

Los Alamos Branch AAUW April/May 2006

Branch Program Those Harvey Girls by Cate Torres April 20

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30pm

The Harvey Girls' story began in the late 19th-century railroad years, when those who traveled the railroad learned that finding a decent meal was a real trial. Fred Harvey, a British entrepreneur with the railroad, began offering passengers a fine dining experience along the railroad line by hiring young, single women to serve excellent meals in pleasant surroundings.

Harvey Girls were chosen for their intelligence, warm personalities, and ability to learn and adhere to the 'Harvey System' of waiting on and serving customers. For the young women themselves, it was an opportunity to leave the confines of small towns in the Midwestern & Eastern United States to travel independently to the West.

The lecture 'Those Harvey Girls' will focus on the young women who were recruited, trained, and who worked within the carefully managed confines of the Harvey Houses found across the West. Using historical fact, some personal anecdotes from oral history of the Harvey Girls themselves, and a wonderful slide presentation of Harvey Girls and the diners & restaurants in which they worked, the lecture will inform, engage, and even entertain.

Ms. Fitzmaurice-Torres moved from CA to northern NM in 1968 as a participant in the Sixties odyssey of young people seeking a new lifestyle. The historical richness of New Mexico inspired Cate to seek a Bachelor's degree in history, and a Master's in Southwest Studies. Now an adjunct instructor of history at Santa Fe Community College, Cate also works as a historian, and a professional lecturer of New Mexico history. Cate and her husband, Frank Torres, reside in Santa Fe.

May Program: Our spring tea will be Friday, May 5 at the Unitarian Church.

Branch News

12 branch members helped make Expanding Your Horizons a great success. 120 girls from all over Northern New Mexico spent the day in fun math or science workshops presented by professional women. Claudia Lewis, Phd. gave the keynote talk and slide show on how she

became a geologist. 13 teachers and 2 parents attended the Teacher's Conference which was co-sponsored by AAUW with Marilyn Minshall as co-chair. Mary Ann Lindahl gave the teachers a presentation on "foldables", a good teaching technique. Los Alamos Women in Science (with our branch's help) provided a wonderful educational experience for local girls

We have a new member, Nona Bowman, please welcome her and add her entry to your yearbook, nbowman@cybermesa.com.

Los Alamos will be hosting the **state fall workshop** on October 21 and 22. We expect attendance of about 40 women from all corners of our state. The council is looking for suggestions for speakers, entertainment and activities as well as for planning committee members. Natalie Markin (662-9399) (natalie@lanb.com) is happy to take your input.

Study Group Schedules are posted at: http://aauw-nm.org/los_alamos_study_groups.html
Study group chairs are asked to send schedules and any changes to Denise at georgeje@acm.org

AAUW Non-Fiction Book Group:
The next meeting will be at Angela Coop's, 332 Aragon on Monday, May 8th at 7:30 pm. The book is *American Chica*.

The World Cultures through Foods: The contact is Marilyn Minshall. (672-3499).

Book Group: The next meeting will be Monday, April 10 7:30, at the home of Alahna Weller, 2 Cherokee Lane. Mary Jane Geisler will be the discussion leader for the book *The Devil in White City* by Eric Larsen. The May meeting will be held Monday, May 1, at the home of Harriet Dodder, 149 El Gancho. Melissa Lamoreaux will be the discussion leader for the book *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson.

The Mystery Book Club: The next meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 6:30pm at Film Festival. Our book is *Murphy's Law* by Rhys Bowen www.lamountain.ws/mystery.html

Carroll Thomas is the coordinator of the day-time *Great Decisions* group. All meetings are at 10am. The April/May meetings are:
April 10th at Carroll Thomas's, 115 La Senda Rd. The topic is Brazil.
April 24th at Peggy Ehrenkranz, 22 Timber Ridge. The topic is Human Rights
May 8 at the library. The topic is India and China.
May 22 at Pat Mendius', 124 Rover Blvd. The topic is Pandemics.

Helena Whyte has organized an evening *Great Decisions* group for AAUW members. Visitors are welcome. The remaining meetings are:
April 18, at Bev Cooper's, 521 Ridgecrest. The topic is Turkey.
May 16, Brazil.
Contact Helena if you would like to join or just come to a meeting to try it out! (672-9153, helanaw@lanl.gov)

State News

The Santa Fe branch held a very successful 'High Tea' to support the Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship. Several of our members joined AAUW members from Albuquerque, Las Vegas and Santa Fe (some of us clad in hats, gloves, and party dresses) to be elegantly fed and entertained. A good time was had by all and the Corrine Wolfe fund was enriched by the contributions.

It's state convention time in Carlsbad, April 29,30. Become a branch delegate and enjoy 'Pondering Public Policy on the Pecos'. Registration information is in the spring Roadrunner and may be found at: http://www.pvtnetworks.net/nelsons/index_files/Page469.htm
Contact Natalie for carpooling and to sign up to be a delegate.

Science Fair Thank You Notes

Thank you for giving us a prize in the Science Fair. We would like to buy science stuff for our classroom.
Mrs. Souza's
First Grade Class



Thank you for being a 2006 County science fair sponsor. I would also like to thank you for the wonderful prize that you gave me. I am very happy. I hope I can participate in the future science fairs. Thank you again.

Justin Dunn
Aspen School
4th Grade

Dear Ms. Frederickson,
I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the county science fair. I am especially grateful for the award that was given to me. The fact that my project was recognized by your organization has made me very proud. In the future I hope to continue in projects related to science.

Thanks you for the prize money. This years project was fun and I cant wait till next year!!!!

Sincerely,
Sharifa Lockman

Thank you for the five dollars you gave me. I'm glad you liked my project.

Dear dad, Bob It was a fun project.

Thank you so much for the money. I will use it wisely.

Sincerely, Evan Anderson

Sincerely,
Laura Wendelberger

Branch Calendar

Apr	10	Book Group, 7:30, <i>Devil in White City</i> , Alahna Weller, 2 Cherokee, 7:30pm
Apr	10	Great Decisions, 10am, Carroll Thomas, 124 La Senda, Brazil
Apr	17	Council meeting, 7:15pm, Pat Mendius, 124 Rover
Apr	18	Evening Great Decisions, Turkey, Bev Cooper, 521 Ridgecrest, 7:30pm
Apr	20	Branch Program, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30pm
Apr	22	World Food, Russian, 6pm
Apr	24	Great Decisions, 10am, Peggy Ehrenkranz, 122 Timber Ridge, Human Rights
May	1	Book Group, 7:30, <i>Gilead</i> , Harriet Dodder, 149 El Gancho, 7:30
May	5	Spring Tea, Unitarian Church, 4pm
May	8	Non-fiction book group, Angela Coop, 332 Aragon, <i>American Chica</i>
May	8	Great Decisions, 10am, library, India
May	16	Great Decision Evening Group, Brazil
May	22	Great Decisions, 10am, Pat Mendius's, 124 Rover, pot luck lunch + Pandemics
July	17	Non-fiction book group, <i>The World is Flat</i> , Carroll Thomas
Sept	18	Non-fiction book group, <i>1491</i> , Peggy Lazarus

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