

# Hilltopics

#### The following Council positions were confirmed for the year 2015/2016:

Marilyn Doolen-Co Facilitator and Publicity;

Judy Prono-Co-Facilitator and Public Policy Chair;

Mary Ann Lindahl-Secretary;

Natalie Markin-Membership and co-Treasurer;

Mona Wecksung- co-treasurer;

Maryjane Giesler- College University liaison;

Nina Thayer-AAUW Fund Chair with strong emphasis on Chart the Course Project fund raising;

Jill Forman-Member-at-Large;

Margo Batha-Member at Large.

Appointed positions are:

Harriet Dodder-Nominating Chair;

Marilyn Minshall-Historian;

Denise George-Newsletter Editor, Webpage and COSM liaison;

Helena Whyte-STEM liaison.

## **Book Group**

The planning meeting for book group will be held on Monday, August 17, 7 pm, at the Oppenheimer Room of the Senior Condo building (behind the senior center). All members are welcome. If you have a book to suggest, please send a brief summary to Denise at denisegeorge@icloud.com.

# **Non-fiction Book Group**

Helena Whyte will review the <u>The Girls of Atomic City</u>: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II by Denise Kiernan on August 10, Monday. We are looking for a hostess.

#### Out 'n About

August 19, 2015: Tour of the Round House Art Collection. If you have not already signed up, contact Denise George at <a href="mailto:denisegeorge@icloud.com">denisegeorge@icloud.com</a>. She will arrange carpools. The tour last 45 minutes and start at 11 am. We will have lunch somewhere nearby. More information will be sent in early August to those who have expressed an interest.

October 23 or 24, 2015: Tour of Prieta Mesa Petroglyphs. If you have not already signed up, contact Nina Thayer <a href="mailto:gnthayer@cybermesa.com">gnthayer@cybermesa.com</a> at who will be arranging carpools.

## AN OPEN INVITATION TO WORK AT TECH TREK 2015 Sunday, July 12 – Saturday, July 18, 2015

Dear New Mexico AAUW Members,

We are so excited to be hosting another Tech Trek New Mexico this summer from July 12-18, 2015. Many of you have already made it possible with your financial support, and we thank you for that. Some of you have expressed an interest in attending Tech Trek for a day or two to see up close and personal how it works. As the health aide at the 2014 Tech Trek, it was great fun getting to know the rising eighth graders from all over the state and seeing how they grew and developed in their science and leadership skills during the week.

This year we will be hosting about 48 girls from all over New Mexico in a week-long residential science camp at New Mexico Highlands University here in Las Vegas, NM. The week revolves around multiple fun activities in core classes and workshops, as well as field trips and personal projects in the STEM fields. The girls live in the dorms, experience a college campus, meet many like-minded girls and women, and have time to form new and hopefully lasting friendships.

We would like as many AAUW members as might be interested to participate. We need AAUWans to serve as hostesses/gophers to the teachers of the AM Core Classes, and the leaders of the afternoon workshops which take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Core Classes meet these four mornings from 8:30-11:30, and the afternoon workshops meet from 1:15-2:45 PM and 3:00-4:30 PM. There is also a need for volunteers to help with SIGN-IN on Sunday afternoon, July 12th, from 1:00-2:00 PM. The Professional Women's Banquet on Wednesday evening, July 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6:15-8:00 PM has need of volunteers to greet and sign in our guests, and EVERYONE is invited to attend the Saturday Presentation of Projects at 1:00 PM, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

So, to summarize, we need 4 core class hostesses in the morning, and 4 workshop hostesses in the afternoon on M,T,W, and F. Ideally, we would like the same hostess all week for the 4 core classes. However, that is negotiable. We will be welcoming, signing in and touring families on Sunday afternoon and 2-4 volunteers would be great. Wednesday afternoon/evening we would love 2-4 volunteers as well, for assistance with the Professional Women's Banquet.

If you would like to help, please contact me, Mary Schipper, at <a href="mailto:starrschip@gmail.com">starrschip@gmail.com</a>, or 505-429-0285. Housing will be available from AAUW-Las Vegas Members if you need to spend the night. We look forward to hearing from you by Monday, June15!

# **Branch Calendar**

July	12-18	Tech Trek
Aug	10	Non-fiction Book Group
Aug	17	Book Group choosing meeting
Aug	19	Out 'n About

**Coordinating Council for 2014-15** 

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Marilyn Doolen	Co-Facilitator/Publicity	672-3571	1 mtdoolen@aol.com			
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Margo Batha	At large	661-8746	atomicbathas@me.com			
Nina Thayer	AAUW Fund	662-6835	gnthayer@cybermesa.com			
Non-council positions						
Denise George	Newsletter	672-9688	denisegeorge@icloud.com			
Marilyn Minshall	Historian	672-3499	mjminshall@q.com			
Harriet Dodder	Nominating Chair	662-7473	harrietdodder@comcast.net			

#### MEMBERSHIP RERENEWAL DATE IS APPROACHING

This is a friendly reminder that membership dues for the 2015-2016 year are due to national by July 1, 2015. You may pay these dues at the Spring Tea. 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 <a href="http://www.aauw.org/membership/">http://www.aauw.org/membership/</a> and follow the instructions.

MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	NATIONAL DUES	STATE DUES	LOCAL DUES
CATEGORY				
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:			