



AAUW Hilltopics September, October 2013

Remembering Jeanie

**September 21, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
2390 North Road**

The program will feature invited guests: David Nereson, Jean's son, and Jean's friends, Nancy Paraskevas, Marilyn Smith, and Selvi Viswanathan. We will learn more about the Jean Nereson Books Memorial. As an extra treat, Santana Garcia-Chang will share her experiences at NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders).

We will enjoy lunch catered by Ruby K's for \$20.00, payable at the door. Members are invited to bring guests, and every member who brings a guest will receive an AAUW themed gift.

Jean Nereson Books Memorial



Los Alamos Branch of AAUW and the Nereson Family are offering an opportunity to honor Jean Nereson, an elementary school teacher for fifty years in Los Alamos County Public Schools and active AAUW member. Jean was respected and loved by her students, and she dedicated her 50+ year career to their education and well-being. To honor Jean a memorial fund has been established through the Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation, which will collect and administer the fund at no cost. The Foundation is a 529A organization and **all donations are tax deductible**. The Nereson Family will match up to \$20,000. The money will be given to purchase books for each of the Los Alamos elementary school libraries. We hope the response will allow the fund to purchase books for up to five years.

Checks should be made out to the Los Alamos Schools Foundation with "Jean Nereson Books Memorial" in the memo line and mailed to:

Los Alamos Schools Foundation
1900 Diamond Dr., Suite 1
Los Alamos, NM 87544

AAUW and the Nereson Family deeply appreciate your generosity.

National News

AAUW is providing more than \$3,700,000.00 in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to women and nonprofits for the 2013-2014 academic year.

AAUW is trying to improve their magazine, *Outlook*. Help them out by filling out this very short survey:

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/outlook-magazine-survey/>

Branch News

Mark these future programs on your calendars now.

November 2, Saturday: The Future of AAUW by Julia Brown, AAUW Vice President.

December 7, Saturday: Holiday Luncheon at Rancho de Chimayo.

The year's **MANA del Norte Scholarship winner** is Andrea Tuero Montoya. Andrea, a single mother of 3, is 31 years old and is currently pursuing an Associates Degree in Nursing at Northern New Mexico College. She is currently employed as a Medial Assistant, and her long term educational goal is to become a Physician's Assistant and surgical nurse. Andrea will be invited to our Fall lunch, and if she is available, our members will have a chance to meet her.

Non-fiction Book Group

On October 21, 7:30 p.m., we will meet at Rozelle Wright's, 213 Barranca Road to discuss My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor. Harriet Dodder is the reviewer.

On January 20, 2014, we will meet at Marilyn Doolen's, 713 Meadow, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss A Cooked Seed by Anchee Min.

Out n'About

October 24, Thursday. Linda McLellan has arranged this outing. We will leave from Los Alamos or White Rock at 10 a.m. We will arrive at Dr. Martin's in Taos for lunch at 11:30 -- lunch menu is at link: <http://www.taosinn.com/lunch.html> After lunch, we will have a one hour docent led tour of the Millicent Rodgers Museum (senior admission

is \$8 (over 50) adult is \$10). We will then go to the Mabel Dodge Lujan House for a tour starting at 2:15. The fee for a group tour is \$40; so the individual cost depends on the number of people who sign up for the excursion. We should be home by 4:45. Carpools will be arranged.

So far the following people have signed up:

Linda McLellan

Denise George

Angela Coop

Doris Lodwig

Carroll Thomas

Alahna Weller

Gloria Cordova

Nina Thayer

Bev Cooper

Betsy Comly

If you are on this list and are unable to come, let Linda know as soon as possible. If you are not on the list and would like to attend, let Linda know as soon as possible (lindamclellan@msn.com or 662-9602)

Book Group

Karin Roberts will coordinate the group this year.

The September book is Ella Minnow Pea by Mark Dunn. On September 9 at 7:30 p.m. Linda McLellan, 422 Connie, will host the meeting. RSVP to: lindamclellan@msn.com or 672-9602. On September 10 at 1:00 p.m. Marilyn Doolen, 713 Meadow Lane, will host. Mary Ann Lindahl will review at both meetings. RSVP to mtdoolen@aol.com or 672-3571.

The October book is The Light Between the Oceans by M.L. Stedman. On October 7 at 7:30 p.m., Harriet Dodder, 149 El Gancho, will host. RSVP to hardod@earthlink.net or 662,7473. The reviewer is Margo Batha. On October 8 at 1:00 p.m., Bev Cooper, 521 Ridgecrest, will host. RSVP to mcooper@cybermesa.com or 672-9696. Marilyn Doolen will review.

Branch Supports UNM MIL Levy Increase

At the Branch Council Meeting, Aug. 20, the Council discussed and passed the following resolution in support of the upcoming mil levy increase for UNM-LA. Historically, our Branch supported the formation of the UNM Branch in the 70's, and we ask all of our members to carefully consider the benefits to our community that a strong university presence provides. Please complete, sign and return the mailed ballot. You can double AAUW's impact if you ask a friend, or household member to also vote for the mil levy.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO-LOS ALAMOS IN THE SPECIAL ALL-MAIL ELECTION FOR A MIL LEVY INCREASE

WHEREAS, the American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of University Women Public Policy Principles for Action hold that quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society and the key to economic prosperity and gender equality; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of University Women advocates for adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students and increased support for and access to affordable higher education for women and disadvantaged populations; and

WHEREAS, the University of New Mexico Los Alamos branch campus leads all New Mexico branch campuses in performance indicators as defined by the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges, including the highest three-year graduation rate of 62%; and

WHEREAS, the University of New Mexico Los Alamos branch campus provides exceptional instruction from highly educated faculty, 67% of whom hold PhD degrees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Association of University Women Los Alamos Branch supports the University of New Mexico-Los Alamos in urging the voters of Los Alamos County to cast a yes vote to the question of a college district tax for UNM-LA in the special all-mail election on September 17, 2013.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2013.

Judyth Prono, Los Alamos Branch Facilitator

"UNM Los Alamos thanks the AAUW-Los Alamos Branch Council for their show of support for UNM-LA and its upcoming special election. The resolution demonstrates to our community that education is a key component that adds to the quality of life we enjoy in Los Alamos. Please demonstrate your support by returning your mail-in ballot to the County Clerk's Office by 7:00pm, September 17th. Ballots sent via USPS require first class postage." Ms. Lisa Wismer, Director, Business Operations, UNM Los Alamos.

Branch Calendar

Sept	9,10	Book Group
Sept	21	Fall Lunch
Oct	7,8	Book Group
Oct		Non-fiction book group
Oct	24	Out'n About

Membership Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that membership dues for the 2013-2014 year were due to national by July 1, 2013. If you have already paid, we thank you and you should ignore the remainder of this article. For your convenience a list of the membership categories, and dues for each category follows. Please use the payment coupon below and **make your check payable to AAUW, Los Alamos Branch**. Then please mail the coupon and your check to:

AAUW
Los Alamos Branch Treasurer
PO Box 272
Los Alamos, NM 87544

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	NATIONAL DUES	STATE DUES	LOCAL DUES
Regular Member	\$71.00	\$49.00	\$12.00	\$10.00
Paid Life Member	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$10.00
Dual Member not NM	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$10.00
Dual Member NM	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Honorary Life Member	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

PAYMENT COUPON	
Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$	
My membership category is Regular/ Life /Dual NM/Dual not NM (Please circle one category)	
Name:	
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E-Mail:	Mobile Phone:

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