



June Meeting

We are taking a break from our monthly gathering this month. Instead, we are all encouraged to enjoy the beautiful flowers growing this month, sit outside in the evening with your favorite drink, and maybe even go swimming. Happy June! Pray for rain! Summer officially begins on June 21st!



Save These Dates!

Saturday, July 21st 3-7pm AAUW-Santa Fe Barbeque/ Birthday-Party 10 Sunflower Circle, Santa Fe

The AAUW-Santa Fe Branch is having a barbeque picnic next month at Enid Tidwell's home, in her beautiful garden. Please **save the date** for this enjoyable summer event--- one of the treats of the summer!

This year, our branch is celebrating its **85th birthday** as an AAUW branch. Our picnic will honor our birthday at the picnic.





1 to 3 pm

Member Ice-Cream Social

Save the Date!!



AAUW Santa Fe is holding our annual Member (Ice Cream) Social!

When: Saturday, September 8, 2018, 1:00 to 3:00 PM Where: Estancia Primera Clubhouse, 450 Ave Primera S, Santa Fe

Meet the officers, make new friends, and re-establish contact with old friends. Learn about this year's activities, interest groups, philanthropies, and scholarship programs. A schedule of this year's programs will be available. Enjoy refreshments and have some fun.

Bring a friend or renew your own membership (if you haven't done so already). New member packets, application forms, and dues collection will be available at a designated table near the refreshments.

For questions, or to have an invitation sent to a friend, contact Luanne Moyer, Membership Vice President, at (505) 820-0223 or <u>Ca_mom2000@hotmail.com</u>



Expanding your Horizons (EYH) is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) conference for girls, presented by STEM Santa Fe and hosted at Santa Fe Community College. EYH introduces girls to women scientists and some very cool hands-on projects in a jampacked fun atmosphere on Saturday October 13th. We are looking for members interested to join the Planning Committee under the leadership of our STEM Chair Lina Germann. The first Planning meeting will be held on June 30th from 10am to 12N.

SAVE THE DATE: Volunteers are needed on the conference day to help set up the conference, to chaperone the girls, to check-in the girls at the registration tables, to greet girls, teachers, parents, and presenters, and to help with workshops. Donations of STEM toys for girls 10-13-years-old, to present ass raffle prizes, are also very welcome!

Contact Lina Germann at Lina.Germann@stemsantafe.org if interested in participating!

Voting News

On May 19th, AAUW Santa Fe had its annual Business Meeting where a quorum of members attended and voted for Board Members and two key items.

As a result of the vote, the following Board Members were elected:

Membership Second Vice President: Luanne Moyer



• Secretary: <u>Connie Petersen</u>



• Funds Chair: Jeanne Patrick



AAUW UNM Scholarship Endowment Chair: <u>Mickey Bond</u>



Additionally, members voted to not increase the dues by \$2 each, this year, due to the large increase by National AAUW.

Finally, members voted to seek a fiscal sponsor for our AAUW Santa Fe Branch that would allow us to fund-raise outside of our membership for scholarships for girls and women and programs such as Start Smart--- and be able to offer a tax-deduction for donated funds. To date, we have not been able to offer a tax-deduction for all of our fund-raising efforts. More news on this front will be sent as we are able to locate such a sponsor who will accept our organization.

<u>Híkíng Club News</u>

The Hiking Group invites you to join them in their hikes on the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Tuesdays of each month, April through mid-November. The hikes generally last from two to three hours and are followed by lunch in a local restaurant. As you can see, this group likes to enjoy our beautiful New Mexico landscapes and have fun! Here they are enjoying the Arroyo Hondo Open Space trails in early May.

Please contact Sue Mathews at <u>alnsueinnm@gmail.com</u> or Luanne Moyer at <u>ca_mom2000@hotmail.com</u> and plan to join their hikes to Borrego Bear Wallow and/or to the Battle of Glorietta Pass this month.



STEM News



In March, Lina Germann, our STEM Coordinator, organized our AAUW members to assist in selecting graduating 7th grade-girls to attend the AAUW-New Mexico's Tech Trek summer camp. Tech Trek is a week-long resident camp experience held at the New Mexico Tech University in Socorro. Girls who attend are exposed to a variety of hands-on STEM classes and field trips led by women scientists, with the goal of encouraging girls to embrace and enjoy their science abilities, especially at a critical time when many girls turn away from STEM subjects in school. Our members both read applicant essays and interviewed girls and their parents for this incredible STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) experience.

Our members who read essays included: Nancy, Scheer, Jeanne Patrick, Lindsay Conover, Karen Blazosky, Carol Heppenstall, and Mary Jensen

Members who interviewed students and their parents included Sarah Fassett, Tracy Sadler, Nickola Rubow, Rita Caccamise, Cynthia Dobson, Mary Jensen, Elaine Carson, Melisa Sorkin, Sandra Bradley, Jeanne Patrick, and Lina Germann.

Members who volunteered and were on standby: Lynn Heffron, Louise Yakey, and Jeri Balick. Apologies to those who may have inadvertently been missed on this list!

All of us who participated in reading or interviewing found this to be both an eye-opening and heartwarming experience. Girls who participate at Tech Trek are nominated by their science teachers and then must apply for one of the limited number of openings. The nominated girls are generally the best and the brightest in their schools and thus all of them are very worthy of being selected to attend. Hundreds of girls from all over the state apply--- but only 90 can be selected. We found the girls' essays to generally be eloquent and well-written, some amazingly so. In person, the girls (7th graders!) were remarkably articulate and thoughtful. It was heartbreaking to many of us that not all of the girls we interviewed could be chosen to attend Tech Trek.

In the past years only about 3-4 girls from Santa Fe have ever applied to attend Tech Trek. This year, however, thanks to Lina Germann's pro-active work in contacting all the Santa Fe 7th grade math and science teachers and encouraging them to nominate girls, and then having an orientation pizza dinner for the girls and their families who were nominated, Santa Fe had 15 girls apply! Of those, 7 were chosen to attend this prestigious camp experience. A testament both to Lina's hard work and the high caliber of our Santa Fe students!

Lina would like to thank all of those who participated in helping our Santa Fe students be chosen to attend the 2018 Tech Trek summer camp.



Lina Germann is now beginning to plan the next Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) conference for girls, scheduled to take place on Saturday October 13, 2018. Lina is gathering all of those who wish to be on her Planning Committee for a first meeting of 2018, on Saturday, June 30th from 10am to 12N. If you would like to be a part of the Planning Committee, perhaps to help with registration or volunteer coordination or publicity, please contact Lina at Lina.Germann@stemsantafe.org

<u>Membership News</u>

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.



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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 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. **This month, June,** Daylighters Book Club will have its meeting on Wednesday, June 13th from 1-3:00 pm at the Hotel Santa Fe in the Amaya Restaurant. The book selection for June is <u>Winter's Child</u> by Margaret Coel. If you plan to join us, please let Connie know by Tuesday, June 12th so she can include you in the reservation. You can reach Connie at <u>valkyrie719@yahoo.com</u> Everyone is welcome to our Book Club.

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. This month, Deb Lineback is organizing the hikes, one on **June 12th to the Borrego Bear Wallow Trail** and the second on **June 26th to the Battle of Glorietta Pass Hiking Trail**. Anyone who is interested in hiking, please contact 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. We have a New location for Cocktails & Conversation: AAUW now meets at the Inn at the Loretto 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 The Living Room. 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.

