

Hilltopics March 2019



AAUW Celebration of Women's History Month

Featuring

Marie Johnson, NM AAUW Diversity Chair

Speaking on

"Diversity: Where are our Heroes?"

and leading a

Journaling Workshop

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm White Rock Library Meeting Room

The Los Alamos branch is delighted to host Marie Johnson, our state Diversity Chair, who will be traveling from Carlsbad to meet our branch members.

During this evening of diverse activities we will hear some of Marie's own life story—of being both a woman and an African American earning a law degree and then trying to find a position in a law firm.

Marie will also show us some of the artistic journals she has created during both her travels and her daily life.

She asks each of us to think of women that we personally consider to be among our heroes and **bring with us to the meeting four quotes** from women who have caught our interest [note: for those who either have no time to find quotes or who forget to bring them, Marie will have a box of extra quotes]. We will consider, "Why Journals Matter" during a hands-on participatory demonstration: Creating the Four-Minute Journal. Every attendee will be able to make a four-minute journal of their own with supplies that will be provided. [If convenient, please bring a pair of scissors that can be used to cut paper.]

Guests are very welcome! Come and enjoy a lively evening of thought and activity!

April Branch meeting

Mark your calendars for April 9. Representative Christine Chandler will report to us her experience as our new representative and fill us in about the happenings and accomplishments of the 2019 session. As always, guests are most welcome.

Budget Needs: After considerable discussion the following motion was unanimously voted upon and passed by Coordinating Council: to increase the branch dues to \$20.00 (from \$10.00.)

The membership vote will be taken at the branch annual meeting (Spring Tea) in May.

Fruit Project

The second fruit distribution was delivered to La Cares on February 7.

One of the recipients who helped fill boxes was thrilled to have fresh fruit. In thanking us, she said that as soon as she had her degree she would become a member of AAUW. We delivered 4 boxes of apples, two boxes of bananas, one box of pears and 27 bags of elementines.



Cases of fruit at LA Cares

We received a thank you note from LA Cares for the December distribution: it reads:

Dear Friends.

Thank you so much for the wonderful gift of fresh fruit, once again so beautifully prepared for our December Food Pantry distribution. We are grateful both for your concern for the needy here in our own community and for your incredible generosity. We appreciate all the time and effort which went into the purchase, sorting, packaging and delivery of all the gift bags. Thank you to the many who gave so much to make it all possible, and for sharing the love and joy of the season.

Sincerely, Linda F. Burns, Secretary

The total collected was: \$1000.39
The December fruit purchase: \$353.28
The February fruit purchase: \$297.11
Checks written to LA CARES: \$350.00

As you can see, all came out even! All supplies were donated. Thanks to all who contributed, and thank you to all who helped with the ordering, pick-up and delivery and packing!

LA Cares appreciates the cash contribution; they are hoping to use it to supply fresh fruit and vegetables on other months.

STEMY award presentation for Tech Trek



Help keep up the good work by enjoying your un-tea break and contributing to Tech Trek.

Book Group

The March book is <u>Educated</u> by Tara Westover. Maryjane Giesler will lead the discussion at both meetings. Call or e-mail the hostess to know to expect you.

The March 4th, 7 pm meeting will be at Karin Roberts, 415 Cheryl Ave, 672-9625, karinroberts875@icloud.com

The March 5th, 1 pm meeting will be at Terry Beery's, Oppenheimer Condos #513, 720-1094, terry.beery@gmail.com.

Nonfiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on March 18 at 7:00 pm. We will discuss <u>Code Girls</u> by Liza Mandes. Helena Whyte will review. We will meet at Rozelle Wright's, 213 Barranca Rd.; tell Rozelle if you are coming (<u>rozelle@losalamos.com</u>, 662-5490).

Out 'n About

Explore your artistic talents at the AAUW private paint party led by Suzanne Harrison, Wednesday, March 27, 3- 4:30 at Pig & Fig. We will create a 10x10 painting of an owl. The cost is \$30. Margaret Gibson is leading this event and is available to answer your questions (672-3609). Register at www.LACanvasEvents.com or call 505-412-1534. A group will be staying after the party for dinner.

Afternoon Great Decisions 2019 Schedule

Mar 14, 1:30 pm, WRPL, Denise George, Refugees and Global Migration (1)

Mar 28, 1:30 pm, MPL, Mona Wecksung, China (5) Apr 11, 1:30 pm, WRPL, Carol Neal, State of Diplomacy (8)

Apr 25, 1:30 pm, MPL, group, Middle East (2) May 9, 1:30 pm, WRPL, Carroll Thomas, U.S. and Mexico (7)

May 23, 1:30 pm, MPL, group, Nuclear negotiations (3)

Contact Denise at <u>denisegeorge@icloud.com</u> or 672-9688

Welcome New Member Jenn Baker.

Add her contact information to your membership

list:

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Evening Great Decision 2019 Schedule

Date/Time	Topic	Hostess/Leader	
3/21/19	7 United	Marilyn Doolen	
7:00 pm	States and	713 Meadow Lane, WR	
	Mexico:	672-3571	
4/11/19	3 Nuclear	Judy Prono	
7:00 pm	Negotiations:	670 Totavi, LA	
		662-2691	
5/2/19	2 The	Beverly Cooper	
7:00 pm	Middle East	521 Ridgecrest Ave., WR	
		672-9696	
5/16/19	1 Refugees	Marilyn Minshall	
7:00 pm	and Global	536 Brighton Drive, WR	
	Migration	672-3499	

Contact Helena at mozden08@aol.com or 672-9153.

Equal Pay Day is April 2

Save the date, April 2, to attend the dinner at the Inn at Loretto hosted by the Santa Fe branch to meet Lilly Ledbetter the woman at the center of the historic discrimination case that inspired the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. 2019 is the 10th anniversary of the Act.

The State AAUW Convention will be April 26-28 in Las Cruces. The Theme is "Celebrating the XIX Amendment and Demanding Our Worth!" Registering before April 1, saves \$10 of the registration fee.

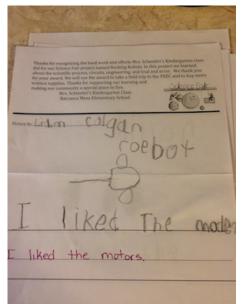
See the AAUW New Mexico web site for more details: https://aauw-nm.aauw.net/nm-convention/

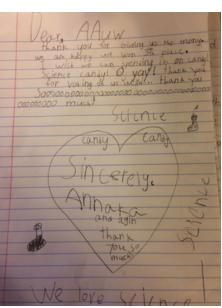
Branch Calendar

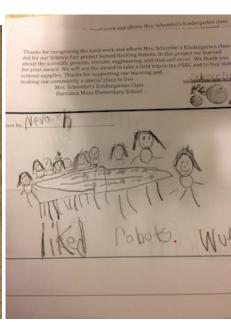
March	4,5	Book Group
March	14	Great decisions (afternoon)
March	20	Branch Meeting
March	21	Great decisions (evening)
March	27	Out 'n About
March	28	Great decisions (afternoon)

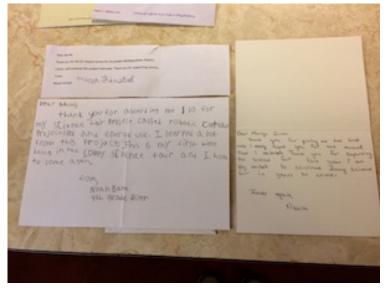
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????	Nominating Chair		









A selection of science fair thank you notes.