

Los Alamos Branch AAUW October 2008

Candidate Forum

**Wednesday, October 1, 7pm, (refreshments at 6:30)
Fuller Lodge**

This forum will feature all 5 Los Alamos council candidates. Our own Helena Whyte will be the moderator, and AAUW will be allowed to ask the first questions. Candidates attending are Manuel Baca (Democrat), Vincent Chiravalle (Republican), Ken Milder (Democrat), Sharon Stover (Republican), and Mike Wismer (Independent). The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the election will take seats on the Council.

Also invited are the candidates for the Public Regulatory Commission Jerome Block, Jr. (Democrat) and Rick Lass (Green). Mr. Lass has accepted the invitation, but Mr. Block had not replied at the time of this press release. Unopposed candidates are invited to come and introduce themselves to the audience. They are Jeannette Wallace (Representative to the NM House of Representatives, Republican), Mary Pat Kraemer (County Clerk, Democrat), Angela "Spence" Pacheco (District Attorney, Democrat), Senator Richard Martinez (District 5, Democrat), Senator Carlos Cisneros (District 6, Democrat), and Senator Phil Griego (District 39, Democrat).

Your vote counts – remember in these races just one vote:

1771 Gave the United States the English language instead of German

1845 Brought Texas into the Union

1876 Elected Rutherford B. Hayes president of the United States

1920 Gave women the right to vote in Tennessee, the last state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the Constitution

1941 Saved selective service, just weeks before Pearl Harbor

1960 Per precinct in key states, made John F. Kennedy president of the United States

1984 Elected the mayor of Athens, Alabama

1992 Decided a town council seat in Trinity, Alabama

1999 Per district, decided a Virginia state senate race

2000 Per precinct in key states, made George W. Bush president of the United States

2004 Determined the outcome of a Salt Lake City School Board race

Branch News:

This spring the state Leadership Team asked and the Los Alamos Council graciously agreed to host the 2009 AAUW-NM Convention. The date will be April 24-26, 2009. We are looking for a small core of dedicated members to help with the local arrangements, including location, meals, entertainment, registration and preparation of the program book. Many of you remember past AAUW conventions here in Los Alamos including 1968, 1980 and the most recent in 1994. Please

offer your talents and call either Helena Whyte (672-9153) or Natalie Markin (662-9399). The first planning meeting will be held at Mesa Public Library Monday, Sep. 29, 7 - 8:30 pm. Marilyn Minshall as well as all of the local state officers are already on board, and we plan to make this a fun adventure.

Televised debates provide a way for voters to compare the views and policies of the candidates. A debate watch allows a group of people to watch the debate together and to react to the issues.

Volunteers are needed to host AAUW presidential and senate debate watches on the following dates (It would be great if we could host debates on the Hill and in White Rock – Helena is organizing this.):

Sept. 26 Obama vs. McCain (The Democrats hosts are Robyn Schultz, 1305 Sage Loop, and Mark Dunham, 4 Agila Court)
Oct. 2 Pallin vs. Biden
Oct. 7 McCain vs. Obama
Oct. 15 Obama vs. McCain (Helena will host in White Rock)
Oct. 18 Pearce vs. Udall, Channel 13, 6:30-8 PM
Oct. 26 Udall vs. Pearce, Channel 7, 6-7 PM

We would like to make sure that all AAUW members are able to attend our events. If you can provide a ride to AAUW events call or e-mail Helena.

If you need a ride (long term or short term) to an AAUW event call or e-mail Helena. (672-9153, or <mailto:mozden08@aol.com>)

Volunteers are needed to match drivers with riders and to check on the welfare of members in poor health, undergoing surgeries, etc.

Nina Thayer and Nancy Scheer were honored by the Los Alamos branch with named grants to the Corrine Wolfe International Endowment. Both women wrote gracious thank you notes to the branch.

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

Book Group:

This year we are trying something new. We will meet at 7:30 PM on a Monday, but we will also have a discussion of the same book later in the week in the afternoon, so that people can come to whichever meeting is most convenient.

The October 20 evening meeting will be held at 7:30pm at the home of Karin Roberts, 415 Cheryl. The book is Suite Francaise, by Irene Nemirovsky. The October 21 day-time meeting will be held at 2pm at the home of Marilyn Thayer, 505 Oppenheimer.

Non-Fiction Book Group:

There will be no November meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, January 19, 2009. The book is Blood and Thunder by Hampton Sides. The reviewer is Denise George. Call Denise or Rozelle to volunteer to host this event.

The World Cultures through Foods: Contact Marilyn Minshall (672-3499). The Planning meeting is a picnic at Rover Park Sept. 28.

Carroll Thomas (672-1937) is the coordinator of the day-time *Great Decisions* group. The evening *Great Decisions Group* coordinator is Helena Whyte (672-9153). The Great Decisions groups meet after the first of the year. Leaders order books for the group; contact the leader if you are interested.

Bridge: Contact Jane Sherwood if you would like to play this year.

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

Future Branch Events:

Tuesday, November 18, 7:30pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church we will have a presentation about the Rotary Program on Water and Ambulances in Guatemala.

Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7pm, at Mesa Public Library, AAUW will join with MPL Author Speak series, to host Doris Francis, PhD, a social-cultural anthropologist/gerontologist who will talk about her book, Faith and Transformation.

February 3 at 7 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Our general meeting will feature Dr Lee speaking on Women in China.

Los Alamos hosts the AAUW New Mexico State Convention April 24-26, 2009.

State News:

Contact Helena Whyte to carpool to the Fall Workshop in Las Vegas. Registration forms were in the latest edition of the Roadrunner.

http://aauw-nm.org/state_newsletters/rrFall2008.pdf

Women in the Senate:

Rebecca Latimer Felton of Georgia, the first woman to serve in the United States Senate, took the oath of office on November 21, 1922. Having been appointed to fill a vacancy, Felton served for just 24 hours. The 87-year-old Felton's largely symbolic Senate service capped a long career in Georgia politics and journalism.

The first woman *elected* to the Senate was Hattie Wyatt Caraway of Arkansas. Appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, U.S. Senator Thaddeus Caraway, Ms. Caraway then sought and won election on her own in 1932. She was reelected in 1938 and served until 1945. To date, thirty-five women have served in the United States Senate, with sixteen serving at this time.

Branch Calendar

Sept	28	World Culture Through Foods Planning Meeting in Rover Park
Oct	1	General Meeting, Candidate Forum, Fuller Lodge, 7pm
Oct	11	Fall Workshop, Las Vegas
Oct	20	Book Group, 7:30pm, <u>Suite Francaise</u> , by Irene Nemirovsky, Karin Roberts, 415 Cheryl
Oct	21	Book Group, 2pm, <u>Suite Francaise</u> , by Irene Nemirovsky, Marilyn Thayer, 505 Oppenheimer
Oct	23	Council meeting, 7:15pm, Pat Mendius's

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