

# The ROADRUNNER

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AUW 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"





In mid-September the Girl Scouts of the Southwest hosted their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Women of Distinction luncheon. Nine women were honored and four of the nine, along with their many other accomplishments were AAUW members. Congratulations to Mary "Mikki" Jemin of Silver City and to Carol Ann Council, Christina Little, and Rorie Measure, all of Las Cruces.

How proud we are to have these women as part of our organization!

This summer AAUW completed its NEW strategic plan. Revisions were made to our mission, vision and value promise. Mission: "to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. Vision: equity for all. Values: Nonpartisan.

How can the new strategic plan change our branch programs? At the branch level become familiar with the plan's focus. Revise the branch's goals and plan new programs that increase our power. The following goals are taken directly from auw.org site.

We have a very strong and seasoned board with incredible talents. Our board is your resource, please do not hesitate to contact anyone of us with your questions or concerns.

Our first board meeting was a GTM on July 28, 2018. We currently have vacant board positions: International Interest Chair, AAUW Funds, Nominating Chair, Co-public Policy, Media Relations, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor. Job descriptions on the web: P&P 2. Please contact either Sylvia or Beverly if you have any interest.

Our Fall Leadership Team Meeting was held in Las Vegas, New Mexico, on October 19 and 20. It was a very informative meeting with many shared new ideas. On that note, it was decided to have a statewide fundraiser with all branches planning the event on the same date

Strategic Area of Focus Education and Training -GOAL A Addressing the Champion equal GOAL B barriers and access to all Ensure education at every level is implicit biases that levels and fields free from sex discrimination hinder of education. advancement of women GOAL B inclusive GOAL C **Economic Security** pathways for Deepers GOAL A - Ensuring vomen's Achieve pay livelyhoods for of systemic retirement equity by 2030 barriers and security and women biases, to quality of life. attain security. GOAL A Leadership Bolster the GOAL B - Closing the participation of Advance the number of women girls and women in leadership, particularly in gender gap in in leadership education and nonprofit leadership roles throughout organizations opportunities their lives

throughout the state using the same theme. Volunteers offered to be on a committee to start the process and discuss details of how the event will function. This will provide AAUW with more exposure through marketing and branch websites. Each branch, from the funds, received shall provide 10 percent of the net proceeds to the NM State AAUW and the balance to scholarships of their choice.

#### AAUW of New Mexico Elected Officers

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### Co-Presidents' Message (Cont'd)

AAUW is an amazing organization with valuable people like you. You bring visibility to our organization in your community through community action programs such as human trafficking, immigration issues and marches. You fundraise to provide scholarships for local students and contribute to AAUW fund.

You are doing all this while taking care of your families, grandchildren and elderly parents. So many of you are active in other like-minded organizations providing support and compassion.

AAUW-NM thanks you for all you do and hopes we can be there when you need assistance of any kind.

deadline

Sylvia Fink and Beverly Chambers, Co-Presidents

**AAUW** 

Funds

for

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

contributions for year

Postmark

Dec. 31

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 <u>Roadrunner</u>			
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 <u>Roadrunner</u>			
Jun. 30	Deadline for entering new state & branch officers			
	to national			
Jun. TBD	National Conference for College Women Student Leaders			
~ .1	(NCCWSL)			
See Also: <a href="https://www.aauw.org/resource/events-and-">https://www.aauw.org/resource/events-and-</a>				
<u>deadlines-calendar/</u> for special holidays/events concerning				
women				



AAUW of New Mexico Appointed Officers

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### AAUW Tech Trek-NM 2019

Now in its sixth year, the AAUW Tech Trek NM 2019 camp year is gathering momentum! We are again hoping to host 60 girls from around New Mexico at AAUW-NM's one-week summer residential STEM camp at NM Tech in Socorro from June 9 - 15, 2019.

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 towards our future STEM professionals. Participants only pay \$50 registration fee. The per-camper cost is approximately \$1,050.

AAUW Tech Trek NM is a fantastic opportunity for girls interested in STEM. Now in its sixth season, it has become a signature project for AAUW members from across our state. Why? Because we believe in the amazing impact it has on the lives of young women.

Our fiscal year started September 1, 2018, so we are accepting taxdeductible donations for the 2019 camp made out to:

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

Credit card and PayPal donations can be made at https://ww2.aauw.org/program-gift/?treatment=TECHTREK. Be sure to select the Fund Name: Tech Trek New Mexico under the tab: Donate.

Mark your calendars for March! 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.

If you'd like to volunteer to help in a large or small way this year, please contact either Cheri Burch, ctburch@aol.com, or Helena Whyte, mozdeno8@aol.com, to let us know what you have in mind, or if you'd like to hear some ideas we have.

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

Helena Whyte, AAUW Tech Trek NM, Inc. Board President



#### AAUW Tech Trek NM 2019



New Mexico Science and Math Teachers have been invited to nominate 7th grade girls interested in STEM to apply for Tech Trek NM Science Camp (highlights of the invitation letter are below)

Dear New Mexico Seventh Grade Science and Math Teachers:

AAUW Tech Trek NM (American Association of University Women) is proud to announce that our week-long residential summer camp for rising eighth grade girls focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) will be held June 9-15, 2019, at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, NM.

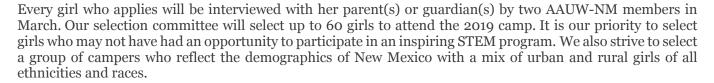
Tech Trek NM is diverse and inclusive and offers a science camp experience to New Mexico girls who may not have had exposure to developed STEM programs. In 2018, 65 girls from all over our state participated in Tech Trek NM.

The Tech Trek NM environment provides girls with women STEM role models and many opportunities for learning and practicing new skills both individually and as members of a team. Girls take a core class in subjects ranging from astronomy to coding to robotics to forensics. They also participate in field trips and workshops in a variety of areas. All our instructors and staff are women STEM teachers and professionals. Check out our webpagehttp://techtrek-nm.aauw.net to learn more.

Tech Trek builds on issues illuminated in AAUW's research report, *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math*, which demonstrated that camps like Tech Trek increase girls' interest and confidence in STEM fields. You can download the report free at: <a href="http://www.aauw.org/resource/why-so-few-women-in-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/">http://www.aauw.org/resource/why-so-few-women-in-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/</a>.

Qualities of a Tech Trek Camper:

- Is excited by science and math with the potential to excel.
- Has at least a "B" average.
- Will benefit from exposure to STEM opportunities.
- Has not participated in a week-long STEM camp.
- Demonstrates maturity when interacting with her peers.
- Can adapt to new situations like being away from home for a week.
- Shows interest in learning new things, especially in science or math.
- Follows directions well and shows patience and persistence in task completion.
- Works well in group situations and is willing to help all levels of students in the class.
- Cooperates with teachers, shows respect for others and participates in class discussions.
- Demonstrates responsibility, exhibits self-control and has no serious discipline issues.
- Makes positive choices for herself, in and out of class.
- Willing to try a challenging task and complete it.



If there are other teachers or administrators at your school who you think would be interested in Tech Trek, please share this letter and other information with them.

Please click here to download a flyer about Tech Trek NM to share with your students and colleagues: <u>Tech Trek NM 2019 Info Flyer</u>





#### Membership

**Snapshot:** State Membership October 2018

	В	С	D	Е	F
BRANCH	Total # Members	Total # Members	Total # Members	Net Diff Members since	17/18 branch members
	Oct 15 2017	Jul 15 2018	Oct 15 2018	Oct 15 2017	not yet renewed
Albuquerque	109	111	111	2	11
Carlsbad	56	40	42	-14	7
Las Cruces	122	122	108	-14	1
Las Vegas	34	41	41	7	15
Los Alamos, Inc.	66	63	64	-2	15
N.M. On-Line	11	13	13	2	11
Gallup	5	5	5	0	4
Santa Fe, Inc.	108	99	93	-15	14
Silver City/SW NM (Grant Cnty)	18	18	18	0	4
Socorro	15	42	48	33	20
<b>Total # Branch Members</b>	544	554	543	-1	102
National Members (MAL)	277	287	259	-18	see note
Student Affiliates (SA) in NM	87	78	78	78	
Total Members, MAL's & SA	908	919	880	59	98

- 1) Columns B, C, D, E, and F include dual members, life members and honorary life members.
- 2) Go to membership database at www.aauw.org for list of MAL's in your area along with their contact information to invite to branch.
- 3) Consider "Give a Grad a Gift". AAUW members can give a recent college graduate a free, (National & NM state) one-year AAUW membership within two years of graduation, at no cost to you or them. See the website at www.aauw.org.
- 4) Please note that National may not have as yet updated the data base to include your more recent submissions.
- 5) Our current number of National e-Student Affiliates (EMSF) is 78 at the following institutions: 22 at NMSU-Las Cruces, 6 at NMSU-Carlsbad, 0 at Eastern NM University, 4 at Western NM University, 10 at NM Tech, 3 at NM Highlands University, 22 at St. John's College, 10 at UNM, 1 at UNM-Gallup. **Note:** MAL renewals occur at different times of the year depending on join date.

### **AAUW Branch Membership and our Local Colleges and Universities in New Mexico**

Does your branch have a **College/University (C/U) Relations Chair?** Currently, 4 of our 10 branches, **Las Cruces, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, & Silver City/SW New Mexico**, have members listed in those positions.

Branch members serving in this position help increase AAUW's visibility and membership and help retain local C/U partnerships by "building relationships in the campus community, collaborating on programs, and introducing AAUW's mission to new audiences. They serve as local links between the...



#### *Membership (Cont'd)*

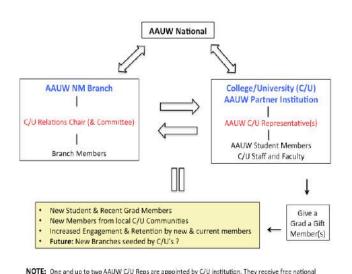
AAUW branch, the on-campus C/U representative, and student leaders. Through C/U relationships, AAUW branch and state organizations help build a stronger membership pipeline. "This description and further resources and ideas for the position are available on the national website at <a href="https://www.aauw.org/resource/leader-essentials-for-cu-relations-chairs/">https://www.aauw.org/resource/leader-essentials-for-cu-relations-chairs/</a>

Please consider trying to fill this position in your branch or expand to create a group of branch volunteers to help the C/U Relations Chair in reaching out to your local colleges/universities. It is fun and rewarding to work with undergraduate, graduate students, faculty and staff at our colleges and universities who are indeed a part of "shaping the future" of New Mexico.

This branch position can include passing on information about AAUW grants and fellowships, give a Grad a gift, NCWSSL, inviting student chapters and faculty to branch events, creating joint fundraisers, keeping in close contact with the C/U AAUW representative, student AAUW organizations and C/U state chair, etc. There are many creative ways to engage with your local college and university through AAUW that will increase the vitality and membership of AAUW in New Mexico.

This **C/U Relations Branch Chair** position complements **the AAUW C/U Representative(s) of member institutions**. The member institution C/U representatives are appointed by the AAUW C/U institution to serve as the liaison between students and AAUW on campus. Each C/U institution can appoint up to 2 representatives who receive complementary national membership as a part of the position. **Note:** If your local C/U institution(s) have only 1 representative, consider working with them to appoint a second representative in a complementary area of the school to increase participation and visibility of AAUW and your branch.

If your local college or university is not yet a C/U member, contact Cassie Mars, State C/U Chair or me, Claudia Poglitsch, State Membership information. Students (undergraduates and degree-seeking graduate students) receive free National Memberships.



membership. Find out who they are in your area and invite them to branch events

Seize the Opportunity: Our state and branchwide efforts in Equal Pay and women and girls in STEM programs like Tech Trek New Mexico are increasingly exposing and engaging college students with AAUW in New Mexico. For example, college student Tech Trek staff become AAUW members. We can build on the momentum of these new young members and awareness by them and college faculty and staff at our colleges and universities across the state by filling the branch position of C/U Relations Chair and nurturing a vibrant exchange between the branches and the C/U rep at the schools. Upon, graduation, college students (undergrad and degree seeking graduate students) are eligible for a free one-year membership via the "Give a Grad a Gift" promotion

Respectively, Claudia Poglitsch, AAUW-New Mexico Membership



#### 2018 Fall Leadership Team Workshop, Las Vegas, NM

#### Photos by Carol Ann Council



### Shaping New Mexico

AAUW-LV branch member Barbara Perea-Casey, city councilor, Las Vegas and former state representative, has been appointed to the transition team for public education by Governor-Elect Michelle Luján-Grisham.

Barbara has served as branch President and Branch Public Policy chair AAUW-LV. Barbara is an educator and served in the New Mexico House of Representatives for 12 years, representing Chaves and Eddy counties.

She served as superintendent of Hondo Valley Public Schools, West Las Vegas Schools, and associate superintendent of Las Vegas City Schools. She currently serves on the Las Vegas City Council.

The work of the transition team started December with members from all over the state. They will be meeting quite often to produce a comprehensive report on the current state of public education and make recommendations to Michelle for the upcoming Legislative session as well as future plans for her administration. It will be a fast and furious work schedule as the draft report is due Dec. 21, with the final report due Dec. 28.

Good luck, Barbara!

Public forum at Charlie's Spic & Span cafe and bakery.

Left to right: Sonya, Senator Campos, Barbara, Representative Salazar.





### NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders)

Dear Sylvia,

Planning for the 34th <u>National Conference for College Women Student Leaders</u> (NCCWSL) is underway at AAUW headquarters and we have some important updates to share.

<u>Registration</u> for the conference is now open!

Early Bird registration (a \$120 savings) expires February 15, 2019 at 11:59 pm (EST). If you plan to register a student, be sure you hold a registration spot before that date to secure the discounted rate.

2019 Registration Fee Schedule				
Early bird (October 15–February 15)	\$465			
Regular registration (February 16–April 30)	\$585			
Additional night of housing (Saturday night only)	\$60/student			

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Due to scheduling conflicts, we will not be offering add-on activities for 2019.

We thank our generous members who support students each year through local scholarships. Take a look at what one student had to say about her time with us ...

My experience at NCCWSL 2018 taught me leadership, communication, self-care, and networking skills. I am so glad I got the privilege to talk with women from all different types of backgrounds, cultures, and traditions. This conference gave me the opportunity to not only meet brilliant people with amazing careers but also to have the realization that through hard work and perseverance I can accomplish my career goals as well.

— Katya Rivera, junior studying Aerospace Physiology at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

If you would like to support a student like Katya to attend this year's conference, or if you and your branch or state already has plans to sponsor an attendee, please take a moment to review our <u>National Scholarship Guidelines</u> and our <u>Local Scholarship Guidelines</u>.

The NCCWSL team is here to answers any questions regarding registration or scholarships. Please don't hesitate to email us at <a href="mailto:nccwsl@aauw.org">nccwsl@aauw.org</a>.

Sincerely,

Meg Waring, Educational Events Manager



# Lobby Corps



## AAUW-NM Lobby Corps Membership Form <a href="https://aauw-nm.aauw.net/policy/">https://aauw-nm.aauw.net/policy/</a>

Name:					
Branch	n (which) and/or National Member:				
Best Phone number:		Best email:			
Repres	sentative Dist	click here to find your district	Senatorial Dist		
	want to be an active member of AAU will contact my federal legislators ab		o Minute Activist		
Check	one or more of the AAUW-NM Pul	blic Policy (PP) Priorities for stud	y & action.		
	1. Conduct or participate in voter re	egistration campaigns.			
 from b	2. Support early childhood, pre-K, I cullying, teen pregnancy prevention,	K-12, and college and university pub dropout prevention, and opposition			
from s	3. Encourage women's self-sufficient exual harassment in the workplace.	ncy, which includes pay equity, affor	dable dependent care, and freedom		
 choice	4. Support quality, affordable, and a of one's reproductive life.	accessible health care, which include	es access to family planning, and		
	5. Support ethics and campaign fina	ance reform, which includes a state	ethics commission.		
 humar	6. Support civil liberties, which incl n trafficking.	lude immigrant rights, voting rights,	and opposition to all forms of		
	I will participate in AAUW-NM Lob Attend AAUW-NM Legislati				
2.		Speak to committees, legislate	etings if possible and report progress tive chambers, or make public		
3.		area of study and make recommend nemorial, resolution lead on items o			
4.	Research and submit reque branch/state PP Chair(s).	ests for AAUW-National review and a	approval, in coordination with AAUW		
5.	Contact my state legislators	s about specific AAUW priorities.			
6.	Attend rallies and other pu	blic presentations on AAUW prioriti	es when possible.  Updated September 29, 2018		



#### Around the State: Las Cruces Branch

Our branch had an extremely successful membership drive to attract new members and encourage renewals. Currently, we have 110 members with many engaged in a wide-range of activities, such as: Girls Can!, Tech Trek, Great Decisions (discussions of foreign policy), book groups, dinner groups, and outings to historic places. Our membership co-chairs have organized monthly lunches for new members and reached out to get them more engaged in our branch. Our Public Policy Chair, Cheryl Wilson, is representing our branch on the Dona Ana County's Election Advisory Council, which is devoted to increasing voter registration and participation.

Three of our members were honored at the Girl Scouts "Women of Distinction" luncheon in September – Carol Ann Council, Rorie Measure, and Christina Little. We sponsored several tables at the luncheon and hosted a table with AAUW literature and membership forms.

Girls Can! is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of presenting its workshops for 6<sup>th</sup> graders this coming year. To enhance the program, workshops will also be offered for the mothers of the girls attending the all-day program at Dona Ana Community College.

We are very excited to be hosting the state convention for AAUW April 26-28, 2019. Kathie Davis is chairing the organizing committee and reported on the plans at the AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting in Las Vegas.

Our first meeting of the new year was enthusiastic with a full house of members. We were thrilled to have Julia Brown, the Chair of AAUW National Board of Directors, as our featured speaker. Julia is a member of our branch and of AAUW-NM. She discussed AAUW's strategic plan and policy priorities. In October we were educated by Alexis Ramirez, whose presentation was entitled "Alzheimer's Disease—A Woman's Issue." Two-thirds of those diagnosed with the disease are women.

Maryln Zahler was honored at our October general meeting for being a member of AAUW for 50 years. She and her sister became life-time members many years ago when Life Time membership dues were \$100. Marlyn has also agreed to serve as the Fundraising Chair for the branch and is serving on the state convention planning committee.

Kudos to the AAUW- Las Vegas chapter for hosting the Fall LTM meeting. Three of our members attended the event during a beautiful fall weekend in northern New Mexico. We brought back many new ideas for fundraising and networking and achieving AAUW's mission.

Respectfully submitted by Christa Slaton, AAUW-LC President



#### Around the State: Santa Fe Branch

The Santa Fe branch has been very active in several ways. Two major committees have been formed: the Equal Pay Day Committee and the May Fund Committee. The mayor of Santa Fe, Alan Webber, has endorsed our Equal Pay Day Dinner to be held here in Santa Fe on April 2, 2019. He will be a guest speaker and his office will support us with their advertising as well. We are hoping to have him joined by our new Governor and have invited Julia Brown to represent AAUW National. This will be our first fundraising event to call attention to our branch's focus on providing scholarships to local Santa Fe graduating seniors, women who want to return to college, and holding one or more Start Smart/Work Smart workshops open to all women of Santa Fe. This committee has met several times as we gather member volunteer support for the many functions that accompany this undertaking. As we are currently a 501©4 only, we are applying to the New Mexico Community Foundation for their fiscal agency support. Thanks go out to Mary Jensen for her leadership of this committee and to Lindsay Conover for her help with our Mayor.

The May Fund Committee, with 11 participating members, continues to meet as well to investigate the many ways our branch can best utilize the funds left to us by the late Philip May, husband of member Anne May. Our board has approved this committee's recommendation to allocate these funds for educational purposes to include the scholarships and workshops mentioned above. At the Equal Pay Day Dinner, we will seek matching funds in order to increase the value of the May Fund. In order to comply with AAUW National's policies, President Lynn Heffron recently spoke with Julia Brown who clarified ways we can invest and allocate funds going forward. Thanks to Jeanne Patrick for her committee leadership.

At the request of the very active women at member St. John's College, we are organizing an oncampus presentation on sexual harassment on campuses. Carol Neal, Co-facilitator at the Los Alamos branch, recommended their recent guest speaker, Kristi Nadler, who addressed this issue. We are hoping to solidify her commitment as well as seek another speaker. This event is currently scheduled for December. Louise Yakey and Lynn Heffron continue working with these amazing young women.

Our November program featured lunch followed by a guided tour of the Governor's Mansion. These were well attended and generated much interest, so we thank Program Chair and 1st Vice President, Melanie Buchleiter, for organizing this and Membership Chair and 2nd Vice President, Luanne Moyer, for her leadership that day.

We are happy to also report that our UNM Foundation Endowment has continued to grow thus providing our yearly scholarship to a graduate UNM student from Santa Fe. The May Fund will complement this with additional funding given directly to the student. Hooray to Mickey Bond, our wonderful financial lead on this.

And now for our always popular Holiday Dinner and Concert at the Lensic Theater. Cheers everyone.

Submitted by Lynn Heffron - President



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

The Las Vegas branch has been busy this fall with various programs and projects.

In August, we staffed a table at the NMHU Fall Faculty breakfast to let new faculty members know about AAUW and our branch. We also staffed a table at the annual Las Vegas People's Faire. That resulted in several people expressing interest in AAUW and follow-up efforts are being made. Our annual membership brunch, held at the home of Donna Rivas, was a great success.

At the end of September, we held a Voter Registration event at 3 venues around Las Vegas. It was very successful, and we registered almost 40 new voters. Curiously, we found that a number of NMHU students expressed reluctance to register, but our registrars were persistent and patient in explaining the benefits of this civil right. One of our registrars also experienced difficulty at the San Miguel County Clerk's office in obtaining enough voter registration forms for use both in our branch event and to take to her classroom presentations. Needless to say, our branch member prevailed.

In October we hosted the Fall LTM. It was very pleasant to have so many of the state leadership team members come to Las Vegas and have the opportunity to see this part of the state and meet many of our members. We especially enjoyed meeting new folks and visiting with old friends at the Friday evening reception. There are photographs in other sections of this Roadrunner.

In November, our membership meeting program featured Charles Sallee, Deputy Director of the NM Legislative Finance Committee (LFC). Mr. Sallee spoke about the ground-breaking Yazzie vs. State of NM lawsuit which is changing how NM funds its public schools. He also gave a detailed overview of the LFC's education research on what needs to change in the way schools are funded. He further addressed what the Legislature has already done to address issues cited as problems by the court, and what plaintiff's groups say needs to happen. Because the LFC is completely non-partisan, we felt that we got a very balanced and non-biased account of this critical issue. The event was well advertised and open to the public and we got a good attendance. It was also broadcasted via Zoom so people who could not attend in Las Vegas could also participate. The presentation was recorded and will be made available on the AAUW-NM website soon. Or, you can just click on this link and see it now: https://nmhu.zoom.us/recording/share/LdBj5cEqVwbZSr6FXKHQohW16nBCAi5-

<u>P11HYSks25SwIumekTziMw?startTime=1541871202000</u>. Additionally, Mr. Sallee's slide presentation is being posted on the AAUW-NM website.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Ludi and Donna Rivas, Co-Presidents



### Around the State: Silver City / Southwest NM Branch

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, a group from the Silver City / Southwest NM Branch of AAUW met for lunch and then attended a discussion and tour of Power and Light Press (powerandlightpress.com), a letter-press printing business owned and operated by women in Silver City. Their cards are designed and printed on-site using a variety of printing presses that date back as far as the 1920s. We came away from the tour with a much greater appreciation of all the work that goes into creating the interesting cards and other items available in the shop!

Photo right: Kyle Durrie, far left, owner of Power & Light Press, starts our group's tour in the work space in Silver City.



Photo left: One of the older printing presses is put to work.

We also participated in the Western New Mexico University Homecoming parade with an AAUW float on October 6, 2018.

Our float cheered on the WNMU Mustangs and reminded alumni and current students about AAUW's past, present, and future in our community. Among other things, we celebrated 25 years of Expanding Your Horizons. (Mikki Jemin's husband, Bill, served as our chauffeur.)

Branch participants photographed include: Della Acosta, Adrienne Dare, Gail Dunagin, Mikki Jemin, Karen Love, Ceil Murray, Adrienne Booth.

Photos below by Adrienne Booth



Photos below by Ceil Murray







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