

Mark your calendars for a doubleheader kickoff of September activities:
Saturday, **Sept. 12**, 11 am-2 pm, **Fall Luncheon**, Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Thursday, **Sept. 17**, 7-8 pm, **talk on US Mideast policy**, Fuller Lodge

At the Fall Luncheon, Malea Joyce and Sarah Crotzer, two Los Alamos Middle Schoolers who attended Tech Trek this summer, will share highlights of the camp with us. Julie Goen, Pinon School librarian, will give us an update on how funds from the Jean Nereson Books Memorial have benefited our elementary school libraries. And members who attended AAUW's convention in San Diego will talk about convention highlights. Lunch will be catered by Ruby K's, and we'll begin with a brief business meeting.

On Thursday evening, we will join the League of Women Voters in co-sponsoring a talk by Dr. Emile Nakhleh, a retired Senior Intelligence Service Officer and Research Professor at UNM. Dr. Nakhleh will discuss the threat from ISIS and the factors behind it as well as the challenges facing US Middle East policy in light of the recent Iran agreement. He has written extensively on the Arab Spring, Islamic radicalization, and Muslim world engagement.

Bring a friend and introduce them to AAUW at both events. We'll talk about our activities and interest groups at the luncheon, and we'll hold a membership drive at the Fuller Lodge talk. New members joining at that time will receive half off national dues.
Hope to see you all in September!

AAUW 2015 Convention News from San Diego

A hearty thank you to my Los Alamos Branch for the \$100 that helped me with the considerable expenses involved with attending this year's AAUW biennial convention in San Diego. We had 17 members attending from New Mexico and five of us from this branch, if we include Rilla Baxter, an active member in Los Alamos from 1997-2005 and still very active in her San Diego Branch.

The new research rolled out, "*Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*," looks even deeper than earlier research into the reasons for such a low participation rate for women in the specific STEM fields of engineering and computing. I believe this touches and did touch the careers of many of us in this branch. I promise you, we will have a public forum on this research.

The "One Member, One Vote" bylaws change of 2009 stripped the convention of the excitement of elections and hotly contested issues in return for increased time for motivating speakers, knowledgeable panels and powerful workshops. Clearly, at this convention, this was not a negative, although I dearly loved the business meetings with their insightful and unpredictable oral debates. I was very pleased to observe far more young members with wider diversity than my first national convention thirty years ago or even two years ago in New Orleans.

The issue of dropping the degree requirement for AAUW membership took none of the attendees' time or attention. There was no time assigned for debate or discussion. Results were announced that with 12% of the membership voting, 55.5% voted against, 40.9% voted for and 3.6% voting did not register an opinion. It is my observation that the need for a degree requirement is not so strong with our younger members. So it will be interesting to watch, as they age, if their opinions change or whether the degree requirement will be increasingly irrelevant.



Nina Thayer, Grateful AAUW-Los Alamos Council Member

Andrea Tuero, MANA scholarship recipient:

This year our branch members contributed \$1,030 to fund another \$1,000 MANA scholarship for our scholarship candidate, Andrea Tuero. The extra \$30 along with an extra \$20 from last year for a total of \$50 will be applied to next year's MANA del Norte scholarship fundraiser.

Last week I had lunch with Andrea and her 3 charming children – Jesus, 16, Joshua, 13, and Audriana, 10. Andrea is now working at the Abiquiu Clinic. She says the pay is less than her job at Allergy Partners of New Mexico, but because the clinic is close to home, she has fewer transportation expenses and has more time to spend with her children. Andrea is once again enrolled in the nursing program at Northern New Mexico College. She has two more years to go to complete her nursing degree.

Andrea asked me to express her deepest appreciation to all our AAUW members who

have consistently provided financial assistance in support of her educational goals.

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 [The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II](#) by Denise Kiernan on August 10, Monday. Rozelle Wright will host, 213 Barranca Road. Please let Rozelle know if you are coming, 662-5490, rozelle@losalamos.com.

Out 'n About

October 23 or 24, 2015: **Tour of Prieta Mesa Petroglyphs**. If you have not already signed up, contact Nina Thayer gnthayer@cybermesa.com at who will be arranging carpools.

Relay for Life
In honor of
Gloria Cordova

Earlier this year our friend and AAUW member Gloria Cordova was diagnosed with early pancreatic cancer. She underwent a long Whipple surgery in March and is recovering slowly. Several friends have volunteered to create a Relay for Life team to honor her in a meaningful way. Relay for Life is a fundraising and survivor-support event held annually and scheduled for Friday & Saturday, Aug. 21 & 22 at Ashley Pond.

Walkers of all ages volunteer to walk around the pond for one-hour shifts from 6 pm Friday evening, through the night until 10 am Saturday to honor the long struggle every cancer survivor endures. This year the Relay begins with a survivors lap and includes luminarias and a dog walk.

Team Gloria is looking for friends and family to walk each of the 16 hour-long shifts with the goal to raise \$1000 for the American Cancer Society. Donations can be made by credit card online at www.relayforlife.org/losalamosnm. Checks (to American Cancer Society, memo line: Team Gloria) and cash may be given. We are also asking friends to bake cookies, which will be given to all donors to Team Gloria during the event.

Please contact Nina Thayer or Nancy Scheer if you want to walk, bake cookies and/or donate in Gloria's honor.

Dues Reminder

Membership dues for the 2015-2016 year were due to national by July 1, 2015:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	NATIONAL DUES	STATE DUES	LOCAL DUES
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

Please fill out the Payment Coupon and mail to:

AAUW Treasurer, PO Box 272, Los Alamos, NM 87544

If you would like to purchase a **life membership, the cost is \$980.00**. Each year you will then only have to pay state and local dues. Of the \$49.00 National Dues, \$46.00 is tax deductible.

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Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$	
My membership category is Regular/ Life /Dual NM/Dual not NM (Please circle one category)	
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E-Mail:	Mobile Phone:

Alternatively, to renew your membership online go to the AAUW homepage then click on the login link at <http://www.aauw.org/membership/> and follow the instructions.

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.

Branch Calendar

Aug	10	Non-fiction Book Group
Aug	17	Book Group choosing meeting
Aug	21,22	Relay for Life
Sept	12	Fall Lunch
Sept	17	Joint program on US Mideast Policy

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