

Los Alamos Branch AAUW November 2007

General Meeting
Tuesday, November 6, 6:00pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
2390 North Road

Let's Read Math

This program is aimed at children in grades K-4 to overcome a child's fear of math. It was created by a Pennsylvania AAUW Branch and was featured at the National Convention. At the AAUW-NM leadership team meeting, our branch was awarded a \$100 mini-grant to purchase the materials needed for the presentation of this workshop. Learn more about the program by visiting the website at: <http://www.letsreadmath.com>

The kids and tutor read a children's book and then do related math activities. For example, in the book *The Greedy Triangle* by Marilyn Burns, the little triangle is happy with the important jobs he has – holding up bridges, playing in the orchestra, making sailboats. But he yearns to have just ONE more side and ONE more angle. The magic shapeshifter turns him into a square, then a pentagon, then a hexagon. Finally, he has so many sides he can hardly stand up! Was it a good idea for him to want to be different?

Suggested Math Activities: Talk about 2D and 3D geometry while making shapes using marshmallows and toothpicks. Identify triangles, squares, polygons and progress to 3D shapes: cubes, prisms and pyramids.

Branch News

November 4, Sunday, 3pm: In preparation for the December EF gala event (see below) a tapas cooking class will be held at the home of Nina Thayer (662-6825). Interested branch members are encouraged to contact Nina to reserve a place. If the November 4 class fills, a second class will be organized for November 11. Try new recipes and eat your creations -- great fun!

December 9, Sunday, 4-7pm: Scholarships, Sangria and Tapas, an EF Fund raiser/ Holiday Party at the home of Nina and Gary Thayer featuring sangria, tapas, and musical entertainment. The Gourmet study group and other branch members will research and prepare the tapas recipes.

A major benefit is that the entire price of your ticket will be donated to the EF Corinne Wolfe international fellowship endowment. A second benefit is that your contribution will be doubled,

thanks to an anonymous AAUW donor who has agreed to match all contributions to the Corinne Wolfe endowment up to \$10,000. A \$100 donation will become \$200 due to this generous donor. A third benefit is that we all get to see Nina and Gary's beautiful new home. Tickets will go on sale November 1 at the following 3 levels; please be as generous as your budget allows. New Mexico is working hard to complete endowment of this EF fellowship which will bring a woman to the US to study yearly.

\$20 Corinne Wolfe Tutor

\$35 Corinne Wolfe Educator

\$50 Corinne Wolfe Scholar

Send your check made out to:

AAUW-EF Corinne Wolfe Endowment
and mail it to:

Carroll Thomas

115 La Senda Road

Los Alamos, NM, 87544

Questions (??) call Carroll at 672-1937

Who is this Corinne Wolfe and why should we honor her? As a volunteer lobbyist, Corinne Howell Wolfe lobbied the New Mexico legislature on behalf of issues such as teen pregnancy, prenatal care, unemployed workers, frail and elderly citizens. Corinne Wolfe was a member of the Santa Fe AAUW Branch and was well-known for her tireless lobbying. She could outsit any legislative committee into the early morning hours. She had total credibility. When she cited facts and figures legislators knew they were correct. One legislator said she would have made a great legislator, but was probably more effective as a lobbyist. When she died in 1997, the legislature named the third floor east lobby of the Roundhouse the Corinne Wolfe lobby. It is the only place in the state capitol dedicated to an individual.



Wolfe received her master of social work degree in 1944 from Tulane University. For the following 20 years, she worked for the federal government and was responsible designing programs to train public assistance

workers throughout the nation. In 1972, Ms. Wolfe returned from Washington DC to establish a master level program at Highlands University in Las Vegas, and began an unprecedented career of advocacy. She initiated as co-chair what became the Human Needs Coordinating Council, now the largest advocacy group in the state. She supported a program of social work licensing that made New Mexico one of only three states in which social workers in state government had to be licensed. She helped develop Child Abuse and Neglect Citizens' Review Boards, which monitor how children in the custody of the state and their families are receiving services. She developed the Children's Trust Fund, created to fund innovative children's services and programs.

She monitored what is now the public welfare TANF fund and the state Medicaid program. In the 1980's Corinne Wolfe was the primary plaintiff in a federal lawsuit charging that the state was failing to provide permanent families for abused and neglected children and that foster care had become a way of life for them. The lawsuit was successful and brought changes in the state child welfare system. She was honored by having the Corinne Wolfe Children's Law Center (<http://ipl.unm.edu/childlaw/>) named for her. The center within the Institute of Public Law at the University of New Mexico School of Law is dedicated to improving outcomes for children involved in abuse or neglect and delinquency proceedings in New Mexico. New Mexico AAUW wishes to honor the enormous contribution that Ms. Wolfe gave to the citizens of New Mexico by completing funding of the Corinne Wolfe endowment.

January 10, 2008, Thursday, Fuller Lodge: The branch will co-sponsor the Legislative Preview Session with the League of Woman Voters.

March 4, Tuesday, 7:30pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church: An International Relations event about Iran arranged by our International Chair, Cas Mason. Cas has contacted two Iranian women who will discuss the history of Iran and the situation of women in Iran.

April 24, Thursday, 7:30pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church: Program on pay equity.

May 9, Friday Bethlehem Lutheran Church : Spring Membership Tea.

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

Book Group: The next meeting will be Monday, November 5, 7:30, at the home of Karin Roberts, 415 Cheryl Ave. The book is Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See.

AAUW Non-Fiction Book Group:
 The next meeting will be at Harriet Dodder's, 149 El Gancho on Monday, November 12 at 7:30 pm. The book is *The Freedom Writers Diary* by the freedom writers with Ziata Filipovic.

The World Cultures through Foods: The contact is Marilyn Minshall. (672-3499). The November 4 event is a tapas class – contact Marilyn for more information.

The Mystery Book Club meets 6:30pm at Film Festival. On November 8 the book is *The Romeo Flag* by Carolyn Hougan.

Carroll Thomas is the coordinator of the day-time *Great Decisions* group. Helena Whyte is the coordinator of the evening group. Meetings begin after the first of the year.

Bridge: Brigitta Dobratz was chair of the bridge group for many years; she is dearly missed. This group routinely brought in about \$300 a year for the AAUW Educational Foundation. The bridge group did not meet last year. However, Jane Sherwood (662-3194) would like to see it resurrected this year (07-08). More partnerships are needed, and if someone would like to step forward and be chair, free advice is available! Many thanks to all who played over the years.

Branch Calendar

Nov	1	Order tickets for December gala benefit.
Nov	4	Tapas Class, 3pm, Nina Thayers, 1707 Solana, call Marilyn Minshall or Nina Thayer to reserve a place
Nov	5	Book Group, 7:30, Carroll Thomas's, 115 La Senda, <u>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</u> by Lisa See
Nov	6	General Meeting, Let's Read Math workshop, 6:00pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Nov	8	Council meeting, 7:15, Pat Mendius, 124 Rover
Nov	12	Non-fiction books, 7:30pm, Harriet Dodder's, 149 El Gancho, <u>The Freedom Writers Diary</u>
Dec	9	Scholarships, Sangria and Tapas, EF fundraiser, 4-7pm, Nina Thayer's, 1707 Solana

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