

Fall Luncheon

Saturday, Sept. 23, 11 am to 2 pm

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church
2390 North Rd., Lower Entrance**

Come join us for an informative and entertaining program to kick off our 2017-2018 branch activities. During the business meeting at 11, Helena Whyte will share experiences of the Tech Trek camp held in Socorro this past June and share plans for Tech Trek 2018. She will also review the past national AAUW convention held in Washington D.C.

Ruby K will cater the lunch and the price will be \$15.

Other members will brief us on available groups, including Great Decisions, Fiction Book Group, Nonfiction Book Group, and Out-and-About. Signup sheets will be available

Tech Trek Attendees



Left to right:
Natalie Carmona (Carlos F. Vigil Middle School, Espanola),
Lucia Ortiz (Santa Fe Girls School),
Sienna Tenorio (Santo Domingo Pueblo)

Book Group

The September book is Longbourne by Jo Baker. Denise George will review at both meetings. Let the host know if you plan on attending.

On Monday, September 11, at 7:30pm we will meet at Denise George's, 411 Cheryl. (672-9688, denisegeorge@icloud.com)

On Tuesday, September 12, at 1:00pm the meeting is at Nina Thayer's, 1707 Solana. (662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com).

Guests welcome to attend all book group meetings.

The Schedule for 2017-2018 is posted on our web site and can be found under the study group tab.

The direct link is:

http://losalamos-nm.aauw.net/files/2017/09/2017-2018Schedule.pages_.pdf

Nonfiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on September 18, at 7:30 pm. We will discuss The Map that Changed the World by Simon Winchester. Bev Cooper, 521 Ridgecrest, will host. Rozelle Wright will lead the discussion. Let Bev know if you are coming (672-9696, bcooper@cybermesa.com).

Branch News

Our branch has lost a longtime, active member. Harriet Dodder passed away on August 27. Harriet was an elementary teacher for many decades in our school system and positively impacted her students with her skill and dedication. She was active in our branch, most recently as Nominating Chair, and as a Coordinating Council Member. She was an avid reader and participated in both book groups and well as frequently hosting meetings in her home. The outdoors called to Harriet as a cross-country skier, hiker, and bird and hummingbird lover.

As a memorial, AAUW members will be collecting donations for the Los Alamos Schools Foundation to be distributed to our local elementary school librarians to purchase media for their libraries. There is to be a memorial gathering at Cottonwood on the Green at the Golf Club, on October 7, 2-5pm.

More information about the gathering and the collection will be forthcoming.

Harriet will be missed; take minute to recall a favorite memory.

Unpaid Dues?

If you are not certain that you paid your AAUW dues this year, contact Mona Wecksung, branch treasurer at wecksung2005@msn.com. If you wish, you can pay your dues at our AAUW Fall luncheon on Sept. 23, or you can pay on-line by credit card at <http://www.aauw.org>, or mail your check (\$77) to AAUW, P.O. Box 272, Los Alamos.

President's Column by Helena Whyte

Title IX at 45, Executive Summary
from National Coalition and Girls in Education (NCWGE) 2017 Report

In the 45 years since Congress passed Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 the effects have been far-reaching. Many challenges to equity in education remain. Gender stereotyping continues to limit opportunities in Career and Technical Education (CTE). Women still face bias in STEM in academia and in computer and engineering fields. Sexual harassment and assault are persistent problems across the education spectrum. Ensuring that Title IX protections are strengthened, not weakened, is critical.

The benefits of equal access to education extend beyond students to their families and their communities. Education attainment drives both employment and wage growth in the US. Even after 45 years, adherence to Title IX'S provisions is not universal. Some schools fail to designate a Title IX coordinator. Poor tracking of what is happening in schools also causes concern. Some schools refuse to adhere to the law. These lapses lead not only to discrimination but may also lead to a hostile school environment that impedes learning.

These are the overarching recommendations for continued progress:

1. Awareness. Put communication mechanisms in place to ensure school community members understand students' rights.
2. Information. Schools at all levels must improve their data collection and reporting. Better tracking in sexual harassment, school climate, and graduation rates for pregnant and parenting students will help in developing effective policies. More transparency around participation in athletics, CTE, and STEM will increase understanding of the issues.
3. Enforcement. Granting agencies should conduct regular and random Title IX compliance reviews.

OCR must enforce Title IX and promptly investigate complaints.

4. Enhancement. Additional guidance is needed to ensure the rights of LGBT students and more clearly restrict the use of single-sex programming. Greater funding for gender equity efforts, including enforcement of existing legislation, will help ensure that schools provide a learning environment in which all students can thrive.

In October, I will review what is working in STEM and recommendations for improvement from the report.

Branch Calendar

Sept	11,12	Book Group
Sept	18	Nonfiction Book Group
Sept	23	Fall Lunch

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