

Los Alamos Branch AAUW February 2006

February Program

Self-Defense for Women Saturday, February 18, 2pm Bethlehem Lutheran Church 2390 North Road

On Saturday, February 18, 2pm, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kurt Whyte (Helena's son) will present a self-defense program. Kurt is the owner of T.A.S.K., Travel Awareness Strategic Knowledge, a martial arts and security business.

We will be taught how to be alert to dangerous situations and how to avoid them. We will also be shown valuable self-defense techniques that do not require much strength. We are asked to wear comfortable clothes and shoes. The techniques we will be shown will be appropriate for women of all ages and physical condition.

Kurt Whyte was born and attended school in Los Alamos, NM. He represented Norwich University, the Military College of Vermont, in Collegiate Martial Arts Competitions. He medalled at the Taiji Legacy International Martial Arts Competition in Dallas, Texas. Kurt published five Safety and Protection articles in *The Los Alamos Monitor* in 2004. He has been teaching for over 4 years and is a certified Tactical Master Instructor in the Compliance, Direction, Takedown (CDT) Family Protection method.

Kurt is the instructor for the Los Alamos County After School Program. He taught physical education for the Canyoncito Montessori School for three semesters and a former club instructor for the YMCA After School Program.

Future Branch Programs

On Saturday, March 18, 2pm, at El Castillo Retirement Center, 250 E. Alameda, Santa Fe, we will be joining the Santa Fe and Las Vegas branches for a special Educational Foundation fund raiser. Pat Jonietz will be presenting a dramatic reading, "Lessons I Learned Growing up in the 50s!" The reading will feature her favorite teachers: **Shirley Jackson, Jean Collins Kerr, Anne Morrow Lindberg, Phyllis McGinley and Annie Dillard.** The cost will be \$20 of which \$15 is a donation to the Educational Foundation, Rosmarie Frederickson will be arranging carpools; any council member can take your name for carpooling.

On Thursday April 20 the meeting will feature a program related to New Mexico history.

Our spring tea will be held on a Friday May 5 at the Unitarian Church.

Branch News

The annual **Expanding Your Horizons** conference needs volunteers on March 15. This conference enriches the lives of girls in grades 8-10 from schools all over northern New Mexico. They come for a day of exposure to careers in math and science. Professional women provide workshops. Volunteers, affectionately called 'gofers' are needed to assist the presenters and to accompany the girls as they go to and from the workshops. Help is also needed in the morning during registration. Several branch members have experience with this event and can guarantee that you will have a fine time. Marilyn Minshall is coordinating the volunteers. She can be reached at 672-3499. The conference is presented by the Los Alamos Women in Science and will be held at UNM-LA. You may sign up for all day (8-3) or a morning or afternoon shift.

Los Alamos will be hosting the state fall workshop on October 21 and 22. We expect attendance of about 40 women from all corners of our state. The council is looking for suggestions for speakers, entertainment and activities as well as for planning committee members. Any council member is happy to take your input.

Peggy Lazarus has a new e-mail address, please change your yearbook entry to:
prlaz2@comcast.net

Schedules for all study groups are posted on our web site:

http://aauw-nm.org/los_alamos_study_groups.html

as they are made available to your webmaster. Study group chairs are encouraged to send their schedules as well as any changes to Denise at georgeje@acm.org

AAUW Non-Fiction Book Group:

The next meeting will be at Harriet Dodder's, 149 El Gancho on Monday, March 20th at 7:30 pm. The book is *Freakonomics* by Levitt and Dubner.

The World Cultures through Foods:

The next meal will be the Lincoln Day Dinner on Feb 12. The contact is Marilyn Minshall. (672-3499).

Book Group:

The next meeting will be Monday, February 6, 7:30pm at the home of Chris Sierk, 4640 Ridgeway. Marilyn Minshall will be the discussion leader for the book *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.

The Mystery Book Club will meet next on Tuesday, February 21 at Film Festival, 6:30pm. The book is *The Last Innocent Man* by Philip Margolin www.lamountain.ws/mystery.html

Carroll Thomas is the coordinator of the day-time *Great Decisions* group. Contact her for the schedule.

Helena Whyte has organized an evening *Great Decisions* group for AAUW members. Visitors are welcome. Books are available. The first meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 7:30pm at Marilyn Minshall's. The topic to be discussed is "The US and Iran". Contact Helena if you would like to join or just come to a meeting to try it out! (672-9153, helanaw@lanl.gov)

State News

Carolyn Glenn Kay was the recipient of the first Terry Sleight Memorial Award. She has been and continues to be very committed to the issue of pay equity. There were 6 well qualified nominees for this award, including our own Gloria Cordova. Our congratulations to all the nominees and to the award winner Carolyn.

Biography of the Month:

Jane Goodall

Encouraged by her mother, Vanne, Goodall's lifelong fascination with animals began at an early age. Throughout her childhood she read avidly about wild animals, dreaming about living like Tarzan and Dr. Doolittle and writing about the animals with whom she would live.

When a close friend invited Goodall to Kenya in 1957, she readily accepted. Within a few months of her arrival she met the famed anthropologist and paleontologist Louis Leakey.

One of Leakey's interests was to study wild chimpanzees to gain insight into the evolutionary past of humans. Goodall's patience and persistent desire to understand animals prompted Leakey to choose her for this pioneering study. He believed that a mind uncluttered by academia would yield a fresh perspective. Leakey intended for Goodall's research to be long-term, yet critics believed she would last no longer than three weeks.

In 1965 Goodall earned her Ph.D. in Ethology (the study of animal behavior, especially under natural conditions) from England's Cambridge University. Soon thereafter, she returned to Tanzania to continue research and to establish the Gombe Stream Research Centre. Her profound scientific discoveries laid the foundation for all future primate studies.

Goodall began her work with chimpanzees in the Gombe Stream Reserve. By close observation, she documented the social organization of chimps in the wild, including their social nature, their tool-making, their occasional systematic killing of one another, their hierarchy and their social development. One of many observations that amazed the world was that of chimpanzees making and using tools. This behavior was previously believed to separate humans from other animals. Over the years her studies have

shown many other striking similarities between humans and chimpanzees.

In 1977 Goodall established the Jane Goodall Institute. Grounded in her pioneering study of chimpanzee behavior, the institute emphasizes the power of the individual to make a difference for all living things. The institute's research, conservation, and education programs have created a worldwide network of individuals joined by their commitment to improving life on Earth. With Dr. Goodall's words and example as guiding principles, the Jane Goodall Institute, based in Silver Spring, Maryland, inspires hope for a brighter future.

As the recipient of numerous awards and the author of many books and articles, Goodall is world-renowned and highly respected in both the scientific and lay communities. Dr. Goodall also shares more than 40 years of collaboration with National Geographic on her groundbreaking field research on chimpanzees, and was one of the founding Explorers-in-Residence at the Society. .



Sources:

<http://www.janegoodall.org/>

Branch Calendar

Feb	6	Book Group, Chris Sierk, 4640 Ridgeway, 7:30pm, <i>The Kite Runner</i> by Khalid Hosseini
Feb	7	Great Decisions Evening Group, 7:30pm, The US and Iran, Marilyn Minshall 536 Brighton
Feb	12	Lincoln Day Dinner, World Culture Through Foods
Feb	13	Council Meeting, Pat Mendius, 7:15, 124 Rover
Feb	18	Self defense workshop, Bethlehem Lutheran, 2pm
Feb	21	Mystery Book Group, Film Festival, 6:30pm, <i>The Last Innocent Man</i> by Philip Margolin
Feb	23	Great Decision Evening Group, China & India: partners or competitors?, Natalie Markin, 505 Oppenheimer #419
Mar	6	Book Group, 7:30, <i>Land that Moves</i> , Bev Cooper, 521 Ridgecrest
Mar	7	Great Decision Evening Group, Human rights in the age of terrorism, Denise George, 411 Cheryl

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