

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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> 
TOMORROW → 14 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 	15 •1pm Knitting Group  •7pm Book Women 	 16 •12n → First Day of the 2018 NM Legislative Session	17 •12:30 to 2 Board Meeting	18	19	20
Women's March 21 In Santa Fe 12n-2pm 	22	<i>National Pie Day!</i> 23 	24	25	26	27
28 National Kazoo Day 	 29 •8:30am to ? Legislative Day at the Roundhouse	30	31	<i>February</i> 1	2	3
	5  •1pm Knitting Group	6	7 •12:30 to 2 Board Meeting	8	9 •4 to 6pm Cocktails and Conversation Eldorado Hotel 	10

January Program

This is a month for recovering from the holidays and gearing up for the New Year. There will be no formal Santa Fe Branch program, but you are all encouraged to follow the New Mexico Legislative Session which begins on January 16th. To all AAUW Members: **Happy Happy New Year!**



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.

2018 New Mexico Legislative Dates

December 15, 2017 - January 12	Legislation may be pre-filed
January 16	Opening day (noon)
January 31	Deadline for introduction of new bills
February 15	Session ends (noon)
March 7	Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed
May 16	Effective date of legislation not a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date



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

- **Lobby Corps:**

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 New Mexico legislators. Lobby Corps training will be available if needed.

• **Sunday, January 28th 9am to 5pm AAUW Leadership-Team Meeting**

The AAUW State Leadership-Team will meet all day at the **Hotel Santa Fe**. For those who would like to attend this all-day event, the cost is \$55 and includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Tentative schedule for the Meeting:

- 9:00 am Continental Breakfast and Meet and Greet.
- 10:00 am Strategic Planning Update and discussion.
- 11:00 am Lobby Day Training and overview of bills AAUW NM supports and opposes.
- Noon Lunch Buffet and Public Policy discussion.
- 1:00 pm Speaker Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard, NM House District 43.
- 1:45 pm Speaker Dr. Veronica C. Garcia, Superintendent Santa Fe Public Schools
Dr. Garcia will be prepared to talk about fiscal policy (the push for tax revenue expenditure reports from corps), the State Equalization Guarantee (the funding formula for distributing funds to 89 state school districts), early childhood education, localized vs. state funding, charter school reforms or freezes, and other educational topics.
- 3 pm to 5pm Further discussion on outstanding Leadership Team Meeting issues and public policies.

• **Monday, January 29th 8:30am to afternoon AAUW Lobby Day, Roundhouse, Room 318**

Schedule for Lobby Day:

- 8:30 am Meet at the Roundhouse in Room 318. Look on-line to find bills, committee meetings, who your legislators are, and so much more at <http://www.nmlegis.gov>
- 9:00 am Go to legislators' offices to talk with them about issues or to leave notes to them addressing our issues, attend legislative sessions and/or committee meetings
- 12n Pick up lunch at the sandwich shop and compare notes back in Room 318.
- Afternoon Various committee hearings and floor sessions will be available in the afternoon.

Please RSVP to Lynn Heffron, AAUW Santa Fe President, if you would like to attend the Sunday, Jan. 28 Leadership Team Meeting and/or the Jan. 29 AAUW Lobby Day at the Roundhouse. lgheffron@gmail.com



January Events

Sunday, January 21, 2018 Women's March and Rally 12:00N to 2pm

The 2018 Women's March will begin at 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, the Round House and march to the **Santa Fe Plaza for a Rally**.



On the anniversary of the first Women's March, centered in Washington, DC, and also taking place locally all over the world, there will be a second Women's March in Washington, DC and again locally, including in Santa Fe. The mission of Women's March is to gather the political power of women and their communities in order to bring awareness to the interests of women and create social change. Let's continue to support New Mexico women, women worldwide, and women's interests and supportive communities.

For all the details, visit the Santa Fe Women's March website: <http://marchonnewmexico.com/event/santa-fe-womens-march/> Additionally, the Washington, DC website: <https://www.womensmarch.com/>

Membership News

AAUW Santa Fe is starting the new year with 99 members. The member directory was updated as of November 2017 and emailed to all members who use email. It will continue to be updated and kept current on our website.

Beginning January 1, 2018 through March 15, 2018, new members can join at half the yearly dues-rate, or \$42.50. With this "half-year dues" plan, membership expires June 30, 2018. For those members who join at one of our public events (which includes all of our branch meetings), the cost to join is even lower, \$30.25. If you have friends considering joining AAUW, these next few months are a good time to join!

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 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.** 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 January, the Daylighters will meet at the La Farge Library in Santa Fe. The book we are reading is *An Interpretive History of New Mexico* by Marc Simmons.** 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. **Join us for Cocktails and Conversation on Friday, January 12th. 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

Have a **Resolution** to get more involved this year? These positions each represent an opportunity to do just that!

- 1) **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) **Newsletter Editor for AAUW of Santa Fe Newsletter**
WILL TRAIN! This job entails gathering news from Board and Committee members and compiling the news in the format of your choice, once a month. If interested, please contact Mary Jensen, mcjensen@hotmail.com, (925) 216-2532 (cell).

