

**“Furor in the Muslim World”
by Lt. Col. (ret.) Ed Rau**

**March 20, 2014
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Mesa Public Library Upstairs Meeting Room

Lieutenant Colonel Rau is prepared to discuss the political situation in the following countries: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Yemen, Iraq, Turkey, Libya, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and Palestine. Rau will acquaint us with historical background, current players, costs of conflicts and possible hopeful outcomes in the context of the differences and similarities among the countries. As the meeting time is limited not all countries will be covered. In light of the continuing turbulence in this area, this should be a most timely presentation.

Rau attended the Defense Intelligence Agency’s area study for Iran and Afghanistan and completed an eleven month course of Farsi (Persian) at the State Department Language School. After 2½ years of preparation he was assigned as a military attaché at the U.S. embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan for 2½ years (1966-1968). He retired from the Air Force as Lt. Col. after 27 years. He then graduated from law school and practiced as a trial attorney for 15 years. Ed is now retired.

He has travelled widely in Europe, the Middle East and South East Asia. He was part of a team that observed the NGOs during the famine in Kenya, Ethiopia and Sudan in 1985. Rau and his wife spent 20 months on a round the world trip in 1988 which included taking the Trans-Siberian Railroad from Beijing to Moscow.

You are encouraged to bring a friend.

Jean Nereson Books Memorial Update

As of February 20 the Jean Nereson Books Memorial had raised \$18,024 for books for the libraries of the five Los Alamos elementary schools. The branch will hold a final fundraiser, Saturday, June 14 to reach the goal of \$20,000. The event will be called “Books, Friends and Desserts”. Ms. Stacia Lewandowski, a local author, will speak about early artists of Santa Fe, and special desserts will be available. The fundraiser will be open to the public and entry will be by donation to the JNBM Fund. More information will be available as plans take shape. The Program Committee is asking our good cooks to prepare a special dessert for this gala event. Contact Nina Thayer, gnthayer@cybermesa.com or Ginny White, <mailto:ginny@atomicski.org>, to offer a dessert.

Great Decisions

Carroll Thomas is the organizer of the morning group for 2013-14 Great Decisions. Her contact information is ctgb@earthlink.net, 672-1937. The group meets at 10:00 a.m. at the Mesa Public Library upstairs meeting room: The schedule follows:

Mar 10 #6 Food and climate...Ginny Tan/Andrea Gerstle

Mar 24 #5 Energy Independence: Thelma Hahn

Apr 7 #3 Turkey's challenges: Angela Coop/Karin Roberts

Apr 21 #7 China's foreign policy: Mona Wecksung

May 5 #4 Islamic awakening: Carroll Thomas

Helena Whyte, mozden08@aol.com, 672-9153, is the evening group organizer.

All discussions begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

Mar 13 #3 Turkey: Marilyn Thayer, 505 Oppenheimer #810, 662-9785.

Mar 27 #4 Islamic awakening: Natalie Markin, 505 Oppenheimer, 662-9399.

Apr 10 #2 Israel and the U.S: Marilyn Minshall, 536 Brighton, 672-3499.

Apr 24 #5 Energy Independence: Beverly Cooper, 521 Ridgcrest, 672-9696.

May 22 #7 China: Judy Prono, 670 Totavi, 662-2691.

Both groups welcome visitors.

Non-fiction Book Group

On March 24, 2014, the group will discuss Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way by Robin Gerber. Helena Whyte is the discussion leader. We do not have a hostess. Please let Helena know if you are able to host the meeting.

Book Group

The March book is Canada by Richard Ford.

The Monday, March 3rd, 7:30 p.m. meeting is at Angela Coop's home at 332 Aragon (WR).

The Tuesday, March 4th, 1:00 p.m. meeting is at Rozelle Wright's home at 213 Barranca (LA).

Please phone or e-mail the hostess if you plan on attending:

Angela at 672-1073, acwalkercoop@yahoo.com

Rozelle at 662-3499, rozelle@losalamos.com

Title IX, Supporting Girls' Sports

The last outing of the year is Wed., April 30: Hilltopper Softball at 4 p.m. at Overlook Park. Helena Whyte, mozden08@aol.com, 672-9153, organizes this group.



Out 'n About participants after enjoying lunch at LaFonda and soon to be touring the hotel.

Out 'n About with Santa Fe

The Santa Fe Branch has invited us to join their members for a tour of the **Women's International Study Center**, at 614 Acequia Madre St., Santa Fe. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, March 29 at 10 a.m. with a maximum of 20 participants. Contact Jeanne Patrick (jeannepatrick2001@hotmail.com, 984-1720) to make a reservation and Nina Thayer, gnthayer@cybermesa.com, to arrange carpools and lunch.

So just what is the **Women's International Study Center** (WISC)? Spanning 150 years, three remarkable women from three generations of the same family made their marks on the world. The house they designed and lived in for decades in Santa Fe is now the home of the WISC, an institute founded in June 2013 to focus on women in the arts, sciences, cultural preservation and business.

The matriarch, Eva Scott Muse, first came to Santa Fe in 1889 with her young daughter Leonora. These two would sustain a productive relationship with Santa Fe and New Mexico throughout the rest of their lives, as would Leonora's daughter, Leonora Curtin Paloheimo. The three women had a wide range of interests including, art, ethno-botany, linguistics, the documentation and preservation of

Native American languages and the perpetuation of Spanish colonial crafts. Today, WISC honors the legacy of these women by offering residency to scholars and fellows, a program of creative dialog bringing world-class musicians to WISC and awards to women of achievement.

Future Programs

The **April** program will be based on an 'Equal Pay Day' theme. Details will appear next month.

The **Spring Tea** is scheduled for May 16 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church's Gathering Space.

Books, Friends and Desserts, a fund-raising for JNBM with guest speaker Stacia Lewandowski will be held June 14.

Branch, State and Regional News

Council has approved creating **two Named Grants** totaling \$800.00 from our AAUW Funds account: the first honors Natalie Markin for her many years of branch service (19 Councils since 1993) and state service. The second honors the JNBM committee, Nina Thayer, Mary Ann Lindahl, Judy Crocker and Nancy Scheer, for their initiative and dedicated work in establishing a memorial that both honors Jean's legacy and significantly benefits our local schools. Natalie and Nina both selected the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, which supports research on the gender pay gap and why so few women are in science.

AAUW-NM is looking for a **volunteer to maintain its website**. Lina Germann's tenure as webmistress ends in June. She is happy to discuss the work involved if you're interested (505-424-9254).

State Convention in Las Vegas, NM, April 25-27.

Rocky Mountain **Regional AAUW conference** in Reno, June 6-8.

Helena Whyte is looking for **volunteers to interview Tech Trek applicants** between March 10 and April 7, 2014. Interviewers will be given a set of standard questions. Volunteers may need to travel to Taos or Santa Fe to conduct the interviews.

Tech Trek is a weeklong science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) summer camp for rising eighth-grade girls. The camp is designed to develop girls' interest, excitement, and self-confidence in STEM fields.

All campers are nominated by their seventh-grade math and science teachers. Campers then apply and are selected by the Tech Trek committee. Families pay only a \$50 fee to send a girl to the week-long camp, ensuring that girls from a range of backgrounds are able to attend.

Tech Trek attendees spend a week on a campus at NMSU in Las Cruces, which helps girls envision themselves pursuing higher education. The campers attend either a math or science core class daily as well as hands-on workshops, many of which are run by women STEM professionals. A daylong field trip provides girls with a chance to learn about a STEM profession in person and witness a STEM workplace environment.

If you can help e-mail Helena at mozden08@aol.com or call her on her cell phone at 690-7824.

2014 Los Alamos County Science Fair AAUW Judging Results

On Saturday, Jan. 25, Marilyn Doolen, Helena Whyte, Nina Thayer, Alahna Weller, and Judy Prono spent the morning viewing 115 individual and class science projects, mostly involving 4th and 5th graders. We were impressed with the experimental curiosity and creativity exhibited in many of the projects. Although most fell into the categories of life and physical sciences, the titles listed below suggest the breadth of topics studied. We recognized two class projects with \$15 awards and nineteen students with \$5 awards and wrote congratulatory notes to all winners.

Class awards:

UV the Judge: Shading Light with SPF Sunscreen Levels—Mrs. Schembri' class, Barranca Mesa
 Can Color Fool Your Taste Buds?—Mrs. Lee's class, Chamisa

Individual awards:

Taste Perceptions—Olivia Belian
 Spot On—Gavin Coy
 Bacteria!—Christopher Garcia
 Optical Illusions—Jillian Pucket
 Which Toy Will It Be?—Ronald Terp
 Can you Hear Me?—Kevin Clarke
 Who is Right? Wright or Modern Architects?—Ursula Coe
 The Orange vs. The Water—Amelia Duffy
 What Type of Sand Cleans Water Best?—Karin Ebey
 Evaporating Liquids—Elizabeth Frost
 Can Water Float on Water—Kalen Melton
 How to Put a New Spin on a Motor—Jamey Michel
 Wind Knots in a Fly Line—Sean Mitchell
 Bristle Bot Racing—Hailey Norman
 Measurements of Electromagnetism in Coiled Wire—Tommy Oldham
 Boiling Water at Different Altitudes—Declan O'Leary
 How High Does It Bounce? —Eloise Schappert
 The Wing Thing—Marcus Sintay
 The Power of Health Food—Ignatius Kuropatwinski

So far we have received thank you notes from:

Chris: “Thank you for supporting our county science fair. I want to thank you for the award I received and let you know how encouraged and motivated I feel. I plan on continuing to work on projects for future science fairs...”
 Declan: “Thank ..AAUW for supporting out county science fair. I want to hank you for the award I received.”
 Sean : “ Thank you for the five dollars and the note. I enjoyed the science project and will look forward to doing future projects.”
 Karin: “Thank you for supporting the science fair. I really enjoyed testing what type of sand cleans water best. Thank your for the \$5 prize. I am excited for next year’s science fair. I love science.”
 And from Mrs Schembri’s kindergarden class: We received several hand drawn thank you notes! The class will use the award money to purchase science toys and movies to help the class further explore the scientific process.

Branch Calendar

Mar	3,4	Book group
Mar	10	Morning Great Decisions
Mar	13	Evening Great Decisions
Mar	20	Branch meeting, Mesa Public Library
Mar	24	Morning Great Decisions
Mar	24	Non-fiction book group
Mar	27	Evening Great Decisions
Apr	3	Council Meeting at Marilyn Doolen’s, 713 Meadow Lane, 7:15 p.m.

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