

AAUW in a COVID-19 Year

There will be no November branch meeting. Since we will be unable to have our usual December Holiday Luncheon, the council is working on a fun alternative that can be done remotely and safely.



Our **service project** will again benefit LA Cares. This year more than ever, we can help members of our community. A committee will purchase fresh fruit, such as apples, pears, bananas and oranges, and will prepare festive bags to be distributed by LA Cares during its monthly food distribution in early December. LA Cares typically prepares up to ninety individualized boxes of non-perishables, which include very little fresh fruit or vegetables. For the past two years, we have made a second donation of fruit to brighten up the dreary month of February.

To donate, write a check to Denise George and mail it to her at:
411 Cheryl Ave, White Rock, NM, 87547.

Plans for the 2020-2021 general meetings and study groups will depend on New Mexico State guidance and on the confidence of our membership in the safety of in-person meetings. Both book groups, Great Decisions, and branch meetings will be conducted using Zoom until it is safe to meet in person.

Book Group

Daytime Zoom meetings will be hosted by Rozelle Wright, and Denise George will host the evening meetings. All group members will receive meeting invitations to both meetings. Other branch members who wish to be invited should contact Karin Roberts, karinroberts875@icloud.com, to be added to the group mailing list. Evening meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 7pm. Daytime meetings are on the following Tuesday at 1pm. The November book is The Last Year of the War by Susan Meissner. Karin Roberts will lead the discussion at both the Nov. 2nd and Nov. 3rd meetings.

A complete schedule is under the **study group** tab of our web site at: [2020-2021 Book Group Schedule](#)

Great Decisions

These groups will begin to meet after the Foreign Policy Association publishes the books, usually in February.

Nonfiction Book Group

The next ZOOM meeting is Dec 14, 7:00pm. The book is Your Inner Fish by Neil Shubin. Rozelle Wright will lead the discussion.

5 Star Program

Our branch is working on fulfilling the requirements to earn 5 Stars in AAUW's new national recognition program. One star was easily acquired by adding two links to our Web page. One link is to the [Two Minute Activist](#) to receive alerts about e-mailing your legislators on pressing issues. This is a very easy way to make your voice heard. Try it out!

October Meeting

Our speaker, Harshini Mukundan, gave a wonderful address that followed her path to becoming a respected scientist. Marie O'Neill, of the Los Alamos Reporter, attended the meeting and published an excellent article that covered her lecture. Read her article <https://losalamosreporter.com/2020/10/27/mentoring-gives-most-joy-to-renowned-local-scientist-harshini-mukundans-job/>

Calendar

Nov 2,3	Book Group
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