strategically guided the public policy organization, providing vision and problem-solving skills, expansive partnerships and external relations, and fundraising as the managing director. Before joining Brookings, Kimberly was an associate vice chancellor at the University of Denver, a director of development at the University of North Florida, and a division director at the American Heart Association. She has extensive experience working collaboratively on education (K–12 and higher education) as well as capacity building among grassroots groups and national and international nonprofits.

Kimberly earned her BA at Florida State University in English Education and the Certified Fund Raising Executive affiliation in 2002.



## Equal Pay Day Rally

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, people across the United States observed a national day of action to combat the gender pay gap. It is generally only in April that a woman's pay catches up to what men make the year before. This date symbolizes how far into 2017 women must work to bring home what men made in 2016. In the United States, the typical woman who is working full-time still only earns 79.6¢ for every \$1.00 that a man earns. Over a woman's lifetime, this can add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In Santa Fe, a rally was held at the Santa Fe Plaza from 12n to 1pm. Our Co-Presidents, Jeanne Patrick and Lina Germann, spoke--- Jeanne on behalf of AAUW and Lina on behalf of STEM-Santa Fe. Thank you, Jeanne and Lina, for representing AAUW interests on this important day!



Additionally, Senator Tom Udall wrote to his constituents and quoted AAUW about this important day!



***Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women's earnings "catch up" to men's earnings from the previous year.***

***-- American Association of University Women***

*Women in New Mexico who work full-time, year-round, don't put in 15% less effort than their male counterparts. They don't do 15% less during the day. If they're teachers or doctors -- they don't teach 15% fewer children or see 15% fewer patients.*

*They don't deserve to see 15% less in their paychecks.*

***In New Mexico, women earn 85 percent of what their male counterparts in the workforce earn. Nationally, the number is even worse -- with women earning just 80 percent of what men earn.***

*That's why today is Equal Pay Day -- women have to work this far into 2017 in order to make up the difference the gender wage gap causes.*

*As far as I'm concerned, everyday should be Equal Pay Day. It's time we close the gender wage gap once and for all...*

*Thank you.*

*Tom*



## Scholarship Recipient Luncheon

On Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, the AAUW Scholarship Recipient Luncheon was held to honor recipient Kara Shain and to hear about her pursuit of a medical degree at the University of New Mexico.

The event took place at the Midtown Bistro, a lovely restaurant in Santa Fe.

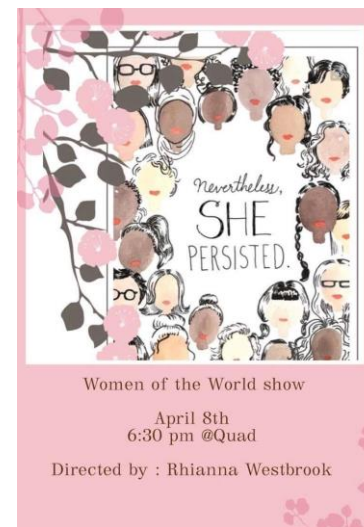
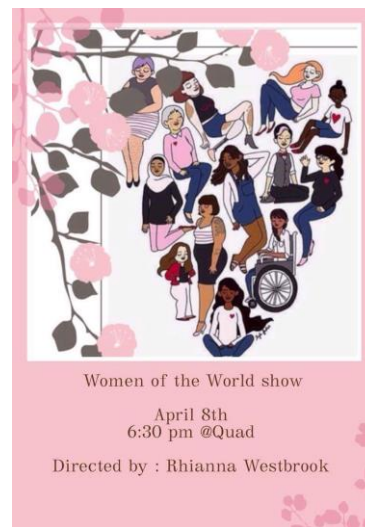


In 1995, the **AAUW Santa Fe Branch** established the **AAUW-UNM Scholarship Endowment Fund** at the University of New Mexico. The total endowment is now about \$50,000. From the endowment earnings, each year a \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to a woman resident of Santa Fe County who is enrolled as a full time graduate student at any University of New Mexico campus, and who has demonstrated academic promise and achievement. Preference is given to returning women.

Gifts to this fund are tax-deductible and are encouraged. Gifts sent directly to the UNM Foundation and restricted to the AAUW Santa Fe – UNM scholarship are tax-deductible. You may contribute to either the principal of the endowment or to the spending account that is used to provide the scholarships for recipients. The Pauline Gomez Fund was established in 1996, and the Teddi Baer Fund in 1997, in memory of Santa Fe AAUW members. Donations to these funds go directly to the principal of the **AAUW/UNM Scholarship Endowment Fund**. We encourage you to support the education and advancement of New Mexico women. Contact our branch's AAUW-UNM Scholarship Fund Chair, **Judy Kares** at [jkares@earthlink.net](mailto:jkares@earthlink.net) if you have any questions.



## WOW! (Women of the World) Performance



### WOW!

On the chilly Saturday, April 8th evening, students at the Santa Fe University of Art and Design (SFUAD) put on **WOW!**, a program of song, dance, poetry, and storytelling. **“WOW” stands for “Women of the World.”** **Rihanna Westbrook**, a SFUAD senior, organized and produced the show. Her goal was to raise enough money to pay the \$550 fee for the AAUW workshop "Start Smart,"

There were some twenty different acts, including a story on Maya Angelou told by member Cynthia Dodson. The audience, mainly students, was a good size. However, though a good-time was had by performers and the audience, not enough money was raised to cover the \$550 AAUW "Start Smart" fee. Rihanna hopes that perhaps St. John's College might like to co-host and split the cost of the workshop.

### What is Smart Start?

According to the AAUW website, Smart Start is a two-hour workshop that offers college-age students who are about to enter the job market “strategies and techniques for salary negotiation, and ... valuable skills they can use throughout their lives.”

“In every two-hour workshop, participants can expect to

- Understand the consequences of the gender wage gap
- Be able to identify the steps of salary and benefits negotiation
- Develop a budget and set a target salary and benefits
- Practice negotiation techniques in role-play exercises
- Feel confident in their ability to articulate their value and negotiate a fair and equitable salary and benefits”

Congratulations to Rihanna for all her hard work and cheers to all who participated!

## Community Day at the Santa Fe Community College

The Santa Fe Community College held its biannual Community Day this year as an Earth Day Resource Fair on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, in the main hallway. AAUW of Santa Fe had a table at the Community Day event. Thank you to Luanne Moyer and Melanie Buchleiter who manned the table, letting folks know about AAUW, how to join, and what we do.



## Adelante Supper



The Adelante Program for homeless families hosts a free dinner each Wednesday evening at Sweeney Elementary School in Santa Fe. The dinner is open to all. On Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, our branch was the sponsor and provided and hostessed the dinner.

About 30 people showed up, including several families with children of varying ages. All could choose spaghetti with meatballs; multiple salads; and sides of cucumbers and carrots, garlic bread, fruit, cookies, and lemonade. We were happy to see many returning for second helpings as our crew had done a great job preparing many healthy proportions.

A drawing concluded the evening which offered toys and treats to winners. Member (and our nominee for President) Lynn Heffron encourages all members to join in on this AAUW initiative as you will witness many smiles and hear many thank you's.

Thank you to Riette Mugleston led our preparation and to all of you including Lynn Heffron, Esther Milnes, Sandra Bradley, Nancy Sheerer, Jeanne Patrick, Cynthia Dobson, Lina Germann, and Riette's granddaughter who brought food and hostessed.



## March for Science

On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the world celebrated Earth Day, to demonstrate support for environmental protection. This year, the Earth Day Network held a **March for Science** in Washington, DC, on the Mall. In support, over 600 cities all around the world, including Santa Fe, held sister marches.

The **March for Science - Santa Fe** began in the Plaza on Saturday morning and wound through the streets of Santa Fe to the Roundhouse. Several thousand people marched, in support of scientific pursuits and to highlight the important science behind everything from climate change to vaccinations. As reported in the New Mexican newspaper, “Many people in the Santa Fe march carried signs touting their love for science: “What’s great about science — it’s true whether you believe it or not!!!”; “Stand up for Science”; “Research saves lives.” It was a colorful group, with people of all ages coming to support scientific pursuits.

The March concluded with a rally that featured speakers including U.S. Senator Tom Udall and U.S. Representative Ben Ray Luján, who both promised to work to save the EPA and science funding for New Mexico. One speaker extolled AAUW and its work on Teck Trek for young girls. Several children spoke, reading papers they had written for school about the importance of science.

Marchers got to pass by and later experience science-oriented booths, exhibits, and activities, including an AAUW booth manned by members Louis Yakey and Sandra Bradley and a STEM-Santa Fe manned by Co-President Lina Germann.



The March and following rally were both positive upbeat events, on a perfect Spring day, adding to the good feelings about using a scientific approach to problem solving and supporting our many New Mexican scientists. It was so nice to hear AAUW get recognized by a speaker for its support of STEM activities and then to see our members’ booths afterwards.

## [AAUW State Convention Los Alamos](#)

The 2017 AAUW State Convention took place in Los Alamos over the fourth weekend in April, from April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The theme this year was [Hilltop Views: Advancing Innovation and Gender Equality](#). Activities highlighted the science that Los Alamos is known for, showcased local attractions such as their new planetarium, and featured the work AAUW is doing to promote gender equality.

Melanie Buchleiter, our Program VP, filed this report of her experience:

### **AAUW State Convention hits Los Alamos**

I attended this year's AAUW state convention for the first time in April and am so glad I got to go. Beginning on Friday I participated in the State leader's business meeting before checking into the hotel. That evening we had several local hot spots to choose from for dinner before we headed over to the Planetarium for a great show about our solar system.

Saturday and Sunday we had the opportunity to start our days off with a walk along the canyon rim before heading in to the various sessions. The highlight for me on Saturday was hearing from Anne Hedgepeth, who works at National. She provided us with updates on research, fellowships and collaborations, as well as ideas and skills to help us move AAUW's mission forward. She showed 2 short but powerful videos that are currently available for branch use – "If and Only" about motivating girls to succeed and "AAUW Impact" which showed the impact of AAUW in 2016. I encourage everyone to take a look at them and will try to have them available at our May 6<sup>th</sup> gathering.

Saturday ended with a banquet at Cottonwood on the Greens, where Santa Fe won the award for most new members! We also got an honorable mention for the ingenious Idea award for the Julia Robinson Math Festival.

Sunday started off with a look at AAUW statewide public policy. We got a report on the current status and plan for moving public policy agenda forward. The second session was presented by our own Nancy Scheer. She presented a great session about her trip to the 2017 UN Commission on the Status of Women. She talked about the impact of both the weather and the problems encountered by some women trying to travel from other countries while providing a sampling of some of the sessions she attended. She also discussed AAUW's impact – both in the number of members attending, but also on the number of sessions AAUW presented and/or had a large participation in.

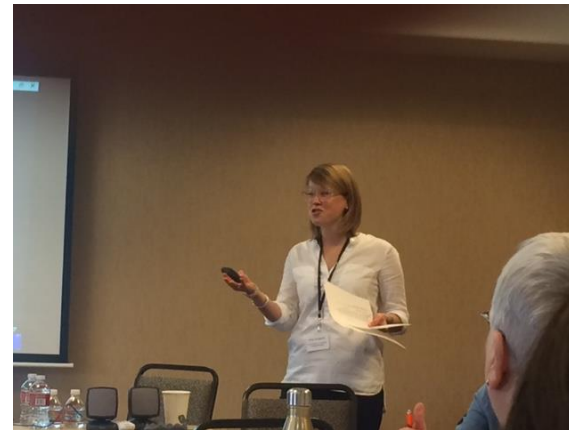
Julia Brown kicked off the next session with a presentation and discussion about Diversity and inclusion. That discussion led right into the town hall meeting before the convention was called to an end.

I love that I had the opportunity to attend the convention and feel that overall the atmosphere was very upbeat, proactive and optimistic. Perhaps because of current conditions nationally and in our state, attendees seemed to be one of stronger commitments, more action and a feeling of being prepared and ready to take on the challenges women face. The convention definitely seemed to recharge many in attendance and help to clarify many of the positions, actions, needs and goals for the national, state and local branches.

Thank you, Melanie!

Additionally, we have the convention in pictures, all courtesy of Denise George of the Los Alamos Branch:

Anne Hedgepeth, AAUW's senior government relations manager. Anne spoke about AAUW's advocacy work in Washington, D.C. with members of Congress and with AAUW's network of supporters. She manages the national AAUW Lobby Corps and spoke about the issues upon which that group has been working and about her work with various state Public Policy Chairs, including Nina Thayer and Sonya Berg of AAUW-NM.



Fattaneh Naderi-Behdani, AAUW International Fellowship recipient from Iran. Fattaneh is pursuing a doctorate in Chemical Engineering at New Mexico State University, working on advanced water treatment systems. Her research is on the desalination of brackish water using electrodialysis.



Some of the convention attendees who toured the New Mexico Consortium labs where research is being conducted on biofuels, using algae and various other plants. Shown are members from the Los Alamos, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Vegas and Las Cruces Branches.



Tinka Gamble, representing the New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering, speaking after receiving the first AAUW-NM Mission in Action Award from NM-AAUW's Award Chair, Sheila Portillo.



Shelley Rossbach (Santa Fe & Los Alamos Branches) and Phyllis Ludi (Las Vegas Branch) being crowned Queens of Bylaws by AAUW-NM Co-President Sylvia Fink (Albuquerque Branch). A fun way to celebrate and thank them for the tremendous amount of effort they put into the AAUW-NM bylaws and all the individual branch bylaws.

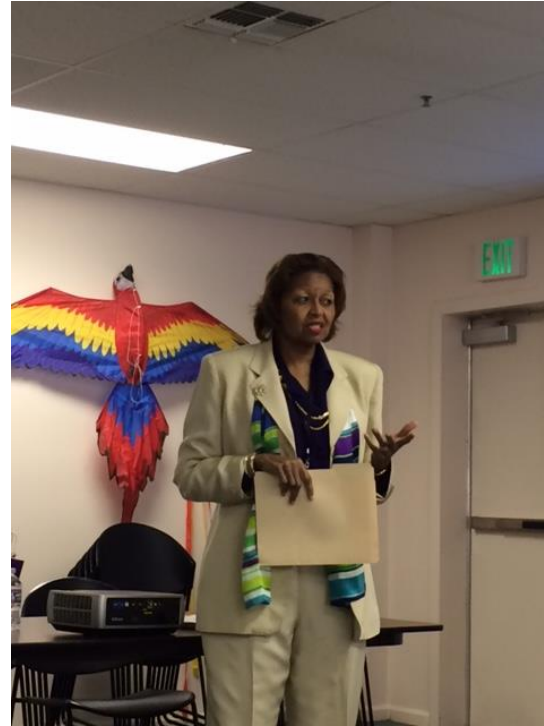


Nina Thayer (Los Alamos & Santa Fe Branches) having just been crowned Princess of Public Policy for taking on the AAUW-NM Co-Public Policy position. Nina found herself learning a great deal about the New Mexico legislative process in a very short period of time and doing a wonderful job of gathering and distributing information to the AAUW-NM Lobby Corps members along with her own lobbying efforts.





Julia Brown (Las Cruces Branch), candidate for Chair of the National AAUW Board. Julia gave a presentation titled: "Diversity & Inclusion-Out of the Box!!" where she gave attendees a different perspective on diversity; first mentioning issues one might expect to hear and then other aspects such as members with hearing difficulties, with sight problems, or mobility issues. Julia also discussed her very inspiring "Vision for AAUW."



## Scholarship Announcement

One of our two United States Senators, Martin Heinrich, has written announcing that his office is accepting applications from interested students for nomination to one of the five United States Service Academies, including

- The [United States Military Academy](#) (USMA) in West Point, New York, founded in 1802
- The [United States Naval Academy](#) (USNA) in Annapolis, Maryland, founded in 1845
- The [United States Coast Guard Academy](#) (USCGA) in New London, Connecticut, founded in 1876
- The [United States Merchant Marine Academy](#) (USMMA) in Kings Point, New York, founded in 1943
- The [United States Air Force Academy](#) (USAFA) in Colorado Springs, Colorado, founded in 1954.

Wouldn't it be great if AAUW could be instrumental in encouraging girls to attend these colleges? Students pay no tuition or fees to attend.



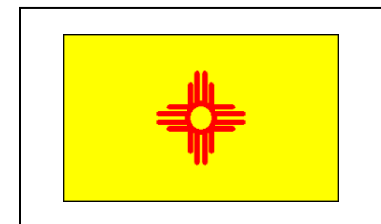
In order to provide students with information needed to apply for a service academy nomination, Senator Heinrich's staff will be on hand to answer questions at a [series of information sessions](#) at convenient locations across the state. These information sessions give prospective applicants and their families the opportunity to speak with representatives from each military service academy and in-state ROTC programs. It also allows applicants to speak to his staff and learn what is required to submit an application to his office.

To find a session in our area, please visit the Senator's website or a list of locations and dates: [www.heinrich.senate.gov/helping-you/academy](http://www.heinrich.senate.gov/helping-you/academy) Additionally, you may visit the [Academy Nominations page](#) on his website for application deadlines and more information about the nomination process.

## New Mexico Legislative Session, 2017 Update

During this Legislative Session, AAUW-New Mexico supported five bills that passed, four of which were sent to Governor Martinez for signature.

- HB 98 - Ballot Access for Blind voters
- HB 179 - Pregnant Worker Accommodation Act
- HB 211 - School Next Generation Science Standards
- SB 134 - Computer Science for Graduation Vetoed but passed without signature
- HJR 8 - State Ethics Commission (This will be voted on as a Constitutional Amendment in the General Election on 11/20/18)



Of the four bills sent to the Governor, one, HB 98, giving blind voters ballot access, was signed.

Though the Legislative session ended some time ago, all are waiting for the for Governor Martinez to call a Special Session, to develop a budget acceptable to all.

While waiting, you can be a Two Minute Activist by going to [www.advocacy@aauw.org](http://www.advocacy@aauw.org) to keep abreast of that is going in Washington.

More coming up when the Special Session opens!

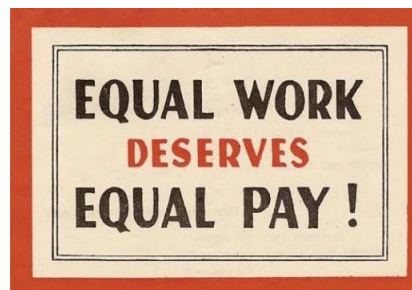
### **AAUW Grant Award Update**

In late February, the AAUW-NM Branch Projects Grant Award Committee selected AAUW of Santa Fe to receive a grant, one written by member Cynthia Dobson. Cynthia wrote a proposal for AAUW of Santa Fe to plan, sponsor, and produce an essay contest for girls on the topic of the gender pay gap. Cynthia's proposal was accepted and our branch was awarded \$150 in support of this essay contest!

The contest was held and five girls submitted essays. Thank you to Lynn Heffron, Melanie Buchleiter, and Cynthia Dobson who were the readers of the essays submitted. They found that all the essays were well written and that it was hard to judge between them. However, decisions were made and the results will be announced at the May 6th meeting. Each girl will receive a certificate for entering the Contest. Thanks also to Lina German who designed and printed certificates for all the girls who participated in the essay contest.

The booklet "The Simple Truth" was given to students who had expressed an interest in the Essay Contest, namely those at the Santa Fe Girls' School and at Santa Fe High School, which enabled the students to learn more about the pay gap even if they did not write an essay. You may check out this information, also, at <http://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/>

All five essayists have been invited to our Annual Business Meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> and hopefully will be able to attend with their parents and read their essays. Please come to this meeting to see these darling young girls and support their efforts!



## Membership News

We are several months into the 2017 dues collection season before the next fiscal year (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) begins. Invoices are continuing to be sent to those who have not already renewed. The email will come from [EONSupport@aauw.org](mailto:EONSupport@aauw.org).

One benefit of renewing early (before the end of June, 2017) is that you will be protected from any increase there may be in the dues.

Currently, the cost to renew is \$83. That is broken down into:

\$49 for National AAUW (\$46.00 of which is tax deductible)

\$18 for State AAUW

\$16 for Branch AAUW



*Join Us!*

Another benefit, or advantage, to renewing your dues prior to the end of June is that we use the amount of projected member dues received to build our budget for the next fiscal year. If all, or most, members have renewed by the end of the June, we have a better idea of the funds we will have available. Our annual planning meeting occurs in July.

You can renew your membership by clicking the link in the invoice you receive online and paying your renewal by credit card. Or, you can pay by check by making the check out to **AAUW – SF** for \$83.00 and mailing it to:

AAUW – SF/Membership

P.O. Box 31584

Santa Fe, NM 87594-1584.

If you have already sent your check and still receive an invoice it just means your renewal has not been processed yet. We apologize for the additional invoices being sent.

Any questions can be directed to **Luanne Moyer**, **Membership VP**, at [ca\\_mom2000@hotmail.com](mailto:ca_mom2000@hotmail.com) or (505) 820-0223.

## Outreach Campaign

Fund-Chair and Co-President, **Jeanne Patrick**, sent an Outreach Campaign letter to each of us, asking for mid-year donations to one or both of two project areas we support: the Scholarship Fund and our STEM (Science/ Technology/ Engineering/ and Math) projects. As University Women, an important part of our mission is to help other women, such as with scholarships, fund their



university education. And, as University Women in the twenty-first century, we all know the power and importance of STEM understanding and education.

Thank you to all of you who have so generously given. And for those of us who have taken our time, there is still time to make a donation. It is a wonderful feeling to know that we can be a part of a women's dream to be educated and a child's growing awareness of how her world works. All donations are so appreciated.

Contact **Jeanne Patrick** at [pres.jeannepatrick@gmail.com](mailto:pres.jeannepatrick@gmail.com) or (505) 984-1720 for further information or to make a donation.

### **On-Going Fund-raising for STEM Programs**

AAUW of Santa Fe has begun two fund-raising efforts this year, **Babe the Piggy Bank** and our **Quilt Raffle**.



We introduced Babe the Piggy Bank at our February Program luncheon as our newest campaign to raise money for our **STEM** (Science/ Technology/ Engineering/ and Math) projects. Every month Babe will be there at our programs to collect whatever change you have found in your sofas, car seats, and jacket pockets. Bring your spare change to events, for Babe!

We are also sponsoring a Quilt Raffle benefitting our **STEM** initiatives for girls. 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. The Quilt Raffle fundraising goal is \$1000.

Tickets will be available to buy at our May 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting. The drawing will be held at this meeting.

Please call Jeanne if you would like to sell tickets or would like to purchase tickets before the Annual Business Meeting. The tickets are at **\$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00**. Contact **Jeanne Patrick** at [pres.jeannepatrick@gmail.com](mailto:pres.jeannepatrick@gmail.com) or (505) 984-1720

## May, 2017 Event

5-6-17      1 to 3pm      AAUW of Santa Fe Annual Business Meeting

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- Where: Santa Fe University of Art and Design, Southwest Annex Building, 1600 St. Michael's Drive, Santa Fe

On Saturday, May 6, 2017, we are holding our Annual Business Meeting to vote for new AAUW of Santa Fe Board Members, By-Law Changes, and a Dues Increase. It will also be a time to enjoy each other's company, have tea and desserts, hear from our Gender Pay Gap Essayists, and thank our current Board members.

The Nominating Committee this year is pleased to nominate the following women who have agreed to serve the Santa Fe Branch as officers and members of the Board.

- President: [Lynn Hefferon](#)
- Program First Vice-President: [Melanie Buchleiter](#)
- Finance Chair: [Carol Heppenstall](#)
- Public Policy Chair: [Cynthia Dobson](#)

We are also voting on proposed changes to the by-laws. Highlights of the proposed changes include eliminating voting-by-proxy, lowering the quorum for voting at meetings from 20% to 15%, as well as changes to bring us into line with national and New Mexico state legal mandates.

We will be voting upon a proposed dues increase. Our yearly AAUW of Santa Fe Branch dues are \$16/year. The Board is proposing increasing our Branch dues \$7, to a total of \$23 per year.

In addition, we will also have the pleasure of hostessing our **Gender Pay-Gap Essay Contestants** at our meeting and having them read their essays to us. We want to give these girls a warm welcome and our sincere congratulations for both entering our Contest and writing such provocative essays.

And, finally, we will be drawing the winner of our beautiful quilt on this day. Our Quilt Raffle benefits our **STEM** initiatives for girls. 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.

Tickets may be purchased at the meeting. The tickets are at **\$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00.**

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:pres.jeannepatrick@gmail.com) or Lina Germann at [lsgermann@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sandbrad@aol.com) for more information.

## **Daylighters Book Group**

The Daylighters Book Group meets on the second Wednesday of the month, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. This month we are meeting **at Joe's Dining; 2801 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe.** We either read and discuss books on selected topics or we will read and discuss the same book. **This month, May, the Daylighters will read *Another Brooklyn* by author Jacqueline Woodson, a National Book Award Finalist, a New York Times Bestseller, a 29th Lambda Literary Awards Finalist, an NAACP Image Award Nominee for Outstanding Literary Work, an NPR Best Book of 2016, and BuzzFeed's pick for Best Fiction of 2016.** Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Connie Petersen at [valkyrie719@yahoo.com](mailto: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. **The Hiking group will be having a planning meeting for our upcoming hikes on May 9, 2017, at 10am.** Anyone that is interested in planning our upcoming hikes or just being included on the email list, please email Barbara at [barbaracoyote@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoyote@gmail.com).

## **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](mailto: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 Cocktails and Conversation group has begun to meet regularly on the second Friday of each month, this month, on May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4pm to 6pm, at the Eldorado Hotel.** 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](mailto:pres.jeannepatrick@gmail.com) to discuss how you might get started!

## Interest Committees



### 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. Contact our **new Outreach Chair, Louise Yakey**, with questions or interest.



## 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.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee recruits members and helps new members feel welcome. Contact our **Membership VP**, **Luanne Moyer**, at [ca\\_mom2000@hotmail.com](mailto: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 Member! ♥

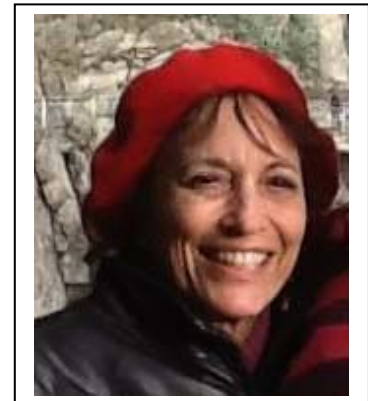
Welcome, **Wendy Barrett!**

Wendy Barrett was born in San Francisco and lived in various places in the San Francisco Bay Area, including Berkeley, where she graduated from the University of California, earning a BA in English. Wendy worked for many years as a teacher, teaching all grades in both public and private schools. She also taught English as a Second Language to adults at the Community College level and taught art to both adults and children in various school and private settings. In addition to teaching, Wendy has worked in advertising, toy designing, industrial movie making, and teacher-manual writing.

Now retired, Wendy currently volunteers as a teacher of art and meditation at Casa Familia, the homeless shelter, for the History Museum, and for the Santa Fe Community Orchestra, and previously for a number of years for Rancho de las Golondrinas. Wendy also takes time for herself --- at this time as a *student*, taking classes in ceramics and Improv acting, as a traveler to Europe and around the US, as a sculptor and painter, and as a book club devotee. When her husband was ill, she wrote an interview book to record his memories and thoughts, and has given workshops with the book to many hospice and women organizations. ([aboutmememoir.com](http://aboutmememoir.com))

Besides living in California and New York City, Wendy lived in Sun Valley Idaho for eight years with her second husband. When he passed, she moved to Asheville, North Carolina and three years later, in 2009, happily moved back to the non-humid West to Santa Fe. In 2013, a month before Wendy was going to move back to the San Francisco Bay Area, a friend introduced her to her current boyfriend and partner of five years. She helped him decorate his house for vacation rental and, when she moved in three months later, her furniture fit nicely because the decor was all her taste.

Wendy shares some of her art with us! →





Welcome, Wendy!

## Wanted

The following AAUW positions are open, beginning July 1, 2017. Each position presents a wonderful opportunity to be more involved in AAUW and the greater New Mexico community.

- 1) **WANTED:** Website Manager for AAUW of Santa Fe website  
Wordpress experience needed. This job entails updating our website once or twice a month, on average taking an hour of work a month, but can expand if desired. Updates are provided by Board members and attending Board meetings is desired. If interested, please contact Lina Germann, [Lsgermann@gmail.com](mailto:Lsgermann@gmail.com)
- 2) **WANTED:** Newsletter Editor for AAUW of Santa Fe Newsletter  
We are looking for someone who can put together our monthly Newsletter beginning in July. This job entails gathering news from Board members and compiling the news in the format of your choice, once a month. Time required is approximately 3 days per month. If interested, please contact Mary Jensen, [mcjensen@hotmail.com](mailto:mcjensen@hotmail.com), (925) 216-2532 (cell).
- 3) **Wanted:** Program Co-Chair for AAUW New Mexico State Board  
The State AAUW Board is looking for someone to serve on their Board as Program Co-Chair. Please contact Helena Whyte [505-672-9153](tel:505-672-9153) (h) or [505-690-7824](tel:505-690-7824) (c) if interested in this position.
- 4) **Wanted:** Public Policy Chair for AAUW New Mexico State Board  
The State AAUW Board is also looking for someone to serve on their Board as Public Policy Chair. Please contact Helena Whyte [505-672-9153](tel:505-672-9153) (h) or [505-690-7824](tel:505-690-7824) (c) if interested in this position.

## Happy News

Member Jacqueline Ulrich sends happy happy news to share:

*My news is joyful and needs to be shared!*

*We are so very proud to announce the arrival of our newest addition! We are overjoyed and so in love with our newest sweet baby boy, Shilo Ulrich. Our older boy Nico, is the BEST big brother in the whole universe for this new lil guy. Shilo was born on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:10AM. He weighed 8 lbs 13 oz and measured a whopping 21 inches long.*

*Life is short, live crazy and love lots! We are living crazy, shortening our adult lifespan from sleep deprivation and loving these boys like our life depends on it!*

*Xoxo    The Ulrich's: Jacqueline, Andri, Nico & Baby Shilo*



Congratulations to you and your precious family, Jacqueline! What a beautiful little boy! All of our blessings to all of you!