

Los Alamos Branch AAUW December 2007

Scholarships, Sangria and Tapas Holiday Party for the Educational Foundation Corinne Wolfe Fellowship December 9, Sunday, 4-7pm Nina and Gary Thayer's Home 1707 Solana, Quemazon, Los Alamos

Come celebrate the holiday season at this gala benefit. Branch members are busy researching and preparing tapas (Spanish appetizers) and perfecting sangria recipes (alcoholic and non). Kay and Brian Newman, Kathy Gursky and James Knudson, string quartet par excellence; and the LAHS carolers will entertain us. Twice the entire price of your ticket will be donated to the EF Corinne Wolfe international fellowship endowment. Thanks to an anonymous AAUW donor, your contribution will be doubled; a \$100 donation becoming \$200. New Mexico is working hard to complete endowment of this EF fellowship which will bring a woman to the US to study each year. Tickets are available from Carroll Thomas (672-1937) at the following three levels; please be as generous as your budget allows:

- \$20 Corinne Wolfe Tutor
- \$35 Corinne Wolfe Educator
- \$50 Corinne Wolfe Scholar

Future Branch Events:

January 10, 2008, Thursday, Fuller Lodge:

The branch will co-sponsor the Legislative Preview Session with the League of Woman Voters.

January 16, 2008, Wednesday, Los Alamos Public Schools Downtown Office, 4:30 - 6:00pm, Tentative date for Let's Read Math Workshop. Later in the year, the branch plans on offering the workshop for teachers in local elementary schools. Contact Natalie Markin (662-9399 or natalie@lanb.com) if you would like to become involved.

January 26, 2008, Saturday, Los Alamos Science Fair. Rosmarie Frederickson is the chair of our committee to award prizes to fair participants. Contact Rosmarie if you would like to help (662-5915 or frederrh@yahoo.com). We just received a very late note from Elliot Clay. He says, "This was a great year for science fair and I really hope you will support the science fair next year. Please accept this card even though it is a little late."

March 4, Tuesday, 7:30pm, Bethlehem

Lutheran Church: An International Relations event about Iran arranged by our International Chair, Cas Mason. Cas has contacted two Iranian women who will discuss the history of Iran and the situation of women in Iran.

April 4, Friday, Expanding Your Horizons Conference. Marilyn Minshall has been our liaison with Los Alamos Women in Science for this event. She is looking for help. Contact Marilyn at 672-3499.

April 24, Thursday, 7:30pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church:

Program on pay equity.

May 9, Friday Bethlehem Lutheran Church :

Spring Membership Tea.

Branch News:

Our branch welcomes several new members this year. Here are introductions in their own words.

Leslie Puckett:

I moved to Los Alamos at age 11 from Mississauga, Ontario (I was born in D.C so I am a US citizen). I went to UC Santa Cruz for undergrad in Biology. Worked at LANL as a student for 1 year. Married Anthony Puckett (parents are John and Norma Puckett). Went to grad school at Colorado State (Fort Collins) and received a master's in Environmental Health (spec. Industrial Hygiene). Then we went to Orono, ME for 3 years while my husband earned his PhD. I worked at a soil lab while in Maine and while living there I had my first child Jillian. We moved back to Los Alamos in 2004. David was born in 2005. Now I'm working part-time at LANL in the Industrial Hygiene and Safety group. My interests are Scottish highland dancing, bagpiping, snowboarding, and scrapbooking.

Millie Saxman:

She recently became a dual member of the Los Alamos Branch of AAUW, has lived and worked professionally in three states: Pennsylvania, New Mexico, and California. Born and educated in western Pennsylvania, she graduated from Seton Hill College in 1960 and moved with her physicist husband, Al Saxman, to New Mexico. While pursuing their careers, they reared and educated three children in Albuquerque and Los Alamos. In 1998, six years after the death of her husband, Millie retired from the Public Affairs Office of Los Alamos National Laboratory and moved to California to be a nanny for her daughter's three children. Upon her arrival in the Bay Area nine years ago, Millie joined the Palo Alto Branch of AAUW. While visiting with Jane Sherwood this summer, Millie became a dual member of our branch because she has many friends in Los Alamos and would like to keep abreast of their activities through the newsletter.

Kathryn Dimmerling:

I was born in Wichita Falls, TX, but as a military brat I moved around a lot. We settled in Ashland, Ohio for most of my life. I then went to The Ohio State University and graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources. I moved to Los Alamos in 2005 when my husband got a job at the lab. I have worked at Los Alamos National Bank for a year and a half in Human Resources. I am now the Benefits Administrator. I also recently got married on August 8th and am greatly enjoying it. I also enjoy reading, photography, hiking, and traveling in my free time.

Phyllis Holland:

I belonged to AAUW during the 1960s and was active in the book group and art group. I am now retired from the Lab. I am active in volunteer work, Church women and I am a passionate art quilter.

Veronica Encinas-Saumon

I was born in Bisbee, AZ - a small mining town in southeast Arizona. We moved to Tucson when I was very young, so I mostly grew up there. I attended the University of Arizona where I earned a B.A. in Secondary Education/Bilingual Education. Not long after, I moved to Nashville, TN with Didier (who was my fiancee at the time). I was a teacher there until I decided to get my master's degree. In the meantime Didier were married in 1999 in my hometown of Bisbee, AZ in the same church I was baptized. (My parents were also married in that same church way back). I received my MS in library and information science in 2004 (about 2 years after we had moved to Los Alamos). I worked at LANL until June 2007, and I now work (very happily) at the White Rock Branch library where I intend to stay for the rest of my career (if possible). I love Astronomy and gardening as well as reading - including graphic novels and historical fiction. I also love history, antiques and archeology.

Our two newest members are not included in your yearbook. Please add their information to your membership lists. I'll publish their bios next month.

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Study Group Schedules are posted at:

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

Book Group: The next meeting will be Monday, December 3, 7:30, at the home of Carroll Thomas, 115 La Senda Road. The book is Secret River by Kate Grenville.

Non-Fiction Book Group:

The next meeting will be at the home of Lynn Jones, 520 Navajo on Monday, January 14 at 7:30 pm. The book is *The View from the Center of the Universe* by Joel Primak.

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

Carroll Thomas is the coordinator of the day-time *Great Decisions* group. Helena Whyte is the coordinator of the evening group. Meetings begin after the first of the year.

Bridge: Jane Sherwood (662-3194) is still trying to resurrect this group. More partnerships are needed, and if someone would like to step forward and be chair, free advice is available!

State News:

Coming up in New Mexico: Raffling a Native American Pot to benefit LAF during the Winter State Leadership Team Meeting in Santa Fe in January. Since 1981 the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has contributed more than \$1.3 million to more than 100 cases involving women fighting sex discrimination in higher education. LAF offers plaintiffs financial assistance and outreach for their cases. LAF does not engage in litigation.

National News:

After completing a national search with the assistance of the search consulting firm Association Strategies, Inc., AAUW's Search Committee is excited to announce Linda D. Hallman will be appointed AAUW Executive Director, effective January 7, 2008. Linda Hallman joins AAUW after a long history of Washington DC area association and foundation executive level leadership experience. She is currently serving as Vice President of Policy and Government Strategy, External and Member Relations, with National Alliance for Health Information Technology (NAHIT), from their Washington, DC office. Highlights of Linda's extensive prior nonprofit experience include service as Executive Director of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) and AMWA Foundation, as well as President and Chief Executive Officer of American Horticultural Society. Further, she served in the United States Army and U.S. Army Band and Chorus, receiving an honorable discharge. Linda earned her master's degree (M.A.) in Organizational Management from George Washington University and bachelor's degree (B.A.) in Music Education from Indiana University. She has acquired extensive continuing professional development and is affiliated with relevant organizations for professionals in the field. In addition, Linda has been an AAUW member.

The first annual **Jane Addams Day** will be celebrated December 10, 2007. AAUW-Illinois is working with other organizations to plan various activities honoring this important Chicago woman!

More at: <http://aauw-il.org/jane.html>

Branch Calendar

now		Order tickets for December gala benefit. Call Carroll Thomas, 672-1937
Nov	29	Council meeting, 7:15, Pat Mendijs, 124 Rover
Dec	3	Book Group, 7:30, Carroll Thomas's, 115 La Senda, <u>Secret River</u> by Kate Grenville
Dec	9	Scholarships, Sangria and Tapas, EF fundraiser, 4-7pm, Nina Thayer's, 1707 Solana
Jan	10	General Meeting, Fuller Lodge, Legislative Preview
Jan	14	Non-fiction books, 7:30pm, Lynn Jones, 520 Navajo, <u>The View from the Center of the Universe</u>
Jan	16	Let's Read Math workshop, LAPS downtown office (tentative)
Jan	26	Science Fair

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