



AAUW Hilltopics December 2012

Ellen Morris Bond of Self-Help Los Alamos
Saturday, December 1, 11:30 p.m.
Rancho de Chimayo

Rancho Chimayo will be decorated for the holidays and our branch will meet there Saturday, December 1st at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Our speaker will be Ellen Morris Bond, Executive Director of Self Help. Self Help, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting those in need in northern New Mexico. "Since 1969, Self Help, Inc. has provided consultation and advocacy, emergency financial assistance and seed money grants to residents of Los Alamos, northern Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, and Taos counties. Each year, through grants and private and public contributions, our organization is able to support those who need help most, during emergencies or in the quest to become economically self-sufficient. Self Help is a member of United Way of Northern New Mexico Serving Los Alamos and Rio Arriba Counties."

December is the season of giving and the Branch Council is asking every member of AAUW- Los Alamos to bring a Smith's gift card, an item greatly needed and appreciated by recipients of Self-Help aid, especially over the holiday season.

The price of the luncheon is \$15 including tip and taxes. There is a choice of five entrees, and the menu is attached to the end of this newsletter.

This is the second holiday lunch at Rancho that the council hopes will continue as a branch tradition.

The council will arrange carpools from White Rock and from the Hill. Please let Nina Thayer (662-6835) know 48 hours in advance if you plan to attend and if you want to join a carpool.

Out'n About:

Wednesday, January 23, Arts and Culture Museum

Navajo Saddle Blankets and Woven Identities (Baskets). Our leader will be Nancy Scheer, 473-9897.

Book group:

The December book is Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight by Alexandra Fuller. Carroll Thomas, 115 La Senda Road will host Monday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. Let her know if you plan on attending (ctgb@earthlink.net, 672-1937). Marilyn Doolen 713 Meadow Lane will host the meeting on Tuesday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m. Let her know if

you plan on attending mtdoolen@aol.com 672-3571). Marilyn Minshall will review at both meetings.

Non-fiction Book Group:

The January 14th book is The Greater Journey by David McCullough. Rosmarie Frederickson will host and Margo Batha will review.

Great Decisions

Carroll Thomas is organizing the morning Great Decisions group. Carroll's contact information is 672-1937, ctgb@earthlink.net. All meetings are at 10:00 a.m.

Helena Whyte is organizing the evening great decisions group. Helena's contact information is 672-9153, mozden08@aol.com.

The 2012-13 topics are

Future of the Euro

Egypt

Nato

Myanmar and Southeast Asia

Humanitarian intervention

Iran

China in Africa

Threat assessment

Title IX Supporting Girls Sports

Helena Whyte is organizing this group and has arranged for these events for the rest of the 2012-2013 year. Weather can cause cancellations; if you sign up to attend, Helena will call if that happens.

December 11, 2012, Tuesday, 7 p.m. Los Alamos High School Girls Basketball at Griffith Gym; admission is \$5 or \$3 for seniors.

January 18, 2013, Friday, 7 p.m. Los Alamos Girls High School Basketball at Griffith Gym; admission is \$5 or \$3 for seniors

February 9, 2013, Saturday, 1 p.m. Northern New Mexico College Lady Eagles Basketball in Espanola

March dates TBD for District and State High School Basketball playoffs

April 20, 2013, Saturday, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Los Alamos High School Softball Double Header at Minor A Softball Field--Overlook Park in White Rock. No admission fee.

Contact Helena if you wish to attend any event (672-9153, mozden08@aol.com).

Branch News

Karin Roberts has a new e-mail address; please change the entry in your membership roster to karinroberts875@icloud.com

UNM-LA will be the host for a student workshop entitled Smart Start. It will be held on Nov. 28th, a Wednesday, at 11 a.m. Smart Start is a Pay Equity Workshop run by Shelly Rossbach for UNM-LA students. Maryjane Giesler, our branch university representative has arranged this workshop. If any branch members wish to attend, they should call Maryjane at 662-5574.

It will be held at UNM-LA at the student center in Building 2.

Each year **MANA del Norte** has a silent auction that precedes its scholarship banquet. This year our AAUW branch members donated items to the silent auction that sold for a total of \$496. In addition, Mona Wecksung solicited donations from other friends and businesses that brought an additional \$357 to MANA. Therefore, we AAUW members have gathered donations that netted a total \$853 for MANA. This amount will be placed in the MANA scholarship fund and is almost enough to fund another \$1,000 MANA scholarship.

This money is in addition to the \$1,071 donated by our branch members earlier this year to fund a \$1,000 scholarship for Laura Romero, a single mom who is majoring in mechanical engineering at Northern New Mexico College. It is my hope that Laura will be able to join us at our branch meeting in December so that we all will have a chance to meet our scholarship recipient.

My sincerest thanks to all my AAUW friends who participated in these fundraisers for the MANA del Norte Scholarship Fund.

Mona Wecksung

MANA Silent Auction Chair

Biography of the Month



I recently came across the name of photographer **Imogen Cunningham** while reading a biography of Edward Curtis. When Curtis hired Cunningham she had just graduated in 1907 from the University of Washington where she had majored in chemistry and subsidized her tuition by photographing plants for the botany department.

She, like Curtis, was skilled in darkroom techniques and promoted the artistic merits of photography. She was not afraid to experiment; she had photographed nudes and explored dream states in her prints. Working for Curtis for only two years she learned the practical side of photography and especially the art of portraits.

In 1909 she won a scholarship to study in Germany. Returning to Seattle, she opened her own successful studio; a few years later she married Roi Partridge, an artist and teacher and had three children. When Partridge was offered a teaching position at Mills College, they moved to San Francisco. There she took a greater interest in pattern and detail and became increasingly interested in botanical photography, especially flowers. Later in the decade she turned her attention toward industry, creating several series of industrial landscapes in Los Angeles and Oakland.

Cunningham once again changed direction, becoming more interested in the human form, particularly hands, and she was fascinated with the hands of artists and musicians. This interest led to her employment by *Vanity Fair*, photographing stars without make-up. In 1932, with this unsentimental, straightforward approach in mind, Cunningham became one of the co-founders of the Group f/6, which aimed to “*define photography as an art form by a simple and direct presentation through purely photographic methods.*” She continued with *Vanity Fair* until it stopped publication in 1936. During this period Cunningham divorced.

In the 1940s Cunningham turned to documentary street photography, which she executed as a side project while supporting herself with her commercial and studio photography. In 1945, Cunningham was invited by Ansel Adam to accept a position as a faculty member for the art photography department at the California School of Fine Arts.

Cunningham continued to take photographs until shortly before her death at age ninety-three on June 24, 1976. Her range of subject matter is enormous and for a sample of her photography go to this site:

http://www.photoliasion.com/Images/Imogen_Cunningham_Album/index.htm

Here is my favorite Cunningham quote: “A woman said to me when she first sat down, You're photographing the wrong side of my face. I said, Oh, is there one? “

Branch Calendar

Nov	28	Smart Start Workshop
Dec	1	Branch meeting at Rancho de Chimayo
Dec	3,4	Book group
Dec	11	Title Nine Study Group

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Lunch Menu 1 Rancho de Chimayo

Pollo Al Estilo Chimayó

A chicken breast topped with mild chile con queso; served with Spanish rice and fresh calabacitas.

Sopaipilla Relleno

A sopaipilla stuffed with shredded beef, whole beans and Spanish rice; topped with cheddar cheese, and a choice of red or green chile. Finished with a side of guacamole.

Combinacion Pequeño

A combination plate with a shredded beef taco, cheese enchilada, Spanish rice and whole beans and a choice of red or green chile.
*Vegetarian combination available

Aguacate Relleno

A half avocado filled with chicken salad, served over a bed of lettuce and tomato.

Traditional Enchiladas

Two rolled corn tortillas filled with cheese and your choice of chicken or shredded beef, topped with red or green chile. Served with a side of whole beans.

\$15.00 per person

Tax and Gratuity Included

All dinners include:

Chips and Salsa

Fresh hot sopaipillas and honey

and your choice of coffee, tea or soda

If you wish to include a dessert with your entree, we offer:

Natilla—A traditional vanilla milk pudding—\$19.00 per person

Flan—A baked caramel custard—\$20.25 per person