



April Branch Meeting
Title V: Pathways to Academic Success and Excellence
Thursday, April 20, 2023, 7:00pm
UNM-LA, Jeannette Wallace Room, Building 5

UNM-LA, as a Hispanic-Serving Institution(HSI), applied for and received a Title V grant to expand educational opportunities for, and improve the attainment of, Hispanic students. These grants also enable HSIs to expand and enhance their academic offerings, program quality, and institutional stability. The panel listed below, composed of UNM-LA staff, will explain the how this grant will benefit all students at the university. Each speaker will have 10 minutes to speak and to show slides outlining the new programs and tools that will result from this grant. There will be time for questions. Refreshments will be provided.

Anne Jarrett--Administrator,
Brook Parsons--Data Analyst,
Britany Carpenter--Internship Coordinator,
Sara Jimenez--Marketing, and
Maryjane Giesler--Instructor

Branch Council Members Needed

We need a full council to keep our branch functioning. Linda McLellan and Carroll Thomas have agreed to take the place of two of the three members who have served the maximum of six years, but we need one more member. Council meetings are held once a month on Zoom. Once the Council forms, positions are decided at a summer meeting. If you decide to join the Council, you will be able to choose a position that best fits you. Please consider joining us!

Save the Date for Spring Tea

Friday, May 12, 4pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Book Group

The April book is The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel. "A heart-stopping tale of survival and heroism centered on a female forger who risks everything to help Jewish children escape Nazi-occupied France", *People* magazine review.

Linda McLellan, 422 Connie will host the April 3rd, 7:00 pm meeting; let her know if you are coming (505-672-9602, 505-690-3939, lindamclellan@msn.com)

The 1pm, April 4th Zoom meeting will be hosted by Rozelle Wright; she will send out a link. Linda will lead the discussion at both meetings.

The year's schedule is under the **study groups** tab of our website at: [https://losalamos-nm.aauw.net/files/2022/09/2022-2023.pages .pdf](https://losalamos-nm.aauw.net/files/2022/09/2022-2023.pages.pdf)

If you wish to be added to the book group membership list, contact Karin Roberts (505-672-9625, karinroberts875@icloud.com).

Tech Trek

Helena Whyte, Tech Trek chair, reports that final interviews of candidates are underway and that selected candidates will be notified by mid-April. Seven Branch members read and scored 35 essays and interviewed 5 candidates from our region: Los Alamos, Espanola and Taos. Council arranged the un-Tea to raise donations for the camp. Contributions, financial and organizational, are appreciated and demonstrate that our Branch supports the camp well. We will not know the names of the students selected until camp is over. We hope to have a camper attend our fall luncheon to share her experiences.

All 3 NM candidates to 2023 AAUW-NCCWSL are Tech Trek graduates. They are future MDs and engineers!

Nonfiction Book Group

On April 17th at 7:00 pm the group will discuss [Portrait of the Scientist as a Young Woman](#) by Lindy Elkins-Tanton. Amazon recommends: **“From one of the world’s leading planetary scientists, a luminous memoir of exploration on Earth, in space, and within oneself—equal parts ode to the beauty of science, meditation on loss, and roadmap for personal resilience”**. Denise George will review. The meeting will be hybrid: in-home and Zoom. The link will be sent to group members before the meeting. Denise George will host the 7:00 pm meeting at 411 Cheryl Ave. Let her know if you are coming (denisegeorge@icloud.com, 505-690-3534). If you wish to join the group, please contact Margaret Gibson (mfgibson332@gmail.com, 505-228-4356).

Great Decisions (remaining meetings)

This group meets every other Thursday at the White Rock library. Meetings are hybrid: in-person and by Zoom. Branch members who have not joined the group are welcome to sample a Zoom session; Denise will be happy to send out a link if asked (denisegeorge@icloud.com, 505-690-3534).

Date	Topic	Presenter
April 13	Global Famine	Margaret Gibson
April 27	Economic Warfare	Carroll Thomas

Lozen, warrior, shaman and prophet of the Chiricahua Apache

In honor of the end of Women’s History Month, meet Lozen:



“Lozen is my right hand...strong as a man, braver than most, and cunning in strategy, Lozen is a shield to her people” Chief Victorio.

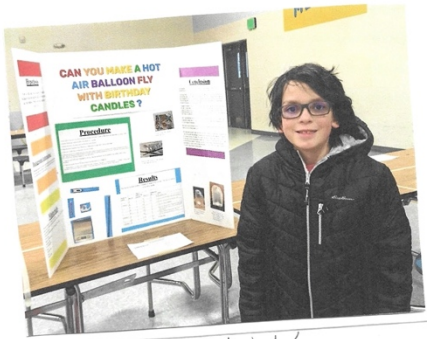
Lozen learned to ride a horse when she was 7, quickly becoming one of the best riders in the Chihenne band of the Chiricahua Apache. She was born in the midst of a brutal attack on her people. The Apache needed her bravery, courage and unique skills.

She was also a powerful medicine woman Shaman, and Seer, with extensive knowledge of herbology and minerals. She used song and herbs to heal her people and treat wounds. These gifts manifested during a coming-of-age ceremony known as the Sunrise Ceremony.

Later in years, when traveling with war parties, Lozen would rise with the sun and discern direction and distance as a prophecy for the day. With each successful prediction, honor for her

power grew. She was invited to participate in the war dances and joined war parties, becoming a full-fledged member of the Council of Warriors. She protected the bands she accompanied, helping them evade capture, becoming a legend among her people during her lifetime. Athletic, fearless, protective, intelligent and strong-willed, she joined her brother Chief Victorio as a warrior. He taught her the skills that

she would need to defend her people. She became a respected warrior at a time when Apache warriors did not allow single women to ride with raiding parties, however Lozen was a welcome part of the Warriors council. She never married.
(from a publication of the Chiricahua National Monument: *Apache Women, Keepers of the Way*)



Dear AAUW
Thank you for recognizing
me at the Science Fair
I appreciate it very
much.
Henry Roberto 3rd grade
LA LA

Science Fair Thank You Notes

Dear AAUW,

Thank you so much for the Science Fair award. I am so grateful and thank you for the note full of tips.

Also thank you for supporting the science fair. I feel motivated to do this next year again.

Thanks,

James Jungbans, Project 303

Dear AAUW,

Thank you so much! Your recognition helped me feel more confident in myself. You also made me want to do Science Fair next year too!

thanks again,

Sebastian Holtkamp

Thank you so much for the Science Fair award. I'm looking forward to next year's Science Fair! I appreciate you supporting our local Science Fair.

Alex Sherrill

LA Cares Thank You Note —after we paid for the fruit for the December distribution
LA Cares used the remaining \$328 to fund greatest needs.

LA Cares

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March 22, 2023

Dear Friends of LA Cares,

Thank you so much for partnering with us in addressing poverty and hunger issues here in Los Alamos County. We are very grateful for your generous donation of \$328 to help purchase fresh fruit and vegetables this winter. Your members are always generous with the gift of fresh produce for our December distributions. The time and effort you put in to make the bags festive and colorful (and full!) is greatly appreciated.

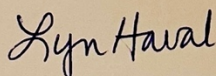
Since 96% of our funding goes directly to client assistance, you can be assured your support will find good use. It may help prevent an eviction or keep utilities turned on; it may supplement donations to the food pantry, filling in shortages or providing for a client with special dietary needs; it may help purchase fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, butter, cheese and meat that are given away at each distribution.

In the first three months of this year alone, we have been able to provide food boxes for 250 families and give rent and utility assistance to over 40 families.

We can only continue this level of assistance because of generous donors like you. You are an amazing partner in our efforts and we greatly appreciate you.

On behalf of those many families in need, thank you!

Sincerely,



Lyn Haval
President

Calendar

April 3,4	Book Group
April 17	Nonfiction Book Group
April 20	Branch Meeting
April 13,27	Great Decisions

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