

Los Alamos Branch AAUW January/February 2007

Branch News

January meeting: AAUW/LALWV Joint Legislative Preview meeting featuring Jeannette Wallace and others. The meeting will be at Fuller Lodge with refreshments at 6:30 and the program at 7 PM. Helena Whyte would like an AAUW member to speak on the panel about one of the legislative issues. Please contact her if you would like to volunteer,

February meeting: AAUW General meeting at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM (note new start time). Cas Mason is organizing a panel discussion of “THOUGHTS ON CONTEMPORARY RUSSIA”.

In explanation of how the Los Alamos AAUW and the Los Alamos League of Women Voters work together to produce joint programs:

The League of Women Voters and AAUW

LWV is the historical sponsor of candidate forums and legislative previews in Los Alamos. AAUW recognizes that LWV does the major amount of the work necessary to produce the forums and previews.

AAUW appreciated the opportunity to help co-sponsor the September 21 and October 4 candidate forums by paying \$100 toward Fuller Lodge rental and advertising in the Monitor and by providing the edible (as opposed to the drinkable) refreshments. AAUW realizes that LWV paid much more than that and did a huge amount of work.

AAUW recognizes the large amount of scheduling, preparation, organization, inviting, follow-up, and re-organization that LWV does.

Although LWV has invited AAUW to take a larger role in the candidate forums/legislative preview, AAUW believes that LWV should continue to provide the moderator and timekeeper. AAUW will be introducing speakers and suggesting speakers for future programs. In regard to LWV's legislative interests, LWV would welcome suggestions from AAUW as to areas of legislative concern. AAUW suggested Education as a focus item.

Nina Thayer arranged for an AAUW speaker for the December 2, 2006 “Public Education Forum on Lobbying” held at the Masonic Lodge at 431 Paseo de Peralta in Santa Fe.

Legislative Preview with Jeannette Wallace and others will be Jan 4 at 6:30 PM at Fuller Lodge.

School Board Election Forum (tentative date January 18, place to be determined): The filing deadline for candidates is December 19th. Districts 3, 4, and 5 (all on the Hill) plus 2 UNMLA slots which are undistricted will be on the ballot. Absentee and in-person voting begins 28 days before Election Day.

Study Group Schedules are posted at:

http://aauw-nm.org/los_almos_study_groups.html

Study group chairs are asked to send schedules and any changes to Denise at georgeje@acm.org and Alahna Weller at acweller@comcast.net

Non-Fiction Book Group: Contact is Denise George: See calendar for upcoming books. Next dates are January 22 and March 19

Fiction Book Group: Contacts are Rozelle Wright and Denise George: See calendar for upcoming books. Next dates are February 5 and March 5.

The Mystery Book Club: www.lamountain.ws/mystery.html

Great Decisions Groups:

Carroll Thomas is the coordinator of the day-time *Great Decisions* group. All meetings are at 10 AM, room 1 at Mesa Library. Next dates are January 8 and 22; February 12 and 26, and March 12 and 26.

Helena Whyte is the coordinator of the evening Great Decisions group. All meetings are at 7:30, starting in January or February.

World Culture Through Foods Group: Contact Marilyn Minshall: Next dates are January 27, dinner from Turkey, and March 10, dinner from Africa. See calendar for more details.

National News:

AAUW urges you to resolve in the New Year to join the Help Action Network and help it grow and be even more of a force in our Nation's capital. Join the AAUW Action Network today at votered@aauw.org.

AAUW will celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, 2007.

The new member services data base is now online. It allows every member, branch or state to read and update their personal information or their branch or state officers list. This is the easiest way to keep your information current. Go to executive@aauw.org. Some links in EdEqChange may require you to log onto the Member Center at aauw.org/membercenter/leadercorner/EdEqChange.cfm.

Branch Calendar:

AAUW Lobby Core: Corinne Howard is organizing a training program for the AAUW Lobby Core on January 20th at 11 AM at her home in Corrales. The address is 210 Camino Sin Nombre. Her Phone # is (505) 897-0148. If you are interested in being a member of the Core or just want to learn more about lobbying plan to attend. Call Rosmarie Frederickson at 662-5915 for carpool information. **Call Corrine by January 16 to tell her you are coming.**

January	4	Joint Legislative review with LALWV, Fuller Lodge, 6:30 PM refreshments, Meeting 7:PM
January	22	Morning Great Decisions, 10AM-12 PM, Mesa Library, room 1
January	22	AAUW Choice Rally in Santa Fe
January	22	Non-fiction Book Group, 7:30 PM, at home of Pat Mendius, <u>The Omnivore's Dilemma</u> , by Michael Pollan
January	25	Coordinating Council meeting at 7:15 at the home of Pat Mendius
January	27	World Culture through Foods Group, 6 PM, home of Bev Cooper
February	5	Fiction Book Group, 7:30 PM, home of Pat Mendius, <u>Birds Without Wings</u> , by Louis de Bernieres
February	11	Winter State Leadership Team meeting, hosted by the Santa Fe Branch
February	12	Morning Great Decisions, 10 AM-12 PM, Mesa Library, room 1
February	12	A Day at the Legislature, in Santa Fe
February	20	General meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:00 PM. Cas Mason presenting "Thoughts on Contemporary Russia"
February	26	Morning Great Decisions, 10 AM-12 PM, Mesa Library, room 1
March	5	Fiction Book Group, 7:30 PM, home of Bev Cooper, <u>The Known World</u> , by Edward P. Jones
March	10	World Cultures Through Foods Group, 6 PM, home of Marilyn Minshall
March	12	Morning Great Decisions, 10 AM-12 PM, Mesa Library, room 1
March	19	Non-Fiction Book Group, 7:30 PM, at home of ?, <u>Daughter of Persia</u> , by Sattareh Farman Farmaian and Dona Munker
March	22	General Meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:00 PM. Mary Greene presenting "Studies of 1.4 million year old Skulls in Africa"
March	26	Morning Great Decisions, 10 AM-12 PM, Mesa Library, room 1
April	12 or 17	General Meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:00 PM. Possible program on the history of teaching evolution in NM and NM standing on such teaching
April	24	Equal Pay Day
April	27-29	Spring State Leadership Team meeting and AAUW State Convention, hosted by the Las Cruces branch
May	4	Spring Tea at Unitarian Church. Sharon Mulrey presenting <u>Civil War Clothing</u>
June	29-July2	AAUW National Association convention in Phoenix, AZ.
June	30	Association/State/Branch dues deadline

Coordinating Council for 2006-2007

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The March newsletter deadline is February 15th. Please send news to Alahna Weller and Denise George

