



## Is Los Alamos Prepared for the Next Wildfire?

Thursday, Oct. 30, 7:00 p.m.

Mesa Public Library, Community Rooms 2 & 3

Los Alamos Fire Chief Troy Hughes and Wildland Fire Management Chief Ramon Garcia will present the most current wildfire management plans for Los Alamos County. Cerro Grande (2000) taught us lessons in preparedness, Las Conchas (2011) taught us new lessons, and the Thompson Ridge Wildfire (2012) poked some holes in the best-laid plans. Los Alamos County has both experience and expertise in wildfire management. Come with questions and concerns and you will get answers.

### October League of Women Voter Forums

The League of Women Voters will host two more candidate forums and facilitate two Charter review forums in October. All will be held at Fuller Lodge.

**Oct. 2:** County Council candidates will speak, and the County Clerk will explain the election procedures. The meeting runs from 7 to 9 p.m., with refreshments served at 6:30 p.m.

**Oct. 7:** The County will present a forum on the proposed changes to Article V (utilities) of the County Charter. Pro and con arguments will be given. The meeting runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; refreshments (light supper) provided.

**Oct. 9:** First, Kyle Wheeler and Larry Warner of the Charter Review Comm. will discuss changes to the Structure of Government section from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Second, Congressional candidates Ben Ray Luhan and Jefferson Byrd will speak from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served between the two presentations.

### Holiday Luncheon and Benefit

The branch holiday luncheon will be Saturday, **December 6** at Rancho de Chimayo from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our Branch benefit this December will be a contribution of fresh fruit to LA Cares for their distribution to local families. It was a successful project last December and appreciated by the staff and recipients of LA Cares. Plan to participate by helping to buy, pack, or deliver the prepared bags, and/or to contribute financially. Further details will be announced in November.

### Book Group

Visitors are welcome.

The October book is Sweet Tooth by Ian McEwan. The hostess and reviewer for the Monday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. meeting is Denise George, 411 Cheryl Ave., 672-9688, [denisegeorge@icloud.com](mailto:denisegeorge@icloud.com). Mona Wecksung, 161 El Corto, 662-7084, [wecksung2005@msn.com](mailto:wecksung2005@msn.com), will host the Tuesday, Oct 7, 1 p.m. meeting. There is no reviewer for this session. Please let the hostess know if you plan on attending.

## Out 'n About

Eleven members and friends enjoyed the fun, if rainy, picnic at Camp May, Sep 14. Thank you, Alahna!

### **October: Rancho de Las Golandrinas Harvest Festival**, Saturday, October 4th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During the festival there are many working demonstrations of authentic Hispanic crafts, food preparation, farming methods, music, etc. There is a cafe where we may purchase lunch. We will meet at the Catholic Church parking lot to carpool, right along Canyon Road, as the United Church is remodeling. The Harvest Festival opens at 10 a.m. and costs \$6 per person. There is a wagon ride at 11 a.m. to take us to the farther reaches of the ranch. Call or email Nina to register, 662-6835, [gnthayer@cybermesa.com](mailto:gnthayer@cybermesa.com).

### **November: Tour Los Alamos County Smart House**, Wednesday, November 12th, 10:30 a.m.

The tour is free and will show us examples of "smart" technology that can dramatically reduce and redistribute a home's electrical usage. The smart house is a collaboration between the County and the Japanese New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO). We will meet at the Smart House, 1925D Trinity Drive, behind the Century Link Building. Those who wish may join us for lunch afterwards. Please call or email Nina for reservations (662-6835, [gnthayer@cybermesa.com](mailto:gnthayer@cybermesa.com)). The tour is limited to 15 participants.

**January to June:** Do you have a good idea for a fun northern New Mexico outing? What have you always wanted to see and haven't yet gotten around to? Please step up and organize an Out 'n About event in the January-June 2015 time frame. Let me know the event and I will help you select a date and make it happen. Nina Thayer, Out 'n About Leader.

### **Title IX Support Group**

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](mailto:mozden08@aol.com).

## Non-fiction Book Group

The group will meet on November 17, 7:30 p.m. at Angela Coop's home, 332 Aragon, to discuss The Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony that Shaped the World, by Russell Shorto. Angela is the reviewer and hostess. Please let her know if you intend to come (672-1063, [acwalkercoop@yahoo.com](mailto:acwalkercoop@yahoo.com)).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Branch News

New membership directories will be sent out to members soon. Until then, please note the contact information of our new members and please welcome these new members to our branch:

### **Sheila Molony**

Sheila Molony retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory in 2012 after working there 21 years as a technical writer. She plied her skills in a number of communication fields, including proposal writing, software documentation, Web work, technical editing, and risk communication. She found the range of communication skills that could be pursued at the Lab an attractive aspect of working there. During her last 5 years, she served as a writer-editor team leader. Prior to coming to LANL, she worked as a tech writer at a microcircuits factory, as a public information officer for the Mississippi energy office, and as a television journalist. She received a BA from the University of Southern Mississippi, majoring in radio, TV, and film.

In her free time, Sheila enjoys traveling. She has taken a number of cruises, most recently through the Alaskan inland waterways and along the Rhine River in Europe. And this October, she is traveling to London and Lisbon.

She loves retirement and agrees with most of the other retirees who say, "I wonder how I ever had time to work!" Sheila lives at 113 Agate and may be reached at 672-6383, [stm@cybermesa.com](mailto:stm@cybermesa.com).

### **Julie Goen**

Julie Goen has devoted her working career to education. After graduating from the University of New Mexico in 1983 with a B.A. in Education, she spent a year teaching home economics at the Laguna Acoma High School. She then taught home economics and social studies for 8 years in Albuquerque at the middle school level. After moving to White Rock 22 years ago, Julie spent about 8 years at home raising her two sons. She went to work at Los Alamos Public Schools 15 years ago, and taught consumer science at LAHS for a year before switching to Chamisa Elementary School, where she taught kindergarten, third, fourth, and fifth grades. She is now in her fourth year as the Pinon Elementary School librarian, which she loves because she gets to watch the students grow up!

Julie's two sons recently graduated from college. Mike is a mechanical engineer with Chrysler Corp. and Chris is a chemical engineer with Exxon.

Julie enjoys reading, quilting, cooking, gardening, and is currently learning to knit. She lives at 329 Rover Blvd and may be reached at 672-0173, [goenl@msn.com](mailto:goenl@msn.com).

### **Kathleen Logan**

Kathleen Logan is a graduate of Phillips Seminary in Tulsa, OK and came to Los Alamos in 1997 to pastor at the United Church of Los Alamos. Her husband, Litton, is also a pastor. Her hobbies include fly-fishing, quilting and reading. Kathleen lives at 358 Kimberly Lane and may be reached at 672-2763, [katylogan@live.com](mailto:katylogan@live.com).

### **Nancy Nunnolley**

Nancy was born in the Bronx and moved to Albuquerque when she was seven. When she married in 1962, she moved to Los Alamos. She worked at TG&Y, several dental practices and most recently as an instructional aide and substitute teacher in the Los Alamos schools. Her son Jeff lives in Rio Rancho and her married daughter Wendy lives in Houston.

Nancy enjoys gardening and is a trained Master Gardener who designs and maintains one of the areas at the Los Alamos Demonstration Garden. She is active as a member of the Jemez Thrift shop board, as a member of Summit Garden Club and of the United Church. When she has time, she enjoys working with pastels.

Nancy received an Associate Degree at UNM-LA and completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at UNM in Albuquerque. Nancy lives at 1064 Cheyenne and may be reached at 663-4950, [nrn1063@msn.com](mailto:nrn1063@msn.com).

### **Michele Poling**

Michele is a graduate of Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, where she studied history and prelaw. She then attended the University of Arizona in Tucson, where she received an M.S. in Urban Planning with an emphasis in physical plant and land use. She is now retired after 27 years as a LANL technical staff member. Before coming to the lab, she worked for the city of Tucson and the state of Ohio. All her work was in land use, site design, capital improvements and facilities. She spent the last half of her time at LANL in construction project management, including development and project definition, design management, construction management, and turnover.

Michele lives at 917 Tewa and may be reached at 412-9829, [mpoling.poling24@gmail.com](mailto:mpoling.poling24@gmail.com).

**News Flash:** Median earnings for men in New Mexico were \$42,305 compared to women's median earnings of \$34,591 — **an earnings ratio of just 82 percent.**

Congressional District by District Information:

NM District 1 (Lujan Grisham-D)	Men=\$43,080	Women=\$36,178	Ratio=84%
NM District 2 (Pearce-R)	Men=\$41,363	Women=\$30,975	Ratio=75%
NM District 3 (Lujan)	Men=\$43,991	Women=\$35,605	Ratio=81%



Judy Prono and Dede Feldman having a fine time at the fall luncheon

**Branch Calendar**

Oct	2	Voter Forum
Oct	4	Out 'n About, Rancho de Las Golandrinas
Oct	4	TitleIX
Oct	6,7	Book Group
Oct	7,9	Voter Forums
Oct	30	Branch Program at Mesa Public Library, 7 p.m.
Nov	12	Out 'n About, Smart House
Nov	17	Non-fiction book group

**Coordinating Council for 2014-15**

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