

AAUW Mission Statement: "To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy."

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 Vision: "Equity for all"

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



Co-Presidents' Message



AAUW now has new mission, vision, values and strategic plan.

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- AAUW Vision: "Equity for all"
- AAUW Values: "Non-partisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality."

AAUW's new strategic plan is available on the National website:  
<https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/>

The plan has four areas of focus:

1. **Education and Training** - Addressing the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women;
2. **Economic Security** - Ensuring livelihoods for women;
3. **Leadership** - Closing the gender gap in leadership opportunities; and
4. **Governance and Sustainability** - Ensuring the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW well into the future.

The new National Strategies provide each Branch the opportunity to review its own goals and objectives to better fit Branch activities. Are there old goals that have been accomplished? Are there some that no longer fit the scope and size of the Branch? Have members lost interest in any of the goals? Are there new interests among the membership that require new goals and objectives?

I encourage you all to download and read the background of our new strategic plan. Hopefully you will be energized to create Branch activities and plans to meet the goals of the four areas of focus. There is no "one size fits all" method. There will be materials available at the October 20<sup>th</sup> Leadership Team event suggesting how your Branch might conduct a review and planning. These will also be posted on the state website <https://aauw-nm.aauw.net/>

We are will scheduling with the Branches to do some online officer training. All meetings are open to all members.

*Sylvia Fink and Beverly Chambers, Co-Presidents*

**AAUW-NM CALENDAR July 2018 - June 2019**

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Aug. 18 *National Women's Equality Day/Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment*  
Sep. 25 *Native American Women's Equal Pay Day*  
Oct. 1 Branch Project Grant applications due to Branch Project Grants Chair  
**Oct. 19-21 AAUW-NM Fall Workshop & Leadership Team Meeting- Las Vegas**  
Nov. 2 *Latina Women's Equal Pay Day*  
Nov. 15 Deadline: for Winter *Roadrunner*  
Deadline: AAUW American Fellowships  
Dec. 15 Deadline: nominations for AAUW-NM officers to Nominating Committee Chair  
Deadline: Career Development Grants  
Dec. 31 Postmark deadline for AAUW Funds contributions for year

**2019**

Jan. 10 Deadline: Selected Professions Fellowships  
Jan. 15 Deadline: International Project Grants  
Feb. TBD Lobby Corps Meetings in Albuquerque/Bernalillo  
**Feb. 10 Winter State Leadership Team Meeting**  
**Feb. 11 Legislative Day - Santa Fe, NM**  
Feb. 15 Deadline for Spring *Roadrunner*  
March Women's History Month  
Mar. 8 *International Women's Day*  
Mar. TBD AAUW-NM NCCWSL Scholarship Application Deadline  
Apr. 1 Annual Reports due from State Officers & Branch Presidents  
Branch Project Grant applications due to Branch Project Grants Chair  
Apr. 9 Equal Pay Day  
**Apr. 26-28 AAUW-NM Convention and Leadership Team Meeting in Las Cruces**  
(proposed) (Files & handbooks updated by officers for successors)  
May 15 Deadline for Summer *Roadrunner*  
Jun. 30 Deadline for entering new state & branch officers to national  
Jun. TBD National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

See Also: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/events-and-deadlines-calendar/> for special holidays/events concerning women

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*AAUW Tech Trek-NM 2019*

Welcome to the beginning of the AAUW Tech Trek NM 2019 camp year! We are again hoping to host 60 girls from around NM for a week at AAUW-NM's one-week summer residential STEM camp at NM Tech in Socorro.

As before, we will need help from many of you in March when we are interviewing girls and their parents, as well as reading application essays and evaluating them. But we also need help with many other tasks throughout the year. If you'd like to volunteer to help in a larger way this year and/or at a different time of the year than March, please contact either Cheri Burch, [ctburch@aol.com](mailto:ctburch@aol.com), or Helena Whyte, [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com), to let us know what you have in mind, or if you'd like to hear some ideas we have.

In addition, our fiscal year starts September 1, 2018, so we are ready now to receive donations for the 2019 camp made out to:

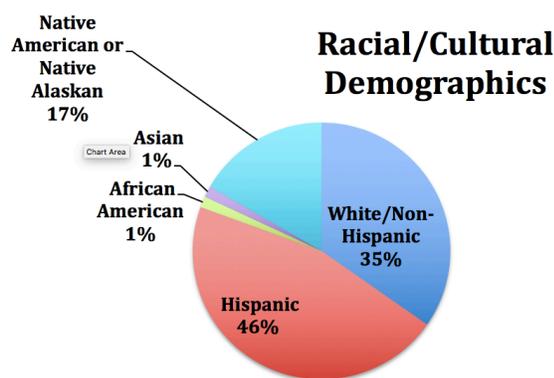
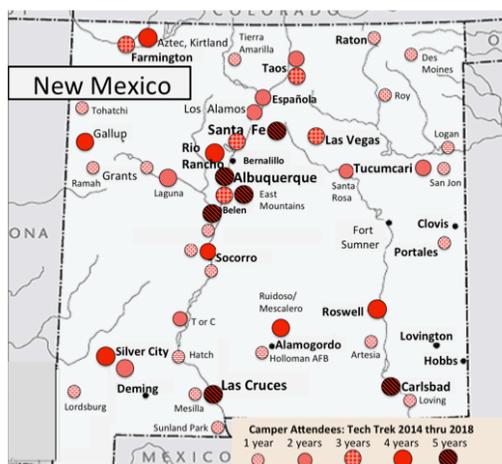
AAUW Tech Trek NM, Inc.  
PO Box 251,  
Placitas, NM 87043-0251

Thanks for all of your help! In the past five years as we've hosted 285 girls at Tech Trek!

*Cheri Burch, Co-Director, AAUW Tech Trek NM, Inc.*

A successful AAUW Tech Trek NM 2018 closed on June 16 at NM Tech in Socorro! We hosted 65 rising-8<sup>th</sup>-grade girls from across NM, with 8 high school sophomores, 8 NM college students, 4 dorm moms, 7 administrative staff and 4 core teachers, along with many volunteers at camp, virtually all STEM professionals or students. Thanks to everyone who joined us during the week!

This year teachers from 58 schools, 10 of which were new to Tech Trek, nominated 194 girls, of whom 115 submitted applications. We're really proud of our camper demographics, both that they come from across the state and that they are as racially/culturally similar to our state's demographics.



Besides our generous members and branches who provide about half of the donations for this program (about \$30,000), we received many donations/grants from other companies and government entities in NM:

- Sandia National Labs
- NM Public Education Department
- Raytheon
- Honeywell
- AT&T
- The Los Alamos Lab Foundation
- Virgin Galactic
- Walmart
- Symantec
- Xcel Energy
- El Paso Electric
- OpenMake Software
- Kosh Solutions, LLC

...as well as many others who provided supplies for our campers and staff.

Thanks to all of you for help with your time and funds, as well as in spreading the word about AAUW Tech Trek NM to nominating teachers and donors!

*Cheri Burch & Helena Whyte, Co-Directors, AAUW Tech Trek NM, Inc.*

**AAUW-NM SUPPORTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2:  
An Independent Ethics Commission**

On the November ballot, New Mexicans will have the opportunity to approve Amendment 2, adding a new section to the New Mexico Constitution to establish an independent 7-member Ethics Commission. For twenty years AAUW NM's Public Policy Action Priorities have called for "ethics reform including creation of a state ethics commission". A joint resolution passed in the regular session of the 2017 Legislature asks voters to approve a NM Ethics Commission with the following provisions:

- Jurisdiction over elected and appointed officials, state employees, candidates for state offices, state contractors and lobbyists in the executive and legislative branches of New Mexico's government,
- Membership of seven commissioners, one appointed by the Governor, two by leadership of the Senate, two by leadership of the House and two by the legislatively appointed commissioners with no more than three from the same party,
- Resources and training to foster ethical behavior and prevent ethics violations,
- Investigation of all ethics complaints in a timely manner via authorized procedures,
- The power of subpoena to require attendance of witnesses or production of records or other relevant evidence, and
- Adjudication of civil complaints and forwarding of possible criminal complaints to the appropriate agencies.

New Mexico is one of only eight states without an ethics commission. New Mexicans deserve a fair, transparent process for handling ethics complaints.

**Vote Yes on Amendment 2**

AAUW-NM Public Policy

Sonya Berg, Chair

Nina Thayer, Los Alamos Branch Chair

Linda McDowell, Albuquerque Branch Chair

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AAUW-NM Fall LTM and Workshop Registration Form

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Friday, October 19 – Saturday, October 20, 2018  
Las Vegas, NM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegates (check one): State: \_\_\_\_\_ or Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Positions: Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW National: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 35.00 LTM/Workshop & Reception (includes light breakfast/lunch/breaks/tax)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 13.50 Saturday Lunch and afternoon speaker **only**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed**

**Please make your check payable to AAUW-NM. Include the following** on the memo line of your check

2018 AAUW-NM Fall LTM/Workshop

**Send** your registration form and check made payable to **AAUW-NM** (no credit cards) to:

AAUW-NM  
Christa Slaton  
5611 Camino Escondida  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

**Deadline: By October 2, 2018** The Registration deadline is early because of NMHU Homecoming  
If you have any questions, please contact either:

Phyllis Ludi at (505) 429-0106 or  
Barbara Casey at (505) 429-5904.

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## AAUW-NM Fall LTM and Workshop Schedule

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### Friday – October 19, 2018

5:00 – 7:00 pm Reception at Las Vegas Arts Council Gallery

Dinner on your own. (List of restaurants attached)

### Saturday – October 20, 2018

8:00 am Meeting Registration in NMHU Student Center meeting room 321

Light breakfast provided

9:00 am Leadership Team Meeting in NMHU Student Center meeting room 322

10:30 am Break

12:00 pm Lunch in NMHU Student Center meeting room 321

1:15 pm Program Speaker – Kerry Sherck, *Santa Fe Dreamers Project*

2:30 pm Break, with snacks provided

2:45 pm Leadership Team Meeting resumes

4:00 pm Meeting Ends

### **MEETING INFORMATION**

We will meet in the Student Center on the New Mexico Highlands University campus. It is located on the northwest corner of 8<sup>th</sup> St. and National Ave.

The meeting rooms are upstairs, Rooms 321 and 322.

We will have a catered lunch in one room, and a light breakfast will be available in the morning.

NM Highlands University's website is: <http://www.nmhu.edu/>

Street parking is available on 8<sup>th</sup> St. and on National Ave. and Columbia Ave. east of 8<sup>th</sup> St.

Parking lots on the Highlands Campus are located across from the Student Center on 8<sup>th</sup> St. and Columbia Ave.; on the north side of the Student Center off Columbia Ave.; next to Ilfeld Auditorium on University Ave.; and next to Sala de Madrid on 8<sup>th</sup> St. and University Ave.

### **Friday Evening Reception**

The AAUW-Las Vegas branch will host an opening Reception at the Las Vegas Arts Council Gallery on Friday, October 19, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The Gallery is located at 140 Bridge St. which is just down the street from the Plaza Hotel and close by local restaurants. The Reception will offer light hors d'oeuvres, wine, coffee and tea.

Dinner will be on your own.

The Arts Council website is: <http://lasvegasartscouncil.org/>

Parking is available in a city lot located on Valencia St. on the north side of Bridge St. There is a breezeway next to the gallery that connects the parking lot with Bridge St.

The Plaza/Bridge St. area is full of galleries and interesting shops – come early and enjoy walking around this area.

NMHU Homecoming will be on Saturday October 20, and there will be a lot of associated activities – parade, game, lots of visiting HU alumni. This also means that parking will be more limited than usual.

### **Driving Directions and Distances**

Las Vegas is located on I-25 about 65 miles from Santa Fe and 120 miles from Albuquerque. Take Exit 345 – University Ave. and turn left (west) at the top of the exit ramp onto University Ave. Follow

University Ave. to 7<sup>th</sup> St. and turn right onto 7<sup>th</sup> St. Go one block to National Ave. (there is a light), turn left and go one block to 8<sup>th</sup> St. The NMHU campus is ahead of you on both sides of National Ave. The NMHU Student Center is on the northwest corner of 8<sup>th</sup> St. and National Ave. Continue west on National Ave. and cross the Gallinas River Bridge to Bridge St. and the Plaza Park. Follow the Plaza around to the right until you come to the Plaza Hotel on the northwest corner of the Plaza Park.

## **Program Speaker Information**

### **Santa Fe Dreamers Project: Lending a Legal Hand to Immigrants**

Our Fall Workshop speaker will be Kerry Sherck from the Santa Fe Dreamers Project. The Project is a nonprofit legal services organization serving New Mexico's immigrant community. Founded in 2014, it helps immigrant youth and families, focusing on economic and community development. This work is motivated by the belief that immigrants make our whole community stronger and providing tools that help immigrants to thrive has a positive impact for all.

Kerry has been with Santa Fe Dreamers Project for two years. She began by translating legal documents for them (she is fluent in Spanish and French) and then was recruited to provide legal services to immigrants detained at the Cibola County Detention Center in Milan, NM. Most detainees are political asylum seekers who have fled violence in their home countries. Cibola now holds the greatest percentage of asylum seekers of any detention center in the country. The Santa Fe Dreamers Project works with the NM Immigrant Law Service to provide critical legal counsel to these refugees.

This year Kerry was certified through the Department of Justice as an Accredited Representative, which allows her to practice immigration law under the umbrella of the Santa Fe Dreamers Project. She works primarily on U Visas, humanitarian visas for immigrant victims of crimes, most of whom are undocumented. She has also worked with the Project's DACA clinic in Albuquerque.

Come join us on Saturday October 20, 2018 in Las Vegas to learn more about the Santa Fe Dreamers Project and its work to support Dreamers and promote equitable immigration policies.

## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas  
230 Plaza Park, Las Vegas, NM 87701  
(505) 425-3591  
<http://www.plazahotellvnm.com/>  
Cancellation policy: 7 days in advance.

A block of 30 rooms is available for reservation at the historic Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas for Friday and Saturday nights, October 19 – 20, 2018. 25 rooms in the block are available for Friday night only, and 5 rooms are available for both Friday and Saturday. The discounted rate will be \$75 + tax for a room with 2 double beds or \$65 + tax for one bed. Be sure to ask for the **AAUW convention rate when you book. Hotel reservations at this price MUST be made prior to September 18, 2018.**

The stately Plaza Hotel is a redbrick building dating from 1882, located on the north side of the Plaza Park in Las Vegas. It is a 7-minute walk from New Mexico Highlands University and 5 miles from Storrie Lake State Park.

Elegant rooms and suites come with flat-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi.

The lobby has grand staircases, and the restaurant serves contemporary American and New Mexican dishes. A classic saloon offers live weekend music.

Parking is available around the Plaza Park and on the north side of the hotel. If you miss the deadline for the Plaza Hotel, please call either Barbara Casey (505) 429-5904 or Phyllis Ludi (505) 429-0106 and we will make other hotel arrangements for you.

## **Restaurants in Plaza and Downtown Areas of Las Vegas**

The Range in the Plaza Hotel – Plaza Park

El Rialto Restaurant and Bar – 141 Bridge St.

JC's New York Pizza – Plaza Park

Traveler's Café – Plaza Park (breakfast and lunch only)

El Encanto – Plaza Park (breakfast and lunch only)

B3 BBQ, Burgers, & Beer – 131 Bridge St.

The Skillet – Bridge St. and 12<sup>th</sup> St.

Dick's Pub & Restaurant – 705 Douglas Ave.

Charlie's Spic and Span Bakery and Café – 713 Douglas Ave. (breakfast and lunch only)

## **Restaurants in Other Areas of Las Vegas**

El Sombrero Restaurant – 825 Mills Ave.

Johnny's Mexican Kitchen – 717 Grand Ave.

K-Bob's Steakhouse – 1803 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Hillcrest Restaurant – 1106 Grand Ave.

Pino's Restaurant – 1901 N. Grand Ave.

Little Saigon Restaurant – 2001 N. Grand Ave.

*Judy Prono*

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*Public Policy: A Note from Dixie Trebbe*

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*I joined The AAUW in January of 2005. Jan Bray and Corrine Howard took me to the legislature in Santa Fe, and from there it was all up hill. Jan was so patient when she realized I had never done it before.*

*By the next January I was Albuquerque's Public Policy Chair. I had spent the year doing my homework. After two years, I was the State Public Policy Co-Chair. By that time we had the metro train which made it much easier to go back and forth. I never found out for sure who the people were who turned in my name but as it got to the place where I was going to have to time out on the state level I was invited to serve on the national Public Policy committee. I think I know who those great people were but no one ever admitted it, so I will just say Thank You from the bottom of my heart.*

*After two terms, I timed out of that. I had moved back to Iowa. Things are very different here. I live 100 miles from Des Moines and there is no metro train. I can't tell you when the Loess Hills Branch held their last meeting. I have been serving as one of four state district Public Policy people but it is sort of in name only. I was never high on the list financially and I don't know if it is national or Iowa's state laws, but since I have moved here finances have been downhill all the way.*

*For that reason I am dropping my membership. I can't afford to pay the dues and not do anything for the 'cause'. I will always remember those great and active years in New Mexico AAUW. I wish it was possible to still be a member of New Mexico AAUW. I feel I don't know what is going on here.*

*Again, thank you so much. I enjoyed being able to work with Sonya before I left. I will say that my health is pretty good. My leg will never get better but I use a walker and don't let it slow me down. I drive because I still remember how to get where I want to go. Streets didn't change names they just got longer. Of course I am still a political junkie and serve on the County Central Committee for the party of my choice.*

*Thank you again and Love and Best Wishes to a great group of AAUW.*

*Dixie Trebbe*

## LOKHAI VILLAGE

Where in the world is Lokhai? This village is just outside of Jalalabad, Afghanistan, at the end of the road. Refugees have been flooding into this small village; some from the south to escape clashes with ISIS and others returning from Pakistan. For many years, Pakistan welcomed refugees from Afghanistan but now pressure is being put on families to return to their home country. Many of those pressured to return grew up in refugee villages, started families and built their lives in Pakistan. They have no home to return to.

The village is at the end of the road but at the very end of the road, butted up against a rocky outcropping, is the Lokhai Primary School; no school building but 350 children sitting on carpets or bare ground, watching what the teacher is writing on a small blackboard. Sometimes there are tents but they last only four months in the harsh sun and wind-whipped sand. A custodian brings water from a well across the village. There are no bathrooms, which puts girls in danger of bladder infections from waiting to go until they get home.

But the children keep coming. They are there because their parents put all their hope into the next generation. They have suffered and do not want their children to suffer. The situation in this village, and many others around the world, is heartbreaking. However, there is a resilient society in which hope grows, through education. The teachers show up each day to share their knowledge despite the lack of resources.

From one of the village elders: “Without education a person cannot see right or wrong. They cannot see the world.” For these elders, educating the children is the only way to stop history from repeating itself.

Quote & other details from the *Journey of Hope*, Fall 2017

Nancy Scheer, International Interest Chair



Tent School in Kabul

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### *Around the State: Las Cruces Branch*

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Kay Williams and Marsha Hokkanen, Membership Co-chairs were enormously successful in recruiting members last year and creating activities to help our new members feel welcome and become engaged in our branch. Their careful attention to members resulted in almost 100% renewal members who still reside in Las Cruces.

We're enthusiastic about the programs Julia Bruner and Marsha Odgen have lined up for the 2018-2019 year. Our September meeting will introduce our members to the interest groups we offer and the programs we will feature in the coming year. Member Martha Mitchell, who is a professor of Chemical and Materials Engineering at New Mexico State University, starts off our programs with a presentation on Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Later in the fall we will hear from Alexis Ramirez, Regional Program Specialist of the New Mexico Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Her presentation will discuss how this is a Woman's Issue.

Kathie Davis has created a planning committee for the state convention we will be hosting next spring -- April 26, 27 & 28, 2019. The location will be in historic Mesilla Valley with many fine restaurants, shops, art galleries, and cultural charm. Many of the workshops will focus on skills building for women and strategies to help us achieve AAUW's mission.

*Submitted by Christa Slaton, President*

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### *Around the State: Santa Fe*

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While our monthly Board meetings and programs are not held during July and August, we somehow still maintain an impressive schedule for our members who now number 90. The summer for AAUW SF has been one of fun, reflection, and envisioning our future.

In July, we welcomed many members and their spouses and children to our second annual picnic at member Enid Tidwell's house. This relaxed occasion has proven to be a great way to say hi to the many members you may miss during the year and to get to know some new members like Emily Walukas, an engineering teacher at Santa Fe High School. Thanks to all for their potluck foods and especially to the homemade dessert contingency!

Mid July Judy Kares, outgoing Chair of the UNM Endowment & Scholarship Fund, Mickey Bond, new Chair of the Fund, STEM Chair Lina Germann, and President Lynn Heffron met at SFCC with UNM Foundation Controller Kenney Stansbury to review the endowments' assets, growth, and distribution of scholarships. Our intent was to see what it would take to increase the scholarship amount and/or create a second scholarship. Our fund currently has about \$55,000 that supports an annual \$2000 scholarship to a woman graduate student at UNM. The first scholarship award was presented in 1996 so it is with great pleasure to continue granting this award. This conversation is not over and will continue into the Fall.

In August, the Board conducted their annual strategy meeting at the Hotel Santa Fe's Library room. This is our chance to revisit our programs, funding, scholarships, public policy supports, special events, and speakers from 2017-2018 so that we may rethink and better serve our members going forward. This year 2018 - 2019 will include continuing successful programs such as September's Ice Cream Social (Sat. Sept. 8) the Santa Fe Concert Band Holiday dinner and concert, and the popular UNM scholarship luncheon. We are also adding a tour of the NM Land Trust, Governor's Mansion tour, CCA tour and film, and a tour of the Santa Fe Opera.

The Fundraising committee has also met during the summer as they strategize how to make our first citywide breakfast for next spring's Equal Pay Day a success. It is anticipated that both the Mayor of Santa Fe and new Governor will participate.

Public Policy Co-Chairs Becca Phillips and Lindsay Conover have continued as well over the summer to strategize with AAUW NM and AAUW National's public policy divisions. This includes planning for our upcoming 60 day NM state legislative session and ways for AAUW SF to participate. Also, AAUW National does not support the confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, "Judge Kavanaugh's record shows that he is willing to do grave harm by undermining positions central to AAUW's mission, including upending employment and labor rights, opposing reproductive rights and access to health care, entangling public education and religion, and restricting voting rights."

We continue our planning for programs for the upcoming academic year with member St. John's College. University/College Chair Louise Yakey and President Lynn Heffron have met with the two new advisors who are supporting AAUW on campus. International AAUW St John's student leader Eve Admasu, from Ethiopia, has suggested female students are often not comfortable in the mostly male classrooms so learning how to speak up and overcome classroom shyness might be tackled. They are also seeking to establish a seminar featuring female authors only. We hope to conduct Start Smart workshops on campus this year as well. And on Wed., Aug. 29 AAUW SF participated in the St. John's College Personal and Professional Development 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Community and Career Fair.

Thanks to all our members for your continuing support to empowering women and girls in Santa Fe, in New Mexico, and around the world.

*Submitted by Lynn Heffron, President*



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