

Los Alamos Branch AAUW May 2010

Spring Tea

Friday, May 7, 4:30-6:30pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Lucy Moore

Lucy Moore is the author of Into the Canyon: Seven Years in Navajo Country which won the “Willa Award for Best Memoir” from Women Writing the West. Ms. Moore’s experiences living in Navajo land provided her with invaluable insights into the role of outsider in another culture and led to her current career in mediation. Lucy Moore is president of Lucy Moore Associates, Inc. which provides mediation, facilitation, consultation and training services in the fields of natural resource and public policy dispute resolution. Recently her focus has been on water issues, air quality, hazardous waste disposal, endangered species, and tribal issues. Her ability to communicate across a variety of barriers allows solutions to emerge despite complicated issues.

Come celebrate spring at our annual tea. Listen to our featured speaker and vote in the election of the coordinating council for 2010 – 2011.

Branch News:

Mary Brooks has been honored as a Living Treasure of Los Alamos. Of course this is something our branch has known for a long time. Congratulations to Mary for receiving this great honor.

Jean Nereson will be the subject of one the proposed sculptures representing Los Alamos from Pueblo times, through the Manhattan project. Jean began teaching in Los Alamos in 1944 and retired in 1995.

Our Mana del Norte scholarship recipient, Mabel Arellanes will be graduating from UNM in May. Her plans are to continue on to obtain a law degree. Our congratulations to Mabel for completing her degree work.

Dues for this coming fiscal year are due by July 1st. If you would like to get them in early, bring your checkbook to one of the two book group meetings or to the spring tea.

Dues are:

\$71 for many of us.

This is the way the dues break down:

\$10 local dues

\$12 state dues

\$3 non-tax deductible national dues

\$46 tax deductible national dues.

Life members pay only state and local dues.

Honorary life members do not pay any dues.

In-state dual members pay national and state dues once, but pay all local dues.

Out of state dual members pay national dues once, but pay all state and local dues.

The checks should be written to AAUW Los Alamos Branch.

If you wish to pay by mail, send dues to:

Treasurer, AAUW Los Alamos Branch

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The branch received many thank you notes from the science fair award recipients. The 3rd grade Aspen school class spent their award money on math games. Mrs. Rust's first grade class members used writing thank you notes as a penmanship lesson. Those kids can really print well! We received notes from Mrs. Altherr's class as well. My favorite excerpts, "... The snails were slimy and slow but we had fun with them. Speaking of snails did you know that snails' slime is so thick that they can crawl on a razor blade..." and "... do you eat snails because we don't!?!?". Individual thank you notes came from Jennifer Necker, Opale Schappert and Niccolo Snyder. Niccolo's note came with a lovely drawing of flowers.

Election of coordinating council:

We would like at least 2 or 3 more people to serve on the Coordinating Council for 2010-2011. Denise George has been the Bulletin editor for several years and a replacement is needed. If you are interested in doing this or serving in some other capacity please call Natalie Markin either at work at 663-3874 or at home at 662-9399.

Nominated to join the council for 2010 are Natalie Markin and Bev Cooper. Remaining on the council for the second year of their terms are Rozelle Wright, Alahna Weller and Mary Ann Lindahl. These members will retain their appointments: Rosmarie Frederickson (Public Policy), Dorothy Donnelly Shaner (International Affairs), Jane Sherwood (Hospitality) and Helena Whyte (Past Facilitator).

Book Group:

These are the last meeting until fall. Come to one of the meetings and bring suggestions for a book to read for the September meeting. We usually choose one that is fairly light. Last year we read The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. Think about possible schedules for the yearly organization meeting. Should we try to do book choices by email? Last year we had the organizational meeting on a Sunday afternoon in late August and only had 10 people there (out of 32 members in both groups).

There have been requests from some members of

the evening group for the afternoon group to meet sometime other than Tuesday afternoon. That way it would not conflict with the hiking group and more of the evening group could on occasion attend in the afternoon. This would also make it easier for evening group members to review books in both evening and afternoon. There was also one request that it meet earlier so that mothers with school age children could come and get home by the time their children were home. Please come with opinions on schedule.

Rozelle would like to retire as book group coordinator. Please consider taking over this responsibility.

The May book is Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson. The May 3rd meeting will be held at 7:30pm at the home of Nina Thayer, 1707 Solana. The reviewer is Denise George.

Helena Whyte, 100 El Morro, is hosting the May 4th, 2pm meeting. The reviewer is Rozelle Wright.

Non-Fiction Book Group: The next meeting will be Monday May 17th at Denise George's at 7:30pm. The book is Invictus: Nelson Mandela and the Game that Made a Nation by John Carlin. Denise George is the reviewer.

The July 19th book is From Berkeley to Beijing by Karin Kendall.

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

Great Decisions:

The last meeting of the daytime group is May 10. The meeting will include a pot-luck hosted Denise George. The topic is *Enhancing Security through Peacebuilding* and the discussion leader is Thelma Hahn.

The evening group is coordinated by Helena Whyte (672-9153). Contact her for topics and dates.

Study Group Schedules are posted at:

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

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

Branch Calendar

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| May | 3 | Book Group, 7:30pm, Nina Thayer, 1707 Solana |
| May | 4 | Book Group, 2pm, Helena Whyte, 100 El Morro |
| May | 7 | Spring Tea 4:30pm Bethlehem Lutheran Church |
| May | 10 | Great Decisions, pot luck, Denise George, 411 Cheryl |
| May | 17 | Non-fiction Book group, 7:30pm, Denise George, 411 Cheryl |

Coordinating Council for 2009-2010

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