



**Equal Pay Day Tabling Event
LA Farmers' Market, Fuller Lodge
April 9th, 8-12:30**

Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women who have worked all of the previous year and up until this day finally earn the same pay made by men who worked all of the previous year. This year the (un)celebration is designated April 14 to represent that in 2013 (the last year with complete data) women on average working full-time, year-round made 78% of what men earned. Our branch will use this opportunity to educate both the public and members with a table at the last winter Farmer's Market, Thursday, April 9 at Fuller Lodge, 8am – 12:30 pm.

The table will be filled with information about the Gender Pay Gap, and every interested person is welcome to a copy of the 2015 edition of "The Simple Truth." This booklet shows in words and graphs the demographics of the gender pay gap that affects all ethnicities, states, educational levels, and career paths. Stop by our table and pick up a copy for yourself, your niece, your granddaughter and every interested working woman you know.

This public event will also serve as a branch membership drive. Therefore new members who join AAUW at the event will get half off national dues (only \$24.50), and the membership extends through June 2016. If you are willing to help "woman" the table for several hours, please call or email Nina (662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com).

**April Branch Meeting: Human Trafficking
April 30, 7-8:30 pm
Mesa Library conference rooms**

Lynn Sanchez of Life Link, Santa Fe will speak on human trafficking. She founded the 505-GET-FREE hotline and awareness campaign to provide assistance for victims of human trafficking statewide. The Anti-Human Trafficking initiative strives to set best practices for victim aftercare, utilizing a comprehensive and dignified rights-based approach. The public is invited to hear this presentation on a most important and timely subject.

AAUW-NM State Convention
April 17-19, 2015
Santa Fe Drury Plaza Hotel

Network with AAUW colleagues from around the state and hear from "Artists, Authors, and Advocates." On Saturday, the keynote speaker is Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW National President. The afternoon program includes talks by Petra Jimenez Maes, NM Supreme Court Justice, and by Connie Burke, Director of the International Folk Art Market. On Sunday, Ex-CIA officer and author Valerie Plame will be interviewed.

Register by April 5 to receive the early registration fee: \$50. The conference registration form is available on the AAUW-Santa Fe website at this link: <http://santafe-nm.aauw.net/files/2015/02/2015-NM-AAUW-Conv-registration.pdf>

AAUW-NM is hosting a public forum in Santa Fe to explain the New Mexico Fair Pay for Women Act on Friday, April 17, 11:30 to 1:00 in the Drury Plaza Hotel Ballroom, 828 Paseo de Peralta. Speakers from the Southwest Women's Law Center and NM Human Rights Bureau will explain the law's provisions and process. Cost for the luncheon is \$40 and registration is online: <http://aauwnmfairpayforumsantafe.eventbee.com>. A second forum will be held in Albuquerque on Monday, April 20 from 11:30 to 1:00 at the UNM Continuing Education Bldg.; cost is \$15 for a box lunch.

Tech Trek

Our branch raised \$2,410. Thank you to all the members who contributed to our campaign to raise financial support for the AAUW sponsored week-long computing, science, and math camp for girls entering eighth grade in the Fall 2015. The camp will be July 12-18, 2015 at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM.

It's easy to become a two-minute activist

by clicking on this link [Two-minute activist tool](#). You will receive e-mails related to AAUW supported issues, and if you agree with AAUW's stand, your opinion will be conveyed to our U.S.

senators and representative. This a simple way to help support issues AAUW backs; the more responses our congressmen receive, the more likely they are to lend their support to legislation important to us.

Great Decisions

Carroll Thomas is leading the morning 2015 Great Decisions group. Her contact information is ctgb@earthlink.net, 672-1937. All meetings are at 10:00 am at Mesa Public Library upstairs conference room.

Date	Topic	Presenter
Apr 13	Syria	Marilyn
Apr 27	India	Thelma
May 11	Brazil	Carroll

Helena Whyte, mozden08@aol.com, 672-9153, is organizing the evening group. All discussions begin at 7:30 pm and end at 9 pm:
March 26, Bev Cooper's, 521 Ridgecrest Ave., 672-9696, *Sectarianism in the Middle East*
April 2, Marilyn Thayer's, 505 Oppenheimer Dr. #810, 662-9785, *Russia and the Near Abroad*
April 23, Helena Whyte, 100 El Morro, 672-9153, *Syria's Refugee Crisis*
May 7, Marilyn Minshall, 536 Brighton, 672-3499, *Brazil in Metamorphosis*.

Book Group

The April book, *A Very Long Engagement* by Sebastien Japrisot, will be reviewed by Linea Poretti on Monday, April 6th, 7:30 pm at Harriet Dodder's, 149 El Gancho. Let Harriet know if you are coming (harrietdodder@comcast.net, 662-7473). The Tuesday, April 7, 1:00 pm meeting will be at Alahna Weller's, 2 Cherokee. Let Alahna know if you are coming (672-9539, acweller@comcast.net).

Non-fiction Book Group

On May 18, 7:30 pm the group will meet to discuss *Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World* by Jack Weatherford at Nina Thayer's, 1707 Solana. Betsy Comly will lead the discussion. Please let Nina know if you plan to attend, (662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com).

Out 'n About

Albuquerque Museum, Sculpture Garden Tour & Lunch, Wednesday, April 29, 2015

The Albuquerque Museum has just opened their newly remodeled history and culture wing titled "Only in Albuquerque" to rave reviews. We will visit this wing as well as take a tour of the sculpture garden, full of sculpture by New Mexico artists. Santa Fe members are welcome to join in the fun and create their own car pools. Admission cost is \$3 per adult, \$2 for seniors (65+).

Tentative schedule:

- 9:00 Depart Los Alamos (from Catholic Church parking lot)
- 10:45 Arrive and visit "Only in Albuquerque"
- 12:00 Lunch at Museum Cafe
- 1:00 Sculpture Garden Tour
- 2:30 Depart Albuquerque
- 4:00-4:30 Arrive Los Alamos

Please make reservations: Nina Thayer, 662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com

Santa Fe Botanical Garden Tour & Lunch, Thursday, May 28, 2015

The Santa Fe Botanical Gardens is located on Museum Hill, 715 Camino Lejo. By the end of May the gardens will be spectacular. Cost is \$7 for an adult, \$6 for seniors (65+) and includes the tour. Please join us for this joint Santa Fe - Los Alamos branch activity.

Tentative schedule:

- 9:50 Depart Los Alamos
 - 11:00 Tour
 - 12:30 Lunch at Museum Restaurant
- Each car may depart when it chooses.

Please make reservations with Nancy Scheer, (nscheer1226@msn.com) or Nina Thayer, (gnthayer@cybermesa.com), so if weather interferes we can change plans quickly as this is an outside activity.

Title IX Watching Girls Sports will watch the Los Alamos High School girls' softball game Wed., April 29, 4 pm at Minors B Field at the Overlook Sports Complex in White Rock.

Save the date for our **Spring Tea:**

May 15, 4-6 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Key Dates for 2015 AAUW National Voting

Mid-March: Voter PIN mailed to members with the Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook; final slate of candidates, bylaws proposals, and resolutions published in the Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook

April 1: Opening date to request paper ballot; voter PIN e-mailed to members

April 15: Voting begins online

May 6: Deadline for AAUW to receive request for paper ballot

May 28: Deadline for mailing paper ballot; ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. to be counted

June 19: AAUW National Convention, San Diego Online voting ends at 9 p.m. PDT

Branch Calendar

Apr	2	Evening Great Decisions
Apr	6,7	Book Group
Apr	9	Equal Pay Day table at Farmer's Market
Apr	13	Morning Great Decisions
Apr	17	NM Fair Pay for Women Act Forum in SF
Apr	17-19	AAUW State Convention
Apr	23	Evening Great Decisions
Apr	23	Council Meeting
Apr	27	Morning Great Decisions
Apr	29	Out 'n About, Albuquerque museum
Apr	29	Title IX
Apr	30	Branch meeting

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