

## *Caring for Los Alamos with LA Cares*

Benefit Holiday Luncheon and Service Project  
Rancho de Chimayo  
Saturday, December 1, 2018  
12:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



We invite all AAUW-LA Branch members to join together at lunch to launch the festive activities of December. Once again we will gather at Rancho de Chimayo to enjoy good food and great camaraderie. The guest speaker will be Sylvia Aguirre who attended this past summer's AAUW NCCWSL Conference in Washington, DC.

We will have a Prix Fixe menu with 5 choices for entree and drinks and tip will be included. The price for the lunch will be \$19.25, and we will need checks or cash. RSVPs will be collected by Mary Ann Lindahl until Wednesday, November 28, at [moonbeamx@comcast.net](mailto:moonbeamx@comcast.net) or 663-0995.

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 in early December. 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. We encourage members to make their donations early by mailing a check to Denise George, 411 Cheryl Ave, White Rock, NM, 87547 (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. Members willing to help pack bags on December 12<sup>th</sup>, should contact Karin Roberts, 672-9625 or [karinroberts875@icloud.com](mailto:karinroberts875@icloud.com).

## Branch News

**Carroll Thomas** has a new address and phone:  
1001 Oppenheimer Dr. #200  
Los Alamos, NM 87544  
505-662-7617

## Judges Needed for Los Alamos Science Fair

The LA County Science and Engineering fair will be January 19, 2019. Judging elementary-age projects has been an AAUW long-standing commitment to our community. I encourage you to join me on the team. You are fully qualified; a science degree is not necessary. Our purpose is to reward curiosity and creativity at an early age.

The judging is a lot of fun and requires only three hours from 9:00 to noon on that Saturday morning. Our volunteer judging at the fair is a constructive way for AAUW to be a part of the education process in our community. It is a positive community outreach, and we have received good recognition in the past for our interest in encouraging this age group.

Please consider being on our team. Call or email Marilyn Doolen ([mtdoolen@aol.com](mailto:mtdoolen@aol.com) 672-3571) if you have any questions. I know January is not soon, but we need to respond to the Science Fair committee to acknowledge our commitment.

## UNM-LA Now an AAUW University Member

Dr. Cynthia J. Rooney, CEO of UNM-LA, has sent us the good news that UNM-LA is now an AAUW University Member. We trust this partnership will be beneficial to both UNM-LA and AAUW and we look forward to many opportunities to work together for the continuing success of women's education in Northern New Mexico.

## National News

AAUW has a couple of courses to help women learn how to better negotiate for a salary that is commensurate with the woman's worth to an employer. These courses are Start Smart and Work Smart. While many members of Los

Alamos AAUW Branch are retired and are no longer trying to negotiate salary with an employer, many do have daughters and granddaughters who might have need to develop such skill. One can learn about Start Smart and Work Smart in a 15 minute on-line video. To find this video go to [AAUW.com](http://AAUW.com) and search for Start Smart Video. Start Smart is still only available as an in-person workshop led by a trained facilitator—Socorro Branch now has a license to do this. But there is now an on-line Work Smart course that anyone can register for and take. It is free. It can be found by going to the national website and searching for Work Smart course.

## Book Group

The December book is News of the World by Paulette Jiles. Denise George will review the book at the Monday meeting. Betsy Comly will review at the Tuesday meeting. Let the host know if you plan on attending.

On Monday Dec. 3, 7:00 pm, readers will meet at Denise's, 411 Cheryl ([denisegeorge@icloud.com](mailto:denisegeorge@icloud.com), 672-9688).

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1:00 pm, the meeting will be at Marilyn Doolen's, 713 Meadow, ([mtdoolen@aol.com](mailto:mtdoolen@aol.com), 672-3571).

## Non-fiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will discuss Ladies of the Canyons by Lesley Poling Kempes. Betsy Comly, (713 Meadow Lane), will review. We will meet at Marilyn Doolen's, 713 Meadow; tell Marilyn if you are coming ([mtdoolen@aol.com](mailto:mtdoolen@aol.com), 672-3571).

## 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 twice a month on Thursday afternoons, and another meets at members' homes in the evenings. Helena can be reached at 672-9153 or [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com).

## Branch Calendar

Dec	1	Holiday Lunch, Rancho de Chimayo
Dec	3,4	Book Group
Dec	12	Fruit Bag Packing

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