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Helena,, Karyl and Mary Rita

State President

Co-Presidents' Message

Please tell Summer to sloooow down. We hope you all took time to relax and recharge while enjoying the wonderful rain we experienced this summer. We have been working on multiple projects for AAUW NM. Four New Mexico Women attended NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders)—two from ENMU, Desiree Cooper and Savannah Salas; one from WNMU, Brittany Chiapetti; and one from NMHU, Apsen Martinez-Padilla in late May. We had an outstanding showing at National Convention in San Diego, CA June 19-21, 2015 (17 members). Your co-presidents attended the Presidents' Workshop June 18 and Jeanne Patrick, Santa Fe Branch co-president, attended the Fundraising Workshop June 18. Other attendees were Sylvia Fink, NM Co-Membership; Mary Rita Chapman, NM Finance Chair; Julia Brown, past National Vice President and NM Diversity Chair; Cassie Marrs, NM College/University Chair; Nancy Scheer, NM International Interest Chair; Cheri Burch, NM STEM Coordinator; Elizabeth Gordon, Albuquerque Branch President; Mary Sandford, NM Online Branch President; Desiree Cooper, ENMU Student Affiliate Chapter President; Nina Thayer and Mona Wecksung, Los Alamos Branch Coordinating Council; Roxanne Lara, Carlsbad Branch; and Sabrina Michael and Kris Ann Walters, ENMU Student Affiliate Chapter. This was the first National Convention for 7 of these attendees.

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One hundred forty nine or 21% AAUW NM in the AAUW National election. That is an increase from 14% voter participation in 2013 in New Mexico. The Branch Voter Parties made a difference. This put New Mexico in the top three for voter turnout. Only 12% voted nationally which was more than double the turnout from 2013. Here are the results: Eliminate Degree Requirements—Did Not pass; Filling board vacancies—passed; Change to Leadership Titles—passed; Directors can fill position of Vice President—passed; Committee members termed out on one Committee can serve on another Committee—passed. Changes to National Public Policy—passed. So there will be minor mandatory changes to branch and state bylaws to reflect the changes we passed. New Mexico was honored as one of the top ten states in per capita fundraising for AAUW Funds. See photo above.

We belong to a powerful national network of incredible women doing amazing work and influencing legislation to accomplish our mission. Social media and our presence on the web is critical for action and organizational growth. Has your branch updated your officer list and calendar on your free web site? AAUW New Mexico Facebook has 147 likes. Linking our state leaders with their branch counterparts builds our sense of community with each other and helps us solve shared issues.

Karyl was the assistant director for the Tech Trek NM 2015 camp at NMHU July 12-18, 2015. Forty-eight girls from around the state attended. Twenty-two professional women attended the Professional Women's Night July 15. We were awed at our campers aspirations for their futures in STEM. Cheri Burch, STEM Coordinator, was a Dorm Mother and workshop presenter. Helena was a Dorm Mother and Social Media Coordinator. Cheri trained Tech Trek staff on *Solving the Equation*. The final Tech Trek YouTube Video can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4GW2OrovQM> We are working on the application for Tech Trek NM 2016, which will be held at New Mexico Tech in Socorro June 1, 2016.

Tech Trek 2015

The Las Vegas Branch hosted the 2015 AAUW New Mexico Tech Trek the second week in July. The camp was held on the New Mexico Highlands University campus and 47 eighth grade girls from all over New Mexico participated. The girls each chose one of four core classes as the focus of their week. The core classes met four mornings, and the girls participated in two afternoon workshops each day during the week. Additionally, one day was spent learning fieldwork at the Rio Mora Wildlife Refuge. The week ended with presentations of the core class projects by the students. There was also time for experiencing the ropes course and climbing wall at the United World College in Montezuma, a swimming party, lots of blogging, a professional women's banquet, and making new friends. We are grateful to all the AAUWans from around the state who also participated as core class instructors, workshop presenters, hosts/gophers, general helpers, and on-site pediatrician. We were honored and pleased that Ana Kay Yaghoubian, the STEM senior manager at AAUW, spent the first two days of Tech Trek with us. It was an exciting, intense, and thoroughly marvelous week.
Phyllis Ludi, Donna Rivas, Las Vegas Branch Co-Presidents



Working with heart pump



Computer Class



Solar Oven



F Field Trip

Reflections on AAUW National Convention

Wow, What an Experience!

When I decided to go to the AAUW National Convention in San Diego, I had ulterior motives. I originally lived in the Los Angeles area before moving to Santa Fe, New Mexico. So I thought I could visit friends in Los Angeles and then pop-in to the convention and pop out. The convention was an amazing experience. I was overwhelmed by how professional it was. From the opening remarks to the workshops to the speakers- it was first class. I was very impressed by the caliber of planning that took place to put on such a quality convention. I met a lot of members from all over the USA and was able to network with them. I got ideas on how to retain members, ideas on how to fundraise and how to get fresh program ideas. It was a wonderful experience. I do plan to go to the next National Convention in Washington DC in two years.

Jeanne Patrick, Co-President AAUW Santa Fe Branch

AAUW Working Hard on Women's Interests

It has been many moons since I attended a national convention; so attending the 2015 convention was like attending one for the first time, almost. My most favorable impression was that of the women in the Work \$mart Salary Negotiation Workshop. The participants were fantastic, responding to the presentation with sharp questions and comments and they really worked at using the material presented. In turn, the presenter, Evelyn Murphy, founder of the WAGE Project and designer of the \$tart \$mart and Work \$mart workshops, was very eager to hear their take on the workshop. Second best impression was the smorgasbord of many interesting and imaginative programs being presented by Branches around the country as presented at the Programs that Work

Roundtables. AAUW still has great members working hard on women's issues. The nuts and bolts workshops on membership, governance issues and best financial practices provided basic information on running a branch. It was reassuring to find out that the ABQ branch was doing most of the required components and in a civilized manner.

Liz Gordon, Albuquerque Branch President

Women and Girls in STEM

This summer, I attended my first National Convention in San Diego. I was able to attend with my aunt who encouraged me to join AAUW. It was a really great experience, I was able to meet many interesting people and I was able to get ideas from them for our local and state branches. I really enjoyed the panel session Women and Girls in STEM, being a woman in the STEM field and working in a national laboratory I felt that I could really relate to what the speakers talked about, their advice was great and encouraging. The convention overall made had an impact on me and I look forward to attending more in the future.

Cassie Marrs, NM College/University Chair

NCCWSL Experience

Gathering with over nine hundred other females for the National Conference for College Women Student leaders (NCCWSL) was an incredible opportunity for networking, education, and encouragement. To be around so many other females and have only great experiences was very inspiring. Each of us shared ambitions and goals by having the opportunity to be a part of NCCWSL. This opportunity allowed me to find a graduate school that I that I am genuinely interested in. It is a dual program for a Master of Public Affairs Degree and a Master of Science in Environmental Sciences Degree.

The workshops and speakers hosted by NCCWSL provided me with essential skills and strategies to use as I progress in my academic career and start my professional career. The week spent at Maryland University allowed me to learn about gender differences and stereotypes. The conference inspired me in many ways to get involved and take action. The keynote speakers throughout the week were especially inspiring.

I have recently been working with a program associate for AAUW to set up a student organization at my university. I feel bringing this organization on my own campus will extend myself and other individuals new opportunities as well as valuable information. In all, starting and maintaining an AAUW student organization on campus would be a great attribute to our university community. NCCWSL provided me with the information and networking I need to share this opportunity with others. Those already involved on campus are eager about the club starting! I could not think of a better association to bring to my campus. Thank you all for supporting me and other young adults throughout our state to continue our education and explore new potentials. Brittany Chiapetti, WNMU Student Affiliate

Rocky Mountain Regional Conference – Albuquerque, 2016

We have started planning for the Conference in Albuquerque in June of 2016. Carol Ann Council and Judy Prono are Co-Chairs for both the Thursday State Convention and the

Friday to Sunday Regional Conference. Shelley Rossbach has volunteered to set up on-line registration and to be our AV and presenter aide for the conference. We will need registration and finance chairs for these important tasks as soon as possible. Albuquerque Branch will do most of the local arrangements though we would like volunteers to assist at the registration table and to be facilitators/introducers at the session. More specific details will be presented at the October LTM.

If you are willing to volunteer for registration, promotion or finance chair, please contact Sylvia Fink, sjsf44@hotmail.com. More information will be posted on our state website as it is available.

Sylvia Fink, Chair

Academic Report Secondary Public Education Statistics

Secondary Education Quality: New Mexico received an A- in standards, assignments and accountability, ranked 16th by the National Assessment of Educational Progress among the 50 states, according to the New Mexico Public Education Department. Teachers were given a C+ ranking, placing them 17th nationwide. The state implemented policy changes in 2009 to promote redesign of high school requirements and testing standards.

Higher Education Enrollment: New Mexico boasts three high-quality research universities: the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University and New Mexico Tech. These universities are regional comprehensive universities. The state also has 17 two-year colleges, four tribal colleges and three nonprofit private colleges, bringing the total number of colleges in New Mexico to more than 50. In 2010, 128,226 students enrolled in higher education institutions in New Mexico.

Higher Education Attrition: According to the New Mexico Public Education department, 69 percent of students at four-year institutions and 50 percent of students in community colleges return for their second year. In New Mexico, 42 percent of college freshman earn a degree compared to the national average of 56 percent. In 2009, New Mexico ranked fourth lowest in state yearly tuition rates for public universities at \$3,985.

Progress and Improvements: New Mexico has undertaken various steps to raise the quality of education and improve student success. Since 1998, the state has been ranked top in national rates of American Indian reading improvements. From 1998-2007, students in fourth through eighth grades showed increases in National Assessment for Education Progress. Growth in Advanced Placement courses--from 2,351 students in 1998 to 5,490 students in 2005--shows promise for college enrollment.

Read more : http://www.ehow.com/about_6627705_fast-education-new-mexico.html

Shirley Ash, Academic Chair

Public Policy Report

Things are moving pretty slowly right now, but by the time you get this letter the DC folks should have gone back to work, and the NM interim meetings should be under way. We do have some plans that you might want to put on your calendar. December 12th is when the new bills for NM legislature start to be filed. Go to <http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/default.aspx>, the legislative web page State Lobby Corps training will be January 10th at the Placitas Library from 1:30pm to 3:30 pm. Winter LTM will be January 31, at the Santa Fe Skies RV Park. February 1 will be Lobby Day at the Legislature. We will have a room to use and will begin at 8:00 am (bring your coffee; we will provide a breakfast pastry). This will give us time to review pertinent legislation and get our game plan together. You can pick up lunch on your own from either of the two lunch sites and come back to the room to discuss what you accomplished.

Dixie Trebbe and Sonya Berg, AAUW NM Public Policy Co-chairs



100 Cities for CEDAW

The 1979 United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). This is the only international human rights treaty to focus exclusively on the rights of women. President Jimmy Carter signed this treaty in 1980 and it has been voted on favorably twice, on a bipartisan basis, by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee but has never been brought to the Senate floor for a vote. 187 out of 193 member countries of the U.N. have ratified the convention. The United States is classed with Sudan, Somalia, Iran, Palau and Tonga as having not ratified CEDAW.

The NGO (U.N. non-governmental organization) Committee on the Status of Women has developed the "Cities for CEDAW" campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to "make the global local." If the U.S. Senate will not ratify the Convention, then have individual cities and town across the country do so. San Francisco (in 1998) and Los Angeles (a few years later) have passed ordinances to fund and support implementation of the principles of CEDAW. There are committees in a number of U.S. cities working to have CEDAW ordnances approved.

CEDAW will help end violence against women, help close the wage gap, and release women's full potential. Denver is the only Rocky Mountain area city to have a committee working on the campaign. How about helping the women of our state by starting a campaign in a New Mexico community? See <http://citiesforcedaw.org> for campaign information and toolkits.

Nancy Scheer, AAUW-NM International Interest Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome everyone to a new year of **AAUW** activities. Although the dues for 2015-2016 were due by July 1, 2015, we are guessing that many of your members do not pay their dues until the first branch meeting in the fall. We would like to remind the membership chairs for each branch that if they go to the National Membership Data Base, they will be able to find pre -printed bills that may be printed and mailed, or e-mailed to those members whom have not as yet renewed. Log into the Membership Data Base. Use the down arrow to select your branch. Near the bottom of the screen on the left, under Membership Payment Program, please click on Branch MPP Dues Summary. To the right of each member that has not as yet renewed, you will see in blue “[Invoice](#)”. Click on that invoice and select the branch finance officer to whom you want the dues sent. You may then print or e-mail the form.

In recruiting for new members we would encourage you to utilize the SHAPE the FUTURE campaign. It offers half price on National dues, for new members that sign up at an activity that is open to the public. In addition this program gives you one free national membership to award to a renewing or new member for every 2 members that join your branch at a meeting where you are holding a Shape the Future campaign. You might also utilize the list of Members at Large that is also available on the Membership Data Base to try to entice National members to also become branch members.

Please feel free to contact either one of us with your questions or concerns.

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News from the Branches

When Will My \$10 Bill be Worth \$10?

It's mid-summer and I just watched the new **Economic Justice** video on the **AAUW national website** www.aauw.org (also available on **YouTube**) titled “Here's What the New \$10 Bill Should Look Like.” It is a submission to #TheNew10.

As you can probably predict, in the video Alexander Hamilton's face is transformed into a female visage. But that's not all. The \$10 bill becomes a \$7.8 bill! And rightly so! The new bill to be released in 2020 “celebrates 100 years of gender equality” – **but is this really what equality looks like?** Working women make on average 78% of what working men doing the same job. If you are African American, it's only 64%, and for Latinas, a shocking 54%.

As a member of the Las Cruces branch, I became involved last winter with efforts to publicize the New Mexico Fair Pay for Women Act. This legislation is, of course, one of New Mexico's best-kept secrets. And it's so hidden, very few New Mexicans who need it, or others who most certainly are bound by law to apply it, are simply in the dark about the law's provisions and its ramifications. With that in mind, we set out to inform

employers, members of the legal profession, and most importantly, working women who are not being paid fairly for what they do every day, year after year.

A big project to reach an entire state, but AAUW-NM took it on! Public forums were planned, promoted and presented. The speakers were outstanding, but attendance was disappointingly minimal. But we shouldn't stop now. So what's the next step?

I think if we can't attract a crowd to a meeting, perhaps each of us can talk to a few one-on-one to spread the good news about our law. This idea came to me after sitting on a flight from New Orleans. Beside me was a young woman who was happy to talk to me about women needing more political clout. As the conversation continued, she told me that at her job, a young man hired at the same time as she was getting \$5 more per hour than she was. She is a pharmacist! She is 29 years old. Think of the repercussions of that pay disparity by the time she retires! I told her about New Mexico's law and suggested she work for similar legislation in Louisiana, and in the meantime, she should look at the federal fair pay law. And she will. That's one.

My next opportunity was in a conversation with the woman who administered my annual mammogram. I told her how glad I was that finally women's health issues are being taken seriously, but wouldn't it be nice if women were paid fairly, too? She agreed. I told her about the law. She was amazed. I told her whom to call. She will. That's two.

Since then, I've inserted information about the New Mexico Fair Pay for Women Act into quite a few conversations, in a variety of venues, most of them casual. And I feel fine about this. This is information that women (and men, too) really want and need. If they don't use it themselves, they can pass it on to friends, spouses, sisters, and daughters. As AAUW-NM members, we can definitely do this. Make a difference, one on one, pass it on. in person, by email, on Facebook, or over the phone. By 2020, let's make those \$10 bills earned by women actually be worth \$10!

Bonnie Schranz, Las-Cruces branch

Seventh Annual Santa Fe Expanding Your Horizons Conference

The Santa Fe Branch is participating in the seventh annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Santa Fe Community College. Registration is open for Santa Fe area girls in the 5th-8th grades. The Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) conference is designed to encourage girls to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

The conference will feature hands-on workshops in computer science, engineering, aviation, biology, architecture and more. Local professional women with STEM experience will lead the workshops and demonstrate science in action. "This conference is often a once in a lifetime opportunity for girls to engage with female role models working in STEM professions," said Lina Germann, EYH co-chair.

Last year's conference was attended by more than 140 girls from diverse backgrounds, including Native Americans, African Americans and Hispanics, many from groups

underrepresented in STEM jobs. Nive Bala, now a 7th grader at Mandela International Magnet School, attended last year's conference. She said, "I wish this program could be offered to more girls, so that more girls could get a glimpse of what opportunities lie ahead."

Girls will hear how professional women got their start in STEM. The conference also features a STEM fair and adult workshop for educators, counselors, and parents. Dr. Christa Brelsford, postdoctoral fellow at the Santa Fe Institute and scholar in water conservation policy, will give the keynote address.

Up to 170 girls can attend the Santa Fe conference. It is possible to waive the \$10 registration fee based on financial need. Please visit our website for more information. [Expanding Your Horizons.](#)

In Memoriam

Cindy Wise (1960-2015) passed away on March 29, 2015. She served as co-president of the ABQ Branch with Diane Scholfield from 2006-2008. In her obituary, this position was listed among her accomplishments. It is also indicated that. "She was owner of Wise Financial Planning and Wealth Management LLC founded in 2005. She was a licensed Financial Planner, Insurance Agent, and Registered Representative."

Do You Want to Save Money???

AAUW has negotiated a great deal for all AAUW members with Office Depot/Office Max. We get up to 80% off on many items. For example, printing black & white copies in 2.5 cents (instead of 11 cents). I bought a large box of large envelopes for \$7.16 (instead of \$17.99). That's a pretty good deal! This is for both personal and professional needs, not just AAUW business. So, all you have to do is print out a discount card at <http://www.officediscounts.org/aauw.html> and use it whenever you shop at Office Depot/Office Max. You can also get to this card by going to AAUW.ORG and putting office depot in the search field and following several steps from there.
Bonnie Schranz, Las Cruces Branch



AAUW-NEW MEXICO CALENDAR
July 2015 - June 2016

- Oct. 8** **Branch Project Grant applications due to Branch Project Grants Chair, Shelley Rossbach**
- Oct. 17 (Sat.)** **AAUW-NM Fall Workshop & Leadership Team Mtg- ENMU Portales**
- Nov. 15 Deadline: for Winter *Roadrunner*
- Dec. 15 Deadline: nominations for AAUW-NM officers to Nominating Com. Chair
- Dec. 31 Postmark deadline for AAUW Funds contributions for year 2015
- Jan. 1, 2016** **Half-year dues are accepted**
- Jan. 10** **Lobby Corps Meeting at Placitas Library 1:30-3:30 pm**
- Jan. 15 Deadline: proposed AAUW-NM bylaws changes to Bylaws Chair
 Deadline: proposed AAUW-NM Public Policy amendments Co-PP Chairs
- January TBA** **"Choice Rally" at the Roundhouse**
- January 31** **Winter State Leadership Team Meeting – Santa Fe Skies RV Park**
- February 1** **Day at the Legislature with AAUW – Santa Fe**
- March** **Women’s History Month**
- March 8 International Women’s Day
- March 15 NCCWSL Scholarship Application Deadline
- April 10 Deadline for Spring *Roadrunner*
- April 12** **Equal Pay Day**
- April/May** **Leadership Team Meeting Online**
- May 30** **Deadline for entering new state & branch officers to national**
- June 2-4 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
- June 19 – 25** **AAUW-NM Tech Trek at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, NM**
- June 30** **Deadline for membership dues for 2016-2017 year**
- May/June TBA** **Annual Reports due from State Officers & Branch Presidents to Albuquerque Branch**
- June/July TBA** **AAUW-NM Convention and Leadership Team Meeting in Albuquerque**
 (Files & handbooks updated by officers for successors)
Rocky Mountain Regional AAUW Conference in Albuquerque
- July/August TBA Deadline for Summer *Roadrunner*

AAUW Mission Statement: “AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.”

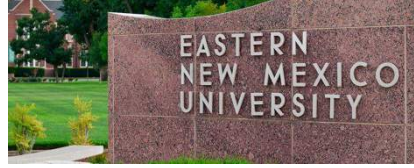
AAUW Unifying Focus Statement: “Breaking through Barriers”

AAUW Value Statement: “As a member of AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.”

AAUW-NM focus statement: “Empowering women to take charge of their lives”



AAUW-ENMU Affiliates with Patricia Fae Ho
National Convention - San Diego, CA



**2015 FALL WORKSHOP &
LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING**
SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2015
ENMU – PORTALES, NM



Friday

evening - 23 October 2015

6/6:30pm Flexible event! Reception/Dutch treat dinner/??
TBA-something with ENMU Student Affiliates

Saturday Schedule:

9:00-9:30 Gather, Registration, Socialize
9:30-9:40 Greeting, Welcome, Introductions
9:40-10:00 ENMU AAUW Student Affiliate Presentation
10:00-10:30 2015 NCCWSL Experiences
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-11:15 “Solving the Equation” presentation/discussion/Q&A
11:15-11:45 Fair Pay for Women Act [FPWA]-Public Policy Impact Grant –
“Where Do We Go From Here?”
11:45-12:15 National Convention in San Diego Snippets!
12:15-1:15 Lunch
1:15-2:00 2016 Rocky Mountain Regional Conference – presentation/discussion
/input
2:15-4:15 Leadership Team Meeting [LTM] with brief break
4:15 Adjourn

Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn Express 1-888-477-9151
1901 W 2nd Street (about 1.5 miles west of ENMU on Highway 70)

Super 8 1-866-267-9053 (local) 575-359-0431
1805 W 2nd Street (Highway 70) Portales

Sands Motel 1-575-356-4424
1130 W. 1st Street Portales

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____, NM ZIP _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

AAUW-NM BRANCH: _____

BRANCH OFFICE: _____

STATE OFFICE: _____

Workshop Registration Fee: **\$10.00**

Saturday Lunch will be “go through the line” at Sodexo – ENMU cafeteria
Cost is under \$8.00 [each attendee pay on site]

Submitted \$ _____

Please send registration form and check, made payable to AAUW-NM

To:

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