

May, 2018

The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

# **SPECIAL VOTING EDITION**

# On Saturday, May 19, 2018, we are holding our **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

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- Where: Zia Vista Condominiums Community Room (Clubhouse) 2501 W. Zia Road, Santa Fe Gate code is #2100

to vote for AAUW of Santa Fe Board Members and a Due Change

to review our Mission and look at proposed National By-Law Changes

to learn about our members' experiences with the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

and to enjoy each other's company, have tea and desserts, and hear from one of the girls who won our Gender Pay Gap essay contest.



YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS IMPORTANT YEARLY MEETING IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 29	30 International Jazz Ďay	May 1	2 •9:30 to 11:30 Board Meeting	3	4	5
Next Tuesday is 6 National Day Thank a Teacher!	<ul> <li>7</li> <li>Ipm Knitting Group</li> </ul>	8 Hiking Group	9 •1 to 3:30 Daylighters Book Group	10	•4 to 6pm Cocktails and Conversation Inn at the Loretto	12
13 Happy Mother's Day	14	15	16 Ramadan Starts	17	Plan to attend 18 our Business Meeting tomorrow → VOTE COUNTS	<ul> <li>ANNUAL BUSINESS 19</li> <li>MEETING</li> <li>1 to 3pm</li> <li>Zia Vista Condos Community Room 2501 W Zia, Santa Fe</li> </ul>
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# We Are Voting! <u>A quorum is necessary for our Branch vote to take place</u>.

The AAUW fiscal year goes from July 1 to June 31 each year. Every year there is an election for various AAUW Board officers. This year, our Branch is also voting on a proposed change to the dues increase we voted for last year.

## **Board Officers Vote**

According to our branch Bylaws, we elect the following four offices in the odd-numbered years, to serve for two years on the AAUW of Santa Fe Board: President, Program First Vice President, Finance Chair, and Public Policy Chair. In even years, we elect the following four officers: Membership Second Vice President, Secretary, Funds Chair, and AAUW UNM Scholarship Endowment Chair. This year, 2018, we are voting for these officers.

The Nominating Committee this year was made up of several members including Funds Chair Jeanne Patrick. The Committee is pleased to nominate the following women who have agreed to serve the Santa Fe Branch as officers and members of the Board.

- Membership Second Vice President: Luanne Moyer
- Secretary: <u>Connie Petersen</u>
- Funds Chair: Jeanne Patrick
- AAUW UNM Scholarship Endowment Chair: <u>Mickey Bond</u>

Although they do not need to be voted upon, we would like to introduce our two new <u>Public Policy Co-Chairs</u>, who have taken over for Cynthia Dobson mid-term, <u>Lindsay Conover</u> and <u>Rebecca Phillips</u>, who will complete Cynthia's 2018 - 2019 term. We thank Cynthía Dobson for her years of dedícated servíce to date.

## **Dues Vote**

A proposal to change to our Dues has been made and requires a vote. At last year's annual meeting in increase of \$2.00 per year for the next five years for Branch dues was voted on and approved. A \$2.00 increase was put into effect for 2017/2018. However, in light of the \$10 National AAUW Dues increase, our Board agreed not to increase Branch dues by \$2.00 for 2018/2019. In order to make this official, the membership needs to vote for this change. It is additionally proposed that we vote to consider the Dues increase again next year.

# **AAUW Mission**

A recent membership poll was taken that included questions about our AAUW Branch Mission. Because there was not clarity for everyone about our Mission, the Board elected to review the Mission at various Branch meetings, including this one. Our Branch Mission is: **To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.** 

## AAUW National Proposed Bylaws Amendment Voting Discussion

AAUW National has proposed three major bylaw changes for amendment. We would like to give members a chance to discuss the changes in anticipation of voting for the changes.

- PROPOSAL 1 Shall AAUW implement a staggered-term model for the AAUW Board of Directors that includes directors serving for three years per term, with four elected and one appointed each year?
- PROPOSAL 2 Shall the AAUW Bylaws be amended to allow up to five nonmembers of AAUW to be members of the AAUW Board of Directors?
- PROPOSAL 3 Shall the AAUW Bylaws be amended to eliminate the degree requirement for membership in AAUW?

National voting is open April 25 through June 9, 2018. A paper ballot and envelope were included in the print version of *Outlook*, or you can request one by calling by 800.326.2289 by May 7; paper ballots must be postmarked by May 21. On-line voting may be completed by clicking <u>https://ww2.aauw.org/omov2018/?action=landing</u> and must be finalized by June 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **United Nations Commission on the Status of Women Presentation**

We are privileged to have had two of our members attend the 2018 meeting of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, Lynn Heffron and Nancy Scheer. Lynn and Nancy will talk about their experience at this distinguished gathering this last March, 2018.

# <u>Nomínee Bíos</u>

## Luanne Moyer, for Membership Second Vice President

Luanne is a native Californian who moved to New Mexico in 2012. She and her husband are both retired and love living here. They have two adult daughters, one married in California, and one who just finished graduate school. Besides being active in AAUW, Luanne enjoys hiking, exercise, art and music. She has served on the Board both as the Funds Chair and for the past three years as Membership Chair.

Education: Luanne received her BA from Humboldt State University in Arcata, California.



## **Connie Petersen**, for Secretary

Connie was born and raised in Northern Montana, moved to Denver in 1970, and then moved to Colorado Springs in 1991. She and her first husband owned a landscaping business in which Connie worked. Later, Connie was self-employed as an insurance agent and real estate broker.

Connie's moves south continued when she and her second husband moved to Santa Fe in 2006 to open a business. In 2009, she moved with her son to Las Cruces to complete her BA in Sociology at New Mexico State University. After she graduated with Honors in 2013, she and her son moved to Fort Collins, Colorado for two years.

Retirement became possible in 2015 and rather than stay in Colorado, Connie and her son arranged to move back to Santa Fe in July 2015. Being here in Santa Fe full time is a life's dream, as was joining AAUW which I did at the Membership Tea in the Fall of 2015. I became Secretary in September of 2016 and have continued in that position since that time.



As two good citizens of Santa Fe, Connie's son has a cat named Oliver and she has a Shiatzu named Dalai Lama. Connie is very involved socially and belong to seven (!) book clubs including the AAUW Daylighters.

Education: Connie received her BA from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

## Jeanne Patrick, for Funds Chair

Jeanne Patrick been a member of Santa Fe AAUW since 2006. She has held the following positions with the AAUW Santa Fe branch: President, Co-President, and Public Policy Chair. She is currently running for her second term as the Funds Chair.

Jeanne and her husband love to travel and have been to 38 countries. As you receive this, Jeanne is in Bora Bora!

Education: Jeanne received her BSW from San Francisco State University in San Francisco, California.



# Mickey Bond, for AAUW UNM Scholarship Endowment Chair

Mickey was born in Israel to parents from Poland and Bulgaria but was raised in west suburban Boston. After attending Colgate University as an undergraduate, she spent some years in Ann Arbor where she received her MA in American Literature from the University of Michigan.

Mickey has lived in Santa Fe since 1994. She now works as an artist and her studio is currently in Medanales along the Chama River! Mickey shows her work at the Jay Etkin Gallery in Memphis Tennessee. Additionally, she teaches private (DIY) workshops in acrylic and mixed media in her Santa Fe studio. You may see her work locally during the Abiquiu Studio Tour in October, 2018.

Mickey's mixed media paintings explore nature's forces and the mystery of creation through acrylic paint, acrylic mediums and a wide variety of resists to paint combined with torn tree-fiber paper. Her current series "Runes" emphasizes organic shapes, outlines and other marks made by



Education: Mickey received her BA from Colgate University in Hamilton, New York and her MA from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

# <u>News from our President</u>

Lynn Heffron, our Branch President, submitted this report to the AAUW-NM State Convention in Carlsbad, New Mexico, on April 10, 2018.

Today, April 10<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Equal Pay Day at the offices of our newly elected Mayor of Santa Fe, Alan Webber. At AAUW Santa Fe's request, he issued an "Official Proclamation of the City of Santa Fe" which listed the disparities in pay for women as opposed to men.



In the photo left to right: Mary Jensen, Lina Germann, Mayor Webber, Lindsay Conover holding the Proclamation, and Lynn Heffron.



[We further discussed the continuing disparities between men and women's pay and how he, the city, and AAUW SF might address these challenges together. Nationwide women receive 80.5 cents to a man's \$1.00 and in NM, women receive 82 cents to a man's \$1.00.]

Also today, St. John's College became a member of AAUW Santa Fe. Thanks to Louise Yakey and the special leadership of two Ethiopian women students on campus who contributed to this success. We are now also partnered with the Council on International Relations for programs at St. John's.

The Santa Fe New Mexican ran an article March 11<sup>th</sup> on Lina Germann's Stem Santa Fe Foundation winning the Non-Profit of the Year Award by the Air Force Lab New Mexico. Congrats Lina!

In February, we had an Orientation Meeting for the 24 Santa Fe Tech Trek nominated girls and their parents/guardians featuring pizza and beverages. Our nominees came from 6 schools. By March 4th we had received applications from 15 of the 24 girls nominated.

Of special note and with many thanks to Rita Caccamise and Cynthia Dobson for not only interviewing the parents in Spanish, but also for translating the parent interview questions into Spanish which we then provided to our NM Tech Trek State Director for future use by State AAUW. Our branch also provided essay readers to NM Tech Trek committee. Thanks to Lina Germann and many branch members for this outreach.

Our Scholarship Endowment at UNM continues to grow and now has a market value of over \$55,000. Chair Judy Kares has received confirmation from the UNM Graduate Studies office that our 2018-2019 Scholarship recipient has accepted the award. Her name is Vanessa Job. She is seeking her PHD in Computer Science. Her first PHD was in applied discrete mathematics! Vanessa promotes the participation of women in STEM. She has given workshops in EYH and Tech Trek.

Our branch started 2018 with a February tour of the Lensic Theater in Santa Fe including its history, ownerships, renovation and look at back stage. Our March program featured Karen Watkins from Mothers Against Gun Violence who presented information about the current status of guns in America. She drilled down to specific status and legislation in New Mexico and how important it is for all of us to advocate for a safer country. She provided specific information on their organization's stance and details about how we could get involved in improving our ability to lesson gun violence in our community. Also in March, Nancy Scheer and Lynn Heffron were hosted for dinner by Nina Thayer in her wonderful Los Alamos home before their presentation to the Los Alamos Branch members on the UN's Commission on the Status of Women 62. This weekend we will have our annual April scholarship recipient luncheon at Mid-Town Bistro. In May, Nancy Scheer and Lynn Heffron will provide updates on the UN commission of the Status of Women 62 and Human Trafficking at our annual business meeting and election of officers. Our last program will be in July, our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual picnic at Enid Tidwell's home. Thanks Melanie Buchleiter!

Our two new Co-chairs of Public Policy, Rebecca Phillips and Lindsay Conover, are already very proactively planning on getting notices out to our members on how they can be involved in getting out the vote this Fall, and through advocacy by joining action networks and

the AAUW lobby corps. They are outlining ways our members can attend hearings on AAUW approved legislative priorities especially as our Santa Fe location offers unique opportunities.

And finally in March/April, our branch conducted a survey of our 99 members in our efforts to continually understand and improve upon their interests in programs and policies. Approximately 25% responded and highlighted that yes, our mission needs to be reiterated throughout the year and that speakers on women's and political issues should continue. Our special events during the holidays, yearly membership socials and teas, the UNM Scholarship lunch, and Special Interest Groups must continue! Special thanks to Connie Petersen and Carol Heppenstall for conducting the survey and to all who replied!



AAUW at the Roundhouse 2018

# Please attend the May 19th Meeting!



# Membership News

At this time, our AAUW Santa Fe branch has 96 members who have paid their dues through 2018. Membership expires June 30, 2018.

Membership renewal dues will be \$95 (\$59 National, \$18 State, \$18 Branch). Of the National Dues, \$56 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. In light of this national increase, our branch will NOT be increasing our dues by the additional \$2/year we were authorized at last year's business meeting.

You can renew online by credit card. Invoices will be sent by email with the link allowing you to do that. If you wish to renew by check, make your check out for \$95.00 to AAUW – Santa Fe and mail your check to:

AAUW Santa Fe P.O. Box 31584 Santa Fe, NM 87594-1584

Annual dues to National currently account for 13 percent of National AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's <u>salary negotiation workshops</u>, groundbreaking <u>research</u>, <u>advocacy</u> efforts, <u>campus leadership programs</u>, and so much more.



If you have any questions or concerns about Membership issues, please contact: Luanne Moyer, AAUW Santa Fe – Membership VP at: <u>ca\_mom2000@hotmail.com</u> or (505) 820-0223

# 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 <u>ikares@earthlink.net</u> 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 <u>sandbrad@aol.com</u> 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. This month, May, the Daylighters will meet at <u>Kai</u> which is located in the shopping center at Pacheco and St. Michaels. Kai is in the row of businesses which face back toward Pacheco and is close to the Executive Cleaners and the Loyal Hound Restaurant. The book we are reading is *Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books* by Azar Nefisi, an eloquent brief on the transformative powers of fiction (Amazon). Everyone is welcome to our Book Club. Please RSVP to Connie Petersen at valkyrie719@yahoo.com if you wish to attend.

## **Hiking Group**

The Hiking Group hikes from 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. <u>This month, May, the hikes</u> <u>will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup></u>, to hike the Arroyo Hondo, <u>and on May 22<sup>nd</sup></u>, to hike the Del Ball Trail to the Canyon Road Teahouse. Anyone who is interested in hiking, please contact either Sue Mathews at <u>alnsueinnm@gmail.com</u> or Luanne Moyer at <u>ca\_mom2000@hotmail.com</u>.

# **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. AAUW now meets at the <u>Inn at the Loretto</u> for cocktails. The Inn is at the corner of Alameda and Old Santa Fe trail. You enter on Old Santa Fe Trail. Parking is free with validation. Happy Hour prices are in the \$5 range for drinks and appetizers. Meet in the bar which is named <u>The Living Room</u>. Happy Hour is from 4:00 to 6:30pm; we usually meet from 4:00 to 6:00. Contact Jeanne Patrick (505) 984-1720 for more information.

# A fínal remínder...

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