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## **Los Alamos Branch AAUW January 2011**

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### **January 11: International Program on Turkey with Tuba Sahin Owens,**

7:30 p.m.

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 and give a good welcome to this relatively new member of the Los Alamos Community. This program is open to the public.

### **January 13: Legislative Preview co-sponsored with LWV at Fuller Lodge.**

Helena Whyte will moderate: 6:30 p.m. for refreshments: 7:00 p.m. for the preview. Our legislators, Representative Jeannette Wallace and Senators Carlos Cisneros, Richard Martinez, and Phil Griego, have all been invited. Once again balancing the budget will be a major issue at the Roundhouse. We have asked Representative Brian Egolf of Santa Fe to share his ideas about how that should be done. Dick Mason, a League member from Central New Mexico, will speak about the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and explain the legislation needed to implement the new law in our state.

**January 22: Los Alamos Science Fair.** Rosmarie Frederickson is coordinating this event for AAUW and is recruiting judges. This event is a fun and rewarding opportunity to give back to our community. Volunteer to help and be amazed at the ingenuity and intelligence of our youth. Contact Rosmarie at 662-5915, or [frederrh@yahoo.com](mailto:frederrh@yahoo.com).

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

**February 14:** AAUW-NM Legislative Day will be held Monday, Feb. 14. Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us. Nina Thayer will organize several carpools.

**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:

Starting January 1, 2011 AAUW dues are half price, \$35.50 instead of \$71.00. This offer is good until June 30, 2011. 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.

## Study Groups:

*Book Group:* There is no January meeting. The February book is Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout. The February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Angela Coop's home, 332 Aragon. The reviewer is Denise George. Jenny Bishop, 114 Alhambra, is hosting the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:acwalkercoop@yahoo.com). Marilyn may be reached at 672-3571, [mtdoolen@aol.com](mailto:mtdoolen@aol.com).

*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. The reviewer is Angela Coop. **Please let the hostess know if you intend to come**

**to the meeting.** Lynn may be reached at 662-9443, [jonesmml@comcast.net](mailto:jonesmml@comcast.net)

*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.

### *Great Decisions:*

The organizational meeting for the morning group will be held on Monday, January 10th at 10 a.m. The location has not yet been determined; Carroll Thomas (672-1937) will send out e-mail. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays through May 9. The evening group schedules meetings at the convenience of the members. The evening group is coordinated by Helena Whyte (672-9153). 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**

Study Group Schedules are posted at [http://aauw-nm.org/Los\\_Alamos/los\\_alamos\\_study\\_groups.html](http://aauw-nm.org/Los_Alamos/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

Jan	10	Great Decisions organizational meeting. Location TBD
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
Jan	24	Great Decisions, Location TBD
Jan	22	Science Fair
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

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