

## **2017-2018 Program Chair Year-End Report**

During the 2017-18 fiscal year the Santa Fe branch had a variety of programs for our members. We kicked off the year with an ice cream social in September. Our programs were more serious in October and November with presentations on National AAUW, by Julia Brown and Women's Voices, advocacy efforts at the local, state and national level by Lindsay Conover. December was our visit to the Lensic for the annual Santa Fe Concert Band holiday performance. We had our one and only large storm of the season in January, which cancelled our program that month, but not the Leadership Training Meeting and Legislative Lobby Day training the last weekend of January. February saw us back at the lensic, but this time for a backstage tour and history lesson about the great theater that has been a fixture of Santa Fe since the 1930's. In March we once again got serious and had a presentation from Karen Watkins of Mom's Demand Action, who talked about the state of gun violence and the current legislative advocacy efforts at the local, state and national levels. In April we met for Lunch at Mid-town Bistro and heard a presentation on the work being done by our branch graduate scholarship recipient. In May we ended the year with our annual business meeting, where we elected our new officers and got to hear from Lynn Heffron and Nancy Scheer about the 62<sup>nd</sup> UN Commission on the Status of Women. Our June program was not able to be scheduled, but the Picnic is still on in July where we'll gather at the Beautiful home of Enid Tidwell, a master gardener and active member of AAUW, Santa Fe.

The meeting for the 2018-19 planning committee will take place either on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Date to be Finalized at the June 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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