



**Growing Up Navajo**  
**Thursday, March 24, 7:00 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

Our speaker: Lee Rodgers, resides in Tohatchi, NM and works as an Independent Contractor in Language Services. She grew up on her family homestead on heights of the Chuska Mountains in northwest NM, where her family has lived for generations. Lee was admitted to the boarding schools at the age of 6 years old, as her siblings and cousins did before her. Despite the pressure to leave and ignore her customs and Navajo language, she embraced her mother and grandmother's teachings throughout her life. Lee comes from the "Folded Arms" clan. She cares for her mother, Betty, and loves to garden and explore other languages.

Lee's niece, Kateri Morris, resides in Los Alamos, NM and currently works as the Executive Assistant for the President/CEO at Zia Credit Union. Her husband, Oliver, is the Deputy Chief for the Los Alamos Police Department. Together, they have two kids, 14 and 11. Kateri was born in Palo Alto, CA right after her father graduated from Stanford. She and her parents moved back to the Navajo Nation to be near family. Her parents worked for the Navajo Nation government, while Kateri attended the public schools in Gallup, NM. Kateri comes from the "Two people came to the water" clan (mother) and was born for the "Folded Arms" clan (father). She is an active in her community, loves photography, travel, history, and genealogy.

Be sure to join us for what promises to be an informative and engaging program and learn about the Navajo culture including the Navajo creation story, clan structure, language, customs and traditions, taboos and superstitions, crafts and trade.

## Future Programs

- **April 2:** We are invited to join the Santa Fe branch for an Equal Pay Day Luncheon at the Santa Fe Bar and Grill featuring Pameyla Herndon as the speaker.
- **May:** We will return to our traditional May tea. A highpoint will be meeting our scholarship recipient, Kara Webster. It will be time to replenish our scholarship fund in order to continue this tradition. We will elect the 2022-2023 Branch Council. Consider accepting an invitation to join the Council.

## LA Cares Fruit Project Final Report



- Donations : \$980.00 + \$11.27(to cover overage)
- Bags and supplies for bows
- Expenses: \$ 488.41 (December)
- 4 boxes of apples,
- 4 boxes of pears,
- 2 boxes of bananas,
- 32 bags of clementines.
- (Filled 63 bags for the December distribution.)
- \$502.86. (February)
- 3 boxes of apples
- 2 boxes of bananas
- 30 bags of clementines
- 60 boxes of strawberries (strawberries were on sale – each delighted family received a box!)
- Thanks to all who contributed, shopped, packed and delivered.

**Great Decisions 2022** meets via Zoom every other Thursday at 1:30 pm. The entire meeting schedule is at: [https://losalamos-nm.aauw.net/groups/#Great\\_Decisions](https://losalamos-nm.aauw.net/groups/#Great_Decisions).

The March dates, topics and reviewers are:

March 3	Xi's China Takes on the Quad Alliance.	Marilyn Doolen
March 17	The Renewed Climate Change Agenda.	Carol Neal
March 31	Foreign Policy, Economic Power ,and U.S. Industrial Policy.	Judy Prono

## Nonfiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The book is Code Breaker by Walter Isaacson; Denise George is the reviewer.

Dates have not been decided for The Last Queen by Clive Irving (Angela Coop reviewer) and Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer (Rozelle Wright reviewer).

## Book Group

The group has not selected a book for May. Please bring suggestion to a March meeting or send them to Karin Roberts (505-672-9625, [karinroberts875@icloud.com](mailto:karinroberts875@icloud.com)).

The March book is The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich; the reviewer is Maryjane Giesler.

The March 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm meeting will be at Els Hoffer's, 505 Grand Canyon, WR; please let Els know if you will be coming ([jimmelshoffer@icloud.com](mailto:jimmelshoffer@icloud.com), (505) 672-3245).

The March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm meeting will be held via Zoom and will be hosted by Rozelle Wright who will send the meeting link.

The year's schedule is under the **study group** tab of our website at: [2021-2022 Book Group Schedule](#).

### Calendar

Mar 3	Great Decisions
Mar 7,8	Book Group
Mar 17	Great Decisions
Mar 24	Branch Program
Mar 31	Great Decisions

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