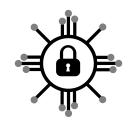


# Hilltopics

November Branch Meeting
Cybersecurity
Danielle Martin
November 7, 7:30pm
A Zoom link will be sent before our meeting.



At the 2023 AAUW State Convention, Danielle Martin gave a presentation on cybersecurity challenges and tips. Several branch members attended her talk and found her ideas helpful. Among other issues, she explained 2-factor authentication and the value of password managers. She also recommended including important passwords in your will.

Cybersecurity is becoming increasingly important in today's digital age as more and more personal and sensitive information is stored and shared online. The advent of the Internet and the proliferation of networked devices have made it easier for individuals and businesses to store and share information, but also for hackers and cybercriminals to access and exploit it.

One of the most important aspects of cybersecurity is protecting personal data such as social security numbers, credit card numbers, and login credentials. This information can be used by cybercriminals for identity theft, financial fraud, and other malicious activities.

Learn from Danielle (a member of AAUW-Albuquerque) how to strengthen your own cybersecurity, and become a safer and wiser computer user!



November 7<sup>th</sup> is election day. On the ballot are school board seats, UNM-LA board seats, and the school bond renewal. Be sure to vote! Early voting is open at the Los Alamos Municipal building and the White Rock Community building.



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Join our Out 'n About excursion on Saturday, **Nov 4**, arranged by Nina Thayer for a guided tour of the new Vladem Contemporary Art Museum, located at 404 Montezuma Ave, Santa Fe. Lunch at Tomasita's will follow our museum tour.

Los Alamos folks, please meet at 10:00am in the United Church parking lot on Rose Street. White Rock folks will leave Denise's, 411 Cheryl, at 10:10. (505-690-3534). If you have not signed up, text or phone Nina at (505-231-6312) to be added to the list.

Shadow and Light, the inaugural exhibition at the Vladem Contemporary plays upon the famed New Mexico light which is credited for attracting artists and photographers to the region for decades. More importantly, the theme illustrates one of the original notions behind the founding of the New Mexico Museum of Art—the belief that the impact of the arts is far greater than simple replication and illustration. The arts engage the big ideas and experiences of human life.

**December 9, noon: join us for lunch** at Rancho de Chimayo; reservations have been made and we will have a choice of entrees for \$28 which including a beverage, dessert, sopapilla, tax and tip. We will have a guest speaker and celebrate the 11th year of our service project benefiting LA Cares.

## **LA Cares Project**

A committee will purchase fresh fruit, such as apples, pears, and oranges, and will prepare festive bags to be placed in each box distributed by LA Cares during its monthly food distribution in December.

We are asking for contributions to purchase fruit to provide this holiday treat. If possible, we encourage members to make their donations early by mailing a check to Denise George, 411 Cheryl

Ave, White Rock, NM, 87547 (make the check out to Denise). It is best to have the contributions in hand so that Mary Ann Lindahl will know how much fruit to order. We will also accept donations at the luncheon. Karin Roberts will be asking for help to pack the fruit gift bags.

















### **Book Group**

The November book is Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng. Denise George will lead the discussion at both meetings.

The Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm meeting will be at Denise's home, 411 Cheryl, WR. Let Denise know if you will attend (denisegeorge@icloud.com, 505-690-3534)

The Tuesday, November 7<sup>th,</sup> 1pm meeting, will be at Beverly Cooper's home, 521 Ridgcrest, WR. Let Bev know if you will attend (505-709-0480, bccooper@cybermesa.com)

This year's schedule is found under the study **group** tab of our website or use this link: 2023-2024 AAUW Book Group Schedule:

#### **Great Decisions 2024**

The books have been ordered and normally arrive in time to begin meeting at the end of January. We will meet in the White Rock Public Library every two weeks, date and time to be decided by members.

If you wish to reserve leadership for a given topic, let Denise (denisegeorge@icloud.com, 505-690-3534) know. Zoom will be available.

Mideast Realignmen by Marc Lynch Climate technology and competition by Bud Ward Science across borders by Mila Rosenthal

U.S. -China trade rivalry by Jonathan Chanis NATO's future by Sarwar Kashmeri Understanding Indonesia by Charles Sullivan High Seas Treaty by FPA editors Pandemic preparedness by Carolyn Reynolds

## **Nonfiction Book Group**

Our next meeting will be on December 11, 7pm. Sue Watts will lead the discussion on <u>All that She Carried</u> by Tina Miles. We need a hostess!

#### Calendar

Nov 4	Out 'n About
Nov 6, 7	Book Group
Nov 7	Cybersecurity Branch Meeting

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