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| 26 | 27 | Happy 136th Birthday, AAUW!  | 29 | 30 | <i>December</i> 1  | 2 | | | | |
| 3 |  •7pm Book Women | 4 | 5 | 6 | Pearl Harbor Remembrance •12:30 to 2 Board Meeting | 7 | •4 to 6pm Cocktails and Conversation Eldorado Hotel  |  •10am to 12n Effective Citizen Advocacy at the Legislature | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | Computer Science Education Week  | Human Rights Day  | Hanukkah begins  | 12 | 13 |  •1 to 3:30 Daylighters Book Group | 14 | 15 | 16 | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | Hanukkah ends 20 | 21 | Winter Solstice  | 23 | | | | |
| 24 |  | Kwanzaa begins  | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
| New Year's Eve  | 31 | January 1  | ← Kwanzaa ends 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | •12:30 to 2 Board Meeting | | |

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| 31 | January 1  | 2 Black History Month | 3 •12:30 to 2 Board Meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  •1 to 3:30 Daylighters Book Group | 11 | 12 •4 to 6pm Cocktails and Conversation Eldorado Hotel  | 13 <i>Make Your Dreams Come True Day!</i>  |
| 14 TOMORROW → MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  | 15 •1pm Knitting Group  •7pm Book Women  | 16  •12n → First Day of the 2018 NM Legislative Session | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 <i>National Pie Day!</i>  | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 National Kazoo Day  | 29  •8:30am → Legislative Day at the Roundhouse | 30 | 31 | February 1 | 2 | 3 |
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December Program

Monday, December 11th

Dinner at the San Francisco Street Grill at 5:30pm

Concert at the Lensic at 7:00 pm

SANTA FE CONCERT BAND'S HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Santa Fe Concert Band continues one of Santa Fe's oldest traditions, of free public concerts by volunteer musicians. This tradition dates back to 1865, when Francisco Pérez, after serving as a Confederate Army bugler in the ill-fated invasion of New Mexico by Texas forces during the Civil War, returned to Santa Fe and formed *La Banda de Santa Fe*. This musical tradition continued under various names and directors, including Los Conquistadores from 1909 through 1940, the latter part of which was under the highly-respected and popular Dan McKenzie. The Santa Fe Concert Band was formally incorporated in 1983 under the directorship of **Greg Heltman**.

5:30 Dinner at San Francisco Street Grill, then walk to the Lensic for the performance.



President's Report

Below is the report sent by our Board President **Lynn Heffron** to the editor of the AAUW NM Roadrunner. It is a great summary of our recent Branch activity, an informative and insightful look at our pursuit towards AAUW goals of community engagement, advocacy, and the empowerment of girls and women.

AAUW Santa Fe Branch Report

We were able to use, for the last time, the Santa Fe University of Art and Design as our site for two recent speakers. The University has provided us free space for many events over the last years. Unfortunately, it is closing.

Our AAUW National Board Chair, Julia Brown, joined us on Oct. 28 and spoke on two key topics: what's our mission, and strategic planning - what it is and what it is not. Related subtopics included creating activities with concrete goals and results, how do our programs lead to change, what specific outcomes do we seek, and use accountability and metrics as we design our blueprint for growth and revitalization. Important to note that simply doing more, simply tossing around rhetoric, crafting wish lists or marketing tools should not be components of our branch strategic plans.



On Nov. 11, a relatively new member, Lindsay Conover, spoke with us on her personal journey of activism. As cancer, she chose to re-energize herself by focusing on local issues, to stay civically active, so after the presidential election of 2016, she organized last January's Women's March in Santa Fe. She continues to work on civic projects like better ways to help the homeless and ranked choice voting for mayor. Her presentation was truly inspiring to all of us.

This year our branch helped sponsor Expanding Your Horizons which was organized by past co-president Lina Germann and her non-profit organization STEM Santa Fe. Held on Oct. 21st, 165 5th - 8th grade girls gathered at Santa Fe Community College for 16 STEM workshops aided by over 100 volunteers, *many from our branch*. [A detailed report on the Fall 2017 EYH-Santa Fe can be downloaded from www.stemsantafe.org. AAUW of Santa Fe is listed as a sponsor.] Congratulations to Lina!

And we are very proud to say that yes, 8th grader Natalie Payne's AAUW Santa Fe sponsored essay on Equal Pay was published recently in the Santa Fe New Mexican.

We are invited by the League of Women Voters - Santa Fe to participate in Advocacy Training on Sat. Dec. 9. Many of us participated in recent teach-in's and public hearings on proposed changes to science standards and have attended legislative education policy sessions on changes to social studies content. We are preparing now to advocate on AAUW - NM Public Policy Biennial Action Priorities.

Legislative Activity

Once again, we are entering the New Mexico State legislative cycle, preparing for the one-month Legislative Session that will run from January 16 to February 15, 2018. Although during the one-month sessions the primary focus is generally upon the budget, many other matters have been suggested for possible legislative action, so the session promises to be not only quick but jam-packed. One area sure to be addressed is policy on Harassment in the Government: debate on this and other vital timely topics will be fascinating to watch.

Several AAUW events are planned which might be of interest to you:

- **Saturday, December 9th 10am to 12n "Effective Citizen Advocacy at the Legislature."**
New Mexico State Capitol (Roundhouse), Room 322 (enter on the East side only)

On this morning, AAUW and the League of Women Voters of New Mexico are partnering to present a workshop on the New Mexico legislative process and how to effectively both observe and be a part of the process. Senators Peter Wirth and Sander Rue, along with disability-rights lobbyist Jim Jackson, will share tips on how to interact with legislators, speak at hearings, and advocate for a cause you may wish to influence. This talk is open to the public and guests are encouraged to attend.



- **mid-January, 2018** Date, Time, and Place to be announced. **Lobby Corps Priorities**

For more than 50 years, AAUW has had a strong voice in our New Mexico Legislature. Our Lobby Corps consists of members who become knowledgeable on one or more specific AAUW-NM priorities, read bills, attend committee meetings, and lobby their NM legislators. Lobby Corps training will be available if needed.

- **Monday, January 29th 8:30am Legislative Day at the Roundhouse**
Place to be announced.

On this day, 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 8:30am, in a room-to-be-determined. 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. Please RSVP to Lynn Heffron, AAUW Santa Fe President, if you are interested in participating: lgheffron@gmail.com

Interest Groups

Book Women

The Book Women Group meets once a 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.

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 not meeting in December, but will resume meeting on January 15th at one of the tables in the de Vargas Mall near the Op. Cit. bookstore.** Please contact Sandra Bradley at 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. We either read and discuss books on selected topics or we will read and discuss the same book. **In December, the Daylighters will meet at the La Fonda restaurant in Santa Fe and will select the books we will read in 2018. Our January reading selection and meeting place will be announced after our meeting this month.** Everyone is welcome our Book Club. 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. There are two hikes each month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Anyone who is interested in hiking in 2018, please email Barbara at barbaracoyote@gmail.com.

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. We meet the second Friday of each month. **Let's get this holiday season going! Join us for Cocktails and Conversation on Friday, December 8. We meet at the Agave Lounge (in the back by the fireplace) of the Eldorado Hotel. Valet parking at the hotel is free for two hours if you get your ticket stamped. If the hotel garage is full you can park at the lot on San Francisco Street. It's not free, but the cost is only \$3.00 for two hours. Happy Hour is from 4:00 to 7:00pm; we usually meet from 4:00 to 6:00.** Contact Jeanne Patrick (505) 984-1720 for more information.

Wanted

The following AAUW positions have been open since June, 2017. 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**

WILL TRAIN! 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

2) WANTED: **Newsletter Editor for AAUW of Santa Fe Newsletter**

We are looking for someone who can put together our monthly Newsletter. **WILL TRAIN!** 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, (925) 216-2532 (cell).

