



Caring for Los Alamos with LA Cares

Benefit Holiday Luncheon and Service Project
Rancho de Chimayo
Saturday, December 3, 2016
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Rancho de Chimayo will be decorated for the holidays, and, for the sixth year, AAUW will meet there for our holiday luncheon. Our service project will again benefit LA Cares. A committee will purchase fresh fruit, such as apples, pears, and oranges, and will prepare festive bags to be placed in each box distributed by LA Cares during its monthly food distribution on December 8th. LA Cares typically prepares about ninety individualized boxes of non-perishables, which include very little fresh fruit or vegetables. Last year we purchased hundreds of pounds of fruit, filled over 90 bags, and brought pleasure to over 200 LA Cares clients. We are asking for contributions to purchase fruit to provide this holiday treat.

Lunch is \$17.50 per person and includes main course, beverage, dessert, sopaipillas, tax and tip; **please bring exact cash**. To **make reservations** please e-mail Mary Ann Lindahl, (moonbeamx@comcast.net) as soon as possible. The menu is appended to the end of this newsletter. Join the party and ask a friend or neighbor to come as your guest.



We are fortunate to have as speaker Xiaowei Wu, a NCCWSL Awardee who attended the conference in Washington, D.C. last summer. She is currently a student at Highlands University and will share with us a delightful account of her experiences. NCCWSL, National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, is sponsored by AAUW.

If you are not able to attend but would like to make a contribution to the LA Cares fruit project, please make out a check to Denise George and mail it to her at 411 Cheryl Ave., or give your cash or check donation to any council member. The committee, Denise George, Karin Roberts, and Mary Ann Lindahl will do the purchasing and volunteers are encouraged to help with the bagging. We must have the fruit bags ready for the Thursday, December 8th LA Cares distribution. We will be happy to put any spare gift bags to good use; bring them to the luncheon.

Branch News

Welcome 3 new members to AAUW Los Alamos.

Margaret Cox, 1001 Oppenheimer Dr. #216

Margaret Gibson, 120 Rover, 672-3609,

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Joan Moore, 156 Piedra Loop, 850-529-6871,

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Jean Nereson Books Memorial

In December the final payments of \$1,139.30 to each of the 5 elementary schools in Los Alamos County will be made. This concludes the Jean Nereson memorial fund-raiser initiated by Nina Thayer and supported by many branch members. For four consecutive years each school library was granted a gift of at least \$1,000.00 to purchase books. Each book contains a commemorative label identifying Los Alamos branch of AAUW as the donor. Krystal Roach at the LAPS Foundation helped immensely in coordinating this effort.

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.

Preparations continue; we know that our Saturday night banquet will be at the golf course.

If you wish to help, please contact Betsy Comly at jack_comly@msn.com. It will take participation by all of us to make this an excellent convention.

Book Group

The December book is The Center of Everything by Laura Moriarty. Rozelle Wright will review the book at both meetings.

On Monday Dec. 5, 7:30 pm, readers will meet at Mary Ann Lindahl's, 201 San Juan. Please let Mary Ann know if you are coming (662-2259, moonbeamx@comcast.net).

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1:00 pm, Christine Cloyd, 1841 Cooper Place, will host. Please let Christine know if you are coming (danielc857@aol.com, 500-8192).

Non-fiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on Jan 9 at 7:30 pm. We will discuss Elephant Company by Vicki Croke. Marilyn Doolen, 713 Meadow Lane, will host; let Marilyn know if you will be there (672-3571, mtdoolen@aol.com). Carol Neal will lead the discussion.

Great Decisions

Helena Whyte has ordered books for this year's Great Decisions groups. Meetings 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. 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

Out 'n About

Christine Cloyd, Betsy Comley, Nina Thayer and Terry Marzelli, Acoma Pueblo, Oct. 19, 2016



Got an idea for a new outing? Send suggestions to Nina at gnthayer@cybermesa.com.

From National

Almost to the day, 135 years ago, 17 trailblazing American women came together to find community. They had fought for and obtained a higher education. There was no precedent, mentorship was unheard of, and they were scarcely made to feel welcome. So they leaned on one another, and together they began a legacy of empowering women and girls that we carry on today.

We've dedicated this week to giving thanks to their legacy — and to today's AAUW members, supporters, and volunteers who continue our founders' fight and exemplify their sense of community. Our battles are different today. But we know that those original trailblazers would be standing shoulder-to-shoulder with us, as we champion Title IX and safe campuses, demand equal pay for equal work, and empower the next generation of women leaders.



The dedication of AAUW members, supporters, and volunteers is stronger than ever in our nearly 2000 communities and campuses across the country. Together, you've ensured that much of our commitment to supporting women's education is funded in perpetuity. You're making sure that we'll rise to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. What's more, your philanthropy, perseverance, and passion are empowering millions of women, girls, and their families.

Branch Calendar

Dec	3	Holiday Lunch, Rancho de Chimayo
Dec	5,6	Book Group

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AAUW Holiday Luncheon Menu

*Rancho de
Chimayó*



"a timeless tradition"

Pollo Al Estilo Chimayó

A chicken breast topped with mild chile con queso; served with Spanish rice and fresh calabacitas.

Sopaipilla Relleno

A sopaipilla stuffed with shredded beef, whole beans and Spanish rice; topped with cheddar cheese, and a choice of red or green chile.

Finished with a side of guacamole.

Combinacion Pequeño

A combination plate with a shredded beef taco, cheese enchilada, Spanish rice and whole beans and a choice of red or green chile.

*Vegetarian combination available

Aguacate Relleno

A half avocado filled with chicken salad, served over a bed of lettuce and tomato.

Traditional Enchiladas

Two rolled corn tortillas filled with cheese and your choice of chicken or Shredded beef, topped with red or green chile. Served with a side of whole beans.

\$17.50 per person

Tax and Gratuity Included

All dinners include:

Fresh hot sopaipillas and real honey
and your choice of coffee, tea or soda and
Natillas, a traditional milk pudding, for dessert.