



There is no branch meeting in April, but mark your calendars for our Spring Tea on Friday, May 10, 4:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church upstairs Gathering Space. We will elect new council members and honor outgoing members, and hear from our UNM-LA scholarship winner.

As a fun alternative to a meeting join Out ‘n About

On Saturday, April 20, branch members will visit The Museum of International Folk Art in Santa Fe to enjoy their new exhibit featuring items staff have chosen from the museum’s collection. Each of the 35 staff members chose 2 items; the 70 items’ origins span 26 countries and range from sculpture to jewelry to clothing to painting and even a robot. We will follow our 10:00am visit to the museum with lunch at the Museum Hill Café. Car pools will be arranged. Several members have already signed up. There is room for more, if interested, reply to denisegeorge@icloud.com.



At our March meeting Carla Rachkowski and Pat Vanderpool , executives of the Regional Development Corporation gave one example of how RDC provides training and funding for small businesses in Northern New Mexico. Check out this video:

<https://www.rdcnm.org/post/love-yourself-from-the-inside-out>

by Addelina Lucero, the owner of Dancing Butterfly Naturals who sources, harvests, and produces DBN’s all-natural, Indigenous and local plant-based hair & skin care products and medicines.

This is just a taste of the many aspects of RDC programs focused on improving economic development through loans, grants, training, workshops and collaborations.

Visitors are welcome. Zoom option available.

Branch Council Members Needed

We need a full council to keep our branch functioning. 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! Contact Judy Prono (djprono@msn.com) for more information.

Remaining scheduled meetings are:

Apr 25	Mideast Realignment	Carroll Thomas
May 2	U.S.-China Trade Rivalry	Marilyn Doolen

Nonfiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on April 15, 7pm; the book is The Wager by David Grann. Angela Coop will lead the discussion.

Nina Thayer, 1707 Solana, LA will host the meeting. Please let Nina know if you will attend (505-231-6312, gnthayer@cybermesa.com)

Great Decisions 2024

Great Decisions meets on alternate Thursday afternoons at the White Rock library at 2:00pm.

Book Group

The April book is Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan. Nina Thayer will review at both meetings. The April 1st, 7pm meeting will be hosted by Nina Thayer, 1707 Solana, LA. Please let Nina know if you will attend (505-231-6312, gnthayer@cybermesa.com)

The 1pm, April 2nd meeting will be hosted by Marilyn Thayer, 505 Oppenheimer #810, Please let Marilyn know if you will attend (505-930-9785)

Tech Trek

Our Tech Trek essay reading volunteers led by Judy Prono and the interview volunteers led by Marilyn Doolen have handled a record number of applicants. As always, we want all the girls to experience this one-week STEM camp that exposes them to the importance of STEM to the world and encourages them to further their education in whatever career they choose. Share this link with others: <https://techtrek-nm.aauw.net/>.

Henrietta Leavitt

Below is a link to an article in the New York Times about an overlooked female scientist, well worth the read. The law she discovered is often called the Leavitt Law and defines a period-luminosity relation, which if you want to know more, Wikipedia has a good explanation.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/03/27/obituaries/henrietta-leavitt-overlooked.html>

Calendar

April 1,2	Book Group
April 15	Nonfiction Book Group
April 20	Out 'n About
April 25	Great Decisions

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