

## Los Alamos Branch AAUW January 2008

### Legislative Preview January 10, 2008, Thursday Fuller Lodge Refreshments at 6:30 pm, Preview begins at 7 pm

The branch will co-sponsor the Legislative Preview Session with the League of Woman Voters. Helena Whyte will moderate.

#### Future Branch Events:

**January 16, 2008, Wednesday, Los Alamos Public Schools, Downtown Office**, 4:30 - 6:00pm, Let's Read Math Workshop. Later in the year, the branch plans on offering the workshop for teachers in local elementary schools. Contact Natalie Markin (662-9399 or [natalie@lanb.com](mailto:natalie@lanb.com)) if you would like to become involved.

**January 26, 2008, Saturday, Los Alamos Science Fair.** Rosmarie Frederickson is the chair of our committee to award prizes to fair participants. Contact Rosmarie if you would like to help (662-5915 or [frederrh@yahoo.com](mailto:frederrh@yahoo.com)). We just received a very late note from Elliot Clay. He says, "This was a great year for science fair and I really hope you will support the science fair next year. Please accept this card even though it is a little late."

**March 4, Tuesday, 7:30pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church:** An International Relations event about Iran arranged by our International Chair, Cas Mason. Cas has contacted two Iranian women who will discuss the history of Iran and the situation of women in Iran.

**April 4, Friday, Expanding Your Horizons Conference.** Marilyn Minshall has been our liaison with Los Alamos Women in Science for this event. She is looking for help. Contact Marilyn at 672-3499.

**April 24, Thursday, 7:30pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church:** Program on pay equity.

**May 9, Friday Bethlehem Lutheran Church :**  
Spring Membership Tea.

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#### Branch News:

Please update your yearbook with Mary Jane Giesler's new email address:  
[mgiesler@unm.edu](mailto:mgiesler@unm.edu)

Our branch welcomes several new members this year. Here are introductions in their own words.

#### Dorothy C. Donnelly-Shaner:

Dorothy Donnelly Shaner (or just Dorothy Shaner) moved to Los Alamos with her husband, John Shaner, in 2002. For many years, Dorothy taught part- and full-time Political Science (American foreign policy, international relations and organizations, American politics) at small private colleges. Her longest and best tenure was at Chatham College in Pittsburgh, PA. After winning a Foster Fellowship at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in 1985, Dorothy went to Washington, DC for two years. After Jim Donnelly died in 1987, she made the Washington, DC location permanent and took a tenured government position in arms control-related issues at the U.S. Department of Energy. She was involved in a variety of arms control issues prominent at the time, most notably the United States nuclear testing program. From 1993 through 1997 Dorothy served as the DOE Member on the U.S. delegation to the 60-nation Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. That Clinton-directed team successfully negotiated a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban

Treaty (CTBT- never ratified) and attempted unsuccessfully to negotiate a Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty. Dorothy returned to Washington in late 1997 and retired from DOE in early 2002. After moving to Los Alamos, with DOE financial support and using laboratory facilities, Dorothy wrote a classified monograph on the very private negotiations between the Permanent Five (U.S., UK, France, China, Russia) on the CTBT. Dorothy lives in White Rock with John, a retired Los Alamos Fellow and physicist. They like to cook and travel. She has two grown daughters and two grandchildren, all living in the East.

### **Deepa Nadiga**

I was born and raised in India. I lived in North India through high school and moved to South India to complete Medical School. I married Balu and moved to the United States. I did my internship in Psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin at Madison (combining it with a pregnancy for a really crazy year). After the birth of my oldest son, I moved to Albuquerque to complete my residency at the University of New Mexico. Busy years followed, with the birth of my second son, working as faculty at UNM and devouring breakfast burritos. Balu had worked at LANL for the past decade and the commute was getting old, so and with two boys who are now 10 and 5 years old, here I am, in Los Alamos.

**Study Group Schedules** are posted at:

[http://aauw-nm.org/los\\_alamos\\_study\\_groups.html](http://aauw-nm.org/los_alamos_study_groups.html)

Study group chairs are asked to send schedules and any changes to Denise at [georgeje@acm.org](mailto:georgeje@acm.org)

*Book Group:* The next meeting will be Monday, February 4, 7:30pm at the home of Doris Lodwig, 79 Mesa Verde. The book is *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar.

*Non-Fiction Book Group:*

The next meeting will be at the home of Lynn Jones, 520 Navajo on Monday, January 14 at 7:30 pm. The book is *The View from the Center of the Universe* by Joel Primak.

*The World Cultures through Foods:* The January 5 dinner has an African theme and is hosted by Marilyn Minshall, 526 Brighton. (672-3499).

Carroll Thomas is the coordinator of the day-time *Great Decisions* group. All meetings of this group are held at Mesa Public Library at 10 a.m. in room 1. The dates are as follows: Jan. 14 and 28, Feb. 11 and 25, March 10 and 24, April 14 and 28, May 12. Topic order and discussion leaders will be chosen at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The evening *Great Decisions Group* organizational meeting is Jan. 31 at 7:30 PM at Helena Whyte's, 100 El Morro.

*Bridge:* Jane Sherwood (662-3194) is still trying to resurrect this group. More partnerships are needed, and if someone would like to step forward and be chair, free advice is available!

### **EF Fundraiser for Corinne Wolfe Fellowship**

We raised \$2600 which will be matched for a total of \$5200 for the fellowship. Kudos to all who helped, members, spouses, and friends:

Nina Thayer – hostess and event chair

Carroll Thomas, Denise George, Susan Oldham, Nina Thayer – organizing committee

Barb Smith, Dottie Reilly, Karin Roberts, Mary Ann Lindahl, Maryjane Giesler, Susan Oldham, Marilyn Minshall, Alahna Weller, Leslie Puckett, Jill Forman, Cas Mason, Jane Sherwood, Dorothy Shaner, Nancy Scheer, Carroll Thomas, Nina Thayer –comestibles

Barb Smith, Doris Lodwig, Mary Brooks, Harriett Dodder, Linda McLellan, Rozelle Wright, Bev Cooper – kitchen angels

Helena Whyte – greeter

Susan Oldham, Denise George, Carroll Thomas, Thelma Hahn, Nina Thayer – publicity

Paula Nichols and High School Singers Kay & Brian Newnam, Kathy Gursky & Jim Knudsen – music

John Lilly, Gary Thayer – traffic control

Natalie Markin, Mary Ann Lindahl – callers

And thank you to all who bought tickets and attended this fun and productive event.

There is a collection of photos on the state web page – but here are a few for those who do not have access to a computer:



### State News:

The Santa Fe branch once again is hosting the AAUW State Leadership Team meeting on Sunday, January 27, followed by our annual Legislative Day on Monday, January 28. The meeting, followed by a potluck dinner, will be held as in previous years at the Santa Fe Skies RV Park, thanks to branch member Flossie Brown.

If you are interested in a Bed and Breakfast opportunity for Sunday night with a Santa Fe

branch member, please call Sandra Bradley at 505-983-5125, or e-mail at [sandbrad@aol.com](mailto:sandbrad@aol.com).

Coming up in New Mexico: Ruffling a Native American Pot to benefit LAF during the Winter State Leadership Team Meeting in Santa Fe in January. Since 1981 the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has contributed more than \$1.3 million to more than 100 cases involving women fighting sex discrimination in higher education. LAF offers plaintiffs financial assistance and outreach for their cases. LAF does not engage in litigation.

### National News:

After completing a national search, AAUW's Search Committee announced Linda D. Hallman will be appointed AAUW Executive Director, effective January 7, 2008.

Linda Hallman joins AAUW after a long history of Washington DC area association and foundation executive level leadership experience. She is

currently serving as Vice President of Policy and Government Strategy, External and Member Relations, with National Alliance for Health Information Technology. Highlights of Linda's extensive prior nonprofit experience include service as Executive Director of the American Medical Women's Association and its Foundation, as well as President and Chief Executive Officer of American Horticultural Society. Further, she served in the United States Army and U.S. Army Band and Chorus, receiving an honorable discharge. Linda earned her master's degree in Organizational Management from George Washington University and bachelor's degree in Music Education from Indiana University. She has acquired extensive continuing professional development and is affiliated with relevant organizations for professionals in the field. In addition, Linda has been an AAUW member.

### Branch Calendar

Jan	9	Let's Read Math Planning Meeting, 6:30pm, Mesa Public Library
Jan	10	General Meeting, Fuller Lodge, Legislative Preview
Jan	14	Non-fiction book, 7:30pm, Lynn Jones, 520 Navajo, <u>The View from the Center of the Universe</u>
Jan	16	Let's Read Math workshop, LAPS downtown office, 4:00 pm
Jan	22	Choice rally, Santa Fe
Jan	26	Science Fair
Jan	27,28	Winter leadership team meeting and legislative day.

### Coordinating Council for 2007-2008

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