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Legislative Preview Thursday, January 8th, 7:00-9:00 pm Fuller Lodge

We are co-sponsoring the preview with LWV-LA. Margo Batha will again be the moderator. Rep. Christine Chandler and Sens. Leo Jaramillo and Roberto Gonzales will attend. Kristina Fisher will also attend to speak about Think New

Mexico's plans to follow up on legislation they proposed last year concerning medical compacts and malpractice insurance. Our legislators will again talk about their expectations for the upcoming session and the primary bills they will be sponsoring.

As usual, goodies are offered at 6:30, with the preview starting at 7 pm.

LA Cares Project

We collected an exact total of \$1400 and decorated and filled 117 bags. The fruit bill was \$998.06. The remaining funds were donated to LA Cares with the request that they be used to purchase fruit for future monthly distribution. Thank you to all contributers, bow makers, and bag packers for making this annual event a success.





Science Fair

The Los Alamos School Science Fair will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, 9 to noon at Barranca Mesa Elementary school. Karen Henderson has registered AAUW-LA with the science fair. She will lead our group of judges, but needs volunteers for the committee; a background in science is not required.

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

Come help to support the youth of our community.



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75 Branch Anniversary

Our branch will reach a major milestone in 2026: our 75th anniversary in AAUW. How should we celebrate this achievement? The Coordinating Council is looking for ideas on how to mark this milestone either this coming Spring or next Fall. How would you like to see us celebrate? Share your ideas with any Council member, or send your ideas to AAUWLA@icloud.com.

Santa Fe News

AAUW-Santa Fe is inviting Los Alamos branch members to a talk on Saturday, January 24th at 1:00 p.m. at the Hotel Santa Fe, 1501 Paseo de Peralta. Dr Elisabeth Holland, a climate change scientist, will speak about her international work related to current climate issues. She is the Professor of Ocean and Climate Change and the Director of the Pacific Center for Environment and Sustainable Development at the University of the South Pacific. Professor Holland was a recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for her contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). She is an advocate for greater diversity and increased representation of women, Pacific Islanders, and underrepresented minorities in the climate change and ocean science community.

Book Group

The next book meeting will be in February. The book is The Women by Kristin Hannah

Nonfiction Book Group

The next meeting will be in April. The book is Art Spy by Michelle Young.

Great Decisions

Twelve members have signed up for this study group which will begin in February

Calendar

January 8	Legislative Preview
January 24	Science Fair
January 24	Santa Fe climate talk

Coordinating Council 2025-2026

Council Voting Members	
Judy Prono	Facilitator
Linda McLellan	Secretary
Mary Ann Lindahl	Membership/Treasurer
Judy Prono	JEDI justice, equity, diversity, inclusion
Denise George	Newsletter/WEB



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Nina Thayer	Public Policy
Marilyn Doolen	Historian
Bev Cooper	Publicity
Appointed positions	
Carol Neal	UNM-LA Scholarship
Helena Whyte	STEM
Karin Roberts	Hospitality
Open positions	
	University Relations
	Nominating
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