



FALL LUNCHEON

“Inside the New Mexico Senate: Boots, Suits and Citizens” Dede Feldman, retired NM Senator

**Saturday, September 13, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
2390 North Road, Lower Entrance**

\$15/ lunch catered by Ruby K’s

Following the business meeting and presentation of interest groups, members and guests will hear the inside story of the New Mexico Senate as described by retired Senator Dede Feldman. For 16 years Sen. Feldman observed the action from a front row seat and fought for her passions, including education. Numerous times her objectives aligned with those of AAUW-NM and we worked together. She published her history of those turbulent years this past January. One review called it, “Brutal, biting and hilarious.”

Senator Feldman will include tips on effective advocacy in New Mexico. From her website she says, “Advocates need to know the process, how to present the right information at the right time, how to work with coalitions, appeal to opponents, activate grassroots support, satisfy foundation funders and get the media on their side.” She will be sell copies of her book of the same title immediately following her talk.

Please invite a guest to join you for this fascinating view inside our own NM Roundhouse.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions study groups, learn about and discuss the year’s most critical foreign policy issues using a guide published by the foreign policy association. 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.

The meetings will begin in early 2015.

Out ‘n About

Nina Thayer and Alahna Weller will to host an *Out ‘n About* picnic at Camp May on Sunday, September 14, from 1:30 till 3:00. Alahna will provide plates, silverware, cups, napkins and water/juice. Please RSVP to Alahna and let her know what you would like to bring. A signup sheet will also be circulated at the Fall luncheon. We hope for great fall weather.

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Title IX Support Group

Saturday, Sept. 27, LAHS Girls Soccer at 1 p.m. at Sullivan Field

Saturday, Oct. 4, LAHS Girls Volleyball at 5 p.m. at Griffith Gym

Helena Whyte is the organizer; contact her for more information: 672-9153, mozden08@aol.com

Non-fiction Book Group

The group will meet on September 15, 7:30 p.m. at Nina Thayer's home, 1707 Solano, to discuss I am Malala. Nina is the reviewer and hostess. Please let her know if you intend to come (662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com).

Book Group

The September book, Secret Keeper by Kate Morton, will be reviewed by Marilyn Thayer. The hostess for the Monday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. meeting is Mary Ann Lindahl, 201 San Juan St, 663-0995, moonbeamx@comcast.net.

Marilyn Minshall, 536 Brighton, 672-3499, mjminshall@q.com, will host the Tuesday, Sept 9, 1 p.m. meeting. Please let the hostess know if you plan on attending.

Branch News

Please welcome Linnea Poretti to our branch. She recently relocated to Los Alamos from Minnetonka MN. She has an Associate in Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy (June 1993), College of St. Catherine, St. Mary's Campus (AMA Accredited Program).

She worked as a respiratory therapist for a few years then left patient care to work on the administrative side of the healthcare industry. In 2005 she joined UnitedHealth Group and currently works as an account manager for complex medical conditions.

Linnea enjoys reading, gardening, hiking, scuba diving and swimming.

Helena Whyte selected as an AAUW Title IX champion.

The Title IX Champion award recognizes the vital Title IX advocacy of AAUW supporters across the country. Helena was recognized for promoting gender equity in women's sports and education. Two years ago she formed the branch's Title IX Support Group to encourage attendance at local girls' athletic events. A schedule of Los Alamos High School girls' home games was published in our newsletter and members attended one or two games each month. They also carpooled to attend women's games at nearby colleges, including UNM in Albuquerque. In addition, Helena was the creator of the NM Online Branch and always included articles and links to women's sporting news on its website. She was nominated for her exemplary role in supporting Title IX equity.

The Los Alamos Branch is pleased to announce that in June **we surpassed our \$20,000 goal for the Jean Nereson Books Memorial**, which honors long-time branch member Jean Nereson, who died two years ago. The fund is administered by the Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation and will provide \$1,000 each year for four years to each elementary school library in the district for new printed media. Jean is fondly remembered for teaching 52 years in the Los Alamos elementary schools and for her enthusiastic leadership and support for all branch activities.

As of Aug. 15, \$20,496.50 has been donated to the fund, says LAPS Foundation Executive Director, Joanna Gillespie. Donations continue to be accepted, and all money will be spent for books for Los Alamos elementary school libraries promises Gillespie.

Nina Thayer has been appointed to the AAUW Branch Program Resources Committee for the next two-year biennium. If you have questions about or suggestions for branch program resources available from the national AAUW office or website, contact Nina, gnthayer@cybermesa.com.

**AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Conference:
“Western Women–Beyond the Wagon Train”**

Los Alamos Branch members Nina Thayer, Nancy Scheer, and Helena Whyte attended. We played Women Suffrage and ERA games with Patricia Ho, AAUW President. We were inspired by Deepti Gudipati, AAUW VP, “Leadership Training: No More Shooting in the Dark! How to Target New AAUW Members with Wisdom and Precision.” We

were also inspired by Katherine Yelle, AAUW State Organizer, and Lisa Maatz, AAUW VP, Government Relations. We enjoyed “Women Writers: The Spirit of the West” panel presented by four Nevada authors: Linda Boyden, Carolyn Duferrera, Terri Farley, and Suzanne Morgan Williams and the Utah presentation, “Empowering Women Artists Since 1981.”

This is a friendly reminder that membership dues for the 2014-2015 year were due to national by July 1, 2014. 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

Sept	8,9	Book Group
Sept	13	Fall Luncheon
Sept	14	Out 'n About picnic
Sept	15	Non-fiction book group
Sept	27	Title IX
Oct	4	Title IX

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