



December Branch Meeting
Happy Holidays
December 9, noon
Rancho de Chimayo



Join us for lunch at Rancho de Chimayo; reservations have been made. We will have a choice of entrees plus a beverage, dessert, sopapilla, tax and tip for \$28. We will have a guest speaker and will celebrate the 11th year of our service project benefiting LA Cares. Nina Thayer must confirm our reservation by the 29th of November, please RSVP to her as soon as possible (gnthayer@cybermesa.com, (505) 231-6312). Nina will also arrange carpools.

Rancho requests that we pay by cash, and it's best to have the exact amount.

LA Cares Project

A committee has ordered fresh fruit, such as apples, pears, bananas and oranges, and will prepare festive bags to be given to each family by LA Cares at its monthly food distribution on December 7th.

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 before we order. However, we will also accept donations at the luncheon. We will pack the fruit donation bags at Karin Robert's home, 415 Cheryl Ave, WR on Thursday, December 7th at 10am. Please let her know if you would like to help (karinroberts875@icloud.com, 505-709-8930)



Book Group

The December book is The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Karin Roberts will lead the discussion at both meetings.

The Monday, December 4th, 7pm meeting will be at Linda McLellan's home, 422 Connie, WR. Let Linda know if you will attend (lindamclellan@msn.com, (505) 690-3939)

The Tuesday, December 5th, 1pm meeting, will be hosted by Rozelle Wright at the Hill Episcopal Church, 3900 Trinity Dr.; please let Rozelle know if you will attend. (bandwright@yahoo.com, 505-662-5490)

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, shipped and should arrive soon. We will meet in the White Rock Public Library every two weeks, day of the week 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.

Mid-east Realignment by Marc Lynch (reserved by Carroll Thomas)

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



Enjoying modern art at the Vladem Museum

Nonfiction Book Group

Our next meeting will be on December 11, 7pm. Sue Watts will lead the discussion on All that She Carried by Tina Miles. Bev Cooper will host the meeting at 521 Ridgcrest. Please let Bev know if you will attend (bcooper@cybermesa.com, 505-672-9696).

Los Alamos Schools Science Fair, Saturday, January 20:

Karen Henderson has signed us up but will be out of town for the event. Mary Ann Lindahl has agreed to organize the judging committee. If you would like to join the committee, please let Mary Ann know at

(moonbeamx@comcast.net, (505) 660-2259).

We will be judging elementary level projects and will be looking for basic understanding of the scientific method. You do not need to be a scientist to volunteer. Mary Ann is a chemist and a teacher and provides excellent guidance. Plus, it is fun to enjoy the creativity of even the youngest of our students.

This year's **Nobel Laureate in the Economic Sciences, Claudia Goldin**, provided the first comprehensive account of women's earnings and labour market participation through the centuries. Her research reveals the causes of change, as well as the main sources of the remaining gender gap.

Women are vastly underrepresented in the global labour market and, when they work, they earn less than men. **Claudia Goldin** has trawled the archives and collected over 200 years of data from the US, allowing her to demonstrate how and why gender differences in earnings and employment rates have changed over time.

Goldin showed that female participation in the labour market did not have an upward trend over this entire period, but instead forms a U-shaped curve. The participation of married women decreased with the transition from an agrarian to an industrial society in the early nineteenth century, but then started to increase with the growth of the service sector in the early twentieth century. Goldin explained this pattern as the result of structural change and evolving social norms regarding women's responsibilities for home and family.

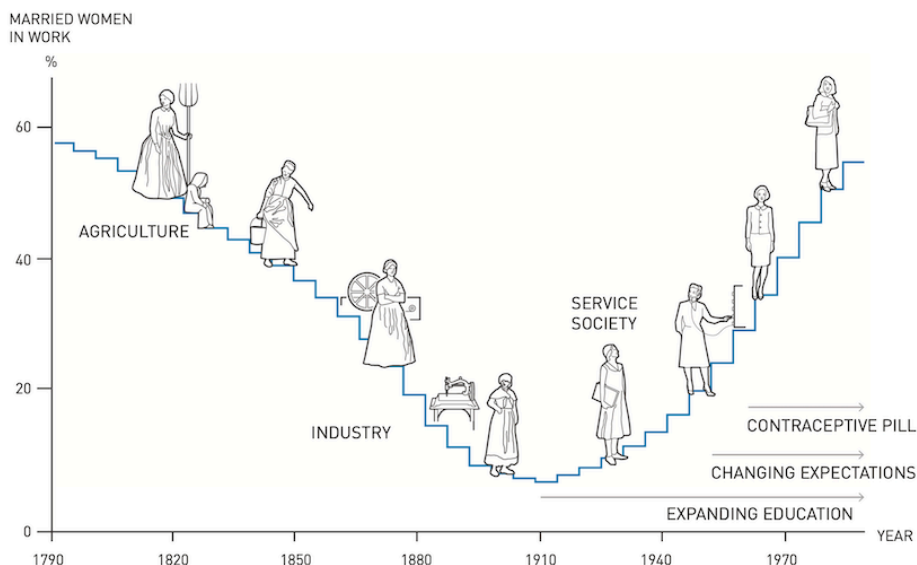
During the twentieth century, women's education levels continuously increased, and in most high-income countries they are now substantially higher than for men. Goldin demonstrated that access to the contraceptive pill played an important role in accelerating this revolutionary change by offering new opportunities for career planning.

Despite modernisation, economic growth and rising proportions of employed women in the twentieth century, for a long period of time the earnings gap between women and men hardly closed. According to Goldin, part of the explanation is that educational decisions, which impact a lifetime of career opportunities, are made at a relatively young age. If the expectations of young women are formed by the experiences of previous generations – for instance, their mothers, who did not go back to work until the children had grown up – then development will be slow.

Historically, much of the gender gap in earnings could be explained by differences in education and occupational choices. However, Goldin has shown that the bulk of this earnings difference is now between men and women in the same occupation, and that it largely arises with the birth of the first child.

“Understanding women's role in the labour is important for society. Thanks to Claudia Goldin's groundbreaking research we now know much more about the underlying factors and which barriers may need to be addressed in the future,” says Jakob Svensson, Chair of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences.

<mailto:https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/economic-sciences/2023/press-release/>



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Calendar

Dec 4,5	Book Group
Dec 7	Fruit Project Packing
Dec 9	Branch Holiday Luncheon
Dec 11	Nonfiction Book Group

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