



## *Caring for Los Alamos with LA Cares*

Benefit Holiday Luncheon and Service Project  
Rancho de Chimayo  
Saturday, December 9, 2017  
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Rancho de Chimayo will be decorated for the holidays, and, for the seventh 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 7th. 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. As you might have noticed, the December distribution will occur before the Holiday Luncheon. Therefore, we encourage members to make their donations early by mailing a check to Denise George, 411 Cheryl Ave, White Rock, NM, 87544 (make the check out to Denise). If this is too much trouble, the committee will accept donations via check or cash at the luncheon. The committee will estimate from past years and will fund the fruit purchase and have the bags ready for distribution on the 7th. Members willing to help pack the bags on Thursday, December 7, 10:00 am, please contact Karin Roberts, 672-9625 or [karinroberts875@icloud.com](mailto:karinroberts875@icloud.com).

Lunch is \$17.50 per person and includes choice of main course, beverage, tax and tip; **please bring exact cash or a check, credit cards are not accepted.** To **make reservations** please e-mail Mary Ann Lindahl, ([moonbeamx@comcast.net](mailto:moonbeamx@comcast.net)) by December 2. Menu choices are printed at the end of this newsletter.

We are fortunate to have Natalie Carmona who attended the 2017 Tech Trek camp and who will share her camp experiences. Tech Trek is sponsored by AAUW with the goal of encouraging young women's interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) careers.

If you are unable to attend the luncheon, but would like to contribute to the fruit project, please send a check to Denise George at the address given above.

## Branch News

Our branch will miss long-time, active member Marilyn Petschek. Marilyn was a physicist and many of us appreciated her well-reasoned contributions to our Great Decisions discussions. Read more of her life at <http://www.ladaily.com/content/obituary-marilyn-petschek-dec-8-1924---oct-22-2017>.

Thank you to all branch members who personally contributed to the Harriet Dodder Books Memorial Fund; to date \$3200.00 has been donated through the LAPS Foundation. The campaign will remain open until June 2018. Several AAUW members are on the Memorial Committee; contact Marilyn Doolen or Linda McLellan for more information.

## Book Group

The December book is Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult. Angela Coop will review the book at both meetings. Let the host know if you plan on attending.

On Monday Dec. 4, 7:00 pm, readers will meet at Angela's, 332 Aragon. Please let Angela know if you are coming ([acwalkercoop@yahoo.com](mailto:acwalkercoop@yahoo.com), 672-1073).

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1:00 pm, the meeting will be at Marilyn Doolen's, 713 Meadow (672-3571, [mtdoolen@aol.com](mailto:mtdoolen@aol.com)).

## Non-fiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on Jan 15 at 7:30 pm. We will discuss Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson. Rosmarie Frederickson, 1372 47th, will host and review; let Rosmarie know if you will be there (577-1914, [frederrh@yahoo.com](mailto:frederrh@yahoo.com)).

## Great Decisions

Helena Whyte has ordered books for this year's Great Decisions groups. Meetings begin after the first of the year. One group meets at the library in the morning, and another meets at members' homes in the evenings. Helena can be reached at 672-9153 or [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com).

## Out 'n About

The Out'n About Group will have an outing to the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, at Museum Hill, December 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be an evening event to see the winter garden with its holiday lights and sculpture display, the garden's **GLOW**. Santa Fe AAUW members are invited to join us. We will meet near the garden entrance at 5:15 pm to get organized with warm clothes and tickets, planning to enter the garden no later than 5:30. You can always arrive earlier and visit the gift shop, which will be open for you to find interesting items to fill your gift list. We will have supper at the Pecos Trail Café at 7:00 pm. There will be 10 senior-rate, Early Bird tickets at \$8 each. Once those are spoken for, others will pay at the gate when the senior price is \$9 and regular admittance is \$10. You may also order your own ticket on-line.

More information about the garden and the GLOW is at <http://www.santafebotanicalgarden.org>. The Pecos Trail Café address is 2239 Old Pecos Trail; it serves mostly Mexican/Spanish food. **RSVP to Nancy Scheer, 473-9897 or [nscheer@cowboys.uwyo.edu](mailto:nscheer@cowboys.uwyo.edu)** by December 13<sup>th</sup>. Carpools will leave Los Alamos and White Rock at 4:15 pm. Please contact Nina Thayer if you would like to drive or join a carpool. ([gnthayer@cybermesa.com](mailto:gnthayer@cybermesa.com) or 662-6835)

Happy AAUW members and spouses on the Out 'n About **Elk Viewing Van Tour**, Oct. 27, on a lovely, mild, fall day at Valles Calderas National Preserve.



## President's Column by Helena Whyte

### Executive Summary:

#### Title IX at 45 Women and STEM: Career & Technical Education, a Path to Economic Growth (NCWGE) 2017 Report

Title IX outlaws sex discrimination in career and technical education (CTE), including training programs offered by any school or organization that receives federal funding. Equal opportunity in CTE can expand economic growth by putting training for middle- and high-wage jobs in reach for all capable students, regardless of gender. Despite Title IX protections, women still face hurdles in CTE, where the gender divide has women much more likely to study in areas leading to lower wage organizations. These careers may require varying levels of education, including industry-recognized credentials, postsecondary certificates, and two- and four-year degrees.

Measures to counter gender bias and sex stereotyping in CTE can expand opportunities for women in areas traditionally dominated by men, such as information technology (IT) and other technical fields. At the same time, encouraging gender equity in CTE will reduce barriers for men seeking entry into fields traditionally occupied by women, including high-growth areas in healthcare. Eliminating discriminatory practices in CTE has important implications for all students.

#### Key Findings:

1. Although women have made advances in CTE since the passage of Title IX, they are still largely restricted to lower-wage fields.
2. Ensuring gender equity in secondary, postsecondary, and apprenticeship programs in CTE offers the promise of expanding careers for women in technical and other trades.
3. Increasing female participation in CTE programs that lead to high-wage jobs can meet local demand for skilled workers, lower the wage gap, and improve the income potential for families.
4. Measures such as better tracking and reporting of data, incentives for increasing female participation in high-wage CTE areas, and sanctions for discrimination can help ensure equal access to CTE.
5. Outreach efforts and funding for support services such as child care can attract and retain women in fields where they are underrepresented.

CTE is organized around 16 career clusters based on a set of common knowledge and skills that prepare learners for a full range of opportunities. Despite women's gains in nontraditional fields, the rate of female enrollment in certain career clusters remains at stubbornly low levels. Women dominate in health science and human services (77-84% of workers), while lagging in STEM (25%), public safety and security (16%), architecture (15%) and construction (3%), IT (12%), manufacturing, and transportation and logistics (9%). For students with young families, CTE offers a path to steady-wage careers. 40% of female community college students are parents of children under age 18.

### Branch Calendar

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| Dec | 4,5 | Book Group                       |
| Dec | 7   | Fruit Bag Packing                |
| Dec | 9   | Holiday Lunch, Rancho de Chimayo |
| Dec | 16  | Out 'n About                     |

## Coordinating Council for 2017-18

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| ???                        | Nominating Chair                 |          |  |

## AAUW Holiday Luncheon Menu

### 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.