

*Spring Tea and Annual Meeting
Friday, May 4, 4-6 pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Gathering Space
2390 North Road*



Join us for an afternoon of fun, socializing, and tempting treats. After our annual meeting, we'll hear from guest speaker, Andrea Fellows Walters, who will talk about her work as Education Director for the Santa Fe Opera
Bring a friend to our year-end celebration.

Branch Elections

Election of council officers for the 2 year term, 2018-2020, will occur at the spring tea. The slate of officers is:

Mary Jane Giesler
Denise George
Alahna Weller

Officers returning to the council for the second year of their 2-year term are:

Marilyn Doolen
Bev Cooper
Margaret Gibson
Carol Neal

Appointed officers are:

Mary Ann Lindahl – hospitality
Marilyn Minshall – historian
Helena Whyte – STEM

There is a place for two more council members and the branch needs a Nominations Chair.

Book Group

The May book is Mary Coin by Marissa Silver. Denise George will review at both meetings. On Monday, May 7, 7:00 pm, the group will meet at Nina Thayer's, 1707 Solano (662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com).

On Tuesday, May 8, 1:00 pm, the group will meet at Christine Cloyd's, 1841 Cooper Place, (500-8192, danielc857@aol.com).

Let the host know if you will be coming.

Non-fiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on May 21 at 7:00pm. (**Note earlier time**). The book is The Home That Was Our Country, by Alia Malek. Betsy Comly will lead the discussion and will host the meeting at her home, 235 Kimberly. Please let Betsy know if you will be attending the meeting (672-1574, jack_comly@msn.com).

The July book is Killers of the Flower Moon by Daid Grann.

Great Decisions

The **Morning Great Decisions** group is finished for the year.

The **Evening Great Decision** group is led by Helena Whyte (672-9153, mozden08@aol.com); The remaining meeting beginning at 7:15 pm is: **May 10:** South Africa's fragile democracy: Marilyn Minshall, 536 Brighton, 672-3499

New Members

Nelly Case: I grew up in Ohio, earning a Bachelor of Music degree with a major in piano and a minor in viola at the Ohio State University. My master's

degree in piano is from Yale University. I went on to earn a Ph.D in musicology from Boston University. Before retiring to Los Alamos in 2016, I lived in northernmost New York State for 33 years, teaching music history and theory and courses on Women in Music for the last 25 years at the Crane School of Music, which is part of the State University of New York at Potsdam. I also served as organist and handbell choir director for 27 years at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton, New York.

Karen Henderson: With my father as a doctor in the Army, I grew up just outside of a few military bases in Georgia and Texas. I consider El Paso, Texas the place where I grew up. I graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and was a member of the Notre Dame Women's Swim Team. I started working directly after collage for Brown& Root Services, a division of Halliburton, in Houston, Texas designing roads, bridges and airports. After three years, we transferred to Austin, Texas where my husband was earning his Ph.D. in Physics. Six years later we, moved to Los Alamos where my husband works at the lab. I decided to put my engineering design work to rest and focus on being a full time caregiver to our two sons. With the boys in school, I have become active in volunteering; school gardens, coaching a swim team, and my favorite volunteering opportunity, the Santa Fe Opera.

It's Mana Scholarship Time

This is an appeal to our Los Alamos branch members for contributions to our MANA del Norte scholarship fund. Please, make your check out to MANA del Norte and note that it is for the AAUW scholarship fund. Send your donation to AAUW, PO Box 272, Los Alamos, or bring it to the AAUW Spring Tea on May 4.

MANA del Norte is a nonprofit organization serving as a resource for Latinas in the northern NM counties of Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, Santa

Fe, San Miguel, and Taos. Each Fall, MANA awards from five to ten \$1,000 scholarships to low income women from these counties. Each year, MANA has allowed us to view their list of scholarship applicants and chose a candidate for our AAUW sponsored scholarship. We have always selected a single mother as our scholarship recipient.

Harriet Dodder Books Memorial

The fund has collected over \$6,000, and will be closed out by June 1. The committee would like to thank all the branch members who contributed to the success. Funds will be distributed equally to the five elementary school librarians before schools close for the summer.

Nina Thayer Receives AAUW Award

At the AAUW state convention, Nina Thayer received the 2018 AAUW-NM *Legacy of Leadership Award* for 45 years of dedication to advancing AAUW's mission at branch, state, and national levels. She joined AAUW in 1973 and has been an AAUW-NM member since 1978. In addition to serving as president and board member for the Los Alamos branch, she also was a co-president at the state level and has held a variety of state leadership positions over the years. She has also served on national AAUW committees and worked at national conventions to help pass NM-sponsored resolutions affecting AAUW policy and structure.

At the branch level, Thayer was the driving force behind arranging for Tom Schuch to present his one-man show *Einstein: A Stage Portrait* as a fundraiser for Tech Trek NM in 2016, and the play raised \$4500 for the camp. At the state level, as co-President for 4 years, Thayer visited branches across the state to promote gender pay equity and organize mission-based branch activities. She also presented at regional AAUW conferences on recruiting members and promoting AAUW research.

National Bylaws Election

The AAUW Governance Committee has proposed three bylaw changes.

- (1) **Shall AAUW implement a staggered-term model for the AAUW Board of Directors that includes directors serving for three years per term, with four elected and one appointed each year?**
- (2) **Shall the AAUW Bylaws be amended to allow up to five nonmembers of AAUW to be members of the AAUW Board of Directors?**
- (3) **Shall the AAUW Bylaws be amended to eliminate the degree requirement for membership in AAUW?**

You should have received your PIN and member ID by e-mail. To reach the Voter Guide and To Vote on-line use this link: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>. Contact (connect@aauw.org or 800.326.2289) with any questions.

2018-2019 Dues: Membership dues for the coming year are due to national by July 1, 2018

Please make your treasurer's day by paying at the Spring Tea, or by sending a check now, or by paying online. Of the \$59.00 National Dues, \$56.00 is tax deductible.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	NATIONAL DUES	STATE DUES	BRANCH DUES
Regular Member	\$87.00	\$59.00	\$18.00	\$10.00
Paid Life Member	\$28.00	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$10.00
Dual Member not NM	\$28.00	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$10.00
Dual Member NM	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Honorary Life Member	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

You may pay online at <http://www.aauw.org/membership/join-renew/>

Or fill out the Payment Coupon and mail to:

AAUW Treasurer, PO Box 272, Los Alamos, NM 87544

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Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$	
My membership category is Regular/ Life /Dual NM/Dual not NM (Please circle one category)	
Name:	
Address:	
City:	State: Zip Code:
Daytime Phone Number:	Evening Phone Number:
E-Mail:	Mobile Phone:

Branch Calendar

May	4	Spring Tea
May	7,8	Book groups
May	10	Great Decisions – Evening group
May	21	Non-fiction Book Group

Coordinating Council for 2017-18

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