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Co-Presidents' Message



First, I want to welcome my new Co-President Karyl Lyne. She is a member of the Las Vegas Branch, and an enthusiastic proponent of the College and University program, especially our scholarships to NCCWSL. We are going to have a GREAT two years!

Next, if you know where the summer has gone, please let me know immediately! Seems like only yesterday that many of us were in Las Cruces for our annual convention, when in fact it was four months ago! Since then I've been to two weddings (in Hawaii and Texas), two forest fires one in Colorado and the other in South Dakota, and attended the heart valve surgery in Denver of my 92-year-old stepfather (who is recovering quite nicely). So, I guess a lot has happened, but it's happened quickly.

Finally, today I am hoping that the next few months pass as quickly as the last four. I am already sick of the political ads, and the election is still more than 2 months away. It is SUCH an important election, and New Mexico may make a huge difference in both the presidential and senatorial elections.

THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE!! I know that you will vote, and I hope you will consider joining your leadership (both State and Branch) to ensure that most citizens of New Mexico will vote as well.

AAUW-NM is partnering with other organizations to help with voter registration and protection at the polls. The Leadership Team voted in July to become a member of the Polling Place Participation and Protection Leadership Council, which is being led by Diane Wood of New Mexico Common Cause. Dixie Trebbe and I have been attending their meetings, and Dixie went on the first "road trip" to spread the word about voting.

This Council will be providing training for volunteer poll watchers, which you can do in the county where you are registered. The poll watchers keep an eye on the elections and prevent shenanigans. Dixie and I received the one-hour training today, and it is quite

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easy. I learned a lot about voting in New Mexico as well! If YOU are interested in becoming involved, as an individual or as a branch member, please don't hesitate to contact Dixie (dixietrebbe@yahoo.com; 505-934-1243) or me (shelrossbach@aol.com; 505-980-8955). We'll make sure you get trained. You can also talk directly to your County Clerk if you are interested in becoming a *paid* poll worker (which is different from a poll watcher). If you are especially interested in voter registration, I would encourage you to contact Oriana Sandoval, the executive director of NM Vote Matters (phone 505-615-7058; email orianarsandoval@gmail.com, www.nmvotematters.org). Her organization is looking for people who can help register voters and also reach out to historically disenfranchised people through churches, schools, etc. Be sure to let her know that you're an AAUW member!

Let's make this AAUW year (and the elections) the very best they can be!

Shelley Rossbach, Co-President



AAUW-NM \$tart \$mart Initiative Adds NMHU

As you all know, AAUW-NM Co-President Shelley Rossbach took the leadership to get the WAGE Project/AAUW collaborative \$tart \$mart workshops going in New Mexico last year by becoming a \$tart \$mart workshop facilitator. She delivered New Mexico's first workshop at UNM-Los Alamos in November 2011. Since that time a number of New Mexico AAUWans have become familiar with the \$tart \$mart Workshop content at Leadership Team Meetings (LTM) and branch presentations, thanks to Shelley. Four New Mexico AAUWans have become facilitators—Shelley Rossbach, Santa Fe Branch, Sylvia Fink, Albuquerque Branch, Eileen Bentley and Karyl Lyne from the Las Vegas Branch.



Becoming a facilitator involves attending a \$tart \$mart Workshop as an observer and taking an additional two-hour training with a WAGE Project Facilitator Trainer. I am delighted to let you know that a \$tart \$mart Workshop is being planned at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas for Tuesday, October 23, 2012, from 2 pm to 5 pm in Kennedy Lounge. If you are interested becoming a facilitator and would like to attend this workshop as an observer, please let Karyl Lyne at lyne@desertgate.com know. She will provide directions to the workshop site. If you can't attend the workshop in Las Vegas, stay tuned for information on another workshop at UNM-Los Alamos this fall because that campus purchased a 3-year license for the workshop.

In the meantime you might pick up a copy of Mika Brzezinski's book, Knowing Your Value; Linda Babcock and Susan Laschever's book, Ask For It: How Women Can Use the Power of Negotiation to Get What they Really Want; and/or WAGE Project President Evelyn Murphy's book, Getting Even. These books provide eye-opening, life-changing information

about women's negotiating behavior or lack thereof. They provide an excellent foundation for and preface to becoming a \$tart \$mart Workshop Facilitator.

Karyl Lyne, Co-President

Regional Meeting In Phoenix

Below is a collection of ah ha moments from the New Mexiso delegation during the Regional Conference in Phoenix in June. Clearly the program was diverse and thought provoking.

1. AAUW has a huge influence on legislation - AAUW is definitely known at the White House and on Capitol Hill! We have POWER!!
2. There are now more millennium women than baby boomers, but they don't have the habit of voting.
3. We need to help women understand what's at stake for them at the ballot box.
4. When women run for office they win at the same rate as men. Women rank higher than men in all leadership qualities except decisiveness.
5. We need to promote women running for office and start at the high school level with programs like "Elect Her" and "Vision 20/20".
6. Vision 20-20 is alive & well – are we not proud that we have Roxanne Lara from Carlsbad to speak for us AAUW-New Mexicans!
7. STEM Merit Awards for high school students with teacher recommendations “Brains are Beautiful” is a cool project.
8. Get girls on campus with hands-on science.
9. Pay Equity is still an issue!! There was lots of interest in the AAUW research booklet, *The Simple Truth*.
10. I enjoyed Betty Webb's talk about the mysteries she writes that contain a social commentary. I bought and read "Desert Wives". I knew about the FLDS communities along the Utah-Arizona borders, but the details were appalling. I will suggest this book to our AAUW book group.
11. It's okay to have FUN in AAUW 😊 while accomplishing our AAUW mission.
12. Carolyn Garfein's description of AAUW thoughts for success: Focus, Fast, Flexible, Flat, Friendly, & Fun
13. In 2013, all AAUW voting will be on line, with only an opt-in paper ballot.
14. Voting parties at the branch level are a good idea, so everyone votes and has help negotiating the computer if necessary.
15. Bullying and human trafficking need to take a major position in our public policy programming—community involvement projects.
16. Bullying behaviors begin at age 3.
17. Bullies require fear, secrecy and audience.
18. Learned the best response to bullying is “Knock it off!!”
19. I was quite surprised that the AVERAGE age for Sex trafficking was 13! This is appalling!!
20. Proposing the resolution on human trafficking was great. This speaks not only of listening and learning, but taking action

21. I'm very interested in the Dignity program in PHX. I am going to find out if ABQ has anything similar; if not, I will provide information to ALB Police Dept. and Catholic Services.
22. We have wonderful presenters in our state – Nina, Helena, Mary and Nancy.



AAUW-NM members that attended the regional meeting were Elaine Carlson, Grant County; Carol Ann Council, Las Cruces; Sylvia Fink, Albuquerque; Karyl Lyne, Las Vegas; Natalie Markin, Los Alamos; Sheila Portillo, Albuquerque; Mary Sandford, Carlsbad; Nancy Scheer, Santa Fe/Los Alamos; Nina Thayer, Los Alamos; Helena Whyte, Los Alamos.

Caryl Lyne, Co-President

Legacy of Leadership Awarded to Scheer



On the evening of June 9th at the Rocky Mountain Conference in Phoenix, AZ Mary Sandford and in-coming Co-President, Karyl Lyne, presented Nancy Scheer with the Legacy of Leadership Award from AAUW-NM. The Legacy of Leadership Award is given to one member of each of the region's six states who has demonstrated outstanding efforts and continued leadership in the advancement of AAUW and its mission. Previous award winners are Carol Ann Council (2010), Janet Matwiyoff (2008) and Barbara Carey (2006).

Nancy joined AAUW in 1965 and is a dual member of the Santa Fe and Los Alamos branches. She has served as AAUW-NM Historian and in 1983 she wrote our state's fifty-year history. She has served on many state committees, was AAUW-NM Finance Officer for two terms and presided as AAUW-NM Co-President from 2004-2008. Nancy also served on National's Nominations Committee. At the branch level, she was a frequent presenter at *Careers and Curiosity* promoting STEM careers for girls in Santa Fe. Nancy served as Finance Officer for both the Santa Fe and Los Alamos branches and is currently the editor of *Capital Women*, the Santa Fe branch's newsletter. This past year Nancy assisted our AAUW-NM Bylaws Co-Chairs with the revision of our state's Policies and Procedures. Over her thirty plus years in AAUW, Nancy has attended almost every AAUW-NM Convention, as well as many National Conventions.

In presenting the award, Mary stated that "more than any one 'title' that Nancy has held, she is the one I have referred to during my co-presidency as the AAUW-NM 'guru.' If I had a question, Nancy had the answer. Shelley, Karyl and I are presenting this award to Nancy Scheer not because of one office she has held or one spectacular accomplishment, but because she truly exemplifies a lifetime of commitment and support to AAUW and its mission of equity for women and girls. Nancy **IS** our 'Legacy of Leadership'!"

Mary Sandford- Immediate Past Co-President

Nancy Sheer's Acceptance Of Legacy of Leadership Award

It was a great honor to be New Mexico's recipient of the Legacy of Leadership award presented during the June, 2012 AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Conference. This was the fourth time

this award has been presented to a member. Each of the six states in the region may present an award to one of its members. There were accomplishments and difficulties throughout the many years I have served on the AAUW-NM Leadership Team. I enjoyed those years and thank the many other AAUW NM members with whom I served. Together we moved our state organization forward and we all have much of which to be proud. Thanks for having allowed me to serve AAUW, in a number of different positions, as a member of a great team!

Nancy Scheer, Santa Fe & Los Alamos Branch member and AAUW-NM Past President

AAUW-NM Summer Leadership Team Meeting July 20, 2012 In Los Alamos



We want to thank the Los Alamos Branch for hosting our summer Leadership Team Meeting. Things got started on Friday with a fun salad dinner at Nina Thayer's beautiful mountainside home. We all enjoyed eating and visiting on the deck overlooking the dramatic magnificence of the Los Alamos canyons and mesas. Nina and Carol Ann Council from Las Cruces spearheaded dinner with help from other Los Alamos AAUWans. Thank you, ladies.

Pictured are Karyl Lyne, Barb Casey and Mary Schipper all of Las Vegas, regaling the group with a rendition of a suffragette marching song and a Register to Vote poster to start the discussion about getting out the vote.

About 20 of us gathered at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we've met before to do the business of the state which included reminders for AAUW-NM calendar items, added our name to a human trafficking resolution created at the AAUW Regional Conference in Phoenix in June, approved another set of AAUW-NM job descriptions recommended by Sylvia Fink and her committee, changed the name of Mini-grants to Branch Project Grants and raised the maximum grant amount to \$200, and learned more about New Mexico Vote Matters. The official minutes will be available at www.aauw-nm.org soon.

Using Robert's Rules of Order, Parliamentarian Carol Ann Council reminded us that the correct way to stop discussion and vote on an item is "I move the previous question" or "I move to close the debate" instead of simply "Call for the question." Further, a motion of this kind requires a 2/3 yes vote to stop the debate and vote. We appreciate this 'lesson on order' and will adhere to this practice in the future.

During the afternoon workshops we brainstormed ways branches can become actively involved in reaching out to underrepresented populations in our communities and registering them to vote; and we heard a report on the extremely informative and comprehensive Rocky Mt. Regional Conference program. You can go to www.aauw.org, It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard Campaign for great ideas on voter registration and getting out the vote. The LTM workshop handout for the Rocky Mt. Regional Conference Program is a compilation of ah ha moments various members of the New Mexico delegation had and is included in this Roadrunner. I think we all came away with new information and renewed enthusiasm for and dedication to working on the wide variety of issues for which AAUW advocates.

Karyl Lyne. Co-President

Branch Project Grants are Available!

Each year AAUW-NM budgets \$500 for "mini-grants" to branches. These grants are intended to help the branch finance projects that advance the mission of AAUW. Some of the mini-grants awarded over the past few years have been \$100 to Las Cruces to assist with busing children to "Girls Can!". Los Alamos was awarded \$100 to help with providing the LWV Voters' Guide, and \$100 to Carlsbad for G.U.R.L.S. (Girls Using Real Life Science). Grant County received a mini-grant for their "Expanding Your Horizons" Program and Las Vegas has been given funds to organize a Community Forum. The only requirement for a mini-grant is that the project must have an outreach, educational or mentoring component. While new programs will be given special consideration, established projects are also eligible.

At the recent Leadership Team Meeting in Los Alamos, it was decided to change the name of the grants to "Branch Project Grants" to better reflect their intent. Also, the **maximum amount** that can be requested by a branch was raised to **\$200**. Please understand that a branch may ask for **LESS** than \$200!

Applications for the Branch Project Grants are due to Mary Sandford no later than October 1st. A committee will review the applications and the grants will be awarded at the Fall Workshop in Albuquerque on October 20th. There is no formal application form; the instructions are in the AAUW-NM Policies and Procedures, Article V, section F. The Policies and Procedures are on the AAUW-NM website under "Governance and Forms." While the P&P may not be updated to reflect the changes previously mentioned, the procedure for applying has not changed.

Please consider requesting a "Branch Project Grant" to aid your branch in advancing the goals of AAUW!

Mary Sandford, Branch Project (Mini) Grants Chair



Remembering Members



Nancy Craze Childs was a long time member of the Las Vegas Branch of AAUW and served in a number of offices including public policy chair and program vice president. A native of Dearborn, Michigan, Nancy received a B.A. from Michigan State in 1954 and moved to New York where she met and married Prentiss Childs. They moved to Washington D.C. in 1963 where Prentiss became a producer for CBS Television Network and Nancy's career included working for the New Yorker Magazine, the Washingtonian, the Bolton Institute, Fund for

Animals and The Animal Welfare Institute.

In 1975 the Childs moved to Santa Fe where Nancy was the first City of Santa Fe Environmentalist, an administrator for the Santa Fe Playhouse and a member of the opera guild. After retiring in 1994 Nancy and Prentiss moved to Las Vegas where Nancy was very active in AAUW and the United World College Get Away Parent Program.

Nancy was passionate about the environment and social justice issues. She coordinated more than 20 AAUW public forums in Las Vegas ranging in topics from U.S. foreign policy to election year candidates. Prentiss usually served as the moderator for these forums keeping the questions, answers and audience comments fair and balanced. Nancy was especially proud of having worked with other members of AAUW-NM on a resolution, which was eventually adopted by AAUW at the national level.

Nancy and Prentiss had three children, six grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. For more than a decade they hosted these children in their home in the summer and counted that time with the children the most meaningful time of their lives.

Nancy passed away in Arvada, Colorado, on March 23, 2012, at age 79. Prentiss preceded her in death in May 2011. The family asked that donations in Nancy's memory be made to AAUW or to Compassion Beyond Borders.

Karyl Lyne, Co-President

Jane Gaziano, an active member of the Santa Fe AAUW Branch, passed away on April 3, 2012, after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Jane was serving on the board as Secretary when she was diagnosed with cancer. She was also very active in the League of Women Voters, a frequent partner in voter education forums in Santa Fe.

Jane received her BS in Education from Northern Illinois University. Shortly after graduation she and her husband, Angelo, moved to Santa Fe where they raised their daughter and son.

Jane was an enthusiastic hiker and camper and loved exploring both New Mexico and Arizona. She was also a tireless volunteer and community organizer in Santa Fe.

Sandra Bradley, Past President Santa Fe Branch

Branch News

Socorro plans to hold a joint meeting in September with the Socorro County Historical Society with two speakers about the Titanic. Paul Harden, local historian, will start, followed by Penny Boston, a faculty member at New Mexico Tech. She will share her memories about her grandfather who died on the Titanic. We hope to lure new members for both groups. Then in October, we have a program featuring two local women who will tell us about their experience on the cruise that attempted to mimic that of the Titanic. We hope these two programs will start our year with a boost.

Barbara R. DuBois, President

Albuquerque- West Mesa The first meeting of the year will be a presentation by Kristina Fisher from [Think New Mexico](#). She will address the three constitutional amendments on the ballot in November about improving the PRC (Public Regulatory Commission). [Think New Mexico](#) is a result-oriented think tank whose mission is improving the quality of life for New Mexicans.

Jo Rose

Celebrate the New Preventative Care Services for Women

As of August 1, 2012, all new health plans must cover eight women's preventive services, including birth control, without cost sharing. To celebrate, we're hosting a virtual party on Face book – and we want you to sign the guestbook!

Preventive services are critical to a woman's health, and cost has remained a burden for far too long. With the Department of Health and Human Services regulations going into effect on August 1, the following services will now be available without co-pays:

1. Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling;
2. Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence;
3. Screening for gestational diabetes;
4. DNA testing for high-risk strains of HPV;
5. Counseling regarding sexually transmitted infections, including HIV;
6. Screening for HIV;
7. Contraceptive methods and counseling; and
8. Well woman visits.

Take Action!

[Tell us why you are celebrating these new requirements!](#) You can share a personal story about the importance of preventive services, talk about why you are passionate about women's health care, or write notes of congratulations to your fellow activists for getting the job done and passing health care reform legislation that includes these necessary services!

Learn more about what preventive services will be covered at [Healthcare.gov](#), as well as [the other benefits for women](#) such as the end of higher premiums for pre-existing conditions.

Excerpt from the AAUW blog at blog-aauw.org/2012/08/01/health-care-sans-co-pay/



AAUW-NEW MEXICO STATE CALENDAR

September 2012-2013

- Oct. 1 Mini-Grant applications due-submit to Mary Sandford
- Oct 19-20 AAUW-NM Fall Workshop & State Leadership Team Meeting- Albuquerque**
- Nov. 6 Deadline for Winter *Roadrunner*
- Dec. 15 Deadline for nominations for AAUW-NM officers
Submit to Nominating Committee- Mary Sandford, Chair at m_sandford47@hotmail
Deadline for nominations for the Terry Sleight Memorial Award
Submit to Jean Bbahr at jeanbbahr@gmail.com
- Dec. 31 Postmark deadline for AAUW Funds contributions for year 2012
- Jan 1, 2013 Half year dues are accepted**
- Jan. 12 Lobby Corps planning meeting at the Bernalillo Train Depot
David Maddox speaking about human trafficking
- Jan. 15 Deadline for proposed AAUW-NM bylaws changes
Submit to Shelley Rossbach, shelrossbach@aol.com or Karyl Lyne,
lyne@desertgate.com
Deadline for any proposed AAUW-NM resolutions and Public Policy
amendments/ideas – Submit to Public Policy Chair – Dixie Trebbe,
dixietrebbe@yahoo.com
- Jan. TBA Choice Rally at the Roundhouse
- Jan. 27 (tent.) Winter State Leadership Team Meeting – Santa Fe Branch hosting**
- Jan. 28 (tent.) AAUW-NM Day at the Legislature – Santa Fe**
- Feb. 15 Deadline for nominations for Grace Barker Wilson Award
Submit to Cas Mason at casmason01@msn.com
- Feb. 17 Deadline for Spring *Roadrunner*
- March Women’s History Month**
- March 8 International Women’s Day
- March 15 Deadline for AAUW-NM NCCWSL scholarship applications
Submit to Karyl Lyne at 89 Roadrunner Road, Las Vegas, NM 87701
- April 1 Annual reports due from State Officers & Branch Presidents
Mini-grant applications due to Mary Sandford m_sandford47@hotmail
- April 9 Equal Pay Day**
- April TBA AAUW-NM Convention and Leadership Team Meeting**
Carlsbad Branch hosting
- May 13 Deadline for Summer *Roadrunner*
- May 30-June 1 NCCWSL – Washington DC
- June 9-13 National Convention at the Sheraton New Orleans**

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”



**FALL LTM IN ALBUQUERQUE
OCTOBER 20, 2012**

Please join us Friday the 19th at a dinner gathering. On Saturday we will have the workshops and meeting.

Friday – October 19

6:30-8:30 Informal dinner at Liz Gordon’s home 4059 Dietz Farm Circle NW. 344-7842

I-40 east/west or Menaul: Take Rio Grande Blvd. going north, pass the Flying Star Plaza, at the end of the white fence (about 0.3 m from Griegos traffic signal) turn left (west) on to Dietz Farm Road and go about 0.5 mile to the Y of Dietz Farm Circle, veer to the left at the Y, house is the third on the right.

I-25 north/south: Montano/Montgomery west to 4th, south on 4th to Griegos, west to Rio Grande Blvd., at intersection (traffic signal) turn right (north) onto Rio Grande Blvd. and continue to Dietz Farm Road as in instructions for I-40.

Saturday – October 20

Monte Vista Christian Church, 3501 Campus Blvd NE.

From I 40 or Lomas Blvd. Carlisle exit go south to Campus then two blocks right (west) to Berkeley. Turn north and church parking will be on your left.

From Central turn north on Carlisle 1 block then left (west) on Campus to Berkeley.

9:00-9:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30-10:15 Advocacy: why, how and when. Includes an Advocacy IQ test.

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:15 Website trauma? How to locate information and use the AAUW website.

Plus a very quick look at the new Albuquerque Branch website.

11:30-1:15 Lunch with NCCWSL Attendees who will be speaking after lunch

1:30-4:00 LTM with brief break.

4:00 Adjourn

HOTEL INFORMATION:

All these hotels had discounts for AARP members. Rates for 2 adults in 1 room are below. Use their website or call directly for best rates. All are 7-10 minutes from meeting site.

Hampton Inn 2300 Carlisle NE \$79+ 505-837-9300

Fairfield Inn 1760 Menaul NE \$89+ 505-889-4000

Holiday Inn 2500 Menaul NE \$80+ 505-881-0544

FALL 2012 AAUW-NM LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETIN

WORKSHOP AND LUNCH REGISTRATION

October 19 and 20, 2012

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____, NM ZIP _____

PHONE: HOME _____ CELL _____

E-MAIL _____ BRANCH _____

Hotels and Church are ADA compliant with handicapped parking.

Registration Fees:

Friday dinner @ \$10 per person Guests welcome total \$ _____

Saturday:

Continental breakfast, lunch and snack \$25 \$ _____

Lunch will be sandwich selection, green salad, potato salad, and cookies

Dietary restrictions [circle]: **Gluten Vegan Vegetarian Other**

For **Other** describe: _____

Workshops and lunch only \$15

Total \$ _____

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