



Legislative Preview
Wednesday, January 11, 7-9 pm
Fuller Lodge

We are again collaborating with the Los Alamos League of Women Voters in cosponsoring the annual Legislative Preview. Join us on **January 11** to learn what we can expect from the 2017 Legislative Session. Our Representative Stephanie Garcia Richard and Senators Carlos Cisneros and Richard Martinez will share their priorities and expectations for the session. Senator Daniel Ivey-Soto from Albuquerque will speak about the recent election and upcoming ethics legislation. And Dick Mason, LWVNM Action Chair, will discuss proposals from NM Voices for Children to increase funding for education and health care by changing our state's tax structure. After the speakers' formal presentations, there will be opportunities for those in the audience to ask them questions.

Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm.

Mark you calendars: don't miss this community forum. Hear what your state legislators want to see accomplished this year in the Roundhouse and share your concerns and ideas with them.

Branch News

AAUW 2017 State Convention, April 21-23
Hilltop Views: Advancing Innovation in Gender Equity.

Save the dates!

It's time for all of us Los Alamos Branch AAUW members to contribute to our state convention effort, April 21-23, Friday evening through Sunday noon. Our home base for the convention will be the Holiday Inn Express.

- Friday evening, we will attend a planetarium show and dessert party at PEEC.
- Saturday will include morning speakers, a lunch catered by Ruby K's at the Holiday Inn Express, a tour of the New Mexico Consortium research company, an afternoon business meeting, and a dinner banquet at Cottonwood on the Greens Restaurant at the Los Alamos Golf Course.
- On Sunday morning, we will hold a public forum at 1001 Oppenheimer Drive. (Thanks to Ginny White for providing the space)

Exact prices for registration and individual events will be given in the next newsletter.

Now, for the work we need done. All these jobs are purposely made small, but there are many of them.

We will need:

1. Registrars on Saturday, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, at the Holiday Inn Express. There will be 3 shifts, 2 hours each.
2. Assemblers for the convention booklets.
3. Decorators to design and set up decorations for the Saturday night banquet at the golf course.
4. Requesters to ask for donated gifts from community merchants for the goodie bags.
5. Assemblers for the goodie bags.
6. Hosts for out-of-area attendees. Traditionally, these attendees have spent Friday and Saturday nights in members' homes, and then have made a \$30 donation to AAUW Fund.
7. Drivers for attendees staying at the Holiday Inn Express who need rides back and forth to events.
8. Hospitality volunteers to assure that all goes smoothly for out-of-town attendees and speakers.

Please contact:

Betsy Comly, (jack_comly@msn.com, 672-1574) or Marilyn Doolen, (mtdoolen@aol.com, 672-3571), if you are available to take on one of these jobs.

Los Alamos Science Fair Saturday, January 21.

Judging elementary-grade projects has been an AAUW long-standing commitment to our community. We encourage branch members to join the team led by 2017 Science Fair Team Leader, Marilyn Doolen. All of you are fully qualified. A science degree is not necessary. Our purpose is to reward curiosity and creativity at an early age. We give small cash awards for individual and class projects.

Judging is a lot of fun and only requires 3 hours, from 9:00 to noon on January 21st. Our volunteer judging at the fair is an important and constructive AAUW community outreach activity.

Please consider being a judge this year; a larger team reduces the time to review all of the projects. Contact Marilyn Doolen (672-3571, mtdoolen@aol.com) to volunteer.

LA Cares Fruit Project

Three cheers for our giving branch! Our generous members contributed \$710, which allowed us to purchase 8 boxes of apples, 6 boxes of oranges and 5 boxes of pears. This totaled over 1200 pieces of fruit. We filled 82 bags for 206 people. Fruit was more expensive this year, but Smith's again gave us great prices. Mary Ann Lindahl, Karin Roberts and Denise George coordinated the effort and were aided by a very efficient packing crew: Els Hoffer, Harriet Dodder, Linda McLellan, Merete Nieto and Rozelle Wright. Karin, who was at the Thursday distribution, reports that the clients were thrilled with the gift bags – they mentioned that they do not have money to purchase such nice fruit and were also thrilled with the festive bags! There is a little bit of money left over and we will purchase a couple of boxes of fruit for the LA Cares February distribution.



Filling bags at Karin's



Just a few of our bags ready to be picked up!

Book Group

There is no January meeting.

The February book is The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. Maryjane Giesler will review the book at both meetings.

On Monday Feb. 6, 7:30 pm, readers will meet at Angela Coop's, 332 Aragon. Let Angela know if you are coming (acwalkercoop@yahoo.com, 672-1073).

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1:00 pm, Jenny Bishop, 114 Alhambra will host. Please let Jenny know if you are coming (672-3614, jjab7@aol.com).

Nonfiction 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

The Morning Great Decision organizational meeting will be Monday, Jan. 9 at 10 am, Mesa Public Library.

The Evening Great Decision organizational meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7 pm at Helena's home, 100 El Morro St., White Rock. Helena can be reached at 672-9153 or mozden08@aol.com.

Out 'n About

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

State Events

Lobby Corps Training will be held Sunday, Jan. 8 in room 326 of the New Mexico Capitol (Roundhouse) from 1-3pm. Lobby Corps is open to any member interested in promoting AAUW-NM's public policy program in the coming 60-day legislative session, and the training provides preparation for attending Legislative Day, Feb. 6. Please notify Nina Thayer (662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com) if you would like to carpool.

Save the date. **Monday, Feb. 6 is AAUW-NM's annual Legislative Day** at the Capitol in Santa Fe, when members from all over the state will gather to lobby for AAUW priorities, which include education, women's health, civil liberties, women's self-sufficiency (including pay equity), campaign finance and ethics reform.

Branch Calendar

Jan	8	Lobby Corps training
Jan	9	Great Decisions (morning)
Jan	9	Nonfiction Book Group
Jan	11	Legislative Preview
Jan	19	Great Decisions (evening)
Jan	21	Science Fair

Coordinating Council for 2016-17

Marilyn Doolen	Co-Facilitator/Publicity	672-3571	mtdoolen@aol.com
Betsy Comly	Co-Facilitator/Publicity	672-1574	jack_comly@msn.com
Mona Wecksung	Treasurer	662-7084	wecksung2005@msn.com
Maryjane Giesler	University Representative	662-5574	mgiesler@unm.edu
Cas Mason	Secretary	672-1938	casmason01@msn.com
Judy Prono	Program/Public Policy	662-2691	djprono@msn.com
Denise George	Newsletter/Webmaster	672-9688	denisegeorge@icloud.com
Mary Ann Lindahl	Membership	663-0995	moonbeamx@comcast.net
Roz Newmyer	At-large	672-1994	for1994@msn.com
Appointed positions			
Helena Whyte	STEM	672-9153	mozden08@aol.com
Marilyn Minshall	Historian	672-3499	mjminshall@q.com
Nancy Nunnelley	Hospitality	662-4950	nrn1063@msn.com
Harriet Dodder	Nominating Chair	662-7473	harrietdodder@comcast.net