



Branch Programs:

Thursday, Oct. 30, 7:00 p.m., Is Los Alamos Prepared for the Next Wildfire?, 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. Mesa Public Library, Upstairs, Community Rooms 2 & 3.

Saturday, December 6, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Holiday Lunch at Rancho de Chimayo. 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, appreciated by the staff and recipients of LA Cares.

The fruit project is led by Marilyn Doolen, Denise George and Karin Roberts. We will purchase fruit at Sam's Club and will fill over 90 bags at Denise's on the Wednesday the 10th. Bags will be delivered on December 11th. If you wish to help with the packing task, let one of the project leads know.

LA Cares normally prepares about ninety individualized boxes of staples, which include very little fresh fruit or vegetables. We are asking for CASH or checks made out to one of the leads so that the money can be spent on fruit to provide a holiday luxury for the recipients. Checks made out to LA Cares would have to be turned over to the LA Cares board, and AAUW would have no control over what is purchased with our donation.

Any of the three leads will be happy to accept your cash donation, or mail a check to Denise George, 411 Cheryl. We also need festive bags of all sizes as the LA Cares client families come in all sizes. Thin your supply and drop off bags at the home of one of the leads. Contributions of bags and cash or checks will also be accepted at the Holiday Lunch.

Lunch will be \$16. Reservations will be taken by Marilyn Doolen, (mtdoolen@aol.com), 672-3571. More information about the lunch will appear in the December newsletter.

Book Group

Visitors are welcome.

The November book is Children and Fire by Ursula Hegi. The hostess for the Monday, Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. meeting is Linnea Poretti, 1433 San Ildefonso, 500-8282, lporetti@me.com.

Carol Neal will host the Tuesday, Nov 4, 1 p.m. meeting at 3451 Urban. Contact Carol at 662-7265 or the_neals@prodigy.net. Rozelle Write will review at both meetings. Please let the hostess know if you plan on attending.

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).

Out ‘n About

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). The tour is limited to 18 participants; 15 spots have already been taken.

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

The next outing is Dec. 13, 2014 at 3 pm, women's basketball at Northern New Mexico College in Espanola. Helena Whyte is the organizer; contact her for more information: 672-9153, mozden08@aol.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, 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.

Legal Advocacy Fund Case

A [case of gender discrimination](#) in promotion that was adopted in 2010 by LAF was finally settled. Lulu Sun, an English professor, alleged sex and race discrimination in the promotion process at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Sun filed charges with the Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination (MCAD), which found probable cause for a case claiming discrimination based on gender, race, and national origin as well as subsequent retaliation. Sun sought a promotion and damages for these injustices in addition to an order from the MCAD that the university administration must undertake training in diversity and anti-discrimination and actively recruit and promote women faculty, especially women of color. In May 2014, the Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination (MCAD) upheld a ruling in favor of **Lulu Sun** in her gender and race discrimination case against the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. In June 2011 an MCAD hearing officer concluded that the university had violated Massachusetts’ anti-discrimination laws and ordered the university to 1) promote Sun, with retroactive back pay, 2) pay \$200,000 in emotional distress damages, plus 12 percent interest from the date the complaint was filed, 3) pay the commonwealth of Massachusetts a \$10,000 civil penalty, and 4) conduct an anti-discrimination training for its human resources staff, the dean of the UMass Dartmouth College of Arts and Sciences, the provost, and the chancellor.

A spokesman from UMass Dartmouth told *The Herald News* the university would not appeal the new ruling, saying in a statement: [UMass Dartmouth] is complying with the commission’s order and carefully reviewing the underlying facts of the case — all of which predate the current administration — to determine if changes in its tenure and promotional processes are warranted. UMass Dartmouth remains deeply committed to equal opportunity at all levels of its workforce.

Branch Calendar

Oct	30	Branch Program at Mesa Public Library, 7 p.m.
Nov	3,4	Book Group
Nov	12	Out 'n About, Smart House
Nov	17	Non-fiction book group
Dec	6	Holiday Lunch
Dec	13	Title IX

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