



Join our Un-Tea Party fundraiser for NM Tech Trek. This math and science camp for middle school girls will be held June 18-24 at New Mexico Tech. Your donation will help girls all across our state grow their STEM dreams.

Check your mailbox in early February for your invitation!



Branch News

AAUW 2017 State Convention, April 21-23 *Hilltop Views: Advancing Innovation and Gender Equality.*

Save the dates!

Conference leads are:

Betsy Comly, (jack_comly@msn.com, 672-1574) and Marilyn Doolen, (mtdoolen@aol.com, 672-3571)

LA Cares Fruit Project

Several boxes of fruit will be purchased for the February LA Cares food distribution. We are fortunate to have a little bit of money left over from the holiday distribution and will be able to provide a bit of fruity relief from the gray days of February.

Longtime member Marjorie Wilson passed away in December. She was a technical editor at the lab, a terrific bridge player, and a gracious, giving, smart woman. The world needs more like her.

Book Group

The February book is <u>The Nightingale</u> by Kristin Hannah. Maryjane Giesler will review the book at both meetings.

On Monday Feb. 6, 7:30 pm, readers will meet at Angela Coop's, 332 Aragon. Let Angela know if you are coming (acwalkercoop@yahoo.com, 672-1073).

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1:00 pm, Jenny Bishop, 114 Alhambra will host. Please let Jenny know if you are coming (672-3614, jjab7@aol.com).

Nonfiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on March 20, at 7:30. We will discuss <u>Sisters in Law</u> by Linda Hirshman; Nina Thayer will review. Rosmarie Frederickson, 1372 47th, will host; let Rosemarie know if you will be there (662-5915, <u>frederrh@yahoo.com</u>).

Great Decisions

The Morning Great Decisions group meets on the second and fourth Mondays at 10 am at Mesa Public Library. Check the branch website for the latest information

The Evening Great Decisions schedule will also be available on the <u>website</u> as it evolves.

Out 'n About at Meow Wolf in Santa Fe

Saturday, March 4, 9:30 am

"Meow Wolf is an arts production company that creates immersive multimedia experiences that transport audience of all ages into fantastic realms of storytelling." Heard about it? Want to see it? Let's go!

We will meet at 9:30 am at the United Church parking lot, 9:40 am at the White Rock "Y", arriving about 10:30 am. Cost for NM citizens 65 and over is \$13

(under 65, \$15). We will select a nearby restaurant for lunch. All members and guests are welcome! Contact Nina, 662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com, for more details and to plan carpools.

State Events

Monday, Feb. 6 is AAUW-NM's annual Legislative Day at the Capitol in Santa Fe, when members from all over the state will gather to lobby for AAUW priorities, which include education, women's health, civil liberties, women's self-sufficiency (including pay equity), campaign finance and ethics reform. We will meet at 8:30 am in room 326 of the Roundhouse. We will meet and go over specific legislation, write notes and visit our legislators in the morning. Lunch will be at the Capitol cafeteria with legislative sessions and committee hearings in the afternoon. Please contact Nina (662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com) to form carpools.

We know that several of AAUW's top public policy priorities will be active this session, including funding for education, support for a statewide Ethics Commission or alternatively a Public Accountability Board, also a moratorium on new charter schools. We can and will make our voices heard.

Legislative Workshop

Sunday, Feb. 5, at Santa Fe Community College:

11 am, Bylaws Discussion

12 noon, lunch

1 pm, Speaker Meredith Machen, President of New Mexico League of Women Voters.

2-4:30 pm, Leadership Team Meeting.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the issues during this legislative session that AAUW & LWV support. All members are welcome to any or all parts of the workshop.

Other Events

A Human Trafficking Protest will take place on Sunday, February 5, 2-2:30 pm, at the corner of Highway 285 and Gutierrez St, in Pojoaque (this is at the Phillips 66 gas station). This protest is to inform that human trafficking doesn't happen only in underdeveloped countries. Our contact for this protest is Helena Whyte (672-9153, mozden08@aol.com).

Branch Calendar

Feb	all month	Un-tea party
Feb	5	Legislative Workshop
Feb	6	Legislative Day
Feb	6,7	Book group

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