

Legislative Preview
Wednesday, January 8, 7-9 pm
Fuller Lodge

Partnering with the League of Women Voters, we will again co-sponsor this community program. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm. The 2020 session of the legislature begins on January 21 and will last 30 days. The legislative preview is open to the public.

As soon as I hear who will be speaking and answering questions, I will e-mail the details.

Our branch may be asked to help provide refreshments; if so Mary Ann Lindahl will need help.

Judges Needed for LA Science Fair

The LA County Science and Engineering fair will be January 25, 2020. Judging elementary-age projects has been an AAUW long-standing commitment to our community. Karen Henderson is the team chair, and encourages members to join the team. You are fully qualified; a science degree is not necessary.

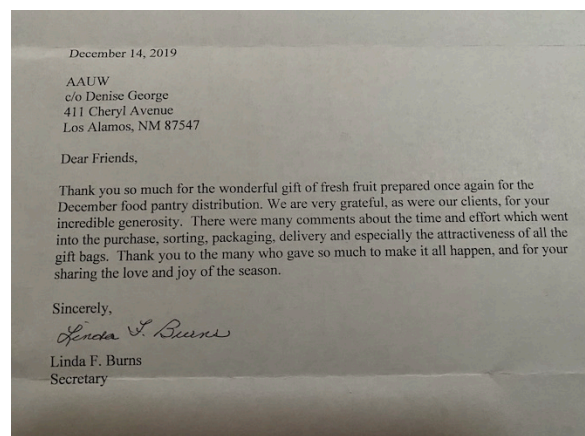
The judging is a lot of fun and requires only three hours from 9:00 to noon on that Saturday morning. Our volunteer judging at the fair is a constructive way for AAUW to be a part of the education process in our community. It is a positive community outreach, and we have received good recognition in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

Please consider being on our team. Call or email Karen Henderson (KOH7X@yahoo.com, 695-0247) to join or for more information.

Branch News

Thanks to our generous branch members, our **Fruit Drive for LA Cares** delivered 73 bags filled with apples, pears, clementines, and bananas to be

enjoyed by 186 recipients. We collected \$925 and spent \$524.29 for the December fruit distribution. We will be able to do a February distribution with the remaining funds. Our committee member, Karin Roberts was at the distribution and reported that our gifts elicited many happy smiles and a multitude of thanks. We have already received a thank you from LA Cares.





Save the date, February 20, for a branch meeting featuring our Los Alamos high school prize winning speech team.

Nonfiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on January 20th at 7:00 pm. We will discuss The Pioneers by David McCullough. Denise George, 411 Cheryl, will lead the discussion and host; let Denise know if you are coming. (denisegeorge@icloud.com, 672-9688)

Great Decisions

Books for this year's Great Decisions groups have been ordered. Meeting schedules will be circulated as soon as they are available. One group meets at the libraries in the afternoon twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday, and another meets at members' homes in the evenings. The evening group is led by Helena Whyte (672-9153 or mozden08@aol.com). The afternoon group is self-organized, but Denise George will answer questions about scheduling (denisegeorge@icloud.com, 672-9688).

This year's topics are:

- Climate Change and the Global Order.
- India and Pakistan. ...
- Red Sea Security. ...
- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. ...
- U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle. ...
- China's Road into Latin America. ...
- The Philippines and the U.S. ...
- Artificial Intelligence and Data.

Book Group

There is no meeting in January. The February book is An American Marriage by Tayari Jones. Angela Coop will lead the discussion. The February 3, 7:00 meeting will be at Angela's, 332 Aragon; let her know if you are coming (672-1037 or acwalkercoop@yahoo.com).

Carol Neal, 3451 Urban St. (662-7256 or the-neals@prodigy.com) will host the February 4, 1:30 meeting. Let her know if you are coming.

Do you know the 'herstory' of Virginia Gildersleeve?

At the San Francisco Conference in 1945, which resulted in the creation of the United Nations, a total of 3500 people attended (including delegates, their advisors and staff). Only 3 percent of them were women. Virginia Gildersleeve, founding mother of Graduate Women International (formerly International Federation of University Women), was one of them. She was also the only woman named to write the United Nations Charter. The seven-member delegation were instructed to address two issues: 1) the need to prevent future wars by creating the Security Council, and 2) the need to enhance human welfare, which was achieved through the creation of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Virginia Gildersleeve received drafting responsibility for the work of ECOSOC. It is thanks to her that "higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development" were inserted as goals for all people around the world into the UN Charter. Furthermore, she also persuaded her fellow delegates to add "universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion" as one of the UN's aims. She insisted that the UN Charter needed to appoint the Commission of Human Rights, which under the direction of Eleanor Roosevelt, wrote the Universal Declaration of Human Rights three years later.

Branch Calendar

Jan	8	Legislative Preview
Jan	20	Nonfiction book group
Jan	23	Council Meeting 2:00pm
Jan	25	Science Fair

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