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Newsletter

*December General Meeting
Festive Holiday Luncheon and
Silent Auction to
Benefit our AAUW Funds
Saturday, December 4
11:30-2:00 p.m.*



Savoy Bar and Grill
10601 Montgomery Blvd NE
(East of Morris. Entrance, easy parking in rear.)
Cost: \$25



Menu

Starters: Arugula Salad or
Portobello Mushroom Tart
Entree: Bacon Wrapped Petit Filet or
Goat Cheese Ravioli or
Seared Ahi Tuna
Dessert: Fresh Fruit cup or
Hazelnut Chocolate Torte
Coffee and Tea

*Our "AAUW Funds" in Action
Amelia Sharrer,*

UNM civil engineering student and recent
AAUW grant recipient, will speak about
her work and experiences.

Silent Auction

Please bring your new and gently used
items—"attics," baked goods, etc., for the
Silent Auction, or consider a donation to
benefit our AAUW Scholarship Fund.

Questions? Marianne Helgesen,
: AAUW Funds chair, will be happy
to answer them, 286-8956.

Please contact Chris Hill, 828-3926, no
later than December 2 if you were not
called for a reservation or need to cancel
a reservation. Reservations are binding.

*Friends, former members,
prospective members
are cordially invited.*

**AAUW Mid-Year Meeting
and Membership Social
Saturday, January 15
1:30-3:00 p.m.**

Home of Sandy Alden
606 Ridgecrest Dr. SE
Refreshments will be served.

Members, guests and prospective members
are most cordially invited for fellowship
and to get better acquainted with AAUW.
Remember, this is an opportunity for
non-members to join at half-price.

**Shelley Rossbach,
Co-President of AAUW-NM,
will talk on "
Our Direct Line to AAUW-NM."**

Shelley will tell us about the actions
and activities being sponsored this year to
advance the mission of AAUW and will de-
scribe our support of the National Confer-
ence for College Women Student Leaders
(NCCWSL, pronounced "nick whistle"),
Start Smart (a program to teach college
women how to negotiate their first salary),
our Lobby Corps which represents us at the
Roundhouse each year, and how branch
members can participate in all this. She
welcomes ideas and suggestions and will
answer questions.

Shelley lives in Placitas and is a member
of the Santa Fe Branch.

To reach 606 Ridgecrest Drive SE,
from Central at Carlisle, south on Carlisle
for 4½ blocks, left on Ridgecrest (diagonal)
for 1½ blocks.

Calendar

General Meetings

Saturday, December 4, 11:45-2:00 p.m.
and

Saturday, January 15, 1:30-3 p.m.

Board Meetings

Monday, December 6, 11:45 a.m.

Monday, January 3, 11:45 a.m.

New Mexico Commission on the
Status of Women
300 San Mateo Blvd. NE #101

February-March

Newsletter deadline: January 15

Editor: Pat Freeman, 254-1304

Albuquerque Branch members
are invited to attend
a reception honoring
the 50th wedding anniversary
of Eleanor and Ted Cooley,
Sunday, January 30,
Monte Vista Christian Church,
2-4 p.m., ceremony at 3 p.m.

Next "Why So Few?" Meeting

The AAUW "Why So Few?" action committee will meet November 23 at 5:30 at Christy Mae's on San Pedro. A speaker from the New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) will talk to us about "Expanding Your Horizons." Please let Cheri Burch know if you will attend, 286-9674.

Spring Book Fair

For our Spring Book Fair to benefit AAUW Funds, please accumulate and bring in books. You can bring the books to General Meetings and I will store them until the fair. This way we should have a good book fair with lots of books.

Marianne Helgesen, AAUWFunds Chair

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Co-President's Comments

The WAGE Project

As someone who on two occasions was paid less than men with the same or less experience, I encourage you to read *Getting Even: Why Women Don't Get Paid Like Men—and What to Do About It*, by Evelyn Murphy (305.42 Murphy, in both the Albuquerque and Rio Ranch library systems-- six copies in Albuquerque, one in Rio Rancho.) The content may be new to some of you and a familiar story to others. This research is a foundation for the WAGE Project www.wageproject.org.

The WAGE Project sponsors \$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation Workshops and a Status of Working Women Program. "Women now make up 50 percent of the workforce, yet on average women earn 77 cents for every dollar earned by men. Just one year out of college, working women already earn less than their male colleagues earn, even when they work in the same field with the same degree. Clearly, we need to ensure that graduating women know how to negotiate for equitable pay."

AAUW collaborates with the WAGE Project to provide training for "young women about to graduate with knowledge and skills to negotiate salaries and benefits to receive fair and realistic compensation." At the October AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting in Socorro, AAUW-NM voted up to \$1,000 to bring this training to New Mexico. As plans progress, I will keep you informed.

One Member, One Vote

Delegates and members of the 2009 AAUW Convention approved changes to the AAUW Bylaws that enables all AAUW members (whether or not they attend the convention) to elect candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors and vote on other items of business, such as amendments, resolutions, and the Public Policy Program.

You will be able to propose bylaws amendments, resolutions, and Public Policy Program revisions/additions, as well as comment on these proposals.

Detailed information is in the article "One Member, One Vote" in the *AAUW Outlook*, Fall 2010, pages 20-23. Also, you can use your member number to enter the Member Center at the AAUW website www.aauw.org member center section to read the One Member, One Vote [Current Topic Briefing](#) and [FAQ](#).

Sylvia Fink, Co-President

Albuquerque Branch's "Why So Few?" Group

STEM is a nationwide movement to encourage young women to go into science, technology, engineering, and math careers. The effort was boosted by the AAUW research publication *Why So Few?*

The Albuquerque branch of AAUW has organized a committee, chaired by Cheri Burch, to assist with this program. Cheri is also a member of the New Mexico Network of Women in Science and Engineering (WISE).

Our committee's objective is to work in conjunction with groups that have the goal of involving young women in these scientific pursuits. Some of these organizations, such as the Girl Scout Council, the YWCA, and WISE, have programs in operation.

The Girl Scouts are working with the Lego League Robotics. The YWCA's Tech Girls has after school clubs at some middle schools and during the summer holds week-long sleep-over camps. Many girls who attend the camps are from economically disadvantaged areas and require scholarships in order to attend. So far these camps have been funded by donations and grants. WISE sponsors "Expanding Your Horizons" for middle school girls one week-end each year.

Betty W. Smith, Media Chair

Interest Group News

INTEREST GROUP CHAIR Marilyn Dunn 299-5487

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: 2nd Fridays, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Jan and Olin Bray, 7041 Prairie Ct, NE. **December 10**, Marrakesh Restaurant, San Pedro at Candelaria. **January 14**, Great Decisions: Special Envoys, led by Olin Bray, and discussion of new topics. **Chair: Jan Bray, 292-7270.**

MORNING CUISINE: 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. **December 9**, 12:00 p.m., at the home of Betty Benson, 7909 Hendrix Ave NE, 294-1658. Call the hostess to be assigned what to bring. **January 18**. Call the chair for location. **Chair: Carolyn Kaye, 323-5288.**

AFTERNOON

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: 1st Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. **December 7**, Out to lunch, 11:30. You will be called for your reservation. **January 4**, at the home of Beth Buchanan, 5320 Beebe NE, 323-1807. Topic: Wood carvings. Bring a carving to show. **Chair: Mary Campbell, 265-9365.**

CURRENT LITERATURE: 2nd Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. **December 14**, at the home of Meg Wente, 10700 Nelle Ave NE. Meg will provide homemade soup and beverages at 12 noon. Please call Meg at 299-5274 if you plan to come at noon. Bring book reviews to the 1:00 p.m. discussion, suggesting books to include in the 2011-2012 Traveling Library. **January 11**, hostess Rosemary Mitchell, 1400 Hertz Dr SE, 266-1962, co-hostess Mary Campbell. Meg Wente will review *The Voter*, a novel about getting voting rights, by Sybil Downing. **Chair: Ann Carden, 884-8211.**

MY STORY: 2nd 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.**

Afternoon Mystery Readers: 1st Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. **December 2**, at the home of Suzanne Weissman, 3900 Calle Castano NE. Please call hostess if you are coming, 294-5626. Book to be discussed: *Saturnalia* by Lindsay Davis. **January 6**, at the home of JoAnn Mercer, 7112 Ottawa NE, 268-8001. Discussion of *The Bookkeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie R. King. **Chair: JoAnn Mercer, 268-8001.**

TRAVEL: 4th Mondays at 1:30 p.m. We will not meet in December. **January 24**, at the home of Suzanne Weissman, 3900 Calle Castano NE, 294-5626. Program: "Kiwis, Kangaroos, and Koalas—Cruising from Auckland to Sydney" by Suzanne. Please let hostess know if you will attend. **Chair: Suzanne Weissman, 294-5626, sweissmans@msn.com.**

EVENING

EVENING CUISINE: 2nd Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. **December 9**. Annual cookie exchange at the home of Suzanne Weissman, 3900 Calle Castano NE, 294-5626. The hostess will present a favorite soup. Call Suzanne if you plan to attend. **January 13**, hostess Carolyn Kaye. Plans to be announced. **Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

EVENING LITERATURE DISCUSSION: 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m. **December 13**, at the Range Café, Wyoming at Montgomery, for a used book exchange. Contact chair if you need directions. **January 17**, Reading *Shadow on the Wind*. Contact the chair for meeting address. **Chair: Sheila Richmond, 856-0245.**

AAUW TRAVELING LIBRARY

We're half-way through our year already.

Please renew by December 7.

Send your check for \$20 to Sheila D. Richmond,
70 Pinon Hill NE, 87122.

Phone 856-0245; cell 505-280-8904

FAX 856-0247; e-mail SDRich111@comcast.net

If you would like to help with selection of books for the next year, **please get reviews to me by December 7**, or take them to the Current Literature meeting on that day.



PLEASE SEND NOTICES OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH MEETINGS TO MARILYN DUNN,
mdunn45191@aol.com or 8620 Northeastern NE #10, 87112 by November 10, 2010.

A Brief Report on Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

Most people associate Title IX with athletics but, in fact, athletics is only one of the 10 major areas addressed by the federal law. However, I am looking at the athletics programs here.

From the beginning, the law has been controversial and gone through several amendments, but, in spite of this, it has proved to be very successful in the athletic area. The Public Education Department Issues office (Mr. Bernard Raymond) told me that they do an audit every second year and that no issues have been reported to them since the last audit. Another call to UNM Athletics Program Director Janice Ruggieor confirmed that they have not had any issues and no female student has been rejected participation in the athletics programs. So far so good, but for every dollar spent on athletics at the Division I and II levels, male sports received 65 cents while female sports received 35 cents. This mirrors the equal pay situation, so we still have a long way to go. Marianne Helgesen, AAUW Funds Chair

Public Policy Update

Now that the election is over, we can start on the legislative session. The Lobby Corps luncheon will be held on January 8, 2011, but it will be in a different place this year than in the past. Plans cannot be completed in time for this newsletter. Watch for the location at a later date. Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy Chair

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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. **New members who join between Jan. 1 and March 1 pay half-dues for the rest of the fiscal year. Contact Shirley Ash, 856-5852.**

Please send Newsletter material to Pat Freeman. Thanks for the assistance to Marilyn Dunn and Eleanor and Ted Cooley.

Please report a new address, e-mail, or phone and any prospective member to Marilyn Dunn.