



---

## **Los Alamos Branch AAUW December 2010**

---

**There is no December general meeting.**

**January 11: International Program on Turkey with Tuba Sahin Owens,**  
7:30 p.m. at the Friendship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 715  
Diamond Drive.

We are fortunate to have **Tuba Owens** speaking to us about what life was like for her growing up in Turkey. Tuba is currently a PhD student at the University of New Mexico. In addition, and for five years, Tuba has been working at Los Alamos Laboratory as a graduate research assistant. She received her undergraduate training at Bogazici University (Istanbul) in electrical engineering. Tuba received a Master's Degree in Biomedical Engineering at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire. There she also met her American husband, Israel. Tuba and Israel live in Los Alamos' North Community and are preparing their home for a baby boy. Her parents and a sister still live in Istanbul, where they will eagerly await news of the baby's birth.

This year, International Night is about a month earlier than usual because of the anticipated arrival of the Owens' baby in mid-March. Note also that the talk will not be at the usual venue, but rather at First United Methodist (thanks to Pat and Louise Mendius). Please attend a give a good welcome to this relatively new member of the Los Alamos Community.

**January 13: Legislative Preview co sponsored with LWV at Fuller Lodge.** Helena Whyte will moderate.

**February 2011:** Chautauqua speaker to be arranged by Mary Ann Lindahl.

**March: Deanise Marta from the Las Cruces branch will present a program on Women's Suffrage.**

**April 12: Learn to play Mah Jong at our AAUW Funds benefit.**

**May 6: Spring Tea featuring our state poet laureate Joan Logghe.**

### **Branch News:**

The branch is needs a Nominations Chair. This job entails contacting AAUW- Los Alamos Branch members to ask them if they would be willing to serve on the Coordinating Council for a 2 year term. Please contact Natalie Markin ([natalie@lanb.com](mailto:natalie@lanb.com)) if you are interested and want to know more. You can help support our branch with a relatively short-term commitment. We very much welcome new members as well as long-term members to help us fill this position.

Los Alamos Branch received an AAUW state mini grant to support publication and distribution of the LWV Voter's Guide. We received a Thank you from LWV President, Barbara Calef.

### **National News:**

National has replaced its representative style of governance with a one-member-one-vote procedure. Now all members can participate in electing candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors and in voting on other items of business such as bylaws amendments, resolutions, and the Public Policy

Program. Details are in the recent issue of *Outlook*. The parties in *Foltz et al. v. Delaware State University*, an important class action Title IX lawsuit brought by members of the university's women's equestrian team, have reach a settlement. The settlement requires DSU to comply with Title IX's requirements to provide equitable participation opportunities and recruitment support to women's athletics. This suit was supported the Legal Advocacy Fund.

**Study Groups:**

*Book Group:*

The December book is Saturday by Ian McEwan. The December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at 7:30p.m. at Chris Sierk's home, 4640 Ridgeway. The reviewer is Angela Coop. Linda McLellan, 422 Connie, is hosting the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1p.m. meeting. The reviewer is Jenny Bishop. There is no January book group meeting.

*Non-Fiction Book Group:* The January book is Hellhound on his Trail by Hampton Sides. We will meet on Monday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Lynn Jones's, 520 Navaho.

*World Cultures through Foods:* The January 15<sup>th</sup> Levantine dinner will be held at Marilyn Lisowski's, 2169 Deer Trail Rd at 6 p.m. Contact Marilyn Minshall (672-3499) for more information.

magazine.

*Great Decisions:*

These groups meet after the first of the year. Books are ordered in advance. Contact one of the coordinators if you wish to participate this year. The day-time group meets at Mesa Public library on the first and third Mondays at 10am. The evening group schedules meetings at the convenience of the members.

The topics for this coming year are:

- Rebuilding Haiti**
- U.S. National Security**
- Horn of Africa**
- Responding to the Financial Crisis**
- Germany Ascendant**
- Sanctions and Non-Proliferation**
- The Caucasus**
- Global Governance**

The day-time group is coordinated by Carroll Thomas (672-1937).

The evening group is coordinated by Helena Whyte (672-9153).

Study Group Schedules are posted at:

[http://aauw-nm.org/los\\_alamos\\_study\\_groups.html](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](mailto:georgeje@acm.org)

**Branch Calendar**

Dec	6	Book Group, 7:00 p.m., Chris Sierk, 4640 Ridgeway
Dec	7	Book Group, 1:00 p.m., Linda McLellan, 422 Connie
Dec	20	Pat Mendius hosts council meeting, 7:15 p.m.
Jan	11	General Branch meeting, Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Jan	13	Legislative Preview, Fuller Lodge.
Jan	15	Levantine dinner, Marilyn Lisowski's
Jan	17	Non-fiction book group, 7:30 p.m., Lynn Jones, 520 Navaho

### Coordinating Council for 2010-2011

Rozelle Wright	Treasurer	662-5490	<a href="mailto:rozelle@losalamos.com">rozelle@losalamos.com</a>
Mary Ann Lindahl	Publicity	663-0995	<a href="mailto:moonbeamx@comcast.net">moonbeamx@comcast.net</a>
Alahna Weller	Membership	672-9539	<a href="mailto:acweller@comcast.net">acweller@comcast.net</a>
Helena Whyte	AAUF Funds	672-9153	<a href="mailto:mozden08@aol.com">mozden08@aol.com</a>
Bev Cooper	Secretary	672-9696	<a href="mailto:mcooper@cybermesa.com">mcooper@cybermesa.com</a>
Natalie Markin	Facilitator	662-9399	<a href="mailto:natalie@lanb.com">natalie@lanb.com</a>
Nina Thayer	Public Policy	662-6835	<a href="mailto:gnthayer@cybermesa.com">gnthayer@cybermesa.com</a>
Dorothy Donnelly-Shaner	International Affairs	672-2224	<a href="mailto:fivesigma@comcast.net">fivesigma@comcast.net</a>
Non-council positions			
Jane Sherwood	Hospitality	662-3194	<a href="mailto:jane.sherwood@att.net">jane.sherwood@att.net</a>
Denise George	Newsletter	672-9688	<a href="mailto:mozden08@aol.com">mozden08@aol.com</a>
Marilyn Minshall	Historian	672-3499	<a href="mailto:fsminc@losalamos-nm.com">fsminc@losalamos-nm.com</a>