

*Spring Tea and Annual Meeting  
Friday, May 20, 4:00-5:30 pm  
Bethlehem Lutheran Gathering Space  
2390 North Road*



Join us for an afternoon of fun, socializing, and tempting treats.  
Meet our 2021 scholarship winner Carra Webster.  
Learn about the Branch Fire Book Project.  
*COVID19 vaccination required.*

**Branch Elections:**

Election of members of the Coordinating Council for the 2-year term, 2022-2024 will occur at the Spring Tea. The slate of candidates is:

Alahna Weller

Maryjane Giesler

Mary Ann Lindahl

One open spot -- volunteer needed

Members returning to the Coordinating Council for the second year of their 2-year term are:

Carol Neal

Margaret Gibson

Judy Prono

Marilyn Doolen

Beverly Cooper

Appointed positions are:

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster -- Denise George

STEM -- Helena Whyte

Hospitality – volunteer needed

**New Branch Project:** Some weeks ago, before the recent, terrible fires in New Mexico had ignited, the Coordinating Council felt it would be a kind gesture to offer to the grade schools in Boulder County, Colorado, a few appropriate books for their libraries. Many students of these schools come from homes that were recently lost to the fires. A committee was formed of members of our Branch. That committee acquired the last 100 copies of the children's book *The Forest and the Fire*, for the bargain price of \$1 each. The book was written by Teralene Fox and her daughter Alison Carlisi shortly after the Cerro Grande Fire destroyed so many homes here in Los Alamos. The committee plans to give each affected grade school classroom a copy of *The Forest and the Fire* and to also give each school

library either a Caldicott Award or Newberry Award book. It is estimated that each of these award-winning books will cost between \$10 and \$20 in library binding. Books will be selected by the schools to best meet the schools' needs, and our branch will purchase and deliver the books.

Considering the damage inflicted by the New Mexico fires, the committee proposes extending similar donations to schools in our state where homes have recently burned.

To make this combined project a success we need donations. We will proceed in the manner we have for the Holiday Fruit Project donations; please write a check to Carol Neal, with "book project" in the memo line. If you can't be at Spring Tea, checks can be sent to **Carol at 3451 Urban St., Los Alamos, NM 87544**. Unfortunately, donations to this project are NOT tax deductible. Another way to donate—we will sell up to ten copies of *The Forest and The Fire* for the original cover price of \$12.00 at Spring Tea.

### **AAUW-Los Alamos Scholarship at UNM-Los Alamos:**

We hope the Branch will be able to offer a scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year to a deserving woman who is returning to school after some years (that is, not a "just graduated from high school" woman) and who is enrolled at UNM-Los Alamos. We are asking branch members to make a tax-deductible donation by writing a check to:

**University of New Mexico Foundation**

and noting in the memo line,

**for AAUW-Los Alamos scholarship at UNM-LA.**

If you wish donate at a time other than Spring Tea, please send a check written as instructed above to our Branch Treasurer:

Margaret Gibson  
120 Rover Blvd  
White Rock, NM 87547

Any checks donated at the Spring Tea or sent to Margaret will be hand-delivered to the business manager at UNM-Los Alamos.

**AAUW's Tech Trek New Mexico:** This year Tech Trek will again be an in-person camp (providing COVID remains at bay) held on the campus of New Mexico Tech in Socorro. There are sufficient funds for this summer's camp and so we did not need to do our "Un-Tea" fundraiser this year. We will do the "Un-Tea" again next year if there is a need.

### **Great Decisions**

The remaining meeting is on May 12; The topic of discussion is *Myanmar and ASEAN*; Margaret Gibson will lead the discussion.

## Nonfiction Book Group

The group will take the summer off.

The Last Queen by Clive Irving (Angela Coop reviewer) will be the September book, and Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer (Rozelle Wright reviewer) will be the November book.

Tentative dates are September 19 and November 21. (Third Mondays)

## Book Group

The May book is Black Cake by Charmain Wilkerson; there is no reviewer; it's certain that the book will provide many topics of conversation for the group.

The May 2<sup>nd</sup> ,7 pm meeting will be at Karin Robert's, 415 Cheryl Ave. WR; please let Karin know if you will be coming ([karinroberts875@icloud.com](mailto:karinroberts875@icloud.com), (505) 672-9625 or (505) 709-8930).

The May 3<sup>rd</sup> ,1 pm meeting will be held via Zoom and will be hosted by Rozelle Wright who will send the meeting link.

The summer book is Perestroika in Paris by Jane Smiley

## Good News from our DEI Chair

Native-Americans and Hispanic residents account for more than 60% of the population in New Mexico. There soon will be an easier chance for them to pursue a higher education because of a new state law which takes effect in July.

The legislation allocates almost 1% of the state's budget toward covering tuition and fees at public colleges and universities, community colleges and best of all tribal colleges. The purpose is to treat college as a public resource similar to primary and secondary education. (Source: The New York Times April 1, 2022).

**AAUW Dues:** National expects dues to be received by July 1.

AAUW National Individual Membership dues are now \$67:

\$59 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$3 is not (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities).

State dues are \$18

Branch are \$20

**If you are a life member you will owe \$38.**

**Otherwise, the total is \$105.**

You may have received an e-mail from National explaining how to pay electronically. If you prefer to pay by check, make it out to:

AAUW-Los Alamos Branch

Bring it to the Spring Tea or mail to:

Margaret Gibson

120 Rover Blvd

White Rock, NM 87547

### Calendar

May 2, 3	Book Group
May 12	Great Decisions
May 20	Spring Tea

### Coordinating Council 2021-2022

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