

**Los Alamos Branch AAUW  
October 2005**

The Run for the Cure event organized by Nina Thayer to honor Terry Sleight raised \$780 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation

### *Future Branch Programs*

Your coordinating council has planned an exciting year of programs for 2005-2006:

On Thursday, November 17, AAUW member, Cas Mason will share her experiences teaching Russian graduate students at a English language camp. She interacted with 64 students from all corners of Russia and worked with them to improve their English abilities as they prepared and presented their scientific research. This meeting will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm.

In January we will have our annual legislative review forum. This event is held jointly by AAUW and the League of Women Voters.

On Saturday, February 18, Kurt Whyte (Helena's son) will present a self defense program. Kurt is the owner of T.A.S.K., Travel and Safety Knowledge, a martial arts and security business.

On Saturday, March 18 we will be joining the Santa Fe and Las Vegas branches in Santa Fe for a special fund raiser for the Educational Foundation.

The council is planning an April meeting related to New Mexico history.

Our spring tea will be held on a Friday May 5.

Details on these programs will be appear in future Newsletters. Be sure to mark the dates on your calendars. There will be no general meeting in October or December.

### **National News**

**Hurricane Response:** The Public Policy & Government Relations department of AAUW in the days following hurricane Katrina began working in consultation with members of Congress to understand and address the education, health care, and financial needs of the Hurricane Katrina victims. These key issues are among AAUW long-standing public policy priorities—education, health care, economic security, and federal budget reconciliation.

**New Membership Rules:** AAUW now admits to membership a graduate holding an associate

degree or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution. An associate's degree is a degree awarded by community colleges, junior colleges, and bachelor's degree-granting colleges in the USA and Canada. These degree programs would usually constitute two years of course study and require 60 credit hours as the two-year standard.

The equivalent of an associate degree is an academic degree or diploma awarded by a qualified institution such as a business college or a hospital, which may not be called

"associate degree" but has the same academic requirements or greater. Examples would be two-or three-year RN diplomas.

Anyone interested in joining AAUW -Los Alamos or has questions regarding eligibility or would like more information about our organization, upcoming programs, and study groups, please call Angela Coop Membership Chairperson at 672-1073.

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### Branch News

*AAUW Non-Fiction Book Group Meeting:*

On Monday, October 17 at 7:30pm the group will discuss *The Botany of Desire* by Michael Pollan at the home of Carroll Thomas, 115 La Senda. Pat Mendius is the discussion leader.

*The World Cultures through Foods:* The contact is Marilyn Minshall. (672-3499).

The next *Book Group* meeting will be October 3 at Rozelle Wright's, 213 Barranca Road. The book is *Brick Lane*, by Monica Ali. Denise George is the discussion leader.

Helena Whyte is organizing an evening *Great Decisions Group* for AAUW members. Please contact her if you are interested in joining the group. (672-9153, [helanaw@lanl.gov](mailto:helanaw@lanl.gov))

Our branch made two contributions to the Education Foundation in honor of Betty Emigh and Marjorie Bell Chambers. The contributions were directed to the Corrine Wolfe fund and were for \$500 each. Read more about Corrine Wolfe in the next section. The branch thanks Betty and Marjorie for their years of contributions to AAUW.

### \$\$\$\$Education Foundation Request

The Education Foundation of AAUW is a major source of grants to female graduate students. New Mexico is working hard to fund the Corrine Wolfe Fund. Corrine was a real New Mexico treasure.



As a volunteer lobbyist, Corinne Howell Wolfe lobbied on behalf of issues involving teen pregnancy, prenatal care, unemployed workers, frail and elderly citizens, and other human service

projects. In 1972, Ms. Wolfe returned from Washington DC and established a master level program at Highlands University in Las Vegas and dedicated herself to create a coordinated community in-home care program for the frail, elderly, and disabled. She was honored by having the Corinne Wolfe Children's Law Center 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. Ms. Wolfe also was involved with the Children's Trust Fund and received the Distinguished Service Award; the Governor's Volunteer Award, and the Santa Fe Living Treasure Award.

Help to reach the funding goals of the Corrine Wolfe fund by making a contribution to the Education Foundation and mail it to our treasurer Rosmarie Frederickson, 1372 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Of course, contributions to other Education Foundation funds are also encouraged.

The coordinating council is looking for a **public policy chair**. This position would primarily involve coordinating voter education activities with state AAUW and our other New Mexico branches. Let anyone on the council know if this is a job that appeals to you.

### Branch Calendar

Oct	3	Book Group, Rozelle Wright's, 213 Barranca, <i>Brick Lane</i> , Monica Ali
Oct	17	Non-fiction book group, <i>Botany of Desire</i> , Caroll Thomas, 115 La Senda
Oct	23	State Board Meeting, Silver City
Oct	27	Council meeting, Pat Mendius's, 7:15 pm
Nov	7	Book group, Doris Lodwig, 79 Mesa Verde, 7:30 pm, <i>Blessings</i> , Anna Quindlan
Nov	17	General Meeting, Cas Mason on Russia teaching, Bethlehem Lutheran, 7:30 pm
Dec	5	Book group, Bev Cooper, 521 Ridgecrest, <i>Marrying Mozart</i> , Anna Quindlan

### Coordinating Council for 2004-2005

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