Several major activities at national are going to be affecting New Mexico. The initial stages of National AAUW’s strategic plan are completed and the process is moving forward; and, the new Dues, fees and tax deductibility table is out.

Members can sign in to AAUW.org and download from: https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/ or go to: https://www.aauw.org/2017/12/05/strategic-plan/ to retrieve the article from the fall 2017 AAUW Outlook. As National moves through its process, we need to begin thinking about New Mexico and our branches reviewing our strategic plans and how they fit with the upcoming strategy from National. Guidance for states and branches to conduct their own process is available on the website. National’s last plan was 2010 and New Mexico State Plan were created 2010-2013. Societal attitudes are constantly changing and as an organization we must adapt to these changes to survive.

The AAUW Board voted on the new dues structure in June 2017. Effective March 17th national membership will be $59 with $56 tax deductible. Additional information can be downloaded from https://www.aauw.org/files/2018/02/Dues-and-Fees-Table-nsa.pdf

Our 30-day session is nearing its end. Sonya Berg (Public Policy Co-Chair), Linda McDowell, Lynn Heffron, Nina Thayer, Lindsay Conover, Rebecca Phillips (new Public Policy Co-Chair) and many others have been very busy following our targeted bills, attending hearings, and advocating our New Mexico Public Policy positions on our behalf.

Rocky Lara and Judy Prono NM Program VPs and the Carlsbad Branch are arranging our April New Mexico Convention. Look for information (and mail-in registration form) in this issue of the ROADRUNNER. They have planned our learning and business sessions as well as some fun activities to keep us awake and lively. Among our business activities is voting on our new or continuing Leadership Team Members. You all still have an opportunity to join them if you have an interest in: AAUW Fund Chair, Nominating Chair, Co-membership Chair, or Academic Chair.
Co-Presidents’ Message (Continued)

An early reminder that the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference will be in Salt Lake City, Utah June 22-24, 2018. Both Kim Churches and Julia Brown will be presenting. Kim Churches is dynamic and informative. This will be an opportunity to listen to and communicate with her. Julia Brown will be her usual outstanding self.

UNM Zimmerman Library Women’s History Month Exhibit
Amy Winter and Mary Wise, UNM’s Digital Humanities Librarians, digitized the AAUW exhibit catalog and will put them online in UNM’s digital repository. The biographical information will be useful for their second phase of the exhibit when they may write about some of UNM’s outstanding graduates like Concha Ortiz y Pino de Kleven, for example. It will also be available for other researchers to use. You can see the initial set-up here: http://digitalrepository.unm.edu/nm_women_aauw/

Helena Whyte and Sylvia Fink, Co-Presidents

AAUW Committee Appointments Task Force

The AAUW Committee Appointments Task Force is beginning the process of selecting committee members for the 2018-2020 term. We are seeking candidates who will make significant contributions to AAUW.

In March, we would like to send advance notice of the opening of the application process to candidates you believe have the interest and ability to serve as committee members. Please send the names and email addresses of people in your state who should receive an invitation to apply. You do not have to provide us with any additional information about the candidates.

Susan Barley, AAUW Committee Appointments Task Force

Note: If you have an interest in these National Committees contact Helena Whyte mozdeno8@aol.com or Sylvia Fink sjsfink@gmail.com by February 28. Visit https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/leadership-and-staff/committeestask-forces/ where you can view a list of Standing Committees with qualifications and time commitments.
# Lifetime Membership?

**In It for Life? Make It Official**

Put your values into action and empower women and girls for generations to come! Contact AAUW at connect@aauw.org to upgrade from annual to lifetime membership today and you will receive a letter of recognition, a certificate, and a lapel pin that you can wear proudly knowing that you’ve put your values into action to advance AAUW’s mission. Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift of $980. Take advantage of this opportunity to become a life member at this rate before March 16!

Price goes up to $1180 as of March 17.

*Sylvia Fink, Co-President*

## July 2017 - June 2018 Calendar AAUW-New Mexico

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This year's Tech Trek NM will be held again on the New Mexico Tech campus in Socorro, June 10 - 16. For the up to 60 girls selected to attend, it will be a dream come true: a week devoted to hands-on STEM workshops, field trips to science and technology intensive sites, and the opportunity to meet and work with outstanding women teacher/mentors actively engaged in STEM fields. Add to that the joy of living in a college dorm for a week and sharing experiences with other like-minded girls from all over New Mexico. Many of these relationships will grow and extend far beyond the camp experience.

The registration fee is only $50 per girl, within reach of New Mexico families, no matter where they live - and Tech Trek participants live everywhere - large cities and the very smallest towns and pueblos. The actual cost estimate is close to this:

- $16 covers food for one camper for one day
- $25 covers lab notebook, tote bag and flash drive for one girl
- $50 provides scholarship to cover the registration fee for one camper
- $100 covers supplies and field trips for one girl
- $150 covers brochures for campers and staff
- $200 covers dorm staff for one camper for the week
- $1,200 covers a stipend for one teacher
- $341 covers room and board for one teacher or one camper

AAUW Tech Trek NM 2018

Calling for Your Support Now for AAUW Tech Trek NM 2018,
Our Fifth STEM Summer Camp Experience for 8th Grade Girls
Tech Trek 2018 (Continued)

A total of $1000 covers the full cost for one camper, which is reduced only by the $50 registration fee for each girl.

Tech Trek NM is funded entirely by sponsors, grants and, most importantly, individual donors who are committed to providing a rich, meaningful experience for girls with exceptional talent, interest and passion - our future STEM professionals.

Tax deductible donations can be made at techtrek-nm.aauw.net. Be sure to select the fund name: Tech Trek NM under the tab: Donate. All major credit cards and PayPal are accepted. Alternately, checks, payable to AAUW Tech Trek-New Mexico can be mailed to PO Box 251, Placitas, NM 87042-0251

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PUBLIC POLICY

The whirlwind has passed; the 53rd legislature, 2018 second session has adjourned. However, it is not over until the Governor sharpens her pens to sign or veto bills, and to line item veto the budget. The Governor has until March 7 to sign or veto legislation. Legislation not acted upon by the Governor is pocket vetoed (automatically does not become law.) Stay tuned for those final results.

AAUW NM Public Policy tracked twenty-three bills this session thanks to help from Branch Public Policy chairs and the Lobby Corps. Special recognition goes to Linda McDowell, Albuquerque, Nina Thayer, Los Alamos, Rebecca Phillips, the new Public Policy co-chair, Santa Fe, and all who participated.

THE GOOD NEWS: The legislature passed HB 98, Local Election Act, will merge various local elections. Consolidating elections should ensure more people participate, and reduce costs. Also passed was SB 19, Uniform Guardianship & Other Arrangements. This bill is a first step in reforming a guardianship system that can generously be described as “broken.” To become law these two bills require the Governor’s signature.

Two other bills that passed include SM 8, Study School Suicides & Gun Violence, and HM 89, Services for Victims of Human Trafficking. These do not require the Governor’s signature. SM 8 requests the Public Education Department and the Legislative Education Study Committee to study and evaluate potential solutions to decrease the rates of suicide by firearms and gun violence in schools. HM 89 requests the Crime Victims Reparation Commission to convene a task force to develop strategies and policies to improve services for victims of human trafficking.

In addition we were successful in opposing HB 56, Parental Notification of Abortion and
HB 141, School District Cash Balances, did not pass, but the budget process restored 1/8 of the total “raided” in 2017 from specific school districts.

THE BAD NEWS: HJR 4, State Redistricting Commission, CA, proposing a Constitutional Amendment to create a State Redistricting Commission, and HJM 19, Election Reform Task Force, requesting the New Mexico Legislative Council to convene a task force to study needed election reform, failed.

HJR 1, Land Grant Fund Distributions, CA, requesting a 1% increase in distributions from the permanent school fund for public school educational programs and early childhood educational services, failed. Fiscally conservative members of the Senate Finance Committee are protecting the corpus of the Fund for a future crisis. Since New Mexico ranks 49th or 50th in educational outcomes, many think the crisis is here now. For next year the question becomes how shall we pay programs that are proven to work and that will make a difference in the lives of children and their parents? If not the Fund, then the legislature must look for other ways to pay for the work that needs to take place.

While HB 147, Transmitting of Lottery Funds, was successfully amended to ensure that the lottery would continue to fulfill its statutory purpose of maximizing dollars for scholarship, it did not receive a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee. The final outcome is that the status quo remains in place: students are still guaranteed to receive at least 30% of lottery revenues, as they have for the past decade.

Prior to the legislative session there were several opportunities for Lobby Corps Training. AAUW NM Public Policy held three successful Go To Meetings to discuss the issues we were tracking. These meetings made it possible for those unable to drive to Santa Fe for the legislative session, including committee meetings, to keep up with our efforts at the Roundhouse. Special thanks goes to Karyl Lyne for facilitating these meetings.

During the session we sent out one Action Alert through the Two Minutes Activist system asking all to contact their Senator about HJM 1. Thank you to those who took part in that action.

Remember “Strength is in Numbers.” Please get involved in AAUW Advocacy Work! Please contact sonya.berg42@gmail.com or beecarphillips@gmail.com

Sonya Berg and Rebecca Phillips, AAUW NM Public Policy Co-chairs

Become a Two-Minute Activist
Receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress right in your inbox. Join the AAUW Action Network today!

As a Two-Minute Activist, you will receive urgent email notices when your advocacy is needed most. We’ll provide all the tools you need to call or send messages to your members of Congress, write letters to the editor for your local newspapers, contact your state legislators about pressing issues, and more.
AAUW New Mexico Awards

AAUW New Mexico is looking for nominations for our Ingenious Ideas Award. This award is given annually to AAUW-NM branches for innovative and successful mission-based programs, activities, or governance practices. This award was originally created and inspired by Marjorie Bell Chambers and Gloria Cordova, both long-time AAUW members and mentors.

The purpose of this award is to recognize groundbreaking and outstanding branch programs, activities, fundraising ideas, member recruitment activities, and governance practices. To encourage mission-based programs and provide tested ideas for other branches to replicate.

**Criteria (must meet one or more):**
- Innovative and successful mission-based branch program
- Successful new branch activity or new collaboration (within the past 3 years)
- Innovative and successful membership recruitment activity
- Innovative and successful fundraising activity
- New and successful governance practice (within the past 3 years)

This award should be nominated by the branch board, leadership council or president/facilitator. The award is a check for $75 to one branch for best idea. All nominations that meet one or more award criteria are recognized at convention, published in Summer *Roadrunner*, and posted on AAUW-NM website.

To nominate, please fill in the form on the AAUW New Mexico awards page for this award. **Deadline is April 1.**

Please send your nominations to Sheila Portillo, Awards Chair, ssport53@gmail.com or mail to 1128 Olmo Way, Boulder City, NV 89005

**International Interest**

What About U.S. Immigrant Detention?

We are being led to believe that most current immigrants are criminals. Immigration itself is not a crime and violation of immigration law is not a crime; it is a civil offense. Who are the people being detained? The categories are:
- Asylum-seekers, including women with children
- Legal permanent residents with some type criminal complaint against them
- Fathers of U.S. citizens
- Immigrants who have over-stayed their visas
- Undocumented immigrants
Deportation from the U.S. was at an all-time high in 2013 but only 11% of those deported had committed what the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) considers to be a violent crime. Those not deported are housed in centers all over the country and there are many. In 2017 there were more than 35,000 detainees per day; some of them close to us in the Cibola County Correctional Center in Milan (near Grants). The U.S. contracts for-profit prison companies to hold more than 70% of the detainees. These companies are paid $135 per immigrant per day and $319 for a family and extra if they are over a certain minimum of people. The more detainees they have, the more they make so they are not inclined to do much to assist in release of detainees.

The Cibola County Correctional Center has 1,100 beds, including the only unit in the country for transgender detainees, who are not always treated well. There is no immigrant court in NM so cases are heard in El Paso and Denver. There is scant legal counsel for these detainees and as a result, the majority will not win their asylum request. At present, most at this center are from various countries in Africa and often there is no one in NM who speaks their language.

In general, there are many complaints about the various detention centers:

- Remote locations & detainees are isolated from family as a result
- Physical & verbal abuse
- Spoiled food, non-potable water & substandard medical care
- Minimal access to legal materials

Often, they are treated worse than the general U.S. prison population.

Submitted by Nancy Scheer, AAUW-NM International Interest Chair
Around the State: Silver City-Southwest NM Branch

Our branch and the WNMU AAUW student members began the year participating in the Jan. 21 Women’s March. The photo below includes AAUW students, a high schooler who attended EYH, and several prospective members.

February is typically our Expanding Your Horizons event. Our 26th annual event was scheduled for Feb. 24, but circumstances beyond our control forced a revision. Instead of bringing students from 23 schools to us, we are building a “Road Show” of presenters to travel to the communities. This will allow us continuity of contact with the communities and to begin a dialog with high school students about our future programs. After speaking with people in the communities, we also hope this will relieve some of the stress surrounding immigration and putting students on buses out of town. Currently the events are being scheduled in May, to avoid conflicts with spring breaks and testing schedules.

EYH was to be the opener for the WNMU Week of Women in STEM. A grant was awarded by WNMU to cover the four days, with support from the faculty, students, alumni and AAUW. Three distinguished guest speakers: Martha Cooper, Biologist from the Nature Conservancy, Rafaella Sakellariou, HR Business Partner from Google, and Melissa Markell from the US Air Force Civil Engineer Center will present. AAUW SC/SWNM is providing a guest speaker, moderator for the fourth night discussion of the school to work transition in STEM fields, and a recruitment table for all four nights.

Our annual branch meeting will be held Sunday, May 20, 2018. Recognizing 2018 is the 80th year of the Silver City branch, we are planning an eighty-year celebration for the fall.

Respectfully submitted, Mikki Jemin, Silver City SW-NM Branch President
We are pleased to announce the election of Christine Long as the new treasurer of our branch. Christine is Sr. Vice President/CFO of Calculex, Inc.—an organization that is a major sponsor of Girls Can! event this year. Martha Mitchell, a professor of Chemical Engineering at New Mexico State has become the new Advisor to the university’s AAUW Associate Organization. Martha has been an exceptional participant in many of the branch’s projects to mentor and support young women.

Girls Can!, which will be held on March 10, 2018 at the Doña Ana Community College East Mesa Campus, is offering 16 workshops for the sixth grade girls from schools across the county. Samples of the workshops are: Bonnie Schranz (theatre), Municipal Judge Joy Goldbaum (law), Panjola Coney (medicine), and Martha Mitchell (chemical engineering). This is the 24th year that our branch has offered these excellent workshops—often taught by our own members.

AAUW-LC members are looking forward to attending the state convention in Carlsbad in April. Next year we will host the convention, which is being organized by Kathie Davis. Kathie is seeking volunteers to assist with the convention. She can be contacted at k.davis@lcps.net. Dates for the 2019 convention are April 26, 27 & 28, 2019.

Our branch was thrilled to receive a grant from AAUW-NM to support our January collaboration with the Las Cruces Soroptimists’ program “Dream It, Be It.” This conference, which was attended by high school girls, included workshops designed to: help them increase their knowledge of finance and money management; teach professional etiquette; develop strategies for overcoming obstacles to completing their education; and increase their ability to manage stress. It was a highly successful event that generated tremendous enthusiasm among the high school girls who attended.

Submitted by Christa Slaton and Beverly Cambers, Co-presidents
Co-President Helena Whyte led an activity on AAUW’s Strategic Goals (left); and Co-Public Policy Chair Sonya Berg walked through reviewing legislative activities online.

Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard, Dist. 43 (left)
Dr. Veronica C. Garcia, Superintendent Santa Fe Schools (right)
Nominations

AAUW-NM Nominations for the Spring Convention 2018

The following people have been nominated to serve on the AAUW-NM Board for the 2018-2020 term, and if elected at the Spring Convention have agreed to serve in the following positions:

Co-President: Sylvia Fink (Albuquerque), second term
Co-President: Beverly Chambers (Las Cruces)
Finance Chair: Christa Slayton (Las Cruces)
Membership Chair: Claudia Poglitsch (Albuquerque), second term. Claudia would like a co-chair.
Secretary and Roadrunner Editor: Catherine Greenspan (Silver City), second term
Public Policy Co-Chair: Rebecca Phillips (Santa Fe)
Diversity Chair: Marie Johnson (Carlsbad)
Historian: Shila Marek (Albuquerque)
Academic Chair: Mary Sanford (Carlsbad) She will accept this position if no one else accepts it by the Spring Convention
Immediate Past President and Branch Projects Grants Chair: Helena Whyte (Los Alamos)
Continuing on to finish their current term will be:
Co-President: Sylvia Fink (Albuquerque)
Co-VP, Program Chair: Judy Prono (Los Alamos)
Co-VP, Program Chair: Roxanne Lara (Carlsbad)
Co-Public Policy Chair: Sonya Berg (Las Vegas)
Nominating Chair: Natalie Markin (Los Alamos), term ends 6/30/18

The following positions still need to be filled, so any suggestions would be appreciated.

AAUW Fund Chair
Nominating Chair
Co-Membership Chair
(Academic Chair)

Please contact Natalie Markin, Shila Marek, Sylvia Fink or Helena Whyte if you are interested in, or have a suggestion of an AAUW member who might be interested in, any of the positions listed immediately above.

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Markin, Nominating Chair and Shila Marek, Nominating Committee Member
The theme, “Back to the Future: Connecting our Past to our Future,” goes hand-in-hand with AAUW’s new strategic planning focus: to develop compelling vision, strategies, and structures for AAUW’s future. Gloria Blackwell, AAUW National Senior VP, Fellowships and Programs will attend our convention and update us on this national initiative and how we can all participate in ensuring its success.

Along with peering into our future, we also want to acknowledge past achievements. This year is Carlsbad Branch’s 90th Anniversary and AAUW-NM’s 85th Anniversary, and we want to celebrate both milestones by highlighting some of our “older, wiser” members and some of the junior and senior high school girls whom we honor locally.

The convention will be held at New Mexico State University-Carlsbad Branch Campus overlooking the community. During the convention, some of the amazing girls and young women in our community will share their perceptions and hopes, as we examine what the future holds for women and girls. We will also hear from incredible trailblazers who will share their perceptions and experiences tackling leadership roles as women. Then, we will bridge the gap and hear from both groups as we examine our role in the strategic planning of AAUW’s future.

Plans also include sessions that allow us to meet with our counterparts from other branches and discuss the practical application of our plans in our own communities. Finally, no convention is complete without conducting business and participating in a Townhall discussion!

On Friday evening, we have made arrangements for two different fun and social outings. Convention goers can choose between a Riverboat Cruise or testing their creative skills with wine and painting at Uncorked Art! At the Saturday night banquet, in addition to our usual celebratory evening, we are planning to enjoy a special evening at the Living Desert Zoo & Gardens.

Plan to join us in Carlsbad for a fun-filled, motivating journey considering our past, our future, and how we make things work for women and girls!

HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotel rates in Carlsbad are very high so we are excited to have negotiated and secured a hotel room rate of just $169.00 a night for either a double or king room at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 2600 West Pierce St., Carlsbad.

Call 575-689-8222 to reserve your room as part of the “AAUW Carlsbad Group.” The hotel is located near NMSU-C and will be easy to get to and from the convention.
REGISTRATION FORM

Back to the Future: Connecting our Past to our Future
AAUW-NM State Convention Carlsbad, NM  April 20-22, 2018

Name _____________________________________________
Address ___________________________________________
City ________________________________________________
Branch _____________________________________________
Phone ______________________________________________
Email address ________________________________________

THIS ___________________________ $45  Regular Registration (before April 8th)

OR _____________________________ $55  Late Registration (after April 8th)

OR _____________________________ $25  Saturday-only Registration

AND _____________________________ $30  Saturday Night Banquet

____________________________ TOTAL ENCLOSED ($75 for the entire Convention before April 8th)

Friday Night Activity Options (choose one): Riverboat Cruise
Wine & Painting

Fun Facts
What is your favorite color? ________________________________
Do you have any pets? ________________________________
What type and how many? ________________________________
What is your favorite saying or quote? ______________________

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Questions? Roxanne “Rocky” Lara  575-302-6667,
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You are invited to join us at the
AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Conference
June 22 – 24, 2018, in Salt Lake City, Utah to discuss
Women Unlimited and Undaunted

As AAUW women we continually address the issues of our time by:
• Finding and using our political voice, running for elected office, and winning;
• Challenging and speaking out about bad actors in the public arena;
• Standing against sexual assault and the diminishing of women;
• Challenging attacks on Title IX that attempt to diminish protections;
• Standing up for civil rights, reproductive rights, voting rights, protection of dreamers’ rights;
• Working for economic security, fair pay, equitable pay, paid leave, family leave, sick leave;
• Exerting influence in the business world, pressing for equality in pay and treatment;
• Focusing on equity in education, in STEM fields, and on ending student debt.

We are excited to hear AAUW’s national voice from CEO Kim Churches; Board Chair, Julia Brown, New Mexico; Director and Board Finance Chair, Janet Bunger, Utah. We will also hear from Susan Landino, formerly Susan Burhans, a successful LAF plaintiff who took a stand against Yale University’s policies on Title IX and won. Her case is on the AAUW website.

What important issues have been addressed in your states and branches that you would like to share with the conference? If you have an outstanding member or program that we should all hear, please let us know. You may want to present a 30 minute program from your state, or a 5 to 10 minute report. In addition, individuals from your state may like to participate in a panel discussion on issues of mutual interest. Please let our program chair hear from you (see below).

Topics definitely on the agenda:
• Encouraging women to run for elected office and supporting those who do run. AAUW is on the board of Real Women Run of Utah, which provides such training and mentoring.
• Standing against sexual assault and its effects, and the attacks against Title IX protections. LAF speaker Susan Landino and others can speak on these issues.
• Working within coalitions and supportive groups to achieve a larger voice for women.
• Supporting & funding STEM training for girls, and efforts of working women to return to school.

A visit to our Utah Women Artists Exhibition will be available for those interested. It is sure to inspire!

Our venue is the Radisson Downtown, close to important and interesting sites in Salt Lake City and on the TRAX line for easy access to locations further away. (More on hotel and conference costs soon.)

We were inspired and enthusiastic after the AAUW Convention in Washington D.C. We are looking forward to the camaraderie of again joining with AAUW members in the Rocky Mountain Region.

On behalf of AAUW of Utah Board of Directors.
Co-presidents: Stephanie Bagnell, stephaniebagnell@gmail.com; Georgette Kapos, gskapos@gmail.com.
Contact for questions: Marilyn Shearer, Program Chair, mjhearer1@aol.com.
AAUW Fund (Brief) Instructions

For Tech Trek: Checks may be made payable to: “AAUW Tech Trek New Mexico” and sent to Shelley Rossbach, PO Box 251, Placitas, NM 87043-0251. We can receive checks while the 501 (c) (3) is still in process.

For AAUW Fund: The traditional method you noted is still the process with some minor changes. AAUW is now using AAUW Fund, no s, as standard. Donors can still indicate in the note line if they wish to direct to a specific “cause” otherwise it goes where needed.

"The AAUW Fund is a general fund for unrestricted gifts, which are used when and where they are most needed. This prevents overfunded and underfunded areas that keep AAUW from reaching our full mission potential. By donating to the AAUW Fund, you are helping incubate and grow our highly successful, community-based, mission-driven programs, such as Tech Trek and Tech Savvy, Start Smart and Work Smart, the Legal Advocacy Fund, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, research, and other initiatives." from the web page https://www.aauw.org/resource/the-aauw-fund-faq/

For Local scholarships: From page 4 of 501-Fundraising Guidelines available at: https://www.aauw.org/resource/frcpolicies/. NB: statement on making out check. If I understand the policies and Finance handbook correctly - these checks can go into a regular Branch account to be sent to local C/U; or, a Branch could have a specific account for a Scholarship. Donors could also write the check directly to the institution with an appropriate designation for the local Scholarship.

Guideline G12. Many branches and states deliver important programs in their community that require financial support. For example, your branch may have a program that encourages high school girls to enter college. Perhaps branch members assist them with college applications and scholarship searches. You may need to raise funds to cover expenses such as purchasing books and materials or renting space for your meetings. Maybe you want to take them to visit some campuses or bring in a speaker. These things cost money and, you should notify potential donors about the program they will be supporting and that the gift is for AAUW (branch name) (state) Branch. This ensures that donors will understand how their money will be used and who will use it.

Sylvia Fink

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