



Legislative Preview
Thursday, January 5th, 6:30-9:00 pm
with
Rep. Christine Chandler,
Sen. Roberto “Bobby” Gonzales,
Sen. Leo Jaramillo,
Kristina Fisher.

The LWV-AAUW Legislative Preview will be held in person for the first time in three years! It will take place in Fuller Lodge on Thursday, January 5, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and to socialize.

Our legislators – Representative Christine Chandler, Senator Leo Jaramillo, and Senator Roberto Gonzales — will be speaking. In addition, Kristina Fisher will explain the education reform package that Think New Mexico will be promoting during the legislative session.

All of the speakers will answer questions from the audience. Margo Batha will represent our branch as moderator for the Preview.

The 2023 New Mexico Legislative Session will begin in Santa Fe at noon on January 17 and continue for 60 days, ending at noon on March 18.

AAUW-NM’s “Advocacy Day” Monday, January 30th

Please join AAUW-NM in this **Winter’s LTM** in Santa Fe, Sunday, Jan. 29th, at the Hotel Santa Fe to be followed by Advocacy Day on Monday, Jan. 30th, where our banner will be posted again in the Rotunda as we collaborate with NOW, LWV, Planned Parenthood, and others to promote legislation that better the lives of women and girls.

On Legislative Advocacy Day, Monday, January 30, we will have an information session with fellow advocates of Paid Medical and Family Leave, (PMFL). Plans are to meet from 10-11:30 at Morgan Hall in the State Land Office, a block from the Roundhouse. Sylvia Fink is in charge of mobilizing our Advocacy Team to contact individual legislators. She will disseminate the talking points from the PMFL Task Force Final Report presented to the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC).

Look under the **Public Policy** tab on our state AAUW website (<https://aauw-nm.aauw.net/>) for information about our state Advocacy Team (A-Team): how to join, what we do, and how to use <https://www.nmlegis.gov/> to find legislators, committee information, and legislation. A-Team members can access a Google Drive with the legislation we support and oppose. By joining the Advocacy Team, branch members will have the opportunity to influence the legislature to support AAUW core values.

2023 Los Alamos Schools Science Fair, Volunteers Needed

Karen Henderson is leading the AAUW judges for this year's science fair. The judging will be in-person on Saturday, January 21. Please contact Karen to volunteer or if you have questions (505-695-0247, KOH7X@yahoo.com). We will be judging elementary grade projects, and a science background is not required.

Book Group

The Book Group does not meet in January. The February book is The Five Wounds by Kirsten Valdez Quade. Mary Ann Lindahl, 201 San Juan will host the February 6th, 7:00 pm meeting; let her know if you are coming (505 660 2259, moonbeamx@comcast.net) The 1pm, February 7th Zoom meeting will be hosted by Rozelle Wright; she will send out a link. Rozelle will lead the discussion at both meetings.

The year's schedule is under the **study group** tab of our website at: [2021-2022 Book Group Schedule.](#)

If you wish to be added to the book group membership list, contact Karin Roberts (505-672-9625, karinroberts875@icloud.com).

Nonfiction Book Group

The nonfiction book group is looking for books and presenters for future meetings.

Great Decisions

Members who have signed up to participate in the 2022 Great Decisions group will be contacted as soon as the books arrive. Members will then decide meeting times and structure.

Fruit Project Report

The branch contributed exactly \$900, and we spent \$608 for 6 boxes of apples, 4 boxes of pears, 3 boxes of bananas and 35 bags of clementines. We filled and decorated 80 bags serving 190 people for the December LA Cares food distribution. The remaining ~\$300 will be spent on fruit for a February distribution.



Calendar

Jan 5	Legislative Preview
Jan 29	LTM
Jan 30	Advocacy Day

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