



December Branch Project and Events Fruit Bags for LA Cares

Our branch will be filling festive bags with fresh fruit to be distributed by LA Cares during its monthly food distribution on December 12, 13.

We need volunteers to help decorate, stuff, and deliver the bags, and, as usual, we are asking for contributions to provide this holiday treat. LA Cares, an entirely volunteer organization, serves qualified Los Alamos residents; with increasing prices of food, rent and utilities, many families (98 in November) rely on its monthly boxes. Please be generous; we need to collect \$1000 to purchase the fruit; all other supplies are donated.

Volunteer packers have three opportunities to combine fun with philanthropy:

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- Monday, December 9, 2pm at Denise's, 411 Cheryl, WR, bag decorating,
 - Thursday, December 12, 10am at Karin's, 415 Cheryl, WR, bag filling,
 - Thursday, December 12, 2pm at Karin's bag delivery to Lutheran Church.

If you can plan ahead, let us know you are coming; otherwise, you are welcome to just show up! (denisegeorge@icloud.com, karinroberts875@icloud.com)

Donate today by mailing a check to:

Denise George, 411 Cheryl Ave, White Rock, NM, 87547 (make out the check to Denise). It is important to have the contributions in hand so that we will be able to place the order; the store requires at least one week lead time. There are two reasons for sending checks to Denise instead of to LA Cares: we want to ensure that the funds are used for fruit and AAUW National discourages service projects other than scholarships.

Many of us fondly remember December lunches at Rancho de Chimayo. Council has not forgotten, but due to many members' crowded December calendars and uncertain driving conditions, your Council has instead decided to plan a February lunch near Valentines day.

Tech Trek

AAUW NM has an anonymous donor who will match donations given on Giving Tuesday (Dec 3rd) up to \$5,000. This match will double your gift if given between Dec 3 and Dec 8.

To make a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible donation to AAUW Tech Trek NM: Go to <https://techtrek-nm.aauw.net/> and select the "Donate" button—OR Send a check to: AAUW Tech Trek, P.O. Box 90322, Albuquerque, NM 87199

Science Fair

The Los Alamos Public Schools Science Fair is in person and will be held on Saturday, January 25 at Barranca Mesa Elementary school. Karen Henderson has registered AAUW-LA with the Science Fair. She will lead our group of judges; a background in science is not required. There is still time to join.

Contact Karen at (505-695-0247, KOH7X@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

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Book Group

The December book is Tom Lake by Ann Patchet. Karin Roberts will review at both meetings.

The December 2nd, 7pm meeting will be hosted by Denise George at 411 Cheryl, WR. Please let Denise know if you will attend (denisegeorge@icloud.com, 505-690-3534, 505-672-9688).

The December 3rd, 1pm meeting will be held at Sherril Hall of the Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church. Let Rozelle Wright know if you are coming (bandwright@yahoo.com, 505-662-5490).

Great Decisions

This study group will resume in January 2025. Books have been ordered and the meeting schedule will be arranged as soon as the books arrive.

This year's topics are:

American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads
U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy
U.S.- China Relations
International Cooperation on Climate Change
The Future of NATO and European Security
AI and American National Security
India: Between China, the West, and the Global South

Nonfiction Book Group

Our group is selecting books for the next calendar year. Here is the list we are considering:

A Passionate Mind in Relentless Pursuit:

The Vision of Mary McLeod Bethune by Noliwe Rooks

Becoming Earth: How our Planet Came to Life by Ferris Jabr

Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell by Sy Montgomery

Writing for Their Lives, America's Pioneering Science Journalists by Marcel Chotkowski

10 Women Who Changed Science and the

World by Catherine Whitlock and Rhodri Evans

Send your choices and other suggestions to Denise (denisegeorge@icloud.com).

Out 'n About



In April, we will visit a new show at the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology at UNM. "Nothing Left for Me: Federal Policy and the Photography of Milton

Snow in Diné Bikéyah" looks at the brutal impact of the Navajo Livestock Reduction imposed upon Diné communities and homelands by U.S Indian Commissioner John Collier starting in the 1930s. We will have a docent led tour.

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Contact Changes:

Chris Sierk's new address is 4653 Trinity

Carroll Thomas no longer using her computer, please contact her by phone or USPS mail.

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Calendar

December 2,3	Book Group
December 3	Tech Trek giving day
December 8	Bag decorating party
December 12	Fruit bag packing and delivery

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