

Legislative Preview
Wednesday, January 9, 7-9 pm
Fuller Lodge



Partnering with the League of Women Voters, we will again co-sponsor this community program. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm. The 2019 session of the legislature begins on January 15 and the last day is March 15.

Featuring our legislators: Senators Richard Martinez and Carlos Cisneros; and Rep. Christine Chandler.

And Special Guest: Robert Rhatigan, the official in charge of the 2020 census for New Mexico. He will discuss the importance and the difficulties of getting a complete count of residents as this count has enormous financial implications for our state for the next ten years.

Call for Lobby Corps Volunteers

AAUW-NM needs your help: sign up to be a Lobby Corps member now. Much of the work can be done from the comfort of your home.

Lobby Corps members support AAUW-NM in promoting public policy initiatives that coincide with AAUW's principles and priorities. This year our State Legislature will meet for a 60-day session (Jan. 15-Mar. 16) and expectations are for a very busy session. Among bills we will be following are ones mandating paid leave for pregnancy, funding a variety of education programs, and setting up guidelines for the Ethics Commission approved by voters in November.

You can help AAUW-NM review bills, track legislation, and communicate with your State representative and senator to support legislation that meets with AAUW priorities. You can also join AAUW members on Feb. 11 at the Roundhouse for AAUW-NM's State Legislative Day. **Numbers count!** We need members to speak up, in person or online, during the 2019 Legislative session.

Register online (<https://aauw-nm.aauw.net/files/2018/11/AAUW-NM-Pub-Pol-Form-final.pdf>) to become a Lobby Corps member and send your form to beccarphillips@gmail.com. Help us "woman" the front lines of public policy and promote AAUW priorities at the Roundhouse. [Note: if a fillable pdf file does not come up at the link, download the form and open it with Acrobat Reader.]

Branch News

Refreshments for the Legislative Preview

Our branch has been asked to bring refreshments such as cookies, cheese or veggie plates to the meeting. If you can provide edibles please contact our hospitality chair, Mary Ann Lindahl, at 660-2259 or moonbeamx@comcast.net.

Fruit for LA Cares

Thanks to the generosity of our branch members, we prepared 80 festive bags for over 200 community residents and delivered them to the December LA Cares food distribution. The bags were filled with navel oranges, fuji and gala apples, Bartlett pears and Clementines. We will provide an equivalent amount of fruit to the February distribution. Any remaining money will be given to LA Cares to provide whatever is most needed.

In the photo below, our very efficient packing committee happily surveys a small portion of their efforts. Mary Ann Lindahl took care of the ordering and purchasing, and Carol Neal and her trusty van managed the transportation. Denise George manages the finances, and Karin Roberts orchestrated the packing party.



Judges Needed for Los Alamos Science Fair

The LA County Science and Engineering fair will be January 19, 2019. Judging elementary-age projects has been an AAUW long-standing commitment to

our community. I encourage you to join me on the team. You are fully qualified; a science degree is not necessary. Our purpose is to reward curiosity and creativity at an early age.

The judging is a lot of fun and requires only three hours from 9:00 to noon on that Saturday morning. Our volunteer judging at the fair is a constructive way for AAUW to be a part of the education process in our community. It is a positive community outreach, and we have received good recognition in the past for our interest in encouraging this age group.

Please consider being on our team. Call or email Marilyn Doolen, (mtdoolen@aol.com 672-3571) if you have any questions.

Book Group

There are no January book group meetings.

The February book is The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish. Marilyn Thayer will lead the discussion at both meetings.

The February 4th, 7 pm meeting will be at Mary Ann Lindahl's, 201 San Juan, 660-2259, moonbeamx@comcast.net.

The February 5th, 1 pm meeting will be at Mona Wecksung's, 161 El Corto, 662-7084, wecksung2005@msn.com.

The group needs a hostess for the March 4th, 7 pm meeting. Please contact Karin Roberts at 672-9625 or karinroberts875@icloud.com to volunteer.

Nonfiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on January 28th at 7:00 pm. We will discuss Ladies of the Canyons by Lesley Poling Kempes. Betsy Comly will review. We will meet at Marilyn Doolen's, 713 Meadow; tell Marilyn if you are coming (mtdoolen@aol.com, 672-3571).

Great Decisions

The books should arrive soon. Members who have ordered books will be told how to pick them up.

The daytime group meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons. The organizational meeting will be at Denise George's home, 411 Cheryl Ave at 1:30 pm on Thursday, January 10.

Contact Denise at denisegeorge@icloud.com or 672-9688.

The evening group meets at members' homes. Helena Whyte will host the Evening Great Decision group January 24 at 7 pm at 100 El Morro St. Contact Helena at mozden08@aol.com or 672-9153.

Branch Calendar

Jan	9	Legislative Preview
Jan	19	Science Fair
Jan	28	Nonfiction book group meeting

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