



Books, Friends & Desserts

Saturday, June 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Oppenheimer Senior Condos Patio Room



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 our final fundraiser for the Jean Nereson Books Memorial. Our goal is to reach \$20,000 in donations to the LAPS Foundation, which will ensure four years of funding (at \$1000/school/year) to each of our five elementary school libraries. Please help us reach this goal. Ms. Lewandowski will donate 20% of proceeds from the sale of her book to the memorial fund. Admission is a donation to the memorial fund.

This will also be an AAUW Shape the Future membership event at which new members can join AAUW at 50% off national dues (total national, state, and local dues will be only \$46.50). This is a wonderful opportunity for members to introduce a friend or family member to AAUW. For every two new members who join, the branch earns one free national membership. We could offer a free membership to someone who would like to join AAUW but has elected not to because of financial difficulties. If you know of such a person, please email Mona Weclsung at weclsung2005@msn.com.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is a discussion program on world affairs based on the Great Decisions book. The groups meet to discuss eight of the most critical global issues facing America today. Carroll Thomas is the organizer of the morning group for 2014-15. Her contact information is ctgb@earthlink.net, 672-1937. This group meets at 10:00 a.m. at the Mesa Public Library upstairs meeting room: Helena Whyte, mozden08@aol.com, 672-9153, is the evening group organizer. This group meets from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at members' homes. You may sign up at any time. The meetings will begin in early 2015.

Non-fiction Book Group

The group will meet on July 21st at Rosmarie Frederickson's home to discuss Book of Ages, The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin by Jill Lepore. Rozelle Wright will be the reviewer. Please let Rosmarie know if you intend to come (662-5915, mfrederrh@yahoo.com).

Book Group

Our planning meeting for next season will be held at Rozelle Wright's home on August 18th at 7:30 p.m. Please come with suggestions for books you recommend and have read. Rozelle lives at 213 Barranca. Her phone number is 662-5490 and her email is rozelle@losalamos.com

Branch News

Nina Thayer would like to offer a big round of applause to our six members who made the program at our May Spring Tea, “Around the World in 80 Minutes”, come alive. I have added several new destinations to my own bucket list, and I wish to thank:

Kyle Wheeler who presented Ireland,
Caroline Mason who presented Jordan,
Maryjane Giesler who presented China,
Marilyn Thayer who presented Vietnam,
Angela Coop who presented her second
homeland, Australia,
Rosmarie Frederickson who shared hiking in the
Sierra Nevadas (USA).

We have had so many favorable comments, we are considering another series of travelogues by members who have traveled to unique parts of the Americas. Please contact me if you are interested in participating.

Donations by the branch to AAUW Funds were made to honor Natalie Markin and the Jean Nereson Books Memorial committee: Nina Thayer, Mary Ann Lindahl, Nancy Scheer and Judy Crocker. Both donations were directed to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund.

Council Positions for 2014-2015

Co-Facilitators: Judy Prono and Marilyn Doolen
Co-Treasurers: Mona Wecksung and Natalie Markin

Secretary: Ginny White

Membership: Natalie Markin

College & University Representative: Maryjane Giesler

International Affairs: Jill Forman

Publicity: Marilyn Doolen

Public Policy: Judy Prono

Program: position will be filled by committee

AAUW Funds: vacant

Nominating Chair: Rosmarie Frederickson

Hilltopics/web: Denise George

Hospitality: Jane Sherwood

Historian: Marilyn Minshall

MANA del Norte Scholarship Fund

This year twenty Los Alamos branch members contributed a total of \$1,250 to the MANA del Norte Scholarship Fund. This allowed us to award a \$1,000 scholarship to Andrea Tuero, a single mother of three, who is pursuing a nursing degree at Northern New Mexico College. Those of you who attended our Fall Luncheon heard Andrea speak of her educational goals and express her deep appreciation of our financial and emotional support. We plan to continue our support of Andrea’s education as long as she continues to meet MANA’s scholarship requirements.

The extra \$250 we have collected above the \$1,000 scholarship amount will be applied to next year’s scholarship fund.



State News

Helena Whyte announced that AAUW-NM is applying for an impact grant from national AAUW at the urging of national people who were at the state convention in Las Vegas. The impact grant will focus on the NM Fair Pay Act, the thrust being to educate both businesses and workers, especially women, on what this legislation means. Their plan is to hold public forums in Santa Fe, Las Cruces, and Albuquerque; a single page handout summarizing the law and providing resources would be available at these forums. They are currently looking for partners for this endeavor as well as for a test case. The second thrust of the impact grant would involve getting out the vote and the third thrust efforts to educate the public either on STEM or the Common Core standards.



Risk & Reinvention: How Women Are Changing the World — August 15-16, 2014

The Women's International Study Center (WISC) is pleased to host its inaugural Symposium, *Risk & Reinvention: How Women Are Changing the World*, on August 15-16, 2014 at the new Drury Plaza Hotel, Santa Fe, NM.

More than three hundred women and men will gather at this Symposium to explore women's accomplishments, challenges and opportunities across disciplines, ethnicities and generations. Beginning with a conversation with **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, more than 30 experts in scholarship, science, art, law, cultural preservation, business and workforce analysis will engage in panel discussions to share their expertise, perspectives and experiences. The Symposium seeks to inspire participants to create a future that realizes the full potential of women and honors their contributions to our world.

For more information and to register follow this link:

<http://wisc-amh.org/symposia/view/2-risk-reinvention-how-women-are-changing-the-world>

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	\$71.00	\$49.00	\$12.00	\$10.00
Paid Life Member	\$22.00	\$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

June	14	Jean Nereson Books Memorial Fundraiser
July	21	Non-fiction book group
August	15-16	WISC symposium
August	18	Book group
August	28	Council meeting at Denise George's

Coordinating Council for 2014-15

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