



# AAUW ALBUQUERQUE BRANCH

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Newsletter

## AAUW Fall Social

Saturday, September 11  
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Asbury Methodist Church  
10000 Candelaria Rd NE

### Membership Event and Interest Group Sign-up

Refreshments will be served.  
Please allow for social time with  
members and prospective members.  
Friends are most welcome.

Program: **Why So Few?**

Speaker: **Cheri Burch**

Why So Few? Women in Science,  
Technology, Engineering, and  
Mathematics  
is a report released by AAUW  
in 2010 on social and  
environmental causes for the  
under-representation of  
women in STEM fields.  
(Science, Technology,  
Engineering, and Mathematics)

Cheri Burch,  
BA, MS, University of California,  
a member of our branch,  
is a retired computer scientist  
and high school  
computer science teacher.  
Cheri is working  
on a PhD in electrical  
computer engineering at UNM.

## Changing "Few" to "Many"

In the past the Albuquerque Branch supported/got started a vast range of improvements-- such as, the zoo, art and natural history museums, Friends for the Public Library, recycling, bikeways, etc. Now we have an opportunity for our branch to make a difference for women!

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> the AAUW Albuquerque Branch Board authorized a committee and a task force. Our committee, aided by the information in *Why So Few?* and other resources on gender inequality in STEM fields, can find out about current AAUW branch and state programs to lessen that inequality, decide what our branch can do, then form the task force to act on helping correct the disparities.

For more information and/or to join the committee, talk to Cheri on September 11, or phone her at 286-9674, or e-mail [ctburch@aol.com](mailto:ctburch@aol.com).

Below is what one state AAUW has done. It began only with some dedicated AAUW members, an interested school (Stanford), and an AAUW-EF grant.

### AAUW-CA Tech Trek Camps (began 1997) Girls served annually: over 600

"Tech Trek is a week-long summer residential math and science camp for middle school girls that have completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade and who will go into 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. Selected students get a preview of college life while learning that math and science can be fun." (By 2006 over 4,000 girls had attended since the first camp.)

"Tech Trek features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields. Campers attend core classes and mini-labs featuring hands-on experiences. Instructors include credentialed middle school teachers and women currently engaged professionally in science, math, and technology fields. Evening programs in fields such as astronomy, engineering, marine biology, and environmental studies are planned to enhance the learning experience. Highlighting the activities are field trips unique to the opportunities each camp has to offer.

Just as important is the campus experience. Campers have the opportunity to live the life of a college student for the week. They learn to live in a community atmosphere, eat dorm food, and explore the campus area under supervision of camp staff. University staff provide information on how to prepare to attend college. AAUW-California has supported Tech Trek Camps since the first camp at Stanford University in 1998, with initial funding from the AAUW Educational Foundation in 1997.

Each participating AAUW-California Branch works with middle school science teachers to identify students that will benefit from the experience. Only selected students that are chosen by AAUW-CA Branches attend Tech Trek. Many Branches offer scholarships."

Quoted from National Girls Collaborative Project Program Directory. For more information, go to [techtrek@aauw-ca.org](mailto:techtrek@aauw-ca.org) or <http://www.aauwtechtrek.org>.

AAUW-CA Tech Trek is held at Sonoma State University, CSU Fresno, UC San Diego, Stanford University, Whittier College, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Irvine.

## Calendar

### General Meeting

**Saturday, September 11, 2–4 p.m.**  
Asbury United Methodist Church

### Board Meeting

**Monday, August 30, 11:45 a.m.**  
New Mexico Commission on the  
Status of Women  
1300 San Mateo Blvd. NE #101

### October–November

**Newsletter deadline: September 11**  
Editor: Pat Freeman, 254-1304

### In Memoriam

#### Stanley Handleman

a member since 2004  
Our deepest sympathy to  
Gertrude Handleman on  
the loss of her husband

#### Dorothy Hakenson

### Welcome back! Members

**Frances Robertson** 299-5487  
P.O. Box 3703 87190

**Heather Weber** 254-7854  
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### Changes of Address

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## Presidents' Comments

Next year's national convention voting will be open to all AAUW members. Most of the voting will be done on the Internet. For those who do not have Internet access, there will be instructions in *Outlook* on how voting can be done.

I welcome Sylvia Fink as the new co-president of the Albuquerque Branch. Since many of you may not yet know her, below she introduces herself to you.

Ted Cooley

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I joined the AAUW Plano, Texas, Branch in 1975. The branch interest group on the biennial theme “Women as Agents of Change” impressed me enormously and I was “hooked.” At that time I was home with a recently arrived baby and the intellectual stimulation was wonderful. For many years, after moving to Anchorage, Alaska, I was active in both the branch and Alaska state AAUW. In 1982 I became a Life Member. During this time I held branch positions and represented AAUW with presentations on gender equity research at two school districts and one or two educational conferences.

In the coming year I have special interest in LAF and helping initiate \$tart \$mart in New Mexico.

Sylvia Fink

### AAUW-NM News

The LTM in Socorro on October 15 and 16 will have as guests Yolanda Elias and Crystal Montoya who recently were given scholarships by AAUW-NM to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in Washington, DC. Albuquerque members who are interested in someday having a representative from UNM attend might find it worthwhile to attend. All the young women from New Mexico who have attended have been students at Highlands.

The AAUW-NM Convention April 15-17, 2011, in Silver City will have as a speaker Andresse St. Rose who is a research associate at AAUW and one of the three authors of *Why So Few?*, the STEM report published by AAUW. This has the making of an excellent convention. The Saturday evening session will be held in the old Buckhorn Opera House in Pinos Altos. The other sessions will be on the Western campus.

The July LTM in Portales resulted in the reorganization of the Portales Branch. There were reports from several branches and on the Women Across Borders Conference in Albuquerque. The report of the meeting is on the AAUW-NM web site.

Ted Cooley

### AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, June 11–13

The conference keynote, “Pay Equity is always an issue,” was presented by Linda Meric, national director of 9to5, which has won important victories on issues affecting low-income women. This was an excellent introduction to the collaboration with AAUW’s \$tart \$mart project. In July, Shelley Rossbach, co-president of AAUW-NM, presented an overview of \$tart \$mart at the LTM in Portales. Her presentation generated enough interest that Shelley and I were asked to make inquiries about getting the project started in New Mexico.

The Saturday morning session was about the “NEW” AAUW. Kathy Anton of the Leadership Corps explained the organizational changes brought about after the Phoenix and St. Louis national AAUW conventions. Some of these changes will be described at our September meeting.

Jill Tetjen presented “Taking Humor Seriously,” an interactive workshop. Humor can be a powerful tool in managing people, workplace, or other situations. Workshops on branch activities implementing AAUW programs were: *GURLS Project* by Karen Relson, New Mexico; *Learning to Live with the IRS and Other Financial Facts* by Sara Wolters, Prescott, Arizona; *Why So Few?* by Sheila Portillo; *Las Amigas Project* by Foothills Branch AAUW; *\$tart \$mart* by Amy Blackwell, Colorado.

Meeting and hearing from successful “doers” is a re-energizing experience. The conference allowed sharing and collaboration to extend these success stories to additional branches.

Sylvia Fink

# Interest Group News

INTEREST GROUP CHAIR Marilyn Dunn 299-5487

To get the year off to an inspiring start,  
the October meetings as presently planned are included below with the September meetings.  
The October–November newsletter will have both October (updated) and November interest group news.

## MORNING

**ART: DRAWING, PAINTING, AND FABRIC ARTS:** Most Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., or any hours in between, at Monte Vista Christian Church, to do individual art projects and enjoy fellowship of others interested in art. To learn more, please call **Chair: Chris Hill, 828-3926.**

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Jan and Olin Bray, 7041 Prairie Ct, NE. **September 10**, Great Decisions: Transnational Crime, discussion led by Olin Bray. **October 8**, Great Decisions: Europe's 'far east,' discussion, led by Mary Campbell. **Chair: Jan Lifson Bray, 292-7270.**

**MORNING CUISINE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. **September 21, 11:30**, salad luncheon and planning meeting at the home of Ruth Bell, 3808 Erbbe St NE, 294-5558. **October 19**, call the chair for details. **Chair: Carolyn Kaye, 323-5288.**

## AFTERNOON

**ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. **September 7 at 11:30**, Taj Mahal Restaurant, 1430 Carlisle NE 11:30, (use west entrance), planning meeting. **October 5**, at the home of Jan Bray, 7401 Prairie Ct. NE, 292-7270. Topic: Silver Plate. **Chairs: Mary Campbell, 265-9365, and Marilyn Klett, 884-8354.**

**CURRENT LITERATURE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., **September 14**, at the home of Meg Wentz, 10700 Nelle NE, 299-5274, Elizabeth Gordon, co-hostess. Nancy Jones will review *Too Much Happiness* by Alice Munro. **October 12**, at the home of Helen Anderson, 3712 La Hacienda Place NE, 256-1403, Nancy Jones co-hostess. Ann Carden reviews *The Spanish Bow* by Andromeda Romano-Lax. **Chair: Ann Carden, 884-8211.**

**MY STORY:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Are you interested in putting your story on paper? For more information, please contact **Chair: Louise Miller, 255-7768.**

**Mystery:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. **September 2**, at the home of Marilyn Dunn, 8620 Northeastern NE, #10, 299-5487. Theme: Fiber Arts. Read Monica Ferris, *Hanging by a Thread*, or Maggie Sefton, *Knit One, Kill Two*, or Elizabeth Casey, *Sew Deadly*, (or all three). **October 7**, Hostess Joan Lowe, #9 Casa Hermosa NE, 296-0367. Read *The Third Deadly Sin* by Lawrence Sanders. **Chair: JoAnn Mercer, 268-8001.**

**TRAVEL:** 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1:30 p.m. **September 27**, at the home of Helen Jo Satterwhite, 3609-D Moon St. NE, 299-9165 or okhjalb@q.com. Program: each attendee will talk for five minutes about a trip to a favorite destination—a city, a country, a national park. We will also make plans for the year. Address is north of Madison Middle School. Parking on east side of Moon St. Call hostess if you are attending. **October 25**, at the home of Antje Muir, 7305 Golden Glow Way NE, 821-7966, or antjehuep1@msn.com. Program: Ted Cooley will discuss a trip to New Hampshire, Maine, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. Call hostess for gate instructions. **Chair: Suzanne Weissman, 294-5626, sweissmans@msn.com.**

## EVENING

**EVENING CUISINE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. **September 9**, at the home of Marianne Helgesen, Tijeras, 286-8956. Salad potluck and planning for the year. **October 14**, to be announced. Group members will be called. **Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

**EVENING LITERATURE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:30 p.m. **September 20**, at the home of Elaine Stone, 9124 Flushing Meadows Dr. NE, 897-6506. Discussion of *Chalktown* by Melinda Haynes. **October 18**, at the home of Sheila Richmond, 70 Pinon Hill Pl. NE, 856-0245. Topic: *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. **Chair: Sheila Richmond, 856-0245.**

**COUPLES GOURMET** will not meet until further notice.



PLEASE SEND NOTICES OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETINGS TO MARILYN DUNN,  
mdunn45191@aol.com or 8620 Northeastern NE #10, 87112 by September 6, 2010.

## *Plan Now to Exercise Your Right to VOTE*

There is a lot going on this year both in Washington, DC and in New Mexico. Register to vote if you haven't. To vote by mail, call the County Clerk to make arrangements. It costs about \$1.05 postage. There is also early voting. Both parties have offices that need volunteers. Learn how each candidate stands on the issues. In the general election we can vote for anyone on the ballot.

Many women suffered hardships, physically, socially, and financially so women could vote. Please don't forget what they did for us. Preserve a woman's right to vote. Do it for those before us, for us, and for those who come after us. VOTE!!!

Dixie Trebbe

## *Membership*

Our general meeting on September 11 is the ideal time for you to bring friends and prospective members to see what our branch is all about and to encourage them to join us. Contact Marilyn Dunn at 299-5487 if you would like an AAUW brochure sent before the meeting, but be sure to invite the prospective member to come to our meeting. We promise a lively afternoon with good food and good friendship.

## *Albuquerque Branch*

### *2010-2011 Board*

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Sylvia Fink and Ted Cooley

#### *Vice-Presidents*

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*Media Relations/Education:*

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*Dues* Our \$85.00 covers dues to the Association (\$49.00--\$46.00 of that is tax-deductible), AAUW-NM, and Albuquerque Branch. Contact Shirley Ash at 856-5852.

**Please send Newsletter material to Pat Freeman.  
Thanks for the assistance of Marilyn Dunn,  
Sandy Alden, and Eleanor and Ted Cooley.**

*Please report your change of address,  
phone, email address and/or any  
prospective members to Marilyn Dunn.*