

Los Alamos Branch AAUW September 2009

Fall Luncheon

Saturday, September 26, 11:30am – 1:30pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Bring some food to share and your place setting (plate, flatware and cup). Food need not be homemade. Beverages will be provided by the coordinating council. Bring a guest and introduce your guest to the variety of study groups we offer. Our Mana del Norte scholarship recipient will be present and will give us an update on her educational progress.

Program

Helena Whyte

Green Chemistry in the Home

Are the chemicals you use in your home kind and gentle to people and the planet? Helena will show us how to decipher product labels to avoid hazardous ingredients and will suggest alternatives that are clean and green.

Branch News:

From Pat Mendius:

Dear Friends,

July and early August this past summer were an amazing time for me. All my scattered family (my children, their spouses and the grandchildren), some dear old friends, and even some distant cousins trekked on out to Los Alamos for brief visits to help me celebrate a milestone birthday--my 85th. It was a wonderful reunion time for me.

But the most delightful surprise of the summer was hearing from so many members of our AAUW branch. I received 37 birthday cards and 12 telephone calls from you, all of them filled with kindness and best wishes for happiness and health. Truly, your surprise messages were the "icing on my birthday cake"! Thanks to all of you for remembering me at this special time.

New member: The branch has a new member. Please welcome Susan Watts, 4861 Yucca St, 505-709-0005, swattsw64@yahoo.com

Volunteer Needed the council is looking for a public policy chair. The duties of this position are to follow state and national legislation that relates to AAUW public policy and to inform the branch members of opportunities to contact our legislators about these issues. Our state public policy chair is an excellent resource.

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

Book Group: The September book is The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer. The reviewer is Mary Ann Lindahl. The Sept. 14 evening meeting will be held at 7:30pm at the home of Chris Sierk, 4640 Ridgeway Dr. The Sept. 15 meeting will be held at 2pm at the home of Veronica Encinas-Saumon, 416 Cheryl.

Non-Fiction Book Group: The next meeting will be Monday October 19 at 7:30pm. The book is Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver. The reviewer is Rozelle Wright. The meeting will be at the home of Harriet Dodder, 149 El Gancho.

The World Cultures through Foods: Contact Marilyn Minshall (672-3499) for more information.

Great Decisions: Carroll Thomas (672-1937) is the coordinator of the day-time group. The 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; the coordinator will place a group book 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 georgejc@acm.org
Changes will be posted at:
http://aauw-nm.org/los_alamos_study_groups.html

Special Invitation from the LWV:

League Meeting Features Mid-East Expert Emile Nakhleh on September 16

Dr. Emile Nakhleh, author of an acclaimed new book about US-Muslim relations, will speak about "Key Issues in the Middle East" on Wednesday, September 16, at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of Building 2 at UNMLA. Refreshments will be served at 6:30, and we especially welcome our AAUW sisters.

As former director of the CIA Political Islam Strategic Analysis Program and current member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Nakhleh advised the White House on the speech that President Obama gave in Cairo in June.

Dr. Nakhleh's book, titled *A Necessary Engagement: Reinventing America's Relations with the Muslim World*, focuses on the misperceptions of Americans about Islam and vice versa. Muslims' negative views of the West are not based on distrust of democratic ideals or social values, but rather on what they call "21st-century colonialism"--wars, occupations, and aggressive rhetoric directed at Muslim countries. One Muslim contact told him, "You can't conduct public diplomacy through the barrel of a gun; boots on the ground might bring you military victory but won't win hearts and minds." Similarly, Americans mistakenly view Muslims through the distorting "prism of terrorism" and fail to see that most Muslims condemn terrorism and support ideas of good governance. He proposes a 10-point plan of diplomatic approaches to rebuild Western/Muslim relations.

Dr. Nakhleh was born in Palestinian Galilee, raised a Greek Catholic, emigrated from Israel to the US as a young man, and taught for 26 years before joining the CIA. He is an Arabic speaker; his analyses are based on extensive interviews with Muslims from more than thirty countries. The talk is free and open to the public. Please come and bring a friend.

Branch Calendar

Sept	14	Book Group, Chris Sierk, 4640 Ridgeway Dr, 7:30pm
Sept	15	Book Group, Veronica Encinas-Saumon, 416 Cheryl, 2pm
Sept	26	Fall Luncheon, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 11:30am
Oct	5	Book Group, 7:30pm,
Oct	6	Book Group, 2pm, Marilyn Minshall, 536 Brighton
Oct	19	Non-fiction book group, 7:30pm, Harriet Dodder, 149 El Gancho
Oct	20	General Meeting, 7:30pm, UNM-LA, topic on Cyber-bullying
Oct	27	Council meeting, 7:15pm, Pat Mendijs, 124 Rover
Nov	17	General Meeting, Jorg Jansen, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30pm
Jan		Joint meeting with LWV – legislative preview
Feb/Mar		General Meeting – panel on Women's Issues in India
May	7	Spring Tea – speaker is Lucy Moore

The membership of the Los Alamos branch will be asked to approve this budget at the Fall Luncheon.

**AAUW Proposed Budget for Fiscal
Year 2009-2010**

	Budgeted
Revenues for branch	
<i>Assuming 66 members of whom 8 are honorary life members, 3 are dual out of state, 1 is dual in state and 7 are paid life members</i>	
National Dues (47 members @ \$49)	\$2,303.00
State Dues (57 members @ \$12)	\$684.00
Branch Dues (58 members @ \$10)	\$580.00
Donations	\$60.00
Interest	\$5.00
from Savings	\$299.00
branch share of convention profit	\$86.00
Total Revenues for branch	\$4,017.00
Expenditures for branch	
Dues:	
National	\$2,303.00
State	\$684.00
Officers:	
Historian	\$10.00
Yearbook	\$10.00
Newsletter	\$75.00
Facility Rental	\$180.00
Programs	\$230.00
EF Fund Raising	\$15.00
Membership	\$30.00
Hospitality	\$15.00
Treasurer	\$10.00
President Fund	\$15.00
Sponsorships:	
Science Fair	\$75.00
Women in Science(EYH)	\$50.00
Conventions	\$185.00
Administrative:	
Post Office Box	\$45.00
NM Corporation Report	\$10.00
Miscellaneous:	
	\$75.00
Total Expenditures for branch	\$4,017.00

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