



Los Alamos Branch AAUW February 2011

Sherry Robinson

Apache Voices

Wednesday, February 16

7:15 p.m.

Friendship Hall of the First United Methodist Church
715 Diamond Drive.

Walk in the moccasins of the Apaches! Learn about Apache history, culture and values, hear a choice of true stories, told in their own words, selected from: 1) Women warriors. Apaches used to say if a woman loved her husband, she would ride alongside him in battle. 2) Mescalero experience at the Bosque Redondo, the army's failed reservation for Navajos and Mescalero Apaches. 3) When Coronado traversed the plains in search of gold, the first people he met outside the pueblos were Apache buffalo hunters. Their descendents would become Lipan Apaches.

Sherry Robinson, a Chautauqua speaker, is affiliated with the New Mexico Humanities Council and the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs. Ms Robinson, an award-winning journalist, is the author of Apache Voices and El Malpais, Mt. Taylor and the Zuni Mountains. She is working on a second Apache book about the Lipan Apaches. Please feel free to bring a guest.

February 14: AAUW-NM Legislative Day will be held Monday, Feb. 14. Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us. Carpool(s) will leave ~7:45 a.m. for Santa Fe, returning ~3-4 p.m.; lunch is \$15; call Nina Thayer, 662-6835, to take part in this effort to make AAUW's priorities heard in the legislature.

March: Women's Suffrage presented by Deanise Marta from the Las Cruces branch.

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:

Dues:

Full dues of \$71 paid March 1, 2011 or after are good from then until June 30, 2012. This offer provides 16 months of member benefits for the cost of a single year membership. Our branch membership chair, Alahna Weller, asks all members to invite a friend to one of our meetings and to then encourage her join our organization.

Science Fair Report for 2011

As in previous years AAUW Branch of Los Alamos sponsored \$75.00 worth of prizes in the Elementary Division of the Science Fair. Denise George, Mary Ann Lindahl, Margo Batha, Coleen Meyer and Rosmarie Fredrickson, chair, selected the following projects for \$5 prizes:

Gabriela Baca “Magnetic Blockage”
 Ethan Aulwes “Experiments with a Trebuchet”
 Sean Collins: “ Now Soft, Now Loud”
 Bryce Gentile: “Solar Water Heater”
 Niccolo Snyder: “It’s Cold and My Violin is Out of Tune”
 Ryan Salman: “Oh No! My Home Has Been Egged!”
 Xavier McTeigue: “Red of Green! Calm the Heat”
 Ruby Salvage: “Composting Sunchip Bags”
 Rachel Bowman: “Learning About Yeast Fermentation”
 Jordan Bailey: “Here Comes the Sun”
 Jessica Cooke: “Satellite vs. Stars”
 Ally Lakis: “Totally Tubular Dude”
 Mackenzie Kieltyka: “Childproof or Not”

Mrs. Hendirck’s First Grade Class: “1st Grade Explorers Rock and Roll” was awarded \$10.

Study Groups:

Book Group:

The February book is Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout. The February 7th meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Angela Coop’s home, 332 Aragon. The reviewer is Denise George.

Jennifer Bishop, 114 Alhambra, is hosting the February 8th, 1 p.m. meeting. The reviewer is Marilyn Doolen.

Please let the hostess know if you intend to come to either meeting. Angela may be reached at 672-1073, acwalkercoop@yahoo.com. Jennifer may be reached at 672-3614, Jjab7@aol.com.

Non-Fiction Book Group: The March book is Inferno by Tom Ribe. We will meet on Monday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Harriet Dodder’s, 149 El Gancho. The reviewer is Harriet.

Please let the hostess know if you intend to come to the meeting. Harriet may be reached at 662-7473, hardod@earthlink.net

World Cultures through Foods: The March 12th Greek dinner will be held at Marilyn Minshall, 536 Brighton at 6 p.m. Contact Marilyn Minshall (672-3499) for more information.

Great Decisions:

Meetings of the morning are held on the second and fourth Mondays through May 9 at 10 a.m. at Mesa Public Library.

Feb 14	#1 Haiti	Carroll Thomas
Feb 28	#4 Banks	Denise George
Mar 14	#2 Amer. Nat'l Sec.	Evelyn Petschek Pat Mendius
Mar 28	#7 Caucasus	Marilyn Doolen
Apr 11	#5 Germany	Karin Roberts Angela Coop
Apr 25	#8 Multilateralism	Nancy Bearss
May 9	#3 Horn of Africa	Marilyn Petschek Thelma Hahn

The evening group is coordinated by Helena Whyte (672-9153). The next Great Decisions Evening event is scheduled for Thursday, February 10 at 7:30 PM at Rosmarie Frederickson’s house. The topic will be #8 Multilaterilism.

The proposed schedule is

March 3

March 17

April 7 at Marilyn Thayer: #2 Sanctions and Nonproliferation

April 28 at Nina Thayer: #7 The Caucasus

May 12

June 9

TBA Natalie will host and discuss #4 Banks, Governments and Debt Crisis

TBA Mona will discuss #5 Germany Ascending

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

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



Biography of the Month: Geraldine Doyle: Rosie the Riveter.

Geraldine was a 17 year old factory worker when she became the inspiration for this WWII recruitment poster. After graduating high school in Ann Arbor, Michigan she took a job in a metal work

factory. One day a photographer from UPI captured her on film wearing the red and white bandanna. In 1942 the artist Howard Miller was commissioned to produce morale-boosting posters and based one of his posters on this photo. Geraldine meanwhile had left her job having lasted only two weeks. As a cellist she was concerned that she might damage her hands in the machinery. She found safer employment at a soda fountain, met a dentist and married him. She only learned in 1984 that her photo was the basis of the poster. Geraldine passed away in December.

In the early 40's Evans and Loeb composed a song:
"All day long whether rain or shine,
She's part of the assembly line.
She's making history
Working for victory,
Rosie the Riveter."

At this time, people began to associate the hardworking female factory employee with the name "Rosie".

More than six million female workers helped to build planes, bombs, tanks and other weapons that would eventually win WWII. They stepped up to the plate without hesitation and gave up their domestic jobs to accomplish things that only men had done before them. They became streetcar drivers, operated heavy

construction machinery, worked in lumber and steel mills, unloaded freight and much more. Proving that they could do the jobs known as "men's work" created an entirely new image of women in American society, and set the stage for upcoming generations.

A real-life Rosie brought the character to life. Her name was Rose Will Monroe, from the Ford Motor Company aircraft assembly plant. She starred as herself in a government film promoting the war. The famous illustrator Norman Rockwell then created a "Rosie" image to appear on the cover of the *Saturday Evening Post*, May 29, 1943 — the Memorial Day issue. Printed boldly beside her were the words, "We can do it."

Shortly thereafter, stories appeared in the press about yet another real-life "Rosie." Her name was Rose Hicker, employed at the Eastern Aircraft Company in Tarrytown, New York. She and her work partner had driven a record number of rivets into a wing of a Grumman "Avenger" Bomber. And so the story goes as the Rosie evolved across the country.

By 1944, 16 percent of all working-women held jobs in war industries. While an estimated 18 million women worked during the war, there was growing concern among them that when the war was over, it would never be the same again. That new venture for American women, while profitable in more ways than one, would soon end. Some faced harassment for attempting to stay in industry, and the government insisted that they were just a substitute until the war was over, but the women never faltered. They had changed industry and left permanent effects.

When the war ended with the Allies victorious, the need for munitions workers abruptly ceased. Women were now forced to leave their jobs to seek others. But the number of working-women never again fell to pre-war levels, and their significant contribution is still recognized today.

Branch Calendar

Feb	3	Council meeting, Pat Mendius's, 124 Rover, 7:15 p.m.
Feb	7	Book Group, Angela Coop's, 332 Aragon, 7:30 p.m.
Feb	8	Book Group, Jenny Bishop, 114 Alhambra, 1:00 p.m.
Feb	14	Legislative Day
Feb	14	Morning great decisions
Feb	16	General meeting
Feb	28	Morning great decisions

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