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Co-Presidents’ Letter

Goodness, is summer over already? It seems so and AAUW-NM Branches have completed their program planning, hosted membership events and are underway for another great year of advocating for women and girls in New Mexico! On July 20, the Leadership Team met in Santa Fe. As always, the Santa Fe Branch hostessed (is that a word?) us in a lovely way. We want to thank especially Nancy Scheer and her very capable crew, who provided a convenient venue at the First Christian Church, breakfast, lunch and snack goodies and a warm welcome to The City Different.

That meeting provided an opportunity to welcome and get acquainted with new state officers and branch presidents. We celebrated the fact that during the national One Member, One Vote campaign to get all AAUWans to vote for national AAUW officers, AAUW-NM ranked #3 in the nation for the percentage of our membership that voted (12.1 % or 84 votes from 694 members)! WHOOHOO! We had a super presentation by AAUW-NM Webmistress Lina Germann on our new and BEAUTIFUL state website at aauw-nm.aauw.net. Lina also made a pitch for helping all of our New Mexico branches to adopt the national website template and be beautiful too. The Las Vegas Branch, represented by Pam Daves, took up the challenge and it is now a fait accompli! Finally, we spent a very active and animated hour in small groups discussing and discerning public policy priorities for the next year for AAUW-NM. It was an exciting, purposeful and affirming exercise from which we will determine how our lobbying time and energies will be spent this year.

Now we’re looking forward to the Fall LTM and Workshop in Albuquerque on Saturday, October 12, at the First Congregational Church at 2801 Lomas Blvd NE. We will begin at 10:00am (so folks can attend the balloon fiesta if they wish and/or so out-of-towners can drive up that morning). We’ll start with some exciting initiatives taking place in New Mexico supporting STEM projects (Tech Trek, Expanding Your Horizons, NM Girls Collaborative, etc.). AAUW-NM has been increasingly interested in pursuing STEM projects and this will provide an opportunity to spread ideas and enthusiasm. Then we’ll have lunch and hear from the young women who attended NCCWSL in May in Washington, D.C. Their insights and experiences are always inspiring. We’ll have our Leadership Team meeting from 2:15 pm until 4:00 pm and have plenty of time to take in the Balloon Glow. See you soon—up, up and away!

--Karyl Lyne and Shelley Rossbach, AAUW-NM Co-Presidents



Public Policy

Greetings from the Public Policy co-chairs for the 2013-14 AAUW year. We look forward to working with each of you this year and especially leading up to and during the 30-day legislative session that will begin January 21 and end February 20. We also want to take this opportunity to thank Dixie Trebbe for her excellent leadership during her five years as public policy chair. Her expertise and experience helped make a real difference, and we appreciate all of her

help in getting us started on this job.

We will focus on 3 key areas during the coming year: Education; Finance; and Women's issues. We want to reinvigorate the Lobby Corps and ask that each branch provide at least one member to work with us not only as Public Policy representatives but also to serve in the Lobby Corps. Dixie has already agreed to focus her efforts on women's issues. She will stay abreast of what is happening in the state and the legislature and try to attend pertinent committee meetings. We are seeking individuals that are interested in focusing on and keeping up with the other two areas.

There are several tools to help all members keep up with what is happening in public policy both at the state and national level. Lina has been working very hard on our new state AAUW website and has done a superb job. It is still in the developmental stage, but is already filled with many resources. There is a section pertaining to public policy with a direct link to what is going on in the state legislature. If you haven't visited the site as yet, check it out at <http://aauw-nm.aauw.net>

At the national level we encourage each of you to go to the website, <http://www.aauw.org>, and sign up for the two minute activist. You will receive periodic alerts asking you to take action by clicking on a link. It is quick and easy and the more emails our congressmen/women receive the stronger our influence will be. Another resource at the national level about pending legislation, who introduced and who is co-sponsoring current bills, and the content of existing laws is thomas.loc.gov

We hope to see many of you at the fall LTM in Albuquerque.

--Sonya Berg and Jan Bray - Co-chairs, Public Policy

Branch Project Grants

AAUW-NM budgeted \$600 to be used for grants to branches during the fiscal year of 2013-14. These grants are intended to help the branch finance projects that advance the mission of AAUW. The only requirement for a branch project 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.

The maximum amount that can be requested by a branch is **\$200**. Please understand that a branch may ask for **LESS** than \$200! Also, if there are several worthy projects submitted, a branch may not receive the full amount requested.

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 12th. 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." It is preferred that the applications be submitted electronically, but snail mail requests will certainly be accepted.

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

--Mary Sandford - Branch Project Grants Chair

Nominations

The following elected offices will need to be filled for the 2014-16 term: Co-presidents, VP Membership, Secretary, Academic Chair, and Nominations Chair. Karyl Lyne has accepted the nomination to serve a second term as co-president! Thank you, Karyl!!!! We will be looking for someone for Karyl to mentor as a co-president for her second term. For the other available offices, those individuals currently holding the positions will be given the opportunity to continue if they wish to do so. We will actively begin trying to fill these offices in the fall.

If you are willing and able to serve in an office, or if you know of someone in your branch who might be, please contact me m_sandford47@hotmail.com 575-887-1375 and 575-302-6248 cell or one of my committee members: Deanise Marta - dxmarta@msn.com or Pam Daves - Bobcat3936@yahoo.com . We would like to hear from you by December 15th.

Our bylaws allow us to have co-officers for positions, so if you or someone in your branch would like to serve with an "accomplice," we will try to accommodate that wish! Becoming involved at the state level gives you a whole new perspective on AAUW. Please encourage people to step up (or do so yourself)!!

--Mary Sandford - Nominations Chair

New Mexico AAUW Funds Report

AAUW Funds Report through June 30, 2013: Albuquerque \$1,515; Carlsbad \$228; Las Cruces \$569; Las Vegas \$570; Los Alamos \$2,210; Santa Fe \$986.50; Socorro \$20; West Mesa \$353.75; New Mexico Online \$50; and AAUW New Mexico \$225.50. Total giving through June: \$6,727.75. This is \$927.75 ahead of last year for the first half of the year. Congratulations everyone. Keep up the good work!

Did you know that with your help AAUW gave \$3.7 million to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in 2013-2014 academic year? Go online and see all the projects that are funded. Thank you for your generosity.

-- Mary Tyler Browne - AAUW Funds Chair

2013-2014 AAUW-NM State Officers

Elected Officers

Co-President	Shelley Rossbach	shelrossbach@aol.com
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Academic Chair	Joan Goodman	jgoodman4@aol.com
AAUW Funds Chair	Mary Tyler Browne	mary@revbrowne.com
Nominations Chair	Mary Sandford	m_sandford@hotmail.com
Co-Public Policy Chair	Sonya Berg	berg.sonya42@gmail.com
Co-Public Policy Chair	Jan Lifson Bray	janbray@nmia.com

Appointed Officers

Awards Chair	Cas Mason	casmason01@msn.com
**Bylaws Chair	(Currently Vacant)	
**College/Univ. Chair	(Currently Vacant)	
Diversity Chair	Della Acosta	della_acosta@yahoo.com
Historian	Bonnie Rutherford	bonray2@gmail.com
**International Interest Chair	(Currently Vacant)	
Media Relations Chair	Helena Whyte	mozden08@aol.com
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**Strategic Planning Chair	(Currently Vacant)	
Webmistress	Lina Germann	lsgermann@gmail.com

****Please contact Shelley or Karyl if you are interested in being appointed to one of these vacant offices.**

Additional Contacts in AAUW-NM

- New Mexico Girls Collaborative Representative – Cheri Burch (ctburch@aol.com)
- National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) Coordinator – Karyl Lyne (lyne@desertgate.com)
- \$tart \$mart Coordinator – Shelley Rossbach (shelrossbach@aol.com)



AAUW-NEW MEXICO CALENDAR July 2013 - June 2014

Oct. 1	Branch Project Grant applications due to Branch Project Grants Chair
Oct. 12 (Sat.)	AAUW-NM Fall Workshop & Fall Leadership Team Meeting- <i>Albuquerque</i>
Nov. 15	Deadline: for Winter <i>Roadrunner</i>
Dec. 15	Deadline: nominations for AAUW-NM officers to Nominating Committee Chair
	Deadline: nominations for Terry Sleight Memorial Award to Jean Bahr
Dec. 31	Postmark deadline for AAUW Funds contributions for year 2013
Jan. 1, 2014	Half-year dues are accepted
January TBA	Lobby Corps Meeting
Jan. 15	Deadline: proposed AAUW-NM bylaws changes to Co-Presidents
	Deadline: proposed AAUW-NM Public Policy amendments Co-PP Chairs
January TBA	"Choice Rally" at the Roundhouse
Jan. 26 (Sun)	Winter State Leadership Team Meeting – <i>Santa Fe Skies RV Park</i>
Jan. 27 (Mon)	A Day at the Legislature - <i>Santa Fe, NM</i>
Feb. 15	Deadline: nominations for Grace Barker Wilson Award to Awards Chair
Feb. 15	Deadline for Spring <i>Roadrunner</i>
March	Women's History Month
March 8	International Women's Day
April 1	Annual Reports due from State Officers & Branch Presidents to Las Vegas
	Branch Project Grant applications due to Branch Project Grants Chair
	Deadline: Submissions for New Mexico's MBC Ingenious Ideas Branch Recognition to Awards Chair
April TBA	Equal Pay Day
April 25-27 (F – Su)	AAUW-NM Convention and Leadership Team Meeting –<i>Las Vegas</i> (Files & handbooks updated by officers for successors)
May 15	Deadline for Summer <i>Roadrunner</i>
May 29-31	National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
June 6-8 (F –Su)	AAUW Regional Convention – <i>Reno, Nevada</i>
June 30	Deadline for dues for 2014-2015 year
June 30	Deadline for entering new state & branch officers to national

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 NEW MEXICO
Fall Leadership Team Meeting In Albuquerque
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013

Location:

First Congregational Church UCC; 2801 Lomas Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

From I 40, exit on Carlisle going south to Lomas Blvd. Turn west on Lomas Blvd. The church is on the northwest corner of Girard and Lomas. Go one block west to Vassar, turn right and then right again. The parking lot entrance is on Girard. If you reach UNM Hospital you have gone too far west.

From Central, turn north on Girard Blvd NE

From I- 25 southbound take exit 225 (Lomas exit). Turn left at the second stoplight. Turn left on Vassar and then right on Revere Place. The parking lot is on your right with the entrance off Girard.

From I-25 northbound take exit 225, then take ramp right for Oak St NE toward Lomas Blvd / Candelaria Rd / University of New Mexico Hospital / Menaul Blvd. Exit right onto Lomas Blvd. Turn left on Vassar and then right on Revere Place. The parking lot is on your right with the entrance off Girard.

Call Pat Maben at 505-504-2466 if you need further directions

Schedule:

9:30 – 10:00 Registration and Coffee Break

10:00 – 11:45 Focus on activities in STEM (Tech Trek, Expanding Your Horizons, NM Girls Collaborative

11:45 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 2:00 Lunch with NCCWSL Attendees who will share their experiences

2:15 - 4:00 LTM with brief break.

4:00 Adjourn

HOTEL INFORMATION:

All these hotels have discounts for AARP or AAA members. Rates for 2 adults in 1 room are below. Use their websites or www.hotels.com for best rates. All are 7-15 minutes from meeting site. During Balloon Fiesta hotels further from the Fiesta site are less expensive.

MCM Elegante 2020 Menaul NE	\$135+
Holiday Inn 1501 Sunport Place	\$149+
Travelodge 2500 University Blvd NE	\$ 77+
Sleep Inn Airport 2300 International Ave SE	\$ 99+

**FALL LTM IN ALBUQUERQUE
OCTOBER 12, 2013
WORKSHOP AND LUNCH REGISTRATION**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____, NM ZIP _____

PHONE: HOME _____ CELL _____

E-MAIL _____ BRANCH _____

Hotels and Church are ADA compliant with handicapped parking.

Coffee break, lunch and afternoon snack will be served

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

If you have dietary restrictions, please circle: **Gluten Vegan Vegetarian Nuts Other**

For **Other** describe: _____

The cost for lunch and breaks is \$20

Enclosed \$ _____

Please send form and check made payable to AAUW Albuquerque

To:

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**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS OCTOBER 1
NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER OCTOBER 6**



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