



Fall Lunch
Saturday, September 17, 11:30-2:00 pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Gathering Space
2390 North Road

Save the date for an in-person get-together with your AAUW friends. We will discuss and approve the Branch budget and sign-up for study groups.

Branch Elections

The 2022-2023 council members and their offices are listed at the end of this newsletter. Our council is open to program suggestions; please share your ideas with any council member.

AAUW-Los Alamos Scholarship at UNM-Los Alamos

We have received enough money to fund the Branch scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year awarded 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. If you would like to contribute to future years, make out a check to:

University of New Mexico Foundation

and note in the memo line,

for AAUW-Los Alamos scholarship at UNM-LA.

Send your check to our Branch Treasurer (who will hand deliver it to UNM-LA):

Mary Ann Lindahl

201 San Juan St.

Los Alamos, NM 87544.

AAUW’s Tech Trek New Mexico: This year Tech Trek was an in-person camp held on the campus of New Mexico Tech in Socorro. There were 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 in 2023 if there is a need.

Nonfiction Book Group

The group is taking 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

Send your suggestions before August 15 for books for the 2022-23 year to Karin Roberts (karinroberts875@icloud.com, (505) 672-9625, (505) 709-8930)). The number of book suggestions received will determine if a selection meeting is necessary.

The summer book is Perestroika in Paris by Jane Smiley. The dates for this meeting are September 5 (evening group) and September 6 (afternoon group).

Great Decisions

The 2022 season successfully finished in May. The topics for 2023 are not yet available.

A Little About Nancy Scheer from her good friend Nina Thayer.

Nancy passed away on July 4. She was a long-time member of the Los Alamos branch and remained a joint member when she moved to Santa Fe.

“I met Nancy when we were both members of the Los Alamos Branch of AAUW 40+ years ago. The year that I became branch president, 1984, Nancy was elected branch treasurer. The second year of our terms, she came to me and said that she had the treasurer’s job all figured out and were there other ways she could help. That simple offer was the beginning of a life-long friendship.

Nancy served AAUW in many capacities at the local, state and national level. She was AAUW state historian in 1970’s and wrote a complete history of state wide activities. She served on the state board in many capacities; two terms as state treasurer, bylaws chair, international interests chair, representative to the New Mexico Coalition for Choice, and four years as AAUW-NM Co-President. For two years we shared the AAUW-NM presidency. She received the Legacy of Leadership Award from the Rocky Mountain Region in 2012 and from AAUW-NM in 2022. Together we attended many, many state, regional and national conventions all over the state and country.

Nancy also served as the Rocky Mountain representative on the national AAUW Nominating Committee. For the uninitiated, these appointed positions take hours of preparation in addition to attending the meetings and giving logical, clear-headed opinions, something Nancy excelled at.

Nancy had many passions, and I will mention three. She was a life-long devout Christian and volunteered as the secretary and treasurer of her church in Santa Fe, The Open Circle: A Disciples of Christ Community. Second, Nancy was a numbers person, teaching high school and mid-school math and then moving into the growing field of computer programming, culminating in a long career with LANL. Third, she advocated for causes important to women & girls, including pay equity, the right to choose one’s health and reproductive care, and opportunities in STEM careers. For many years she presented a booth at the Careers & Curiosity Conferences in Los Alamos and Santa Fe to encourage girls to take the math and science courses necessary for a technical career.

For nearly 50 years Nancy was the quiet support behind first the Los Alamos and then the Santa Fe Branches of AAUW, taking on the jobs that keep the wheels turning. She continued her commitment to the state AAUW as Parliamentarian. She efficiently kept the minutes for the past 6 years for the Women Graduates USA, our national affiliate of the International Federation of University Women.

She was an intelligent, logical and very kind woman, a community asset, an AAUW treasure and a dear, dear friend.”

Calendar

August 15	Book Selection Cut-off Date
Sept 5,6	Book Group
Sept 17	Fall Lunch
Sept 19	Nonfiction Book Group

Coordinating Council 2022-2023

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