



65th Branch Anniversary Party and Spring Tea

*Friday, May 13, 4-6pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Gathering Space
2390 North Road*

*RSVP Marilynn Doolen, 672-3571,
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Join us in celebrating 65 years as AAUW-Los Alamos. Party highlights will include a brief photographic trip through our scrapbook archives (how many events will you remember?) and a short video on "One AAUW." The tea will also serve as a fundraiser for national's Charting the Course campaign, whose goal is to raise \$1 million in unrestricted funds to support programs like Tech Trek and Start Smart and help AAUW respond quickly to emerging challenges facing women and girls. Donations are tax deductible; checks should be made payable to AAUW, with Charting the Course in the memo line.

Branch News

We **elect Coordinating Council** members at the Spring Tea. The nominating committee presents the following slate of candidates: Mona Wecksung, Denise George, Betsy Comly, Cas Mason and Roz Newmyer. Nominations are also accepted from the floor.

We will also vote on several bylaw changes. This year AAUW gave branches a Model Bylaws template as a means of merging AAUW-mandated bylaw text with branch-specific bylaws. Putting our bylaws into the template requires reordering them. The proposed new version of our bylaws can be reviewed at this link:

http://losalamos-nm.aauw.net/files/2016/04/2016Bylaws_LosAlamosNMBranch.pdf

As you read, note that text printed in **blue** is required by national. Text printed in black is our current branch bylaws inserted into the template. We will vote on approving this template version of our bylaws at our business meeting.

Additionally, two substantive **changes to our bylaws** were proposed by the bylaws committee and recommended for passage by the Coordinating Council; **red** text specifies deletions, **green** additions, black existing.

Remove date for dropping members. Rational for change: bring bylaws into agreement with current branch policy on paying dues.

* Art. IV. Membership and dues/Sec. 5 b (Payment)
Delete third sentence: "**After notification of nonpayment, a member still in arrears after July 31 shall be dropped.**"

Replace with: "**Member dues shall be payable in accordance with procedures established by policy.**"
Governing policy is in our Policies and Procedures, #1 under Fiscal: "Payment of dues by Sept. 30 will ensure the member's name is included in the Branch Yearbook."

Move date of setting dues from Spring to Fall.

Rational for change: Fall is when the budget is approved. National AAUW requires notification of changes in branch dues by March. So if we set branch dues in the fall, we will be able to collect the revised amount the following spring, whereas we would have to wait more than one year with the current schedule.

* Art IV. Membership and Dues/Sec. 5 a (3)
Change reference to (branch) dues being established at “**the annual meeting**” to “**at the first branch meeting in the fall.**”

* Art VII Board of Directors/Coordinating council, Sec. 2 (Powers and Duties)
Delete last sentence: “**The Council shall recommend the budget for approval by the membership at the first branch meeting of each year.**”

Replace with: “**At the first branch meeting in the fall of each year, the Council shall recommend for approval by the membership the following: (1) the budget, and (2) any proposed change to branch dues, which would become effective March 15 of the following year.**”

* Art XI. Meetings of the Membership/Sec. 1 (Annual Meeting)
Delete “**establishing dues**” from the list in last sentence on business conducted at the annual meeting.

Please welcome two new members to our branch. Their contact information follows.
Merete Nieto, 1291 45th St., 662-2271, meretehn@aol.com
Stephanie Garcia Richard, 30 Glenview Ct., 500-2095, stephaniegarciarichard@gmail.com.

Many of our members will remember **Gloria Cordova** who recently passed away. She was an influential supporter of women’s rights and contributed to AAUW as a branch president, Coordinating Council member, state president, and national committee member.

Change e-mail address for Harriet Dodder to hardd149b@comcast.net

MANA Scholarship to Honor Gloria Cordova.

Spring is the time of our annual appeal for donations to the MANA del Norte Scholarship Fund. This year we will honor Gloria Cordova, a long-time member of both AAUW and MANA del Norte, by awarding a \$1,000 scholarship in her name. Once again we will select as our scholarship recipient a low-income, single mother from northern New Mexico. Please send your donation to AAUW, P.O. Box 272, or to Mona Wecksung, AAUW treasurer, at 161 El Corto, Los Alamos. Address your check to MANA del Norte and note that it is for the AAUW Scholarship Fund. MANA del Norte is a charitable organization and your donation is tax deductible.

This January, Sheri Lopez, our current year scholarship recipient (pink shirt) and Laura Romero, our scholarship recipient in 2012 (red shirt) met for the first time at a luncheon with AAUW member, Mona Wecksung. Both women are seeking college degrees in engineering and both are single moms. At



the luncheon, they shared their experiences and gave each other tips on how to cope with school, employment, and raising a family. Perhaps you will

meet them at or Spring tea. Both will be invited.

Book Group

The May book is The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh; Linda McLellan will lead the discussions. On Monday, May 2nd, 7:30pm, readers will gather at Linda’s, 522 Connie. Please let Linda know if you are coming (672-9602, lindamclellan@msn.com).

On Tuesday, May 3rd, 1:00pm, Mona Wecksung, 161 El Corto, will host. Please let Mona know if you are coming (wecksung2005@msn.com, 662-7084).

Non-fiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on May 23rd at 7:30 pm. We will discuss In the Kingdom of Ice by Hampton Sides. Carol Neal will host, 3452 Urban; let Carol know if you will be there (662-7256, the_neals@prodigy.net).

Out 'n About at Acoma, the Sky City

Sign up to tour Acoma Pueblo, west of Albuquerque, this fall on Wednesday, Sept. 28 or Thursday, Sept. 29 or Saturday Oct. 1. As it is a 2.5-hour drive, we will leave the United Church parking lot at 8 am, (WR 8:10) tour the Haak'u Museum and enjoy lunch at noon at the Y'aak'a Café. We will tour the mesa-top village after lunch and return home by 5 pm. It will be a long but very interesting day. Van tour, museum and camera permit are \$20 for seniors. Sign up at the Spring Tea and select your preferred date(s). If you will not be at the Tea, let Nina know if you wish to be added to the contact list.

Nina will be in Alaska all summer; therefore members wishing to plan a summer trip, should contact Nina Thayer soon, 662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com.

Great Decisions

The final meeting of the Morning Great Decisions will be at Mona Wecksung's home, 161 El Corto at 10 am on May 9. The group will discuss Climate Geopolitics.

Helena Whyte (672-9153, mozden08@aol.com) leads the evening group. All discussions begin at 7pm and end at 9pm.

Evening Great Decision 2016 Schedule

Date/Time	Topic	Hostess	Leader
5/12/16	Migration	Marilyn Minshall 536 Brighton 672-3499	
5/19/16 7 p.m.	Korean Choices	Natalie Markin 505 Oppenheimer # 419, 662-9399	Natalie
6/9/16	Climate Geopolitics:		

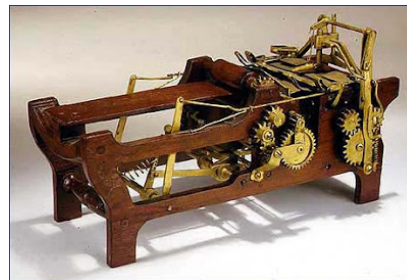
Biography of the Month



Margaret E. Knight (February 14, 1838 – October 12, 1914) was an American inventor born in York, Maine to James Knight and Hannah Teal. James Knight died when Margaret was a little girl. In 1868, while living in Springfield, Massachusetts, Knight invented a

machine that folded and glued paper to form the flat-bottomed brown paper bags familiar to shoppers today.

Knight built a wooden model of the device, but needed a working iron model to apply for a patent. Charles Annan, who was in the machine shop where Knight's iron model was being built, stole her design and patented the device. Knight filed a successful lawsuit and was awarded the patent in 1871. With a Massachusetts business man, Knight established the Eastern Paper Bag Co. and received royalties.



Her many other inventions included a numbering machine and window frame and sash, patented in 1894, and several devices relating to

rotary engines, patented between 1902 and 1915. Knight's original bag-making machine is in the Smithsonian Museum. She died at the age of 76.

Branch Calendar

May	2,3	Book Group
May	9	Morning Great Decisions
May	12	Evening Great Decisions
May	13	Spring Tea/Anniv. Party
May	19	Evening Great Decisions
May	23	Non-fiction Book Group

2016-2017 Dues: Membership dues for the coming year are due to national by July 1, 2016

Note that state dues have increased to \$18 this year.

Please make your treasurer's day by paying early or by bringing your checkbook to the Spring Tea or by paying online.

Of the \$49.00 National Dues, \$46.00 is tax deductible.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	NATIONAL DUES	STATE DUES	BRANCH DUES
Regular Member	\$77.00	\$49.00	\$18.00	\$10.00
Paid Life Member	\$28.00	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$10.00
Dual Member not NM	\$28.00	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$10.00
Dual Member NM	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Honorary Life Member	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

You may pay online at <http://www.aauw.org/membership/join-renew/>

Or fill out the Payment Coupon and mail to:

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

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Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$	
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Daytime Phone Number:	Evening Phone Number:
E-Mail:	Mobile Phone:

Coordinating Council for 2015-16

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