

Los Alamos Branch AAUW February 2010

Presidential Pride

Celebrating Our Country and its Presidents with Drama and Dessert

February 21, 2010, 3:00-5:00 PM

Nina and Gary Thayer's home, 1707 Solana, Los Alamos

Featuring

THEODORE ROOSEVELT--ROUGH-RIDER PRESIDENT

a Chautauqua performance by Randy Milligan

Accompanied by

Elegant Desserts

As all proceeds from the program will go to the AAUW Corinne Wolfe Endowment for International Scholarships for Women, the total cost of the tickets is tax deductible. Ticket prices are graduated to accommodate everyone's budget.

President \$60

Senator \$40

Representative \$20

To reserve tickets, send a check made out to "AAUW Fund #4226" to:

Los Alamos AAUW

PO Box 272

Los Alamos, NM 87544

We will send the tickets. Your cancelled check will be your receipt.

Centennial celebrations of Theodore Roosevelt's legacy abound: the national resources that he saved; his Rough Rider charge up San Juan Hill; his presidency which led the U.S. into world leadership; his promotion of reading and education. "TR" definitely belongs on Mount Rushmore as the man of the West next to Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln.

Randy Milligan is an instructor at New Mexico State University in Carlsbad and president of the Carlsbad Arts and Humanities Alliance.

Branch News:

Join the Los Alamos contingent at Legislative Day, Monday, February 1. Contact Rosemarie Frederickson (662-5915) to arrange carpooling.

Rosmarie also chaired the science fair committee composed of Julie Wangler, Margo Batha and Mary Ann Lindahl.

Book Group: The February book is The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski. The February 1st meeting will be held at 7:30pm at the home of Pat Mendius, 124 Rover. Jenny Bishop, 114 Alhambra Dr., is hosting the February 2nd, 2pm meeting. The reviewer for both meetings is Mary Jane Giesler.

Both groups need hostesses for many remaining meetings: April 5, 6; May 3, 4. Please contact Rozelle Wright (rozelle@losalamos.com or 662-5490) if you are able to host a meeting.

Non-Fiction Book Group: The next meeting will be Monday March 15 at Rosmarie Frederickson's, 1372 47th St. The book is The Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell. Lynn Jones is the reviewer.

World Cultures through Foods: Contact Marilyn Minshall (672-3499) for more information.

Great Decisions: Carroll Thomas (672-1937) is the coordinator of the day-time group. The February meetings are *Transnational Crime* on the 8th and *U.S. and the Persian Gulf* on the 22nd. All meetings are at 10am at Mesa Public Library.

The evening group is coordinated by Helena Whyte (672-9153). The February 8th topic is *The Global Financial Crisis* and the meeting is at Helena's home, 100 El Morro at 7:30pm. The February 25th topic is *Enhancing Security Through Peacebuilding* and the meeting is at Marilyn Minshall's, 536 Brighton at 7:30pm.

Study Group Schedules are posted at:

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

State AAUW News:

Mark your calendars. In connection with AAUW-NM's annual spring convention, a symposium, *Women Across Borders: Chihuahua and New Mexico*, is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010. Sounds like a long way off, but it's not!

The symposium is intended for women and girls on both sides of the border to promote communication and friendship among those who want a better education, a better career, and a better life.

Biography of the Month:

Frances Perkins

Cabinet member, public official, and social worker, she was born on April 10, 1882, in Boston.

Appointed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Frances Perkins became the first woman to serve in

the cabinet. She came to the position of secretary of labor.

After graduating from Mount Holyoke College in 1902, Frances Perkins spent some time doing social work. She went on to earn a master's degree in sociology from Columbia University in 1910. That same year Perkins began striving on behalf of workers as the head of the New York Consumers League. She saw first-hand the deadly potential of poor working conditions as a witness to the infamous 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Fire that killed more than 100 factory employees. This incident inspired Perkins to lobby harder on behalf of the workforce.

Later, as industrial commissioner of New York State, Frances Perkins was in a position to help improve work regulations and related social programs. In 1929, she was selected as the state's labor commissioner by then governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt. After Roosevelt won the presidency and took office in 1933, he brought her to Washington, D.C., to become the secretary of labor. As the first female cabinet member, Perkins worked hard to improve the country's labor conditions. She played an important part in the development of Roosevelt's New Deal programs. During her term as Secretary of Labor, Perkins championed many aspects of the New Deal, including the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Public Works Administration and the labor portion of the National Industrial Recovery Act. The Social Security Act established unemployment benefits, pensions for the many elderly Americans, and welfare for the poorest Americans. She pushed to reduce workplace accidents and helped craft laws against child labor. The Fair Labor Standards Act established the first minimum wage and overtime laws for American workers, and defined the standard 40-hour workweek. She formed governmental policy for working with labor unions and helped to alleviate strikes. Perkins stayed in her position until 1945. Married to Paul Caldwell Wilson in 1913, Frances Perkins resigned from public service not long after his death in 1952. She went on to teach Cornell University's New York State School of Industrial Relations. Perkins served a lecturer there until shortly before her death. She died on May 14, 1965. (from wikipedia and biography.com)

Branch Calendar

Feb	1	Legislative Day
Feb	1	Book Group, 7:30pm, Pat Mendius, 124 Rover
Feb	2	Book Group, 2pm, Jenny Bishop, 114 Alhambra
Feb	8	Great Decisions, MPL, 10am
Feb	8	Great Decisions, Helena Whyte, 100 El Morro, 7:30pm
Feb	18	Discover E, "Let's Read Math"
Feb	21	General Meeting, 3pm, Nina Thayer, 1707 Solano
Feb	22	Great Decisions, MPL, 10am
Feb	23	Council Meeting, 7:15pm, Pat Mendius, 124 Rover
Feb	25	Great Decisions, Marilyn Minshall, 536 Brighton, 7:30pm
Mar	2	General Meeting – panel on Women's Issues in India
Apr	16-18	State Convention
May	7	Spring Tea – speaker is Lucy Moore

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