

*June is here  
and we welcome our New Board Members!*

Carol Heppenstall, Finance;  
Cynthia Dobson, Public Policy;



Melanie Buchleiter, First Vice-President:  
Lynn Heffron, President

## June Program

- Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11 to 3pm
- Time: 10:30am Tour of Los Golandrinas 334 Los Pinos Road, Santa Fe  
1pm Lunch at San Marcos Café 3887 NM-14, Santa Fe  
and Installation of the new Board Officers



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>May</i> 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>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p><i>June AAUW 7 Program</i></p> <p>•10:30 Tour of Los Golandrinas</p> <p>•1pm Lunch and Officer Installation</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>•4 to 6pm Cocktails and Conversation Eldorado Hotel</p> 	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>•9am Hiking Group</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>•7pm Book Women</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
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## *A Word from Our Co-President*

Co-President Jeanne Patrick

This is my last message to you as an AAUW Branch President. So, I feel I can write about anything. Many of you may remember several years ago I wrote about my traumatic family vacations to Yosemite. They were traumatic because we would go there every summer and my parents would never make reservations before going. Now I compensate my making vacation reservations up to 2 years in advance.

My Co- President Lina Germann is right now in Lebanon visiting her mother and father. I just came back from a cruise that spent 1 day in Havana which turned out to be enough time given their impoverished economy and food rationing system. They make an average of \$30 a month. Many tourists stay in the beach resort areas where they have a surrealistic view of Cuban life. The US embargo of Cuba has taken a severe toll on the Cuban people. They have a storage of toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and bath soap. Cuba is about 100 miles from Key West. It is ironic that our country of wealth can view the poverty of Cuba and the remnants of the Castro government failed economic policies. I hope that in my lifetime, there is a change in policies in both governments to make life more bearable for the citizens of Cuba.

The next AAUW Santa Fe President Lynn Heffron will be installed into office on June 7<sup>th</sup>. She is going to need the support of our 100 plus members to be able to transition into that position. I hope that our members do what they can to make her leadership successful.

Shortly, the leadership team will be meeting to plan out the programs for next year. Please give Program Chair Melanie Buchleiter some feedback as to what type of programs you want for our branch. I think our programs for this year were outstanding. There was variety and appeal for every age group and interest group.

So, this is my last message to you...AAUW needs your mental, physical, and financial support to continue. Please support the Mission.

## *Important AAUW of Santa Fe Date*

Our **Program for June**, on **June 7<sup>th</sup>**, is a guided field trip to Los Golandrinas, followed by lunch at Los Marcos Cafe. During lunch, we will have the official installation of our new Board officers.

Las Golandrinas is a frontier ranch, dating to the early 1700's, which has been converted to a living history museum. It lets us peek into life during the Spanish, Mexican and Territorial periods in New Mexico.

**PLEASE SEE FULL DESCRIPTION ON PAGES 12-13 BELOW**

## *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:

Yvonne Mull	May, 2017
Charlotte Rowe	May, 2017 (returning member!)

A New Member Bio on member Lindsay Conover, who joined in April, is on Pages 16-17, below.

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

# AAUW News

## AAUW of Santa Fe Annual Business Meeting

On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, our AAUW Annual Business Meeting was held at the Santa Fe University of Art and Design. Greeted by a plethora of cakes, cookies, and other sweets, members welcomed three of the five Gender Pay-Gap Essay Contest entrants, all precious 7<sup>th</sup> graders from the Santa Fe Girls School. The girls each read their essays--- and it was easy to see why it had been a difficult chore to decide which essay was the most well-written. All of the girls' essays were impressively articulate and well-written, with insights reflecting an excellent understanding of the issues surrounding the gender pay-gap. Kudos to each girl for her excellent work!

Following this delightful presentation, members got down to the business of the day: voting for new Board Members, bylaw Changes, and a dues increase.

The Nominating Committee had presented a possible slate of nominees who had agreed to serve the Santa Fe Branch as officers and members of the Board. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Each of the nominees was unanimously elected to her position. Our new Board Members will officially take on their positions as of July 1, the beginning of our fiscal year. They are:

- President: Lynn Heffron
- Program First Vice-President: Melanie Buchleiter, incumbent
- Finance Chair: Carol Heppenstall
- Public Policy Chair: Cynthia Dobson, incumbent

We also voted on proposed changes to the bylaws. Highlights of the proposed changes included eliminating voting-by-proxy, lowering the quorum for voting at membership meetings from 20% to 15%, as well as changes to bring us into line with New Mexico state legal mandates. There was much discussion about what exactly voting-by-proxy entailed and why we were voting to eliminate it. The New Mexico Non-Profit Corporation Act allows a non-profit to elect officers only by the means listed in that Act, and neither the internet nor the telephone are on the list. Thus, voting for officers by e-mail or by phone calls is not allowed. Mailing ballots to each member, on the other hand, is a possibility, but it is expensive. A motion was made and approved to amend the proposed changes, formally adopting the idea that mailed ballots could be used to elect officers, if ever necessary.

Next, we voted upon the proposed dues increase. The Board had proposed increasing our Branch dues from \$16/ year to a \$23/ year. Adding in the required state and national dues, this would bring the total dues due from \$83/year to \$90/ year. A lot of discussion took place on this proposal, also. It was suggested that \$7 --- or the resulting total of \$90/ year per member --- was a lot of money, a big increase for lots of people on fixed incomes. The reason for the requested increase was so that our Branch could provide more support for AAUW activities, outreach, and advocacy.

While there are special fund-raising campaigns, as for STEM and Scholarships, these campaigns are for on-going activities and do not allow for much flexibility in spending. For instance, with the Essay Contest, a grant was written to raise the funds necessary to provide literature to the girls, to provide modest monetary prizes, and to buy paper for certificates. The total grant awarded was \$150. If we could have such an activity without applying for a grant, that would be helpful. Each time our Branch members do

outreach activities, we provide AAUW pens and buttons and other memory-jogging items, all of which we are required to purchase. The coffee for special meetings costs money. A \$7 increase was expected to bring in an extra \$700 to our Branch for such activities.

A motion was made from the floor to amend the proposed dues increase from \$7 all at once to \$2/ year for the next five years. It was suggested that this gradual increase would be more palatable to members. This motion was approved.

And, finally, we were scheduled to hold the drawing for our beautiful quilt on this day. However, fewer tickets than expected were sold, and a decision was made to continue the raffle until November, so that more money could be raised.

### **Gender Pay-Gap Essay Contest**

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.

Several schools were invited to participate in the essay contest but only the Santa Fe Girls' School submitted essays. Megan Auber was the contact teacher at the Girls' School. She supported this project by not only handing out booklets that AAUW provided, entitled "The Truth," but also by encouraging the girls to write essays and enter the contest.

During their spring break, five girls took the time to research and write their essays. All the essays were well written and showed maturity beyond their years. It was hard for the readers (Lynn Heffron, Melanie Buchleiter and Cynthia Dobson) to decide which were the best of the well-written essays. The girls, all 7th and 8th grade students, were

Elena Pilar Bunker Ruiz, 1st Prize.

Natalia Payne, 2nd Prize

Yangchen Rotto, 3rd Prize

Lucia Ortiz, Honorable Mention

Flynn Ericson, Honorable Mention

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Annual Business Meeting, the winners of the Essay Contest on the Gender Pay Gap were recognized and awarded prizes. Three of the girls, Lucia, Natalia, and Elena, pictured, were able to attend the Meeting.



Sadly, essayists Yangchen and Flynn and their teacher Megan Auber were not able to attend. Lynn Heffron and Melanie Buchleiter handed out awards and certificates to the three girls present and then Elena, Natalia and Lucia each read her essay. The audience at the meeting was quite impressed with each girl's work. All the girls were thanked and congratulated.

Cynthia Dobson, Public Policy

## BYLAWS

Ugh!!! Is that the way you react when bylaws are mentioned? At this point, that is how your branch Bylaws "Committee" members feel. The group, made up of Melanie Buchleiter, Shelley Rossbach and Nancy Scheer started revising the Santa Fe branch bylaws 1 1/2 years ago. After every National AAUW convention, usually there are mandatory branch and state AAUW bylaws changes, due to amendments to the National bylaws. As expected, there were changes after the 2015 convention in San Diego. Little did we know what was to happen.

National sent out a document of model bylaws containing many pages of items that seemed inappropriate; maybe fine for the National AAUW bylaws but not for the local groups. Shelley Rossbach, as AAUW-NM Bylaws Chair, complained several times but was told everything had to be included. We finally gave up, included all the items but not in quite the same way suggested. At that time, our branch's name was changed from Santa Fe, New Mexico Branch of the American Association of University Women to American Association of University Women of Santa Fe, New Mexico - one of the mandates. There were also a few changes requested by the branch board of directors. This document was approved by the membership in May of 2016.

Later in 2016, notice was received from National AAUW that we should not proceed with the changes that had just been approved a few months earlier. Lots of other states and branches also had been complaining!

In early 2017, a new document of model bylaws was sent by National and your bylaws "committee" started work. However, this time we were told to be sure we were in compliance with the New Mexico statute governing non-profit corporations. Shelley and Phyllis Ludi (Las Vegas Branch and AAUW-NM Co-Bylaws Chair) set out to read the NM law. Among other items, they learned officers may not be elected electronically because it is not mentioned in the law (enacted in 1978) and committees can only be made up of board members; so now there are working groups for fundraising, the UNM scholarship, bylaws, etc. Regular branch meetings are now named "membership meetings."

During the branch's annual business meeting May 6, 2017, the new set of bylaws was approved. The document will be posted on our web site for all who are interested in the details. The next question is, what will happen after the June 2017 National AAUW convention?



Thank you, Nancy Scheer!



## First Hike of 2017

The first hike of 2017 by the Hiking Group was taken on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Los Alamos. The hike was up a canyon near the Los Alamos Skating Rink, up to the Los Alamos Reservoir. The hike was organized by Nancy Sheerer.

When the hikers starters, they met a couple of other women hikers who warned them that a bear had been sighted nearby! This mighty band of University Women fearlessly carried on--- and Thank Goodness did not see the bear. This picture shows the hikers at the Reservoir. The hike was approximately 3 miles round trip.

Afterwards, the group drove to the Los Alamos Nature Center, (well worth a trip!) and had a picnic lunch at the tables available there. It was a great day, as can be seen in the faces of these happy hikers.

Below are the hiking dates for the season. Specific information on each hike will be sent out a week prior to the actual date. We will hike the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Our new carpooling meet up location will be in back of De Vargas Mall. Near the back of Albertsons there is a back entrance to the mall. We will park and meet up near there.



May 23rd at 9 am. Nancy Scheer led the Los Alamos hike.  
June 13th at 9 am. Virginia McCallum will lead the Big Tesuque hike.  
June 27th at 9 am. Luanne Moyer will lead the Borrego, Bear Walbow Hike  
July 11th at 9 am. Barbara Asarch will lead the Rio En Medo hike  
July 25th at 9 am. Sue Matthews will lead the Chamisa hike.  
August 8th at 9 am. Deb Lineback will lead the Battle of Glorita Hike in Pecos.  
August 22nd at 9 am. Barbara Asarch will lead the Audubon hike.  
September 12th at 9 am. Nancy Scheer will lead either a rail trail or Dale Ball hike.  
September 26th at 9 am. Sue Matthews will lead the Aspen Vista hike.  
October 10th at 9 am. Deb Lineback will lead the Arroyo Hondo hike.  
October 24th at 9 am. Luanne Moyer will lead the Galisto hike.

Happy Trails! Barbara Asarch

For more information, e-mail Barbara at [barbaracoyote@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoyote@gmail.com)

## New Members Tea

On Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, as a wrap up to our AAUW fiscal year, a gathering of New Members, those who joined during the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 period, was held at the lovely home of Luanne Moyer, Membership Vice President. Five new members attended along with Board members and the Membership Committee. Wine, coffee, and refreshments were served during an informal initial gathering. Then, the group all sat down in Luanne's living room for a wonderful time of sharing, so that each of the new members could meet and introduce themselves to the older members. Everyone, old and new, shared a little about themselves, how they came to Santa Fe, found AAUW, etc. It was a delightful time, a great way to meet each other and one we hope can be copied at future meetings.

The next membership event will be the Membership Social on Saturday, September 16. More details will be sent out closer to that date. All members will be invited to the September event.

## Public Policy News

### Two Minute Activist

AAUW-National has a program called the **Two Minute Activist**. The idea is that you can take just two minutes of your time to make a real difference for women and girls in the United States. You can sign up to be an AAUW Two Minute Activist at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

As AAUW explains: "As a Two-Minute Activist, you will receive urgent email notices when your advocacy is needed most. We'll provide all the tools you need to call or send messages to your members of Congress, write letters to the editor for your local newspapers, contact your state legislators about pressing issues, and more."

Some of the issues which AAUW supports and about which you will be notified as a Two Minute Activist are:

#### Economic Issues including

- Fair pay
- Increasing the Federal Minimum Wage
- Health Care and Health Care costs
- The FAMILY Act
- Urging Congress to pass a budget that supports women and families
- Supporting Paid Sick Days

#### Civil Rights Issues including

- Stopping Attacks on Reproductive Rights
- Ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment



Educational issues including

Keeping Title IX strong  
Student Loan Debt

Become a Two Minute Activist!

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### **AAUW-National Public Policy Analyst Resigns**

The following letter was received from the AAUW-National Board Chair, Patricia Fae Ho, describing that Public Policy analyst Lisa Maatz recently resigned to take another position in Washington, DC. Apparently Lisa's loss is quite a blow to the staff and to the organization.

It is with great sadness that I share with you the news that Lisa Maatz has resigned. As you know Lisa has led AAUW's policy efforts for 15 years, and has been instrumental in AAUW's many successes both on the Hill and off. Her reputation and expertise, with the support of her equally talented team and passionate and dedicated member leaders like you, have given AAUW a respected voice on so many issues—always with some quote-worthy “Lisa-ism.” I know you join AAUW in thanking Lisa for her unfailing commitment to AAUW and to improving the lives of women and girls everywhere.

Lisa's last day will be June 2, prior to the convention, to keep the policy portion of that event focused on AAUW's Capitol Hill Lobby Day instead of her departure. Lisa and the team have prepared for a full, seamless implementation of Lobby Day activities during the convention. We will be in touch with interim policy leadership plans, and want you to rest assured that your AAUW policy team remains on hand and eager to keep the AAUW wheels of change moving forward. We know you join us in wishing Lisa success and joy in her future endeavors, which will include consulting and teaching. She can be reached after June 2 at [lisamaatz@gmail.com](mailto:lisamaatz@gmail.com).

As many of you know AAUW's new chief executive officer, Kim Churches, will be officially on board with us as of June 1, and I look forward to introducing many of you to Kim when you're in Washington, D.C., for our convention. Her strategic thinking, expertise, and enthusiasm are certain to inspire not only those already in the AAUW fold, but the next generation of AAUW members as well.

Thank you again for doing what you do for AAUW every day. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve with you and for you. The road to justice is never easy, but it can be made easier when you travel with good people. Your strength and dedication are the rock upon which we build. With such a solid foundation there is nothing keeping AAUW from driving ever onward...one AAUW, working together to change the climate for women and girls!

Sincerely,

Patricia Fae Ho,  
AAUW Board Chair

## Membership News

### Dues Collection

We have one more month of 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.



We currently have 106 members, and of those 58 are paid through 2018. E-mail reminders and invoices have been sent out once a month to those who have not yet renewed. The e-mails have come from [EONSupport@aauw.org](mailto:EONSupport@aauw.org). In June, we will be sending out invoices via snail mail. **In order to avoid the additional \$2.00 in branch dues you need to renew by June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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.

*Join Us!*

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

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. If you are not sure if you have renewed for 2017/2018, or for any other questions about membership, contact:

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

## Funds

### Outreach Campaign

Fund-Chair and out-going 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 woman'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 two on-going fund-raising efforts this year, **Babe the Piggy Bank** and our **Quilt Raffle**.



We introduced Babe the Piggy Bank in February as a means to raise money for our **STEM** (Science/ Technology/ Engineering/ and Math) projects. Every month Babe attends 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> Program luncheon. 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

## June Program



**JUNE 7, 2017**

**10:30 AM**

**TOUR OF EL RANCHO DE LOS GOLONDRINAS 334 LOS PINOS ROAD, SANTA FE**

**1 PM**

**LUNCH AT SAN MARCOS CAFE 3877 NM-14, SANTA FE (505) 471-9298**

***PLEASE SEE DIRECTIONS, NEXT PAGE***

EL RANCHO DE LAS GOLONDRINAS, A HISTORIC RANCHO AND NOW A LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM, WAS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED ON THE CAMINO REAL, THE ROYAL ROAD THAT EXTENDED FROM MEXICO CITY TO SANTA FE. THE MUSEUM OPENED IN 1972 AND IS DEDICATED TO THE HISTORY, HERITAGE AND CULTURE OF 18TH AND 19TH CENTURY NEW MEXICO. THE MUSEUM OFFICIALLY OPENED ITS DOORS IN THE SPRING OF 1972 AND OVER TIME HAS GROWN INTO NEW MEXICO'S PREMIER LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM. TODAY THE MUSEUM PROMOTES AND PRESERVES THE HISPANO HERITAGE OF NORTHERN NEW MEXICO, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME BUILDING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LASTING INFLUENCE OF HISPANOS IN THE SOUTHWEST AND THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.

**Please wear comfortable clothing and closed toed-shoes.  
A hat, water bottle and sunscreen are also highly recommended.**

For more information contact: **Melanie Buchleiter**, [mkbuchleiter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mkbuchleiter@sbcglobal.net) or by cell phone 918-766-2203

## Directions to El Rancho de Los Golondrinas:

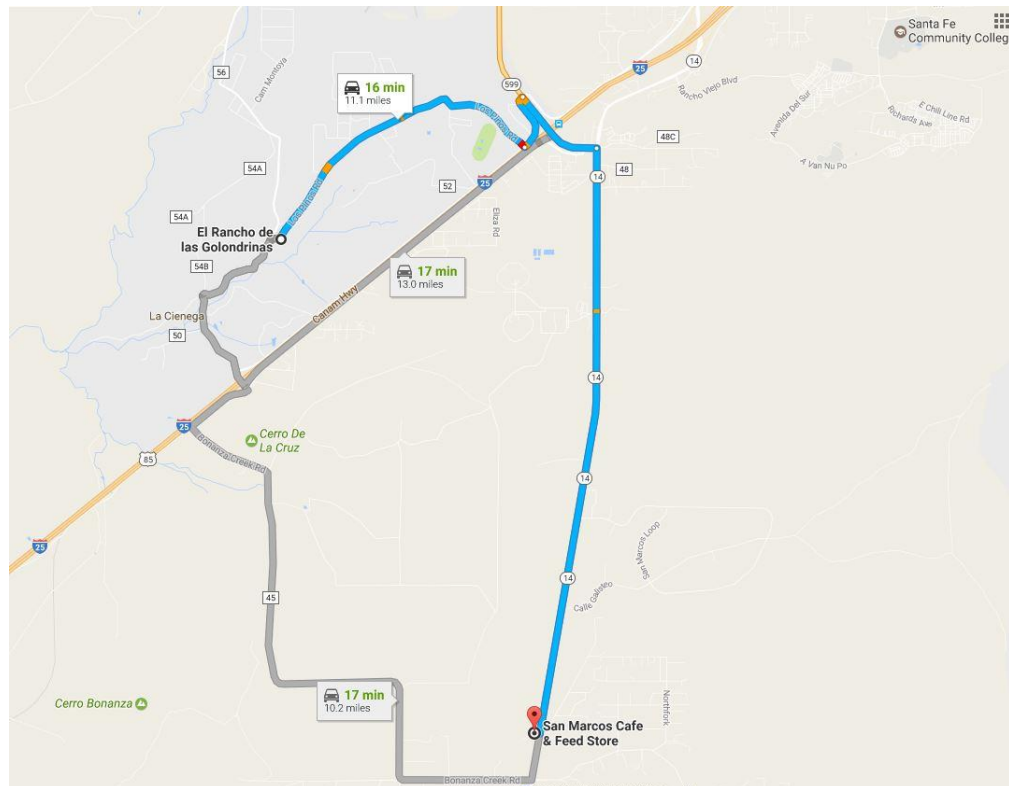
From Santa Fe Via I-25

Take I-25 south and exit on 276. Watch for and follow the brown “Las Golondrinas” highway sign indicating a left-hand turn at the first traffic light. Go one half mile to Los Pinos Road and turn right. Travel 3.2 miles on Los Pinos Road.

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From Santa Fe Via State Road 599

Go south on State Road 599. Watch for the brown “Las Golondrinas” highway sign and last traffic light about 200 yards before Interstate 25. This is the West Frontage Road where you will turn right. Go one half mile, and turn right onto Los Pinos Road. Travel 3.2 miles on Los Pinos Road.





# 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. We meet informally to chat and share knitting projects and techniques. Instruction is available for those wanting to learn to knit or crochet. **The group is taking its Summer Break and will not meet again until September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please join us then!** 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 the **La Farge Library, Santa Fe**. We either read and discuss books on selected topics or we will read and discuss the same book. **This month, June, the Daylighters will read *The Shepherd's Life: Modern Dispatches from an Ancient Landscape* by author James Rebanks, a New York Times Bestseller and one of the Top Ten Books of 2015.** 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. There are two hikes each month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. **This month, the hikes will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9 am, for the Big Tesuque hike and on June 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9 am for the Borrego, Bear Walbow Hike.** Anyone who is interested in hiking, 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. **Cocktails and Conversation will continue to meet over the summer. We plan to meet the second Friday of each month. Our next get together is Friday June 9th. The group meets at the El Dorado Hotel in the Agave Lounge which is near the restaurant. We meet near the fireplace. Usually the time is from 4-6pm. There is free validated parking for 2 hours at the hotel when you tell the parking valet that you are there for Happy Hour. The Happy Hour offers half-price appetizers, cocktails, wine, and beer.**

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, Lindsay Conover!

Lindsay greets us in her own words:

Hello!

My name is Lindsay Conover and I am a new member of AAUW. I joined because of the history and the work that AAUW does to support equality and education for women and girls. This is a passion of mine that I discovered through organizing the 'Women's March on Washington Santa Fe.' After the disappointing (to say the least) results of the Presidential election, the activist in me was ignited. The marginalizing rhetoric of the election compelled me to do something to enforce unity and strength in our community. We are all in this together. I was inspired to create an event that recognized the need to bring awareness to protecting the rights of women and all people in our community. This was my first venture into activism but proved to be the right time and event for people to express similar concerns as mine. This was evident through the estimated 10-15K in attendance; a turn out that was beyond our wildest imaginations!

I continued my activism as a consultant for the organizers of the 'March for Science Santa Fe'. We helped bring awareness to the importance of science education in the lives of young people as well as the need to continue to fund scientific research in government, to protect government funded scientific research for the public and to continue to create science based policy. At the event, I spoke specifically about the need to encourage young female students to take interest and pursue careers in the scientific field as only one out of 6 jobs in computer science and physics is held by women; a trend that continues to change, but

at a pace that needs to be increased if we want to see equity in the workforce in these fields.

After all the marching, I feel it's important to find ways to stay inspired to be involved in whatever ways we feel moved. Through the process of planning the 'Women's March,' I was fortunate to learn about and work with groups, such as AAUW. That's why I am thankful to Jeanne and Lina for inviting me to be a part of AAUW. I am happy to have found an organization that aligns with my belief in the importance of supporting equity and education for women.



The Women's March on Washington Santa Fe is expanding to become March on New Mexico, to advocate for organization outreach and civic activism in New Mexico.

Check out our new website at [marchonnewmexico.com](http://marchonnewmexico.com) and join our email list to find out about ways to continue to civically engage in New Mexico, including a community calendar to post events!

**March on!**



To inspire activism in our community, 'The Women's March on Washington Santa Fe' has rebranded as 'March on New Mexico.' We have created a website, an information hub, where you and organizations can share information about ways to stay involved in your community. Please check out our website [marchonnewmexico.com](http://marchonnewmexico.com) to see our Community Calendar where events, actions and updates can be posted. Please sign up for our email list to receive information about events, actions and updates posted to the site.

March on!

Lindsay Conover

**Welcome, Lindsay!**

## Wanted

The following AAUW positions are open, beginning this month. Each position presents a wonderful opportunity to be more involved in AAUW of Santa Fe.

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).

## Sad News

Member Anne May lost her husband Phillip on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mr. May passed away on his birthday following an extended illness.

Member Kate Binns Gomez lost her father on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Robert "Bobby" Binns, 70, of Norton, Vermont passed May 25th at his home after a short-illness. Mr. Binns was born on January 1, 1947 in Pennsylvania, PA. He had the distinct honor of being the first baby of 1947 in Pennsylvania. His parents Roberta and Michael Binns raised Mr. Binns in New York City.

Mr. Binns joined the Navy during the Vietnam era and served two tours. Upon his return, he moved to Norton, Vermont to live in Earth People's Park. It was there that he met and married Joanie (Shrake) Binns. They later purchased a house in Norton, where they raised their daughter Kate.

Mr. Binns believed deeply in civic duty, and served his town as a Selectman and Justice of the Peace. As the head of guest services at Quimby Country, Mr. Binns delighted in meeting new people and bringing smiles to their faces. Mr. Binns could make a stranger into a friend in a few short minutes and will be remembered as a kindly, mischievous man by all.

Mr. Binns is survived by his wife, Joanie, daughter, Kate (Binns) Gomez, and son-in-law, Ismael Gomez... A service was held in Island Pond on Thursday, June 1st, at 10 AM.

Kate may be reached at [katebinns@gmail.com](mailto:katebinns@gmail.com)



## A last word from your Newsletter Editor

I wanted to let everyone know it has been an honor and pleasure to serve for the past 6 months as the AAUW of Santa Fe Newsletter Editor. I had never done anything like this before, but I do like fiddling around on the computer, so I thought I'd volunteer. 😊 My biggest hesitation in volunteering was my travel schedule. I had hoped that that would not get in the way, but... it has. During a vacation in April, I worked on three Newsletters and realized I just could not continue to do that and still enjoy the family I went to visit. Thus, with a busy travel schedule over the next six months, I am stepping down from this post.

I will say, however, that aside from the time crunch for me, I really liked doing this job. It was fun to be a part of the Board and hear about all of the events about which I sought articles. I wrote a few of the articles, liberally quoting my sources!, which was interesting to do. I am not a computer whiz, but I managed with the help of my husband Art when from time to time my computer frustrated me!

I want to thank Nancy Scheer, the former Newsletter Editor, for taking the time to talk with me about how she did the job, show me samples of her work, and generally support me as I started to be the Editor. Thanks, also, to the Board for being so encouraging and for being such a great group of women.

I really would like to encourage one of you to take over this position! I think you will enjoy it and the comradery of the Board members. I would be glad to talk with you about what I did. I'll bet Nancy would, also. Consider just trying it and see what you think! I think you, too, will enjoy the job!

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