



Community Discussion of *The Worst Hard Time*

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1-3 pm or 6:30-8:30 pm

Mesa Public Library

Come share your reflections on Timothy Egan's award-winning history of the Dust Bowl. Both discussion meetings will start in the library's upstairs conference rooms. After welcoming attendees, we will begin with a tour of the library's Dust Bowl exhibit, led by a library staff member. Then we'll return to the conference rooms to discuss Egan's book. Denise George will lead the afternoon discussion, Margo Batha the evening discussion. Judy Prono will comment on Caroline Henderson's writings about farming in the Oklahoma Panhandle during the 1930s at both meetings. The library has a dozen copies of Egan's book for checkout. Please plan to join us.

Matching-Funds Campaign for Tech Trek-NM

Our Branch AAUW fundraiser this year will support the Tech Trek camp to be held in July at NM Highlands University in Las Vegas. AAUW-NM needs to raise \$28,000 to enable 32 girls to attend this summer STEM camp. **We are offering to match up to \$1000 in donations from Branch members** to help fund the camp. The **deadline** for donations is **March 1**.

The matching funds for this campaign will come from LANL contributions to our Branch in recognition of volunteer work done by Branch members who are Lab retirees and from pledges by Council members. Holding the Tech Trek camp in Las Vegas this summer will enable more girls from northern New Mexico to attend. We will be working to see that 7th-grade girls at Los Alamos Middle School are aware of the camp and encouraged to apply. The camp provides a summer learning program that highlights educational and career opportunities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). It nurtures girls' interest in these fields by introducing them to both peers and professional women with similar interests.

Here's how you donate.

Make your check payable to **AAUW** and write Tech Trek-NM on the memo line. Send your check to:

AAUW-Los Alamos
P.O. Box 272
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Your donation will help expand the science and math horizons for middle school girls in our region and state. All donations are tax deductible

Jean Nereson Books Memorial Update

The second annual distribution is underway and a little over \$10,000 remains in the account.

LA Cares Holiday Project

From Linda Burns, Secretary, LA Cares:

“Thank you so much for the gift of fresh fruit, so beautifully packaged and donated for the December Food Distribution. We are very grateful both for your concerns and for your generosity. Our clients were surprised and obviously extremely pleased to receive such a special treat. We appreciate all the effort which went into the purchase and preparation of the bags and thank the many who gave so much to make it all happen again this year.”

With funds remaining from the holiday fruit purchase, AAUW Los Alamos was able to purchase a box of pears and a box of apples for the January LA Cares distribution.

Exhibit of Frank Harlow Paintings

Francis (Frank) Harlow, is being honored with a special exhibit of his works at the Los Alamos History Museum until the end February. He is the husband of **Pat Harlow**, a life member of our branch. Frank is a well-known retired LANL physicist and an outstanding painter of New Mexico pottery and portraits. The show contains several paintings he has given to the Los Alamos County, the Justice Center, and Fuller Lodge and pieces from his personal collection. A reception to honor his 87th birthday was held January 21st at the History Museum. The museum hours are Monday-Friday 10-4, Saturday, Sunday 11-4.

Future Events: save the dates

Plan to attend our Ice Cream Social and "**Shape the Future Membership Drive**" on Saturday, March 14th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Oppenheimer Place Condos (behind the Senior Center). Members should think about bringing guests who may be interested in joining AAUW, because new members joining then will pay National dues of only \$24.50 for membership through June 2016.

May 15, **Spring Tea**, 4-6 pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

State Events

Sunday, February 8: Winter Leadership Team Meeting in Santa Fe with Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations.

Monday, February 9: AAUW Day at the Legislature.

More information on these events appear in the state newsletter, [The Roadrunner](#).

Great Decisions

Carroll Thomas is organizing the morning group for 2015 Great Decisions. Please contact her at ctgb@earthlink.net, 672-1937 if you are interested. All meetings are at 10:00 a.m. at Mesa Public Library upstairs conference room.

Date	Topic	Presenter
Feb 9	Privacy	Denise
Feb 23	U.S. and Africa	Group
Mar 9	Human Trafficking	Mona
Mar 23	India	Thelma
Apr 13	Russia	Karin
Apr 27	Syria	Marilyn
May 11	Brazil	Carroll

Helena Whyte, mozden08@aol.com, 672-9153, is organizing the evening group. The organizational meeting for the evening group will be January 29th at 7:30 p.m. at Helena's house, 100 El Morro St. in White Rock; please contact her if you are interested.

Out 'n About

The informative exhibit at Mesa Public Library, "Dust, Drought and Dreams Gone Dry" closes on February 20. Out 'n About will provide one last opportunity to see this exhibit about the biggest of all American ecological disasters, the Great American Dust Bowl.

Out 'n About will meet at the library **Thursday, February 19 at 10:15 am**. We will have an introduction, visit the display and hear the voices of several survivors. After visiting the dust bowl exhibit, we will take a short walk to the historical museum to enjoy Frank Harlow's paintings. Following this we will have lunch at the Manhattan Project around noon. We have invited AAUW Santa Fe members to join us. Please RSVP to Nina

Thayer via phone or email by Feb. 18 to insure we have enough seats at the restaurant. (662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com)

If you will miss the AAUW sponsored community book discussion of *The Worst Hard Time* on the 10th, consider joining this Out 'n About excursion. This exhibit is just too good to miss!

Title IX Support Group

Title IX Supporters will go to the New Mexico Highlands Women's basketball game in Las Vegas, NM Feb. 6 at 5 p.m.

Contact Helena Whyte 672-9153(h), 690-7824(cell) for details.

Book Group

The February book, *Ghost Country* by Sara Paritsky, will be reviewed by Marilyn Thayer on Monday, Feb. 2, 7:30 pm at Chris Sierk's, 4640 Ridgeway. Let Chris know if you are coming (662-3894, acsierk@hotmail.com). The Tuesday meeting will be at Jenny Bishop's, 114 Alhambra, Feb. 3, 1:00 pm. Let Jenny know if you are coming (672-3614, Jjab7@aol.com)

Non-fiction Book Group

The March book is *The Distance between Us* by Reyna Grande. Helena Whyte will review and Betsy Comly will host on Monday, March 23 at 7:30 pm. Betsy lives at 235 Kimberly in White Rock.



**AAUW-New Mexico
Annual State Convention in Santa Fe
"Artists, Authors, & Advocates"
April 17-19, 2015
Santa Fe Drury Plaza Hotel**



Speakers include:

National AAUW President, Patricia Fae Ho
NM Supreme Court Justice Honorable, Petra Jimenez Maes
Author and former CIA officer, Valerie Plame

****Bring a friend to attend the convention. All are welcome. They do not have to be AAUW members to attend.

****If you need hotel accommodations, make your reservations by March 16 for the \$137 including tax/night rate for a room with two queen beds, hot breakfast, happy hour snacks, and three drink coupons included. Please call the hotel at 1-800-325-072 to make your reservation. To receive the special rate for AAUW use group code 2223502.

Hotel parking is by valet only. Santa Fe AAUW will make arrangements for other parking in the vicinity of the hotel for those attendees not staying at the Drury Hotel.

Santa Fe Drury Plaza Hotel
Address: 228 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501
More Details to come

<http://santafe-nm.aauw.net/activities/2015-aauw-nm-state-convention-in-santa-fe/>

Branch Calendar

Feb	2,3	Book Group
Feb	6	Title IX
Feb	8	Winter LTM meeting
Feb	9	Day at the legislature
Feb	9	Great Decisions
Feb	10	Branch Program – The Worst Hard Time – dust bowl exhibit and book discussion
Feb	19	Out ‘n About
Feb	19	Coordinating Council meeting, library room of Graves Hall, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Feb	23	Great Decisions

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