

November Branch Meeting



Title IX

Ann Stewart

November 17, 7:00 pm

White Rock Library

Ann Stewart, Los Alamos Public Schools' Title IX Coordinator and Los Alamos High School Athletics Director, will speak about Title IX at the November AAUW Branch Meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, November 17, at White Rock Public Library. AAUW strongly supports the vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 was the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit sex discrimination in education. It covers women and men, girls and boys, and staff and students in any educational institution or program that receives federal funds. This includes local school districts, colleges and universities, for-profit schools, career and technical education agencies, libraries, and museums. Title IX requires equal opportunities in sports and academic classes and freedom from sexual harassment and bullying.

Ann Stewart graduated from Los Alamos High School. She has coached boys golf and girls basketball.

This Title IX program will be a Shape the Future drive for new members. New members joining that evening will get half-off on national dues. (just \$24.50).

Branch News

Voter registration report

Branch members have been active in the campaign to register local citizens for voting. They answered



questions and registered first time voters on the UNM-LA campus, and at Aspen Ridge, and

have processed name and address changes. Our branch held four voter registration events. The first on Sep. 21 at Aspen Ridge helped 5 voters register or move their registration to Los Alamos County. The events on Sept. 27 and Oct. 5 at UNM-LA netted 11 and 4 new voters respectively. Our last event was a 30 minute presentation at the HSE class (high school equivalency, similar to GED) on qualifications, registration and sample ballot at which we registered no new voters. The grand total is 20, which misses our goal of 25, but not by far. A great big thank you to Marilyn Doolen, Judy Prono, Jo Moore, Carol Neal, Elsa Riemer, Terry Marzilli, Helena Whyte, Mary Ann Lindahl and Denise George for their help with this important project.

Important voting dates are:

October 11, Absentee voting begins at the Los Alamos County Municipal building. You may vote in person or obtain a ballot to mail in.

October 22, Early voting begins at the Municipal building and at the White Rock Library.

November 5, Last day for early voting.

November 8, General Election Day. Vote at the Municipal building, White Rock Library, or the Golf Course.

Note: the White Rock required postal address change to White Rock, 87547 from Los Alamos, 87544 will be automatically filed for all White Rock voters at the county clerk's office and does not affect this November election status.

AAUW 2017 State Convention

Our branch will host the State Convention April 21-23 from Friday evening to Sunday noon. This is a great opportunity for all of us. Mark the dates on your calendars.

We are in search of a few enthusiastic members to join the convention steering committee. The committee will choose venues, caterers, and housing, will design publicity, and select entertainment. The committee is already 5 members strong. A few more are needed. If we can take care of logistic decisions now, we will be all set to enjoy convention in April.

Among the ideas already under consideration are: holding an hors d'oeuvres party Friday evening at PEEC, with a planetarium show to follow, and asking members to host guest(s) in their homes. Hosting guests is a great way to meet other New Mexico women who share our goals of fair pay and educational opportunities for women and girls. As an added benefit, the guest makes a donation to AAUW, and by offering housing, more out-of-towners are likely to attend.

So, please e-mail me, Betsy Comly, at jack_comly@msn.com, with ideas and ways you can contribute your time. It will take participation by all of us to make this an excellent convention.

Authors Speak at Mesa Public Library

The library is having a talk at AAUW member, Ginny White's suggestion: she had heard Dr. Rudnick speak at the Harwood Museum in Taos in conjunction with the exhibit called "Mabel Dodge Luhan and Company: American Moderns and the West" which has since closed in Taos, but will travel to the Albuquerque Museum and open on October 29. Rudnick is the author, co-author or editor of several books, including *Utopian Vistas: The Mabel Dodge Luhan House and the American Counterculture*; *Mabel Dodge Luhan: New Woman, New Worlds*; *Cady Wells and Southwestern Modernism*; *American Identities: An Introductory Textbook*; *The Suppressed Memoirs of Mabel Dodge Luhan*; and the book from the exhibit, which shares its title.

Who: Dr. Lois Rudnick, professor emerita of American Studies at the University of Massachusetts.

What: Authors Speak at Mesa Public Library

Where: Upstairs Rotunda at Mesa Public Library

When: 7 p.m., Thursday, November 10

Free, open to the public.

Several branch members visited the Mabel Dodge Luhan house on an Out 'n About excursion, and learned of Ms. Luhan influence on the art scene in New Mexico. This talk promises to be interesting to all.

Future Programs

Save the date for our annual **Holiday Luncheon, Saturday December 10** at Rancho de Chimayo, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. In November, we will supply information on the program and on the annual Christmas service project.

Book Group

The November book is Honolulu by Alan Brennert. Karin Roberts will review the book at both meetings.

On Monday Nov.7, 7:30 pm, readers will meet at Els Hoffer's. Please let Els know if you are coming (672-3245, jimelshoffer@icloud.com).

On Tuesday, Nov 8, 1:00 pm, Marilyn Minshall, 536 Meadow, will host. Please let Marilyn know if you are coming (mjminshall@q.com 672-3499).

Great Decisions

Helena Whyte will be ordering book for this year's Great Decisions groups. The books are usually available after the first of the year. Meetings also begin after the first of the year. Previously there have been two groups; one meets at the library in the morning, and another meets at members' homes in the evenings. Depending on responses the groups may be combined. Please contact Helena if you want to order a book and let her know if you are interested in a morning or evening group. Helena can be reached at 672-9153 or mozden08@aol.com

The topics for 2017 are:

The Future of Europe

Trade and Politics

Conflict in the South China Sea

Saudi Arabia in Transition

U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum

Latin America's Political Pendulum

Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan

Nuclear Security

Non-fiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on Nov. 14th at 7:30 pm. We will discuss The Wright Brothers by David McCullough. Mona Wecksung will host, 161 El Corto; let Mona know if you will be there (662-7084, wecksung2005@msn.com). Rozelle Wright will lead the discussion.

Title IX

Title IX Supporting Girls Sports will attend women's basketball games (JV and varsity) at Eagles Gym at Northern New Mexico College in Española November 16 at 5 pm and 7 pm. Adams State University grizzlies are the visiting team. Contact Helena Whyte, 505-690-7824 or mozden08@aol.com, if you plan to attend so you can get updates of any schedule changes.

Albuquerque Event

The Albuquerque Branch is having an interesting art event for its November meeting, and we would like to welcome interested Los Alamos members and guests to attend.

The November 5 meeting is an art auction fundraiser together with an English tea and features art and craft works by AAUW members. There is a \$5.00 charge for the auction and tea fundraiser.

Questions can be directed to Claudia Poglitsch at 505.797.4381 or at auw.abqnm@yahoo.com.



We are in the midst of election season, and few know of the beautiful, colorful and convention-defying woman named **Victoria Woodhull**, who ran for president in 1872. This was 50 years before ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920 gave women the right to vote. On Election Day, November 5, 1872, Victoria Woodhull couldn't even vote for herself.

Although it must be noted that she could not have voted for herself in any case, given the fact that she was incarcerated on Election Day, and for a month or so after, in New York City's Ludlow Street Jail on obscenity charges.

Woodhull ran under the banner of the Equal Rights Party—formerly the People's Party—which supported equal rights for women and women's suffrage. The party nominated her in May 1872 in New York City to run uphill against incumbent Republican Ulysses S. Grant and Democrat Horace Greeley and selected as her running mate Frederick Douglass, former escaped slave-turned-abolitionist writer and speaker. On paper, it

was an impressive pick, but not really: Douglass never appeared at the party's nominating convention, never agreed to run with Woodhull, never participated in the campaign and actually gave stump speeches for Grant.

But that's just one more of many caveats about Woodhull, who, throughout her long life—she died in England in 1927 at age 88—never much cared for rules or regulations of a game she considered egregiously rigged against women. On inauguration day, she would have been just 34 years old. Article 2, Section 1 of the Constitution requires that the president be 35 on the day “he” takes office. In the end, though, her youth was the most moot of moot points, because Victoria received zero electoral votes.

When to Victoria's ineligibility and lack of votes are added certain other details of her biography—her guttersnipe, vagabond parents, her three marriages, her work as a child preacher, a fortune teller, a clairvoyant and a spiritualist healer—it's not surprising that history has reduced her to a curiosity and a footnote, and characterized her, at best, as a free-thinker and an eccentric; at worst as a scoundrel and a hustler. The full story, as is so often the case, is much more interesting.

Born in 1838, Victoria California Claflin was the seventh of 10 children who lived in an unpainted wooden shack in Homer, Ohio, a small frontier town in Licking County. Her education lasted less than three years between the ages of eight to eleven. According to Myra MacPherson, Victoria's latest biographer (*The Scarlet Sisters: Sex Suffrage and Scandal in the Gilded Age* was published last year and focused on both Victoria and her younger sister Tennessee), Victoria claimed that she had never spent even one year in a schoolroom. MacPherson, whose look at the sisters' lives is as entertaining as it is sad, writes that their mother, Annie, was a “slattern” who was “described by all who met her in later life as an unpleasant old hag.” Their father, Buck, was, if possible, worse: a thief, a child beater, “a one-eyed snake oil salesman who posed as a doctor and a lawyer.” The lives of the six surviving children were “filled with Dickensian debauchery.” Victoria was forced by Buck to travel in his painted wagon and work as a revivalist child preacher and a fortune teller; Tennessee, with whom Victoria would collaborate closely throughout her life, worked as a “magnetic healer”; and both were made to perform as “faith healers” and “clairvoyants who spoke to the dead.” Their lives were tumultuous, impoverished, unpredictable and nomadic.

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For a more complete biography read: <http://www.biography.com/people/victoria-woodhull-9536447 - synopsis>

Branch Calendar

Nov	7,8	Book Group
Nov	10	Author speak at Mesa Public Library
Nov	14	Non-fiction Book Group
Nov	16	Title IX at Northern New Mexico College
Nov	17	General Branch Meeting on Title IX

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