

## ***Un-Tea for Tech Trek***



February is the month of our fundraiser for Tech Trek 2023. Watch your mailbox for an invitation to join our Un-Tea. Every contribution, whether large or small, helps.

When many of our branch members respond, we demonstrate to the camp organizers the depth of our support. That depth can be important in securing other grants.

Your contribution is tax exempt.

If you prefer not to wait, make your check out to **AAUW Tech Trek NM** and mail to:

**AAUW Tech Trek New Mexico  
PO Box 90322  
Albuquerque, NM 87199**

Tech Trek New Mexico is a week-long camp at New Mexico Tech campus in Socorro, NM for girls who are passionate about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Learn more about the wonderful opportunity Tech Trek provides by clicking on this link <https://techtrek-nm.aauw.net>. Watch the video and catch the girls' enthusiasm.

Tech Trek is looking for volunteers to interview girls who have applied to attend the 2023 camp. There is also a need for volunteers to read essays that the girls have submitted in their applications. Please let Helena Whyte know if you are available to help in either capacity. (505-672-9153, [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com))

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**Valentine's Day Luncheon  
Tuesday, February 14  
Mark your calendar  
Details to follow soon**



## Don't miss AAUW-NM's "Legislative Advocacy Day" Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

NM Land Office, Morgan Hall, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail. Attend in person, or ask Helena Whyte to send you a Zoom link (505-672-9153, [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com)).

### Monday beginning at 10:00 am,

**Stephanie Garcia Richard**, New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands and former legislator, will address environmental challenges and protections on state lands, especially methane recapture and the transportation and storage of spent nuclear fuel near the Permian Basin, the source of most of NM's budget. She will also discuss using state lands for solar farming and affordable housing.

**Former Senator Dede Feldman** will share her unique perspectives on the proposed legislation to compensate legislators, provide professional staff, and expand the session scope and length.

Look under the **Public Policy** tab on our state AAUW website:

<https://aauw-nm.aauw.net/publicpolicy/> 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. By joining the Advocacy Team, branch members will have the opportunity to influence the legislature to support AAUW core values.

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

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## Book Group

The February book is The Five Wounds by Kirsten Valdez Quade. Mary Ann Lindahl, 201 San Juan will host the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm meeting; let her know if you are coming (505 660 2259, [moonbeamx@comcast.net](mailto:moonbeamx@comcast.net)). The 1pm, February 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:karinroberts875@icloud.com)).

## Nonfiction Book Group

On February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm the group will discuss The Last Queen by Clive Irving. Angela Coop will review. The meeting will be by Zoom, and a link will be sent to group members before the meeting. If you wish to join the group, please contact Margaret Gibson ([mfgibson332@gmail.com](mailto:mfgibson332@gmail.com), 505-228-4356). The group is looking for book selections; bring yours to the meeting or send them to Margaret.

## Great Decisions

This group meets every other Thursday at the White Rock library. Meetings are hybrid: in-person and by Zoom. Branch members who have not joined the group are welcome to sample a Zoom session, Denise ([denisegeorge@icloud.com](mailto:denisegeorge@icloud.com), 505-690-3534) will be happy to send out a link if asked.

Date	Topic	Discussion Leader
Jan. 19	Energy Geopolitics	Denise George
Feb 2	Climate Migration	Carol Neal
Feb 16	Iran at the Crossroads	Judy Prono
March 2	Politics in Latin America	Karin Roberts
March 16	War Crimes	Bev Cooper
March 30	China and the U.S.	Marilyn Doolen
April 13	Global Famine	Margaret Gibson
April 27	Economic Warfare	Carroll Thomas

## Fruit Project Report

The branch contributed exactly \$936, 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 \$328 was given to LA Cares (at their request) with the restriction that it be spent on fruit for the February distribution.

## Science Fair

Mary Ann Lindahl, Judy Prono, Bev Cooper, Marilyn Doolen and Denise George judged elementary school projects and found 6 individual projects worthy of \$20 awards, and one class project received a \$30 award. Karen Henderson recruited the judges and interacted with the schools on behalf of AAUW. These projects covered a wide range of topics and demonstrated that the young students understand the Scientific Method:

What affects mold growth on bread?	James Junghans
Let it Grow	Sebastian Holtkamp
Comparing Lemon Batteries to Regular Batteries	Alexander Sherrill
Designing a Balloon Powered Car	Emma Mosby
The Rise of the Yeast	Oliver Saenz
Can you Make a Hot Air Balloon Fly with Birthday Candles?	Henry Rodarte
Tornado in a Box	Mrs. Griego's 3-4 grade class

## Calendar

Jan 30	Legislative Advocacy Day
Feb 6,7	Book Group
Feb 2,16	Great Decisions
Feb 14	Branch Luncheon
Feb 20	Nonfiction Book Group

### Coordinating Council 2022-2023

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