

Los Alamos Branch AAUW December 2008

Doris Francis will discuss her book Faith and Transformation, Votive Offerings and Amulets from the Alexander Girard Collection Thursday, December 18, at 7pm Mesa Public Library

AAUW will join with Mesa Public Library Author Speak series, to host Doris Francis, PhD, a research associate at the New Mexico Folk Art Museum. Ms Francis is a social-cultural anthropologist and gerontologist. Her recent book draws on examples from the Alexander Girard collection at the New Mexico Folk Art Museum. It describes the uses of these objects by people around the world who practice different faiths and different cultural and ritual practices.

Branch News:

State Convention Planning: The New Mexico AAUW convention will be held in Los Alamos on the weekend of April 24-26. The name for the Spring Convention is "Think Green, Think Smart". The next Convention Planning Committee Meeting will be held at 7:00pm on January 4, 2009 at Mesa Public Library in the 3rd floor meeting room. Please join us if you would like to participate in the planning process. Helena Whyte (672-9153) or Natalie Markin (662-9399) can provide more information.

We would like to make sure that all AAUW members are able to attend our events. If you can provide a ride to AAUW events call or e-mail Helena.

If you need a ride (long term or short term) to an AAUW event call or e-mail Helena. (672-9153, or mozden08@aol.com)

Gloria Cordova has a new e-mail address, update your membership directory:
gloria.cordova@ymail.com

Study Group Schedules are posted at:
http://aauw-nm.org/los_alamos_study_groups.html

Book Group: New this year. We will meet at 7:30 PM on a Monday, but we will also have a discussion of the same book later in the week in the afternoon, so that people can come to whichever meeting is most convenient.

The December first evening meeting will be held at 7:30pm at the home of Denise George, 411 Cheryl Ave. The book is Here if you Need Me, by Kate Braestrup.

The December 2nd day-time meeting will be held at 2pm at the home of Linda McLellan, 422 Connie.

Non-Fiction Book Group: There will be no December meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, January 19, 2009. The book is Blood and Thunder by Hampton Sides. The reviewer is Denise George. Pat Mendius, 124 Rover, will host the meeting.

The World Cultures through Foods: All dinners are at 6pm. Contact Marilyn Minshall (672-3499) for more information. The January 24th Dinner From Thailand will be hosted by Marilyn Minshall.

Great Decisions: Carroll Thomas (672-1937) is the coordinator of the day-time group. The evening group is coordinated by Helena Whyte (672-9153). The organizational meeting for the evening great decisions will be held on January 29, 7:30pm at Helena Whyte's, 100 El Morro.

Bridge: Contact Jane Sherwood if you would like to play this year.

Study group chairs are asked to send schedules and any changes to Denise at georgeje@acm.org

Future Branch Events:

January 14, 2009, Wednesday, at Fuller Lodge. Legislative Preview sponsored jointly with League of Women Voters. Refreshments start at 6:30 PM. Preview is scheduled 7-9 PM.

January 22, Choice Rally, Santa Fe

January 24, Los Alamos County Science Fair, Judges needed, contact Rosmarie Frederickson to help (frederrh@yahoo.com)

February 3 at 7 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Our general meeting will feature Dr Lee speaking on Women in China.

February 8, Winter Leadership Team Meeting, Santa Fe hosting.

February 9, AAUW Legislative day

February 18, 4-7pm at LAHS DECA Cafeteria. Let's Read Math at Discover E. Engineering and scientific professionals from local technical societies and businesses, along with advanced students and Girl Scouts, volunteer to provide interactive demonstrations for northern New Mexico's kindergarten through high school students. AAUW Los Alamos has planned an activity involving making arts with fractions of circles. This will be much fun, but we need volunteers. Contact Helena Whyte to participate.

April 24-26. Los Alamos hosts the AAUW New Mexico State Convention.

May 15 from 4:30 to 6:30PM. Mark your calendars for the Spring Membership Tea. The NM Co-Presidents Nina Thayer(our own) and Mary Sanford will be presenting. Be sure to come to meet Mary.

State News: Leadership Opportunities Aplenty



for Finance Chair, Program/Issues Coordinator and Public Policy Coordinator. We can't divine your interest and

availability, so if you are seeking leadership opportunities, please contact Carol Ann Council, Nominating Chair, (KK-CA_Council@msn.com) for job descriptions.

EF/LAF raffle:

This beautiful quilt is being raffled to benefit EF/LAF. Buy tickets at branch meetings or from Rosmarie Frederickson.

Olympian of the Month

Verena 'Vreni' Schneider was born November 26, 1964 in Elm Switzerland. She is the most successful alpine ski racer of her country, the second most successful ski racer in the world and was elected "Swiss Sportswoman of the Century". She won the overall skiing world cup three times and eleven world cups in slalom and giant slalom, 55 world cup races, five medals (3 gold) Olympic games, and six medals at skiing world championships. During the 1988/89 season she won 14 world cup races. This record has not been beaten so far.

After eleven successful seasons, she announced her retirement. Today she runs a ski and snowboard school in her home village of Elm as well as a sport equipment shop. All skiers should THINK SNOW!

Branch Calendar

Dec	1	Book Group, 7:30pm, Denise George, 411 Cheryl
Dec	2	Book Group, 2pm, Linda McLellan, 422 Connie
Dec	4	Council Meeting, 7:15pm, Pat Mendius, 124 Rover
Dec	18	General Meeting, 7pm, Mesa Public Library
Jan	4	Convention planning meeting, 7pm, Mesa Public Library (floor3)

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