

**Branch News**

**MAY BRANCH MEETING:**

SPRING TEA

MAY 4, 2007

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2390 North Rd.

4-6:30 PM

The annual Spring Tea will be hosted by the AAUW Council. The council will be providing the refreshments for the membership and their guests. Please come and bring a friend. Pat Mendius has arranged to have Sharon Mulrey present a delightful program titled Ladies' Civil War Clothing. The clothing, headwear, coats, shoes, purses, gloves, etc. are originals or authentic replicas from the Civil War Period. Sharon frequently adds to her wonderful collection by purchasing on E-Bay from collectors.

She will be donning some of the clothing, including such under garments as hoop skirts and corsets. She will talk about how the styles changed in the pre-war to post-war years—1855-1866. Pat saw Sharon give this program for the DAR and was very impressed. Thank you Pat for making all of the arrangements for what sounds like a most interesting program!

Nominations for the Coordinating council:

The Nominating Committee has nominated Rozelle Wright, Denise George and Carroll Thomas to assume positions on the coordinating Council. The nominees will be voted on at the Tea. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The accepted nominees will join the following returning Council members: Helena Whyte, Bev Cooper, Alahna Weller, Cas Mason, and Natalie Markin. Adjunct members are: Marilyn Minshall who will continue as Historian; Jane Sherwood, who occasionally comes to Council meetings and will continue as Hospitality Chair; and Pat Mendius, who will continue to do her fabulous job of Council hostess. State president Nina Thayer is also an occasional visitor to the Council.

We wish to thank Pat Mendius for all of her hard work as Nominating Chair for this year.

Nina Thayer will be honored for bringing in the most new members (4) to our branch for this year. Congratulations Nina for all of your hard work!

Pat Mendius, Rosmarie Frederickson and Fran Mueller (deceased) are the EF honorees for this year. Pat and Rosmarie will receive certificates at the Tea. Fran's will be mailed to an out-of-town family member. Congratulations!

**Los Alamos Branch News:**

Dues for the year 2007/2008 will be \$69. Of that amount \$47 is for National dues, \$12 is for State dues and \$10 is for Branch dues. The deadline for paying your dues is June 30th, 2007. Please mail your dues to Rosmarie Frederickson or pay them at the Spring Tea. This will save the Treasurer further work in tracking you down. See the coupon at the end of the newsletter for your use in paying the dues.

## AAUW STATE NEWS

The AAUW-NM Spring State Leadership Team meeting and the AAUW-NM State Convention will be hosted by the Las Cruces Branch in Las Cruces, NM, April 27-29, 2007. The Convention theme is "Changing Lives, Changing Times". Refer to the current "Roadrunner" for all the details and the registration form. Call Natalie Markin, 662-9399, if you would like to attend, need a ride or a hotel room mate.

## AAUW NATIONAL NEWS

The time for the National Convention in Phoenix is approaching. The dates are June 29th-July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Helena Whyte for further information if you are interested in attending. She has rented a timeshare condo with extra beds for those who would like go. The convention program is available on the national AAUW website: <http://www.aauw.org/>

## STUDY GROUPS

Study Group Schedules are posted at:

[http://aauw-nm.org/los\\_amos\\_study\\_groups.html](http://aauw-nm.org/los_amos_study_groups.html)

Study group chairs are asked to send schedules and any changes to Denise at [georgeje@acm.org](mailto:georgeje@acm.org) and Alahna Weller at [acweller@comcast.net](mailto:acweller@comcast.net)

*Non-Fiction Book Group:* Contact is Denise George: The May 21 meeting, 7:30 PM, will be hosted by Rozelle Wright, 213 Barranca. The book is Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder. The reviewer is Harriet Dodder.

*Fiction Book Group:* Contacts are Rozelle Wright and Denise George: The May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, 7:30 PM, will be hosted by Denise George, 411 Cheryl. The book is Three Junes by Julia glass. The reviewer is Carroll Thomas.

*The Mystery Book Club:* [www.lamountain.ws/mystery.html](http://www.lamountain.ws/mystery.html)

Great Decisions Groups:

DAYTIME:

Carroll Thomas is the coordinator of the day-time *Great Decisions* group. All meetings are at 10 AM, room 1 at Mesa Library. Next dates are: April 23. The topic is War Crimes; and May 14. The topic is South Africa.

EVENING:

Helena Whyte is the coordinator of the evening Great Decisions group. All meetings are at 7:30 PM. The next meeting is May 14, the topic is Central Asia. Bev Cooper, 521 Ridgecrest, is the hostess. Note the date change from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>! All other scheduled meetings have been canceled.

World Cultures Through Food Group: Marilyn Minshall is the coordinator. The May dinner has been canceled as half of the group will be unavailable in May.

The Bridge Group will hopefully resume next year under the leadership of Jane Sherwood.

**Branch Calendar:**

April	23	Morning Great Decisions, 10 AM-12 PM, Mesa Library, room 1
April	24	Equal Pay Day
April	27-29	Spring State Leadership Team meeting and AAUW State Convention, hosted by the Las Cruces branch
May	4	Spring Tea at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4 – 6:30 PM. The program will be Sharon Mulrey presenting <u>Ladies Civil War Time Clothing</u>
May	7	Fiction Book Group, 7:30 PM, at the home of Carol Thomas
May	14	Morning Great Decisions, 10 AM-12 PM, Mesa Library, room 1
May	14	Evening Great Decisions, 7:30 PM, home of Bev Cooper, 521 Ridgecrest
May	21	Non-Fiction Book Group, 7:30 PM, home of Rozelle Wright, 213 Barranca
June	29-July2	AAUW National Association convention in Phoenix, AZ.
June	30	Association/State/Branch dues deadline
July	28	Summer AAUW-NM Leadership Team meeting, Albuquerque, UNM campus

**Coordinating Council for 2006-2007**

Helena Whyte	Facilitator	672-9153
Gloria Cordova	Membership/Diversity	672-3721
Rosmarie Frederickson	Treasurer/Public Policy Chair	662-5915
Bev Cooper	Secretary	672-9696
Pat Mendius	Nominating Chair	672-3222
Alahna Weller	Newsletter Editor	672-9539
Natalie Markin	EF	662-9399
Susan Oldham	Publicity Chair	672-0778
Cas Mason	International Affairs	672-1938
Marilyn Minshall	Historian	672-3499
Jane Sherwood	Hospitality	662-3194

Tear of the following coupon to assist you in paying your 2007/2008 dues as soon as possible. Thank you for being prompt!

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I \_\_\_\_\_ am paying my AAUW 2007/2008 dues of \$69, payable to the Los Alamos Branch of AAUW. Mail dues to: AAUW, PO Box 272, Los Alamos, NM 87544; or bring the dues to the Spring Tea on May 4, 2007.

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