

Los Alamos Branch AAUW September 2011



Fall Brunch Saturday, September 10, 2011 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church 2390 North Road

Welcome to another exciting year of AAUW-Los Alamos. We kick off this year with a pot-luck brunch on Saturday September 10, 2011. Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Our featured speaker will be our own Helena Whyte. She will talk about her experiences at the AAUW National Convention which was held in Washington D.C. this summer.

Study Group Chairs will explain what the group does and plans for the upcoming year. Sign-ups will be available at the brunch. (Note to Study Group chairs: be sure to be prepared to present your study group)

We will also vote on a name for our Los Alamos Branch News Letter. The six names that have been suggested follow:

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| 1. AAUW Hilltoppers | 4. Mesa Views |
| 2. Atomic News | 5. Pajarito Press |
| 3. Mesa News | 6. The Cottonwood Chronicle |

Branch News:

On July 18, 2011, Helena Whyte, Nina Thayer and Natalie Markin presented a “Lets Read Math Program” at Mesa Public Library as part of their Family Night Series. We used the book Spaghetti and Meatballs for All by Marilyn Burns. Math topics that were covered were area, perimeter, spatial relations and congruency. The computer game of Tetris was used to illustrate some of the concepts. Each child received an assorted packet of pasta and a bouillon cube to take home. They were told that in addition to making a pasta soup they could generate a bar graph by counting the different types of pastas that were in their packets.

July 1 was the deadline for paying dues:

DUES:

national	\$49
state	\$12
branch	\$10

For most of us, dues are \$71.

If you are an AAUW member at large, or a life

member, or a member of a non-New Mexico branch, your dues are \$22.

Honorary life members pay no dues.

If you are a member of another NM AAUW branch and wish to be a dual member, your dues are \$10.

Checks should be made out to AAUW Los Alamos. Bring YOUR CHECK to the fall brunch, or mail it to:

Treasurer, Los Alamos AAUW
P O Box 272
Los Alamos, NM 87544

\$46 OF THE NATIONAL AAUW DUES ARE DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEDERAL TAX PURPOSES.

Study Group Dates:

August 15, 7:00 p.m., Book group planning meeting at Rozelle Wright’s, 213 Barranca Road. **NOTE TIME.**

The September book is Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand by Helen Simonson, reviewed by Angela Coop.

On September 12 at 7:30 p.m., the hostess is Chris Sierk, 4640 Ridgeway. Please let her know if you will be at the meeting, 662-3894, acsierk@att.net

On September 13, 1:00 p.m., the hostess is Marilyn Thayer, 505 Oppenheimer, #820. Please let her know if you will be at the meeting, 662-9785.

September 26, 7:30 p.m. Non-fiction book group, The Great Divorce, by Ilyon Woo, reviewed by Rozelle Wright. The hostess is Margo Batha, 4753 Sandia. Please let her know if you plan to attend. <mailto:atomicbathas@me.com>

New Study Group:

Nina Thayer is organizing a new AAUW interest group called **Out 'n About**, which will visit some of the multitude of interesting and educational places in our northern New Mexico neighborhood. We will try this first year to meet 10 months of the AAUW year (July – June, skipping January and July) alternating Wednesday and Saturday. Nina has tentatively planned the first three trips and at the first and subsequent meetings will solicit input for destinations and Very Important People (VIPs) to organize each trip. Nina will act as VIP for each of these first three trips. (As you might guess, these are all places Nina has really wanted to see.)

The tentative schedule is:

Wednesday, Aug. 17, New Mexico History Museum in Santa Fe, the special exhibit honoring women pioneers of NM, “Home Lands: How Women Made the West: Homemakers, cowgirls, artists, doctors and politicians.” We will meet at 8:45a.m. in the large United Church parking lot to carpool to Santa Fe, leaving promptly at 9 am. Entrance for all New Mexicans 60 and older is free on Wednesdays. (There are several free entry coupons for those not lucky enough to be 60). We will have a no-host lunch at noon at the La Fonda’s La Plazuela restaurant. There is no overall cost for this outing, just your own lunch expense and a small gas donation to the drivers. I have asked for a docent but that is not promised. Reservations MUST be made to me by Monday, August 15.

Saturday, Sept. 24, Valles Calderas National Preserve wildlife van tour. This will likely be held in the late afternoon and early evening for prime elk watching. There will be a fee. We could plan a

cold pot-luck picnic. Arrangements are in process. This will likely be limited to the first 12 or 15 who hand me their check. More information soon.

Wednesday, October 12, van tour of Georgia O’Keeffe’s Abiquiu Home. Our one-hour tour starts at 11 am. Lunch will follow at the Abiquiu Inn. Reservations will be limited to the first 12 checks I receive. Cost is \$35/person and \$30 for those 60 and older. Nina is accepting checks immediately made out to her as she must pay for all tickets one month in advance. If the tour is not full two weeks in advance (September 28) it will be opened to Santa Fe AAUW members.

And now I will whet your interest with a list of possible future destinations. Please help me keep the ideas flowing.

- (1)Allan Houser Studio and Sculpture Gardens south of Santa Fe.
- (2)Santa Fe Women’s Ensemble holiday concert
- (3)Santa Fe Southern Railway and/or Rail Runner
- (4)Ojo Caliente Hot Pools, February or March?
- (5)Pueblo Feast Day dances
- (6)Tamaya Resort and Spa
- (7)Tour NM Capitol Building
- (8)Behind the scenes at the International Folk Art Museum

State News:

At the AAUW-NM Summer Leadership Team held in Las Vegas, NM on July 23, 2011 we learned that the “Woman Across Borders” symposium that was held in conjunction with the AAUW-NM Spring Convention 2010 won an honorable mention award for “Breaking through Barriers”. Thank you to Nina Thayer of Los Alamos and Ted Cooley of the Albuquerque Branch for submitting the application for the award. The symposium was Ted’s idea and he and Nina along with many others worked hard to see it to fruition. Also, AAUW-NM is working on revamping AAUW-NM Policies & Procedures. The state By-Laws were revamped last year. Los Alamos has offered to host the Summer Leadership Team in July 2012.

Branch Calendar

August	15	Book Group planning meeting
August	17	Out'n About History Museum outing
Sept	10	Fall Brunch
Sept	12	Book Group
Sept	13	Book Group
Sept	26	Non-fiction book group
Sept	24	Out'n About Valles Calderas Tour
October	6	Council Meeting

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