



Legislative Preview
Monday, January 6th, 7:00-9:00 pm
Fuller Lodge
Rep. Christine Chandler,
Sen. Roberto “Bobby” Gonzales,
Sen. Leo Jaramillo,
Kristina Fisher

Come at 6:30 for refreshments. AAUW-LA annually co-sponsors this event with LWV-LA. This year, our member, Margo Batha, will moderate.

Our legislators will present their views on issues important to New Mexicans in the coming 60-day legislative session. Kristina Fisher, Associate director of Think New Mexico, will present proposals for solving the healthcare worker shortage. Participants will answer questions from the floor.

Fruit Project 2024



Thanks to our generous members, the committee purchased 1660 pieces of fruit that were distributed into 112 decorated bags for Los Alamos families who registered for the LA Cares December food distribution. We surpassed our goal of \$1000 and received \$1065. Working with LA Cares, we qualified for their discount and spent \$772.20 (\$858 before the discount). The remaining funds, \$292.80, will be given to LA Cares to purchase fruit for the February distribution.

Historically, this is our 11th year, as 2014 was the first year of the Fruit Project, when we filled 90 bags for \$660. The numbers of families in subsequent years are: 97,100,76,80,80,73,77,80,112.

Branch Recognition from Tremayne A. Parquet, AAUW Deputy Director of Advancement

“It is with great pleasure that I share some exciting news—AAUW Los Alamos Inc. (NM) Branch has achieved four stars in AAUW’s **FY24 Five Star Program!** Your branch attained the **Advancement, Programming, Governance & Sustainability and Public Policy & Advocacy** stars. This recognition is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and commitment of your branch members to advancing AAUW’s mission of gender equity for women and girls. The Five Star Program is designed to honor branches that align their work with AAUW’s strategic priorities. Earning four stars is an incredible accomplishment, and we are thrilled to celebrate this success with you. While we will be updating the AAUW website soon to reflect all the branches that have earned stars this year, we wanted to ensure your branch received this good news first. Your achievement will be highlighted alongside

other winning branches, showcasing your vital role in supporting AAUW's mission both locally and nationally. State leadership will be informed in the coming days.

Congratulations again on this well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to creating a more equitable world. “

Judy Prono authored the response to the annual survey and emphasized the branch's continuing strong mission-based focus to our activities.

AAUW-NM's Leadership Team Meeting Sunday, February 9

The state LTM will be held in Santa Fe on **Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025**, at Hotel Santa Fe.

The main focus of the winter meeting is Healthy Aging and Economic Security, and Dori Ramsay will speak on The Memory Alliance, a statewide nonprofit group that works with the NM Department of Aging and Long-Term Services. All branch members are welcome to attend LTM meetings.

The Registration Fee is \$50.00 covering a buffet breakfast and lunch. This is payable at the door. The meeting will begin at 9:00am and go through 4:00pm. Registration will begin at 8:30am. Please use the following link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/AAUWNMWinterLTM2025>

There is more information on the LTM and Advocacy Day on Roadrunner, AAUW-NM newsletter at: <https://aauw-nm.aauw.net/files/2024/12/Winter-Roadrunner-2024-2025.pdf>

AAUW-NM Advocacy Day

Monday, February 10, 10 am-noon,

NM Land Office, Morgan Hall, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail

Speaker List:

10:00 Stephanie Garcia Richard, State Land Commissioner: Land Grant Permanent and Severance Funds and education and environmental sustainability.

10:15 Emily Kaltenbach, NM Aging and Long-Term Services Cabinet Secretary: resources and services available through nmasing.gov and the strategic plan to address the needs of our growing elderly population.

10:45 Othiamba Umi, AARP-NM State Policy Director: Paid Family Medical Leave legislation, other state priorities, national efforts to protect and strengthen Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, and legal resources for seniors.

11:15 Kristina Fisher, THINK NM Associate Director: Addressing NM's Health Care Provider Shortages: legislative proposals to provide funding and incentives to recruit, train, hire, and retain providers.

Meredith Machen is organizing this, and urges all branch members to attend.

This is going to be a very busy 60day Legislative Session and Meredith would appreciate *several helpers to assist her in monitoring the bills and hearings*. All meetings will be held over Zoom, so you do not have to be present in Santa Fe.

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.

Book Group

Book Group does not meet in January. The February book is The Chinese Groove by Katheryn Ma. Jo Moore will review at both meetings.

The February 3rd, 7pm meeting will be hosted by Els Hoffer at 505 Grand Canyon, WR. Please let Els know if you will attend (jimnelshoffer@icloud.com, 505-672-3245).

The February 4th, 1pm meeting will be hosted by Bev Cooper, 521 Ridgecrest, WR. Please let Bev know if you will attend (bcooper@cybermesa.com 505-672-9696, 505- 709-0480)

Great Decisions

This study group will resume in January 2025. as soon as the books arrive.

This year’s topics are:

- American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads*
- U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy*
- U.S.- China Relations*
- International Cooperation on Climate Change*
- The Future of NATO and European Security*
- AI and American National Security*
- India: Between China, the West, and the Global South*

Nonfiction Book Group

Our group is selecting books for the next calendar year. Here is the list we are considering:

A Passionate Mind in Relentless Pursuit: The Vision of Mary McLeod Bethune by Noliwe Rooks

Becoming Earth: How our Planet Came to Life by Ferris Jabr

Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell by Sy Montgomery
Writing for Their Lives, America's Pioneering Science Journalists by Marcel Chotkowski
10 Women Who Changed Science and the World by Catherine Whitlock and Rhodri Evans
Best of Covered Wagon Women, diaries of 9 women, who traveled the Oregon, Utah and Gold Rush Trails, introduction and notes by Kenneth Holmes.

Send your choices and other suggestions to Denise (denisegeorge@icloud.com).

Out 'n About



In April, we will visit a new show at the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology at UNM. “Nothing Left for Me: Federal Policy and the Photography of Milton

Snow in Diné Bikéyah” looks at the brutal impact of the Navajo Livestock Reduction imposed upon Diné communities and homelands by U.S Indian Commissioner John Collier starting in the 1930s. We will have a docent led tour.

Science Fair

The Los Alamos Public Schools Science Fair is in person and will be held on Saturday, January 25 at Barranca Mesa Elementary school. Karen Henderson has registered AAUW-LA with the Science Fair. She will lead our group of judges; a background in science is not required. There is still time to join. Contact Karen at (505-695-0247, KOH7X@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

Calendar

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January 25	LAPS Science Fair

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