

## AAUW Hilltopics

February 2012

**Deborah Simon**  
**Water, Girls and Education in Guatemala**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Welcoming Hall**

Deborah Simon will be speaking on the subject of how the lack of access to clean water can affect the ability of girls to attend school in developing countries.

Deborah has an interesting biography. She was raised in the rural area of Guatemala. At a young age she recognized the need for medical care and made the decision to become a nurse. Deborah came to the United States to finish high school and then graduated from the University of Oregon with a nursing degree. She moved to Espanola in 1982 and, with her husband Tom, raised a family. Deborah is currently a home health care nurse at the Espanola Hospital.

Deborah has been a member of medical teams to Guatemala for the past 12 years. She has coordinated Rotary projects since 1997 and each year takes a volunteer team to project sites. A number of **Los Alamos volunteers** have participated on these teams. In 2004 she founded United by Friendship, a non-profit organization devoted to humanitarian projects in Central America.

A past President of Espanola Rotary Club, Deborah was awarded (2007) the annual Service Above Self Award by the Rotary District of New Mexico.

Please attend and welcome this energetic and selfless individual.

### AAUW-NM Legislative Day 2012

AAUW-NM's Legislative Day will take place this Sunday afternoon for lobby training and Monday, January 30 for lobbying and lunch. The Sunday events will be from 4:00 – 5:30 pm following the LTM at the Santa Fe Skies RV Park meeting room. Julianna Koob will speak on Title IX and Rep. Ben Ray Lujan has been invited to update us on the session.

Monday the group will meet in the Governor's Lobby between 9 – 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Capitol Building. At 9:30 a.m. Ms. Fischer of Think New Mexico will speak to us about the bill(s) they are supporting to reform the Public Regulatory Commission, PRC. There will be two hours for everyone to meet with her/his district senators and representatives. This is the perfect time to

introduce our new Representative, Jim Hall, to AAUW-NM's legislative priorities. Lunch will be at 12:30 pm at Garrett's Desert Inn, 311 Old Santa Fe Trail (about 2 blocks from the Roundhouse). Please let me, Nina Thayer ([gnthayer@cybermesa.com](mailto:gnthayer@cybermesa.com) 662-6835) know if you would like to join a carpool on Monday. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our legislature in action and to bring our influence to bear on AAUW priorities. We will plan to leave at 8 a.m. from the Hill and 8:15 from the White Rock Y.

### Out 'n About

Out 'n About met January 4 and set up six meetings/trips for the next calendar year. Some have dates, some have only the month. Most have a designated leader. We generated many wonderful ideas but need designated leaders for them to happen. Let Nina, 662-6835, know if you have an

idea that you are willing to lead. Below is the tentative schedule.

**February**, New Mexico History Museum, Illuminating the Word: The Saint John's Bible, special exhibit until 4/7/12. (no date set, no designated leader).

**March**, Poeh Museum in Pojoaque, lunch at 'O Eating House, immediately beside the museum. (no date set), designated leader, Nina Thayer.

**May 23**, Allan Houser Sculpture Garden, designated leader, Denise George. This is a Wednesday and entry fee is \$18, meet 9 am at United Church parking lot and 9:15 at the Y.

**August 12**, Santa Clara Feast Day, no designated leader.

**September**, Bandelier Night Walk, (no date set), designated leader, Marilyn Thayer.

**October**, Jemez Springs and Jemez State Monument, (no date set), designated leader Jill Forman.

**Book group:**

The February book is North and South by Elizabeth Gaskell. The reviewer is Angela Coop. On Feb 6 at 7:30 p.m., the hostess is Angela Coop, 332 Aragon. Please let her know if you will attend, 672-1073, [acwalkercoop@yahoo.com](mailto:acwalkercoop@yahoo.com). On Feb 7, 1:00 p.m., the hostess is Carol Neal, 3451 Urban Please let her know if you will attend, 662-7256, [the\\_neals@prodigy.net](mailto:the_neals@prodigy.net). The reviewer is Marilyn Thayer

**Great Decisions**

The topics for great decisions are:

- 1 Middle East Realignment
- 2 Promoting Democracy
- 3 Mexico
- 4 Cybersecurity
- 5 Exit from Iraq & Afghanistan
- 6 State of the Oceans
- 7 Indonesia
- 8 Energy geopolitics

The schedule for the morning meetings is:

Date	Topic	Presenter	Location
Jan 30	8	Andrea Gerstl Jill Forman	Andrea's, 15 El Nido
Feb 13	5	Carroll Thomas	library
Feb 27	4	Denise George	library
Mar 12	1	Angela Coop	library
Mar 26	7	Ginnie Tan	library
Apr 9	3	Karin Roberts	library
Apr 23	2	Marilyn Doolen	library
May 14	6	Thelma Hahn	Marilyn Doolen

Carroll Thomas is organizing the morning Great Decisions group. Carroll's contact information is 672-1937, [ctgb@earthlink.net](mailto:ctgb@earthlink.net). All meetings are at 10:00 a.m.

Helena Whyte is organizing the evening great decisions group. Helena's contact information is 672-9153, [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com).

**Branch Calendar**

Feb	6	Book group
Feb	7	Book Group
Feb	13	Great Decisions
Feb	16	Council meeting 7:15, Rozelle Wright's, 213 Barranca Rd
Feb	21	General meeting
Feb	27	Great Decisions

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