

Los Alamos Branch AAUW January 2010

Legislative Preview Fuller Lodge Thursday, January 14, 2010, 6:30p.m.

AAUW will join with League of Women Voters to sponsor the legislative preview. New Mexico is facing a budget crunch. Our legislators will let us know how they foresee dealing with this and other issues. Refreshments are at 6:30; the preview is scheduled from 7-9pm.

Branch News:

Volunteer judges are needed for the 2010 Los Alamos schools science fair on January 21. Rosmarie Frederickson will organize the judges. Contact her at 662-5915 if you wish to be included in the fun.

Congratulations on nearing completion of the Corinne Wolfe endowment. Plans are in the works for a gala event to fund the endowment. For now, save the day – February 21.

The branch coordinating council extends its sympathy to Harriet Dodder, Jill Forman and Roz Newmyer.

The memorial for Harriet's husband, Don Dodder will be held on Saturday, January 16 at Fuller Lodge from 3 to 5pm.

Jill Forman lost both her mother and her sister. The memorial for Heather, Roz's daughter will be held Friday, January 15 at the Unitarian Church of Los Alamos from 2 to 4pm.

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

Book Group: There is no January meeting. The February book is The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski. The Feb 1 meeting will be held at 7:30pm at the home of Pat Mendius, 124 Rover.

Jenny Bishop, 114 Alhambra Dr., is hosting the February 2, 2pm meeting. The reviewer for both meetings is Mary Jane Giesler.

Both groups need hostesses for many remaining meetings: March 2; April 5, 6; May 3, 4. Please contact Rozelle Wright (rozelle@losalamos.com or 662-5490) if you are able to host a meeting.

Non-Fiction Book Group: The next meeting will be Monday January 18 at 7:30pm. The book is The Reluctant Mr. Darwin by David Quammen. The reviewer is Angela Coop. The meeting is at Angela's, 332 Aragon.

The World Cultures through Foods: The January 23th, 6pm dinner's theme is Alaskan. Contact Marilyn Minshall (672-3499) for more information.

Great Decisions: Carroll Thomas (672-1937) is the coordinator of the day-time group. The organizational meeting will be held on Monday, January 11 at 10am at Mesa Public Library.

The evening group is coordinated by Helena Whyte (672-9153).

Great Decisions meetings will begin after the first of the year. Books must be purchased in advance; call the coordinator if you wish to be included in this year's order.

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

State AAUW News

Mark your calendars. In connection with AAUW-NM's annual spring convention, a symposium, *Women Across Borders: Chihuahua and New Mexico*, is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010.

Sounds like a long way off, but it's not!

The symposium is intended for women and girls on both sides of the border to promote communication and friendship among those who want a better education, a better career, and a better life.

The first sponsored convention activity is a tour of the El Camino Real International Heritage Center, one of New Mexico's newest State Monuments near Socorro. The Center contains award winning exhibits, interpretive learning center, and artifacts presenting the history and heritage of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro. Reservations are required if you wish to attend this tour. More information will be provided in the February newsletter.

National News:

If you subscribe to AAUW Action Alerts you will have helped to advance the mission of AAUW in 2009. Members lobbied for the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act which became law last January. Members supported the appointment of Justice Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court. Members worked to include investments in higher education, school construction as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Members supported the appointment of Hilda Solis as Secretary of Labor. Much work needs remains. If you would like to become a force in advancing women's issues, go to <http://aauw.org/> Then choose 'join the action network' under Quick Links. This is an easy method to stay informed and to express your opinions.

Branch Calendar

Jan	11	Great Decisions Organizational Meeting, 10am, Mesa Public Library.
Jan	13	Council Meeting, 7:15, Pat Mendius, 124 Rover
Jan	14	General Meeting, Fuller Lodge, 6:30pm, Legislative Preview
Jan	18	Non-fiction Book Group, 7pm, Angela Coop, 332 Aragon.
Jan	23	World Culture through Food Alaskan dinner
Feb	18	Discover E, "Let's Read Math"
Feb	21	Fundraiser for AAUW Funds – Corinne Wolfe endowment
Mar	2	General Meeting – panel on Women's Issues in India
May	7	Spring Tea – speaker is Lucy Moore

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