

AAUW Los Alamos Branch April 2005 Newsletter

April General Meeting

A Gala Fundraiser for the Education Foundation
An afternoon of music, poetry, and elegant desserts

SONNETS, SONATAS, and TORTES

Saturday, April 16, 2005, 2 o'clock
Fuller Lodge, Los Alamos, NM

Adults -- \$15
Students -- \$10

(ticket price is tax-deductible)

Tickets available from Gloria Cordova (Program Chair).

Mail checks (payable to AAUW EFP) to 442 Ridgcrest Ave., Los Alamos, NM 87544-3548

For more information call Gloria at 505-672-3721

or E-mail <gloria@gloriacordova.com>

National News

LAF will cease to be a separate corporate entity and will become a program of the Educational Foundation, operating under the Educational Foundation. National is excited about the new vision being developed for Legal Advocacy Fund activities. The intent is to make LAF the leading voice on behalf of women challenging sex discrimination in higher education – the place to which women on campus, their supporters, journalists and funders turn first for authority and action on these issues. Current programs are continuing.

LAF has adopted four new cases, including *Simpson, et al. v. University of Colorado*. Lisa Simpson, a former student at the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU) from 2000 to 2004, sued the university for violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 that resulted from sexual assaults and harassment she allegedly suffered by university football recruits and players.

Madeleine Albright will receive the 2005 AAUW Achievement Award from the AAUW Educational Foundation at the Foundation Night Banquet.

State News

Have you ever wanted to stay in the old, refurbished Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, NM? Now's your chance. The AAUW-NM **convention** will be held April 29-May 1 at the historic hotel in Las Vegas, less than a hundred miles from Los Alamos. The spring RoadRunner contains a complete schedule of activities and registration materials.

Branch News

The branch nominating committee chaired by Angela Coop presents the following slate of candidates for the two year position of member of the coordinating council. This slate will be up for a vote at the May meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Helena Whyte

Marilyn Minshall

Rosmarie Frederickson

Completing the second year of their two-year terms are: Beverly Cooper, Denise George, Angela Coop, Gloria Cordova and Natalie Markin.

Pat Mendius will be honored as a Los Alamos Living Treasure on Sunday, April 17. The award will be presented at 2pm at the Betty Ehart Center. Pat has been a tremendous asset to AAUW as well as other organizations. All branch members are encouraged to attend the celebration.

This summer AAUW has a new event, **A Night at the Opera with Friends**. The Branch has purchased 8 tickets to the **Barber of Seville** by Rossini on **Wednesday, July 13**, at the Santa Fe Opera. They are \$48 tickets in a block in section 5 on the main floor of the opera house. The branch is offering these tickets at a price of \$75 each. This price includes the ticket, transportation and an optional pot-luck dinner on the back deck of Nina's home. Use of the proceeds (profits) of this event will be decided by the Branch Coordinating Council and suggestions are welcome. Please get your ticket(s) immediately; when they are gone, they are gone! Tickets are reserved when a check for \$75 (made out to Los Alamos Branch of AAUW) is received by either our treasurer Rosmarie Frederickson or Nina Thayer. If this event is a success the Council may consider offering a choice of two operas for the

summer of 2006. Reserve your ticket(s) today! Questions, call Nina, 662-6835.

New contact information for Rilla Baxter:
Email address: baxart@san.rr.com
Phone number: (858) 731-1161

Study Group Meetings:

Non-fiction book group:

May 16, *When Corporations Rule the World* by David C. Korten.

Call Nina (662-6835) or Rosmarie (662-5915) for more information.

Book Group:

The April 11 meeting will be hosted by Karin Roberts, 411 Cheryl, 7:30pm. The book is *Ahab's Wife*. Call Melissa Lamoreaux for more information (661-1235)

World Culture through Foods:

For more information call Marilyn (672-3499)

Mystery Book Club

April Book: *An Unsuitable Job for a Woman*, P.D. James.

(<http://www.lamountain.ws/mystery.html>)

\$\$\$\$Reminder \$\$\$\$

The AAUW Educational Foundation--the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women--supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented. Fill out this donation form and mail it along with your check to:

Rosmarie Frederickson
1372 47th Street.

Name _____

Educational Foundation Donation for 2005 _____

2004-2005 Membership Challenge:

AAUW-New Mexico is challenging every current member to ask another eligible person to become an AAUW member and there is a reward for your effort. The New Mexico AAUW Board has created a new AAUW-NM membership pin and is giving every new member one FREE and also one to every member who recruits a new member. Four Los Alamos Branch members are now wearing the new pin. Wouldn't you like one? Please ask Angela Coop for new member brochures.

Biography of the Month:



Margaret Bourke-White was born on June 14, 1904 in The Bronx, NY. She attended several universities throughout the United States while pursuing a degree in Herpetology, and she received her degree in 1927 from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

Margaret began to study photography as a hobby while a very young woman. She developed the styles and techniques that she needed for various formats on her own. Her father was also somewhat of a camera enthusiast and he exposed her to the wonders of the photographic lens as a youngster. Her father, Joseph White, an inventor and an engineer, was

of Polish-Jewish background. Margaret's mother, Minnie Bourke, was of Irish-English and was completing her college degree at the time of her death. Margaret was married twice; once to Everett Chapman, when she was but 18 years old; and to Erskine Caldwell, the writer, in 1939, after they had worked together. They divorced in 1942.

Margaret Bourke-White is a woman of many firsts. She was a forerunner in the newly emerging field of photojournalism, and was the first female to be hired as such. She was the first photographer for *Fortune* magazine, in 1929. In 1930, she was the first Western photographer allowed into the Soviet Union.

Henry Luce hired her as the first female photojournalist for *Life* magazine, soon after its creation in 1935, and one of her photographs adorned its first cover. She was the first female war correspondent and the first to be allowed to work in combat zones during World War II, and one of the first photographers to enter and document the death camps. She made history with the publication of her haunting photos of the Depression in the book *You Have Seen Their Faces*, a collaboration with husband-to-be Erskine Caldwell. She wrote six books about her international travels. She was the premiere female industrial photographer, getting her start in Cleveland, Ohio, at the Otis Steel Company about 1927. She died in 1971.

(<http://www.masters-of-photography.com/B/bourke-white/>)

Branch Calendar

Apr	11	Book Group, <i>Ahab's Wife</i> , Karin Roberts, 415 Cheryl 7:30pm
Apr	14	Council Meeting, Pat Mendius's 7:15.
Apr	16	EF fund raiser – 2pm Fuller Lodge
Apr	17	Living Treasures award to Pat Mendius, Ehart Senior Center, 2pm
Apr/May	29-1	State Convention – Las Vegas, NM
May	2	Book Group, 7:30, Chris Sierk, <i>Caramelo</i>
May	6	Spring Tea, 4:00pm, Unitarian Church
May	7	WCTF, Lebanon Dinner, Melissa Lamoreaux 5153 Quemazon, 6:30pm
May	16	Non-fiction book group, <i>When Corporations Rule the World</i>

Coordinating Council for 2004-2005

Marilyn Minshall	Facilitator	
Rosmarie Frederickson	Treasurer	
Bev Cooper	Secretary	
Angela Coop	Membership	
Pat Mendius	Historian	
Denise George	Newsletter	
Gloria Cordova	Program	
Alahna Weller	EF	
Natalie Markin	Publicity/Pub. Policy	