

Fall Lunch: *Tech Trek Highlights and Jean Nereson Books Memorial Update*
Saturday, September 12, 11 am to 2 pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
2390 North Road, Lower Entrance



Following the business meeting and presentation of interest groups, we will enjoy lunch (\$15) catered by Ruby K's. After lunch, our program begins with video clips of Tech Trek activities at New Mexico Highlands University this past July. Following the clips, Sarah Crotzer and Malea Joyce, two Los Alamos Middle School students who attended Tech Trek, will share highlights of their experiences at the camp and answer questions about Tech Trek.

Next, two Los Alamos elementary school librarians, Julia Goen from Pinon and Jeff Lloyd from Aspen, will tell us how the schools used their funding from the Jean Nereson Books Memorial. So far, each of the five elementary schools has received \$2000 from the memorial fund and will receive the same amount over the next two years.

Be sure to join us on Sept. 12 to learn firsthand about Tech Trek, a major AAUW national initiative to promote science and math careers to Middle School girls, and learn how our branch efforts to honor Jean Nereson are benefiting Los Alamos elementary school libraries. Your generosity helped fund both initiatives; discover how you have made a difference in our community.



*ISIS, the Middle East, and US Policy:
Regional Reflections Since the Iran Agreement*

Dr. Emile Nakhleh
Thursday, Sept. 17, 7-8 pm
Fuller Lodge

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, looking at the factors behind it as well as the challenges it poses to US Middle East policy, particularly in light of the recent Iran agreement. He has written extensively on the Arab Spring, Islamic radicalization, and Muslim world engagement. Dr. Nakhleh has sent links to two articles about politics in the Middle East:

<http://www.lobelog.com/why-is-the-islamic-state-so-resilient/>
<http://www.lobelog.com/the-druze-latest-minority-to-suffer-from-sunni-extremists/>

At this meeting, we will hold a **Shape the Future membership drive**. Anyone who joins AAUW at the meeting will receive half off national dues (\$24.50). So bring friends to introduce them to AAUW.

Relay for Life: Team Gloria

Twenty-four strong, committed women, calling ourselves Team Gloria, walked all 16 hours in the Relay for Life to honor Gloria Cordova's struggle with pancreatic cancer. Gloria was diagnosed in February and had surgery in March. Today she is recovering and feeling good. Friday evening, Aug. 21, she enjoyed the Survivor's Dinner and walked the Survivor's Lap. The team raised more than \$3600 for the American Cancer Society. Thank you AAUW members for your generous support, and thank you Nina Thayer for organizing Team Gloria. **Go Gloria!**



Team Gloria members and survivors: Gloria Cordova, Carol Neal and Ginny White



Team Gloria walkers: Cas Mason, Carolyn Robinson, Nancy Scheer and Denise George

Out 'n About

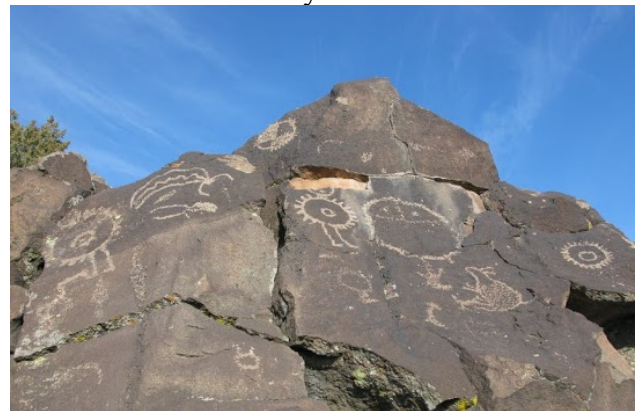
Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Tour, Friday, October 23, 9:30 am, \$25.

Katherine Wells, the Director and organizer, for the Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project was the speaker for our tea this past May. Now on October 23 we will get to see the real thing including petroglyphs from the Archaic Period (before 1000 AD), the Puebloan Period (1200-1600 AD) and the Historic Period (1598 – present). The mesa contains an estimated 70,000 petroglyphs and is the largest site in New Mexico.

This will be a private tour, limited to 30 participants. Currently all three scheduled public tours for this fall are full. The tour cost is \$25 per person, begins at 9:30 am, lasts approximately two hours, and will be followed by lunch, TBA. The location is north of Espanola near Pilar. We will meet at the newly repaved United Church parking lot in Los Alamos at 8:30 am and 8:40 am at the White Rock "Y".

Please bring sunscreen, a hat, camera, water and sturdy walking shoes, as the trails are rough. If you have walking poles, you may wish to bring them. We will divide into smaller groups according to walking agility.

Contact Nina Thayer to make a reservation, gnthayer@cybermesa.com. The following 14 Los Alamos members are already registered: Bonnie Gordon, Ginny White, Terry Marzili, Alahna Weller, Marilyn Doolen, Mary Ann Lindahl, Rosmarie Frederickson, Denise George, Mary Jane Giesler, Angela Coop, Bev Cooper, Jill Forman, Gloria Cordova and Nina Thayer.



A very few of the petroglyphs at Mesa Prieta

Book Group

The September book is A Street Cat Named Bob by James Bowen. The Monday, September 14th, 7:30 pm meeting will be at Denise George's, 411 Cheryl Ave. Let Denise know if you are coming, 672-9688, denisegeorge@icloud.com. The Tuesday, September 15th, 1:00 pm meeting will be at Rozelle Wright's, 213 Barranca Rd. Let Rozelle know if you are coming 662-5490, rozelle@losalamos.com. Visitors welcome. Here is the [selection of books for 2015-16](#)

Non-fiction Book Group

The October 19, 7:30 pm meeting will be at Harriet Dodder's, 149 El Gancho. We will discuss Being Mortal by Atul Gawande, and Kathleen Logan will lead the discussion. Visitors welcome.

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 \$	
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E-Mail:	Mobile Phone:

Branch Calendar

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