

## **Los Alamos Branch AAUW November 2009**

### **CyberBullying and Internet Harassment Awareness Tuesday, November 17 UNM LA Lecture Hall, Building 1 7:30 p.m.**

Can you identify bullying and cyberbullying in the elementary, middle, and high schools?  
Can you identify Internet harassment on university campuses?  
Are there laws in New Mexico regarding harassment, bullying, and cyberbullying?  
Are there bullying policies in the Los Alamos Public School System? At UNM LA?  
What do students and adults do on-line that helps the bully and harassment campaigns?  
What strategies decrease occurrences and harmful impact of cyberbullying?

Panelists: Bernadette Lauritzen, LAPS Schools  
Gary Garrett, UNM LA  
Shari Mills, Los Alamos Police Department

"Cyberbullying" is when a child, preteen or teen is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another child, preteen or teen using the Internet or cell phones. Both bully and victim must be minors. When either or both are adults, the terms Internet Harassment or CyberStalking are used.

The cyberbully one moment may become the victim the next. Children have killed each other and committed suicide after having been involved in a cyberbullying incident. Our children and grandchildren might become victims of a cyberbully; learn what we can do.

The methods used in cyberbullying and cyberstalking may involve sending unwanted, abusive, threatening or obscene e-mails; electronic sabotage or spamming where the victim is sent hundreds of junk e-mail messages. The harasser may impersonate the victim and send abusive or fraudulent e-mails in the victim's name. Hostile posts about the victim may appear or the perpetrator may spread vicious rumors about the victim online leaving abuse messages about the victim on website guest books. The harasser may even transmit offensive or altered images of the victim to websites or provide personal information about the victim online. This can happen to any of us; learn what to do to avoid becoming a victim.

## Branch News:

**New members:** Meet our new members: **Susan Watts**, 4861 Yucca St, 505-709-0005, [swattsw64@yahoo.com](mailto:swattsw64@yahoo.com) . “I grew up in Ohio. With my husband, we raised four children (including 2 foster children) in Georgia and Alabama and planned to retire in Boulder City, Nevada, his home town. After 10 years in the desert heat, the attraction of a grandson and the cooler weather pulled us to Los Alamos. Most of my out-of-family activities have centered around Girl Scouts (troop leader, area leader and organizer, national trainer, training director), a lay counseling group known as Stephen Ministry, and a book store at a national park (manager). My current interests include reading, a little writing, knitting two socks at one time to avoid the dreaded Second Sock Syndrome, gardening, and connecting kids to the outdoors.

**Els Hoffer**, 505 Grand Canyon, [jimmelshoffer@msn.com](mailto:jimmelshoffer@msn.com). Els was born in the Netherlands. She attended a “Gymnasium Alpha” Lyceum in the Hague where she majored in Greek, Latin and History. Shortly thereafter she took a year-long course in business administration.

In 1970 she and her husband Jim moved from Holland to Los Alamos. Not being able to find a job with her background, she took numerous classes in math and computers at UNM-LA. She worked as a technology technician/teacher for the Los Alamos Schools for 19 years. Now retired, she enjoys bridge, golf, reading, gardening and of course her grandsons.

**Marilyn Lisowski**, 2169 Deer Trail, 661-8766, [raymari@earthlink.net](mailto:raymari@earthlink.net). Marilyn Lisowski spent much of her life teaching and traveling in Europe, the Far East, the Middle East and New Zealand. She attended university in Spain. She lived in a West Bank refugee camp while writing a novel featuring that setting as part of the plot. In her professional life, she has taught foreign languages, political science and gifted and talented education at the high school and university levels for more than 30 years.

Currently, she runs a small jewelry business, using gems and pearls from India and China. Last year, she and her husband Paul, traveled to India to meet her gem supplier and attend the wedding of a former supplier. She spent time in Beijing forging new contacts for pearls. She and her husband have just returned to Los Alamos, after spending three years in DC. She enjoys writing stories and travelogues, hiking and camping, cooking, traveling, and reading. And, she loves making jewelry.

**Study Group Schedules** are posted at: [http://aauw-nm.org/los\\_amos\\_study\\_groups.html](http://aauw-nm.org/los_amos_study_groups.html)

*Book Group:* The November book is The Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean. The Nov. 2 meeting will be held at 7:30pm at the home of Carroll Thomas, 115 La Senda. The reviewer is Karin Roberts. The Nov 3 meeting will be held at 2pm, at the home of Nina Thayer, 1707 Solana. Sue Watts is the reviewer.

*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 November 14, 6pm dinner’s theme is the French Alps. The hostess is Marilyn Minshall, 536 Brighton. Contact Marilyn Minshall (672-3499) for more information.

*Great Decisions:* Carroll Thomas (672-1937) is the coordinator of the day-time group. 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.

*Bridge:* Contact Jane Sherwood if you would like to play this year.

Study group chairs are asked to send schedules and any changes to Denise at [georgeje@acm.org](mailto:georgeje@acm.org) Changes will be posted at: [http://aauw-nm.org/los\\_amos\\_study\\_groups.html](http://aauw-nm.org/los_amos_study_groups.html)

**Nina Thayer** has been appointed to AAUW national membership committee. **Gloria Cordova** has been appointed to the grassroots leadership corps.

### National AAUW News

[Claire Schuster](#), an LAF plaintiff, has won her latest legal battle over her allegations of sex-based pay discrimination at Berea College in Kentucky. Schuster, a tenured associate professor of nursing, sued the institution for sex discrimination in pay in violation of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act.

This year the **Nobel Prize** in Medicine has been awarded to three outstanding scientists, two of whom are women. Elizabeth H. Blackburn, Carol W. Greider, and Jack W. Szostak have been awarded the Nobel Prize for their discovery of “telomerase,” an enzyme that allows cells to divide without dying and could play a role in the uncontrolled spread of cancer cells. It is the first

time two women have been among the winners of the medicine prize. Of the 192 individuals awarded the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine over the years, only eight have been women

Carol Greider, an AAUW member, is a molecular biology and genetics professor at the John Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. Elizabeth Blackburn teaches biology and physiology at the University of California, San Francisco.

This year five women were awarded a Nobel Prize: in Chemistry, Israel's Ada Yonath; in Literature, Germany's Herta Mueller; and in Economics, Elinor Ostrom. Ms Ostrom is the first woman to win in the field of Economics, and the total of five female Nobel Prize winners is a record.

### Branch Calendar

Nov	2	Book Group, 7:30pm, Carroll Thomas, 115 La Senda
Nov	3	Book Group, 2pm, Nina Thayer, 1707 Solana
Nov	17	General Meeting, UNM-LA, topic on Cyber-bullying, UNM-LA, 7:30pm
Dec	10	Council Meeting, Pat Mendius, 124 Rover, 7:15
Jan		Joint meeting with LWV – legislative preview
Feb		Fundraiser for AAUW Funds
Mar	2	General Meeting – panel on Women’s Issues in India
May	7	Spring Tea – speaker is Lucy Moore

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