



“Experiences of My First Legislative Session”

by

Christine Chandler

Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 pm

White Rock Library Meeting Room

The Los Alamos branch is delighted to host Christine Chandler, our state Representative. She will fill us in about the happenings and accomplishments of the 2019 session.

Spring Tea

Mark your calendars for May 10. This will be our annual meeting and spring tea at Bethlehem Lutheran Church from 3 to 5 pm. A vote on raising dues will be held at the meeting.

Book Group

The April book is [A Drop in the Water](#) by Jenni Ogden. Karin Roberts will lead the discussion at both meetings. Call or e-mail the hostess to know to expect you.

The April 1st, 7 pm meeting will be at Els Hoffer's, 505 Grand Canyon, 672-3245, jimmelshoffer@icloud.com.

The April 2nd, 1 pm meeting will be at Carol Neal's, 3451 Urban St., 662-7256, the_neals@prodigy.com.

Nonfiction Book Group

The next meeting will be at May 20 at 7:00 pm. We will discuss [The Feather Thief](#) by Kirk Wallace Johnson. Rozelle Wright will review. We will meet at Chris Sierk's, 4640 Ridgeway Dr. Please let Chris know if you are coming (662-3894, acsierk@hotmail.com).

Tech Trek

Thanks to our generous branch members our un-tea raised \$3455 for Tech Trek 2019!

Our branch congratulates Margo Batha,

Los Alamos High School's speech and debate coach, upon winning the National Speech and Debate Association's Educator of the Year award for 2019. A well-earned reward.

Out 'n About

Six of our members explored our artistic talents(?) while having a fun time at the AAUW private paint party led by Suzanne Harrison, Wednesday, March 27. Here are the results.



Marie Johnson, NM AAUW Diversity Chair, treated the branch to an evening of self-exploration by leading us in a journal making exercise.



She explained that diversity depends on all of us extending our friendships in all dimensions and categories.

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/>

Afternoon Great Decisions 2019 Schedule

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 denisegeorge@icloud.com or 672-9688.

Branch Calendar

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| April | 1,2 | Book Group |
| April | 9 | General Meeting |
| April | 11 | Great decisions (both) |
| April | 25 | Great decisions (afternoon) |
| April | 26/28 | State Convention |

Evening Great Decision 2019 Schedule

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

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

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

By William Wordsworth



I wandered lonely as a cloud
 That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
 When all at once I saw a crowd,
 A host, of golden daffodils;
 Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
 Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
 And twinkle on the milky way,
 They stretched in never-ending line
 Along the margin of a bay:
 Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
 Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
 Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
 A poet could not but be gay,
 In such a jocund company:
 I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
 What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
 In vacant or in pensive mood,
 They flash upon that inward eye
 Which is the bliss of solitude;
 And then my heart with pleasure fills,
 And dances with the daffodils.

Branch Council 2018-2019

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Rising Authoritarianism: Can Democracy Meet the Challenge?

The Santa Fe World Affairs Forum – 2019 Symposium, April 11-12, 2019
Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Sponsors: Santa Fe Community College, Colorado European Union Center of Excellence, European Union

For more than two centuries, America has advocated for democratic principles starting with its Founding Fathers who proclaimed our nation to be *created by and for the people*, to joining with the liberal world to fight for our beliefs in two world wars. Following those wars, the United States was in the forefront of international efforts to create global institutions dedicated to peace, prosperity and justice.

Now, as a new era of international strongmen emerges, are America's traditions and institutions capable of ensuring that democratic principles continue to push back on the tyranny that has threatened every generation? Focusing on Europe, Latin America and the US, the symposium examines this moment with open eyes, asking tough questions about the global authoritarian threat, its underlying causes, and how it can be, and is being, countered.

Speakers: *Ellen Laipson*, George Mason University; *Professor Melissa Bokovoy*, Chair, History Department, University of New Mexico; *Professor James West*, Middlebury College and the Humanitarian University, St. Petersburg, Russia; *Folkert Geert Wilman*, attorney, EU Commission, EU Legal Service, Brussels; *Ambassador (rtd) Charles Shapiro*, former US Ambassador to Venezuela and career senior US Foreign Service Officer; *the Honorable Alan Webber*, Mayor of Santa Fe, and *Ambassador (rtd) James Zumwalt*, former US Ambassador to Senegal and career senior US Foreign Service Officer.
Registration: Email sfwaforum@outlook.com by Friday, April 5. Space is limited and reservations are first come, first serve.

Cost: SFWAF Members and affiliates both days: \$95. Non-members: \$120. Thursday only: \$75; Friday only \$65. College and university students both days: \$60. The prices include continental breakfast and lunch both days and a Meet the Speakers' reception Thursday afternoon following the day's final session.

Fees for the symposium may be paid by check made out to SFWAF and mailed to The Santa Fe World Affairs Forum, PO Box 31965, Santa Fe, NM 87594. (Please include your name and contact information if not an SFWAF member). Payment can also be made with a credit card through our Paypal account: <https://www.sfwaf.org/payment/>. Payments are non-refundable after April 5. Please pay by Friday, April 5 at the latest and visit our website: <https://www.sfwaf.org/> for additional information and program updates.