



**Around the World in 80 Minutes**  
Spring Tea  
Friday, May 16, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Bethlehem Lutheran Gathering Space

The program will be a lively travelogue presented by a few of our own well-traveled members, each telling us of a favorite place she has visited. Each speaker will have 10 minutes and up to 15 pictures to convince us to add her favorite destination to our bucket lists.

Awards will be presented, and we will elect next year's Council members. Finger food, punch and tea will be served. Please bring a friend to this fun annual event.

**Jean Nereson Books Memorial Update**

The Rotary Club of Los Alamos gave the LAPS Foundation a \$250 donation for the JNBM last month, so that our total now stands at **\$18,274.00**. We are closing in on our goal of \$20,000, which we hope to reach with our June fundraiser, Books, Friends & Desserts.



Donated in Memory of  
Longtime Los Alamos Teacher

*Jean Parks Nereson*

by AAUW-Los Alamos and  
by Family, Friends and Colleagues

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> the Branch Council voted on this handsome bookplate design, for the books purchased with the JNBM funds. By mid April the hundreds of books (with bookplates), purchased with the first distribution of funds will be going on the shelves of our elementary school libraries. Hooray!



**Books, Friends & Desserts**, our last fundraiser for the Jean Nereson Books Memorial will be held Saturday, June 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Oppenheimer Senior Condos Patio

Room. Admission is a donation to the memorial fund. Our speaker Stacia Lewandowski, a local author, will speak about early Santa Fe artists, and there will be a variety of delicious desserts. This will be an AAUW Share the Future event with national membership at half price for people joining for the first time at the event. Please bring a guest and potential member. Ms. Lewandowski will donate 20% of proceeds from the sale of her book to the memorial fund.

## Great Decisions

Carroll Thomas is the organizer of the morning group for 2013-14 Great Decisions. Her contact information is [ctgb@earthlink.net](mailto:ctgb@earthlink.net), 672-1937. The group meets at 10:00 a.m. at the Mesa Public Library upstairs meeting room: The schedule follows; note the date is not as originally posted.

May 12 #4 Islamic awakening: Carroll Thomas

Helena Whyte, [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com), 672-9153, is the evening group organizer.

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

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

## Non-fiction Book Group

On May 24, 2014, the group will discuss Catching Fire by Richard Wrangham. The hostess is Chris Sierk, 4640 Ridgeway. The reviewer is Angela Coop.

## Book Group

The May book is The Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hossen.

The Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. meeting is at Karin Robert's home, 415 Cheryl (WR).

The Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. meeting is at Betsy Comly's home at 235 Kimberly (WR). The reviewer is Marilyn Minshall. Please phone or e-mail the hostess if you plan on attending:

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## Branch News

**Harriet Dodder has a new e-mail address**; please update your directory: [harrietdodder@comcast.net](mailto:harrietdodder@comcast.net)

We will vote on the following **slate of Council officers** at the Spring Tea. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted:

Margo Batha and Jill Forman have accepted a nomination to join the Council.

Natalie Markin, Nina Thayer, and Mona Wecksung have agreed to run for an additional term.

Four Council members will remain on the Council for the second year of their terms: Marilyn Doolen, Maryjane Giesler, Ginny White, and Judy Prono.

**Branch Bylaws Updated:** We have revised Articles V (Membership) and VI (Dues and Finances) of our Branch Bylaws to clarify terminology and conform to language in the 2013 AAUW (National) Bylaws. These changes are mandated by National, and they do not require membership approval. The revised Bylaws are posted on our website under the Members Only tab.

We have more **science fair** thank you notes:

From Amelia: "Thank you for the \$5 you rewarded me! I already spent it though...that's ok! I also want to thank you for being one of the many sponsors of the County Science fair. I'm sorry it is so late! I just never got to it. But I'm writing it now. Thank you."

Individual thank you notes from Megan Lee's second grade class at Chamisa. Here is a sample: "Thank you for the money from the Science Fair. We are using it on a eye experiment and a solar system model.(sic) Love, Victoria".

## Equal Pay Day Table

AAUW celebrated Equal Pay Day with a table at the indoor Farmer's Market April 10 at Fuller Lodge. During the event we handed out about 40



booklets, "The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap," 2014 edition. Thank you to Mona Wecksung, Alahna Weller, and Gloria Cordova for womaning the table

and to Nina Thayer for organizing the event.

We recruited one new member, Margery Brown Lewis. Welcome Marge to AAUW and add her information to your membership directory.

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## **AAUW State Convention: April 25-27**

The Las Vegas Branch invites us to join them in "Celebrating Our Living

History" at the state convention they are hosting. The convention hotel is the Historic Plaza Hotel, built in 1882, where attendees can enjoy the grandeur of a lovely Victorian building, now joined to the former Ilfeld Company Dry Goods building. Saturday morning's program will be held at the Montezuma Castle on the campus of the United World College (UWC). Home to one of Fred Harvey's first collaborations with the Santa Fe Railroad and now the college's centerpiece, Montezuma Castle is yet another example of Las Vegas' living history. Program highlights include a presentation about the castle, a talk by keynote speaker Rev. Holly Beaumont of Interfaith Worker Justice, and brunch with UWC students.

The afternoon session will be back at the Plaza Hotel and will include a panel discussion on workplace equity and fair pay and the election of new state officers, including our own Helena Whyte as co-President. The new officers will be installed at the evening banquet in the Ilfeld Ballroom. Julia Brown, AAUW VP, and Cordy Galligan, AAUW VP for Marketing and Business Development, will speak at the Sunday morning brunch.

Enjoy a weekend amid landmarks of the Old West—come face-to-face with our history of oil moguls, pioneers, railroaders, and traders—learn

more about gender pay equity, and help celebrate Helena's new leadership role in AAUW-NM. More information, along with the convention schedule and registration form, is available on the state website ([aauw-nm.aauw.net/](http://aauw-nm.aauw.net/)). For carpool information, call Natalie Markin (663-3874) or Nina Thayer (662-6835).

## **AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Conference**

AAUW-Nevada will host the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference **June 6-8, 2014**, in Reno. The conference theme is "Women of the West—Beyond the Wagon Train." Learn what AAUW is doing nationally—Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW President, and Lisa Maatz, AAUW VP of Government Relations are among featured speakers. Socialize with AAUW members from Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, and New Mexico. Take part in leadership training, tour the historic area of Reno, and relax in the lovely Siena Hotel by the Truckee River. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Nevada women's suffrage. The deadline for conference and hotel reservations is May 10. Registration materials are posted on the AAUW-Nevada website ([aauw-nv.aauw.net/](http://aauw-nv.aauw.net/))

## **Women's International Study Center's First Symposium**

When: August 15, 16, 2014

What: **"Risk & Reinvention: How Women Are Changing the World"**

Who: featuring a conversation with **Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

Where: Durry Hotel, Santa Fe

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE IS APPROACHING**

This is a friendly reminder that membership dues for the 2014-2015 year are due to national by July 1, 2014. You may pay these dues at the Spring Tea. For your convenience you will find a list of the membership categories, and dues for each category listed on the next page. Please use the payment coupon and **make your check payable to AAUW, Los Alamos Branch**. Then mail the coupon and your check to:

**AAUW, Los Alamos Branch Treasurer**

**PO Box 272**

**Los Alamos, NM 87544**

Alternatively, to renew your membership online go to the AAUW homepage then click on the login link at <http://www.aauw.org/membership/> and follow the instructions.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	NATIONAL DUES	STATE DUES	LOCAL DUES
Regular Member	<b>\$71.00</b>	\$49.00	\$12.00	\$10.00
Paid Life Member	<b>\$22.00</b>	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$10.00
Dual Member not NM	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$10.00
Dual Member NM	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Honorary Life Member	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

If you would like to purchase a **life membership, the cost is \$980.00**. Each year you will then only have to pay the assessment for state and local dues. Since dues have a tendency to increase, this is an option that is worth considering. Also please note that of the \$49.00 National Dues, \$46.00 is tax deductible. The other \$3.00 is used to support the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c) (4) activities, (Lobby Corps and election related activities), so it is not tax deductible.

PAYMENT COUPON	
Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$	
My membership category is Regular/ Life /Dual NM/Dual not NM (Please circle one category)	
Name:	
Address:	
City:	State: Zip Code:
Daytime Phone Number:	Evening Phone Number:
E-Mail:	Mobile Phone:

### Branch Calendar

May	5,6	Book group
May	12	Morning Great Decisions
May	13	Council meeting at Ginny White's, 1001 Oppenheimer, 7:15 p.m.
May	16	Spring Tea, Bethlehem Lutheran Church
May	22	Evening Great Decisions
May	24	Non-fiction book group

### Coordinating Council for 2013-14

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