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## WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF AAUW?

I attended the AAUW Conference of State Leaders this past June in Washington, D.C., and the word on everyone's lips was "change." AAUW President Ruth Sweetser highlighted it in her opening talk. Linda Bors, Association Financial Officer, discussed it in relation to finances, budgets, and reserves. AAUW is changing fast and changing dramatically.



Ruth Sweetser (r.) and Nina Thayer

The major forces driving these changes are the size and demographics of the AAUW membership. AAUW has lost 5,000 members every year for the past ten years, and 72 percent of our members are over the age of 60. AAUW currently has fewer than 100,000 members. This results in lower total Association annual income even as dues are rising by two dollars every year. Over the past eight years, AAUW has taken \$3.8 million from reserves to meet program needs, and now only \$1.2 million remain.

What have Ruth Sweetser and the Association board done to combat these trends?

- First and foremost, both this year and last, the board has balanced the budget and taken little or nothing from reserves. This in itself will go a long way toward easing the financial problems.
- There are fewer mailings to members and the *Outlook* is published only twice each year. Officers receive all their communications through email.
- They reduced the Association staff by more than half since the year 2000, and reduced office space and expenses accordingly.
- Beginning in 2005, they voted to stop paying the \$320,000 annual IFUW dues.
- Even while cutting costs, the board invested heavily in technology: improving the web site; using email more effectively; and training staff.
- They engaged the membership in strategic planning to involve as many members as possible in the difficult decisions facing the organization.
- They created the Leadership Training Institute, a 501c3 organization, to allow members to make tax-deductible donations to AAUW's non-political programming.
- They planned a wonderful 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, aptly called *Legacy of Leadership*, and a fundraising campaign that will continue until the Phoenix convention in June, 2007.
- Everyone is planning for the future: Focus, Productivity, and Performance are the goals!

We are challenged to live in interesting times. I invite you to discuss with me your ideas for AAUW's future both here in New Mexico and across the country. What will ensuring equity for America's women and girls look like in the next decade?

Nina Thayer, Co-president

**What do bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers,  
and laser printers have in common?  
THEY WERE ALL INVENTED BY WOMEN!!!**

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## THE PRESIDENTS' LETTER



Nancy Scheer (l.)  
and Nina Thayer

After reading the *Minnesota Pine*, the AAUW-Minnesota state newsletter, we would like to share a few of our thoughts and a few thoughts from Pat Sween, AAUW-Minnesota past president, and Florine Swanson, upper mid-west regional director.

Both of us have been members of AAUW-NM for quite a few years. During those years, we have seen all the branches and the state organization in action. Each member and each group has their special interests, but everyone cares about equity for all women and girls. We have seen branch members grow into leaders at the state, regional, and Association levels; young women who received AAUW scholarships become leaders in their communities; and young children become excited when introduced to science activities. We have seen branches receive awards for their contributions to EF and LAF. All the New Mexico branches have had outstanding projects, promoting equity and education.

It is time to take another look at your branch. Who are your members? What are your members' professions, ages, and interests? What are you doing in your community? What are you doing for women and girls? The Association is developing a new strategic plan. AAUW-NM is also working on a strategic plan. What about your branch?

The Association is using the following questions to develop its plan. Think about them in relation to your own branch.

1. What does your branch do exceptionally well? What are its **CORE COMPETENCIES**? What unique value does your branch offer to its members and community partners?
2. What are your branch **SACRED COWS**? What patterns and traditions do you continue to use when they no longer are useful or effective? What must be kept, what can be let go?
3. What are the **HIGH IMPACT ISSUES** in your community? Are some of these issues short-term and others long-term? What short-term issues will have a long-term effect on AAUW?
4. How can you draw financial resources to AAUW? How can you position your branch to meet the needs of women and girls in the future? Be **VISIONARY!** Create a program no other organization is doing in your community.

Our work must go on! All women and girls do not have equal opportunities. Discrimination and sexual harassment continue on our college campuses. Gender in the workplace is still an issue. Women still earn less than their male counterparts. We cannot rest until all women are treated with dignity and respect.

Some of you may have been involved in 4-H activities as you were growing up. Remember the 4-H motto, *To Make the Best Better*. AAUW-NM is the best. Together, let's make it better!

N<sup>2</sup> --- Nancy Scheer and Nina Thayer, Co-presidents

### MARJORIE BELL CHAMBERS

It is with personal sadness that I inform the AAUW-NM membership of the death of Marjorie Bell Chambers, long-time women's advocate, AAUW-NM president (1955-57), and AAUW president (1977-81). Dr. Chambers passed away on August 22 after a long illness. A memorial service was held on August 28 at the United Church of Los Alamos.

More information about her extraordinary life and contributions will appear in the Winter 2006 *Roadrunner*. You may extend sympathy to her husband and family in care of William Chambers, 336 Andanada, Los Alamos, New Mexico, 87544.

Nina Thayer

### ATTENTION, MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

At the Fall Workshop in 2005, the Leadership Team voted to send only one issue of the *Roadrunner* per year to all members-at-large, and agreed that it should be the Fall issue, which includes the coming year's state calendar.

You may obtain the Winter, Spring, and Summer issues from the AAUW-NM website. Publication dates are on or around December 10, March 10, and June 10. The online version of the *Roadrunner* is in .pdf format, and is in color. You will need the free Adobe Acrobat Reader, available at the Adobe website, on your computer to read the *Roadrunner*.

Deanise Marta, Roadrunner editor

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### WELCOME TO LIFELONG LEARNING AT THE TOP OF THE HILL



Photo: Omega Bridge, Los Alamos, NM

### AAUW Fall Workshop and Leadership Team Meeting, October 21 and 22, 2006 Los Alamos, New Mexico

The Los Alamos Branch of AAUW cordially invites you to join us for the Fall Workshop. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Program co-chair Natalie Markin in the evening or on weekends at (505) 662-9399, or by e-mail at natalie@lanb.com.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 21 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2390 North Road, Los Alamos. The Leadership Team meeting will be held on Sunday, October 22 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room at Los Alamos National Bank, 1200 Trinity Drive.

**The Workshop Registration form is on the back page (page 12) of this issue.**

#### WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

##### Friday, October 20

**6:30PM – 7:30 PM Registration** in the lobby of The Holiday Inn Express, 2455 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos. Dinner is on your own. Most restaurants are open until 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. We will have a list of restaurants available when you check in, and will try to organize dinner groups in the lobby.

##### Saturday, October 21

Free continental breakfast for guests at the Holiday Inn Express. (Includes waffles, pastries, cereal, toast, hard boiled eggs, fruit, juice, coffee, and tea.)

**8:30 Registration** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

**9:00 Welcome** by Helena Whyte, facilitator of the Los Alamos Branch, and AAUW-NM Co-presidents Nancy Scheer and Nina Thayer.

**9:15 Announcement of AAUW Membership Visibility.**

**9:30 Panel Discussion: Issues Relevant to Education.**

- Are boys really falling behind girls, or are girls just doing better than in the past?
- Is this apparent disparity really gender-related, or are there other socio-economic causes?
- Is the education system in New Mexico adequately preparing our children for college, and if not, what can we do to improve it?

Panelists include: Dr. Jim Anderson, Superintendent of Los Alamos Public Schools; Scott Johnson, teacher at Baranca Mesa Elementary School in Los Alamos; Dr. Paul Golding, an economist and editor of the *Santa Fe Boys* newsletter; and Rebecca Belletto, Educational Policy and Program analyst for the State of New Mexico Higher Education department. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

**11:00 Break**

**11:15 Public Policy Presentation** by Public Policy co-coordinators Dolores Halls and Marion Isidoro  
The primary topic is *Women to Women - Get Out The Vote*.

**11:45 Lunch** served at the church and catered by Denise Obermeyer.

**1:00 Financial Facts of Retirement: What Every Women Should Know** by Megan Gutierrez, Smith Barney, followed by a question and answer session.

**2:20 Short Break**

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*Fall Workshop (cont.)*

**2:30 AAUW 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.**

**3:00 Concurrent Workshops** related to AAUW officer positions. We are tentatively planning the following work shops: *Navigating the AAUW National Web Site, Membership, and Programs.*

**3:45** Leave to tour the **Bradbury Science Museum** from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. The Museum is part of Los Alamos National Laboratory, and is located at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and Central. There will be a 16-minute film shown at 4:05 p.m. about the history of Los Alamos from 1942 to 1945, titled *The Town That Never Was*. The museum exhibits are interactive, and you will be free to view whatever exhibits are of interest to you. There are areas dealing with Defense – Strengthening Global Security, Research – Science Serving Society, and History – The Atomic Age Begins. Also available is a six-minute film, *The Lab Today*, and a 16-minute film titled *Mission: Stockpile Stewardship*.

**5:00 Break** until dinner.

**6:30 Dinner** at the Central Avenue Grill, located at 1789 Central Avenue. After dinner, Inez Ross will entertain us by acting the part of **Marian Sloan Russell** on her first trip on the Santa Fe Trail at the age of seven in the year 1852.

**Sunday October 22**

Free continental breakfast for guests at the Holiday Inn Express.

**8:30 – 12:30 Leadership Team Meeting** at Los Alamos National Bank. Due to security issues, doors will be open only until 9:00 a.m. After that time, you may call (505) 662-5171, extension 1708 or 1711, for admission to the building.

**ACCOMODATIONS**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Please make reservations at the Holiday Inn Express, 2455 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos at (505) 661-1110 or (505) 661-2657. Mention AAUW to take advantage of our special rates. We have reserved ten non-smoking rooms and one smoking room. Each room has two queen-sized beds. The rate is \$75.00 per room. There are also suites available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$85.00. These rates will be held through September 30. After that, any unclaimed rooms will be released. Check-in time is 3:00 PM, and check-out time is noon.

**BED & BREAKFAST** will also be provided by Los Alamos branch members for a \$25.00 contribution to the Educational Foundation. Please contact Rosemarie Frederickson, 1372 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Alamos, (505) 662-5915.

**DIRECTIONS**

**DIRECTIONS TO LOS ALAMOS**

Take I-25 to Santa Fe and exit at St. Francis Drive. Go north on St Francis Drive, which becomes US-285 N/US 84-N. Travel about 12.4 miles and take the NM-502 W exit toward Los Alamos, turning slightly left onto NM-502W. Travel about 15 miles up the hill to Los Alamos. Pass the airport on your right. After a short distance, there is a fork in the road. Take the left fork, which is Trinity Drive, toward the Best Western Hilltop House Hotel. The first traffic light is at the corner of Trinity & Knecht. **Los Alamos National Bank** is on your right and there are a Shamrock gas station and a McDonald's on the left, just past the light. Go past another traffic light at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> & Trinity. Pass Ashley Pond on your right and a Chevron gas station on your left. The Holiday Inn Express is just past the Chevron station. If you get to the Shell station, which is the next light at the corner of Oppenheimer Drive and Trinity, you have gone too far.

**DIRECTIONS TO BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH FROM THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**

Turn left out of the parking lot and head west on Trinity Drive. At the second traffic light, turn right onto Diamond Drive. The third traffic light is at the corner of Diamond and Central. At the fourth traffic light, there is a Mobil gas station on your left. About four-tenths of mile past the gas station, turn left onto Urban. After a short distance, turn right onto North Road. Follow North Road past Mountain Elementary School. Bethlehem Lutheran Church is on your right.

**Reminder: The Workshop Registration form is on the back page (page 12) of this issue.**

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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT

The Rocky Mountain Regional Conference is held every two years, alternating with the Association Convention years, in one of its six region states: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, or Wyoming. This year, from June 9 through June 11, AAUW-Wyoming hosted *Celebrating a Legacy of Leadership in Education and Equity for Women and Girls* in Casper. The weather, scenery, facility, and participants all contributed to an excellent conference. The 80 attendees represented every state in the region. Nine AAUW-NM members from six branches attended: Barbara Carey (Carlsbad); Carol Ann Council (Las Cruces); Margaret Dike (Albuquerque); Elizabeth Dike (Albuquerque); Dolores Halls (Las Cruces); Carolyn Glen Kaye (Albuquerque); Nancy Scheer (Santa Fe/Los Alamos); Nina Thayer (Los Alamos); and Dixie Trebbe (Albuquerque/West Mesa). Roy Carey, husband of Barbara, attended as a guest.



Conference attendees, from left to right: Barbara Carey; Nancy Scheer; Dixie Trebbe; Carolyn Glen Kaye; Margaret Dike; Carol Ann Council; Elizabeth

On Friday, June 9, local AAUW members offered a tour of the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center and Ft. Caspar for those arriving early for the conference, with one local member serving as guide and lecturer. Local members also furnished transportation, pointing out highlights of their community.

The 2006 Conference opened Friday afternoon with Rocky Mountain Regional Director Lidia Avila (AZ) presiding. The first event was a presentation by the Legal Advocacy Foundation speaker Kathy Sokol of St. Louis, Missouri. She spoke about the sexual harassment and retaliation she experienced at St. Louis Community College, which occurred after she was employed by the school for ten years and rose to the position of chair of the Hotel, Restaurant Management, and Tourism department in 1992. With the aid of LAF, she won her harassment case against the college, but retired soon afterward. She is presently employed by the Missouri School for the Blind in St. Louis, and has moved on with her life.

Friday's Celebration Banquet was held at the exquisite Casper Petroleum Club. Wyoming's first lady, Nancy Freudenthal, gave an inspirational opening address. Following this address, each state had the opportunity to recognize a specific branch, and a state leader. AAUW-NM Co-president Nancy Scheer displayed the *Ingenious Ideas* poster and talked about the Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe branch projects that were the first to receive this recognition. Co-president Carol Ann Council then announced that Barbara Carey, an AAUW-NM leader and president of the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund, would receive the *Legacy of Leadership* award. Barbara was very surprised and quite pleased with this honor. A poster of Barbara's accomplishments was also on display in the exhibit area.

Early Saturday morning, about 15 AAUW members enjoyed the 6:30 a.m. coolness, nature's vegetation, and small animals along the river's path during the Education Foundation *Run/Walk/Sleep-in* fundraiser. Business began with *Developing and Putting into Action a Dynamic AAUW Membership Development Plan*. Our state Membership co-chair, Nina Thayer, presented AAUW-NM's *Membership Challenge Program*. The challenge program was well received and many questions were addressed. Nina then briefly shared information about student affiliate groups. Following, two Wyoming branches shared membership success stories.

Workshops were next: *Effective Implementation of Public Policy*, with AAUW-NM Public Policy co-chair Dolores Halls participating; *Pay Equity*, with AAUW-NM Pay Equity chair, Carolyn Glen Kaye, participating; and *Women in Investing*, with Nancy Scheer moderating. The *Pay Equity* workshop was split between Carolyn and the Wyoming state president, Marianne North, who addressed the Wyoming Wage Disparity Educational Project. Carolyn presented straightforward pay equity information including history, experiences, and what-one-can-do, as well as her famous *Three-Quarters of a Cookie* illustration, which represents the disparity in women's earnings when compared to men's.

The lunch speaker was Mary Ellen Smyth, past president of AAUW's Educational Foundation. Afternoon workshops included *Public Policy; EF/LAF*; and *Girl on Girl Bullying*, a Girl Scout program. The Public Policy workshop had four presenters: a Planned Parenthood representative who addressed the implications of nullifying *Roe vs. Wade*;

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a Cheyenne ACLU member who reported on the Patriot Act; the AAUW-Nevada Public Policy chair who discussed lobbying and coalition organization to protect women's rights; and Dolores Halls, who discussed the Public Policy Impact Grant that New Mexico received from Association.

Saturday evening, we enjoyed the 125<sup>th</sup> AAUW Anniversary Celebration Banquet. We had ample time for visiting, relating stories, and discussing AAUW issues. Barbara Carey, AAUW-NM International Liaison, and Evelyn Cumming (AAUW-NV), former Rocky Mountain Regional Director, presented a program about the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund. This included a slide presentation, recounting of recent projects, and a question and answer session. Afterward, Mary Jane Evens and Carol Ann Council led a short, interactive VGIF activity promoting membership in the fund, which is operated completely by donations. The evening ended with informal gatherings of various state AAUW members in the conference hospitality room.

For the conference wrap-up on Sunday morning, each state presented a report. Nancy Scheer had condensed AAUW-NM's Annual President's Convention Report, and she and Carol Ann Council shared New Mexico's significant highlights. AAUW-NM is doing more than many states that have more branches and greater population. Carol Ann made a few remarks as outgoing state co-president and introduced Nancy and Nina Thayer as our incoming co-presidents. The Town Hall Meeting followed, and mainly addressed AAUW's position in regard to IFUW. Explanation after explanation came from Mary Ellen Smyth, but nothing new was learned. Near the end of this session, Carol Ann suggested a regional website—simply a home page with links to the six state sites. Several members offered to assist with this idea. Lastly, a call to the 2007 Association Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, June 29 to July 2, 2007 was issued, followed by closing remarks.

The entire Rocky Mountain Region is a very vital unit of AAUW. One of the participants commented that "these Regional Conferences are very important to our state, they are like state conventions in other parts of the country. All of us have large land areas and most have small populations, so it is good to get together to exchange ideas and gain support."

*Carol Ann Council, Immediate past co-president*

### THANKS FOR A GREAT SUMMER MEETING



The Leadership Team met July 22 for its annual summer planning session. Mary Campbell, immediate past president of the Albuquerque branch, and her team made all the necessary arrangements for the meeting place and catered lunch. Several Los Alamos members joined the team for the Fall Workshop planning discussion.

The actual business meeting was divided into two sessions to allow time for committee meetings during the middle of the day. Team members were diligent about keeping the business sessions on track. Committees and task forces planned programs and public policy, discussed branch strategic planning, and wrote a bylaws amendment concerning transition dues for recent college graduates. We will submit this proposed amendment to the Association Bylaws Committee for consideration during the 2007 Association Convention in Phoenix.

Thanks for making the first meeting of the 2006-2007 Leadership Team a great success!

*Nancy Scheer*

### MINI-GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO BRANCHES

One way that AAUW-NM can help its branches is by contributing financial support for branch projects. Mini-grants are available for endeavors involving the community, the Educational Foundation, the Legal Advocacy Fund, or to start a new branch. Examples of projects are: public interest forums; career projects for young girls (*Careers and Curiosity in Math and Science / Girls Can / Expanding Your Horizons*); or panel discussions on topics of AAUW concern.

A branch may apply for one mini-grant per year. Grants are available in any amount up to and including \$100. Please submit applications to Carol Ann Council. Each request will be considered for approval by the State Leadership Team at one of its quarterly meetings

Already in 2006-2007, AAUW-Las Vegas has requested and been granted funds to assist in presenting a forum and panel discussion on issues of sexual harassment on university and college campuses. I encourage other branches to submit a mini-grant request for projects you are considering. Please feel free to contact me for further grant information.

*Carol Ann Council  
kk-ca\_council@msn.com  
505-522-3313*

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## ACADEMIC REPORT

The June meeting agenda of the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) included a discussion of a Collaborative to Improve Teacher Preparation, a Pre-Kindergarten Progress Report, and a Seventh Grade Laptop Initiative.

The Las Cruces Public Schools recently hired a new superintendent—Dr. Sonia Diaz, a native of Puerto Rico. She has a very impressive background. Also, all schools in Las Cruces now have a Professional Development Coordinator on the staff. This individual will serve as a resource for the teachers. The coordinator will also visit each classroom to provide assistance and suggestions on innovative new methods and practices.

In April of 2006, New Mexico First convened its 34<sup>th</sup> state-wide Town Hall meeting. The topic was higher education and workforce development. There is an existing gap between the education necessary to succeed in today's workforce and the skills and degrees achieved by students. This gap exists at all levels, from doctoral research jobs at Sandia National Laboratories, to the trades in the oil fields of BHP Billiton. The National Report Card on Higher Education gave New Mexico an F for affordability and preparation. The state earned an A for participation but a D for completion, indicating that New Mexico students enroll in college, but do not complete their degrees. Although there has been some improvement over the past decade, relatively few students earn a degree or certificate in a timely manner.

The meeting resulted in a number of recommendations. Two meeting participants were asked to serve as implementation team leaders to ensure that these recommendations are acted upon: former Governor Gary Carruthers, now Dean of the College of Business at NMSU, and Mike DeWitte of Sandia National Laboratories. Governor Carruthers plans to have policy recommendations and appropriation requests prepared for the upcoming 60-day legislative session.

*Ruth Benjamins, Academic co-chair*

## MEDIA REPORT

Lisa M. Matz, AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Director, recently sent this letter to FCC Chairman Kevin Martin. The letter reflects the media resolution passed at the 2005 Association Convention in Washington, D.C. Let us hope it receives the attention it deserves.

July 24, 2006

Chairman Kevin Martin  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

On behalf of the more than 100,000 bipartisan members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), we urge you to join us in encouraging the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to actively promote competition, a diversity of voices, and a comprehensive presentation of all issues in the media.

The concentration of power over media distribution is an emergent problem in the United States. Although there is a greater variety of programming than ever before, it is increasingly under the control of a small number of large corporations. AAUW believes that it is the FCC's responsibility to protect the public's interest by ensuring continued access to diverse information sources.

As you know, in 2003, the FCC passed a set of changes to the rules governing media ownership that significantly loosened the restrictions on cross-ownership of TV, radio and other media within a community. AAUW was pleased when, in June 2004, a federal appeals court overturned the FCC's rule changes, which would have drastically reduced the diversity of viewpoints heard in the media. However, these rule changes are not dead. The FCC is currently reconsidering and rewriting the broadcast ownership rules. AAUW hopes the FCC will rewrite these rules to prohibit rather than permit greater consolidation of broadcast media.

AAUW believes that the success of our nation's democracy depends on maintaining an informed citizenry with access to information from a variety of sources and viewpoints. The FCC should safeguard public interest media ownership protections and use its authority to allow for the presentation of diverse coverage of the enormous range of issues from a variety of sources. Further, AAUW urges the FCC to allow for appropriate public comment as this critical process moves forward.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Maatz  
Director  
Public Policy and Government Relations

*Betty Walker Smith, Media Relations chair*

## 2007 STATE CONVENTION ALERT!

The 2007 STATE CONVENTION will be held April 27 through April 29 in Las Cruces. Put these dates on your calendar NOW, and start making plans to attend!

This is our big, annual state event before the Association Convention in Phoenix, Arizona at the end of June.

What better way to celebrate AAUW's 125th Anniversary than by getting involved at the next level!



Remember that November 28, 2006 is the 125th Anniversary of AAUW. The celebration will culminate at the AAUW National Convention in June 2007. To share local celebration plans, or recommend ways that AAUW can recognize this anniversary, send an email to [aauw125th@aauw.org](mailto:aauw125th@aauw.org).

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

**GRACE BARKER WILSON AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

We present the Grace Barker Wilson Award for Distinguished Service to honor persons who have challenged the status quo in the area of women's issues. These people will have initiated positive societal change by taking risks to work toward equity for women, to work in the area of education, or to build women's and girls' self-esteem.

- Each New Mexico branch may submit one nomination per year. The nominee may be a single individual; an organization, club or business; or a group of people who have worked together to advance the mission and goals of AAUW.
- The selected nominee will be honored during the Saturday luncheon or dinner at the time of the Annual Convention, and will be given recognition and an appropriate personalized award. The person handling public information for the branch will prepare press releases for the newspapers in the nominee's community and for the newspapers of the community where the convention is held.
- The nominating branch may honor its nominee during Women's History Week with a special activity. There may also be local publicity at this time. Copies of publicity items and brief descriptions of activities are to be submitted to the branch public information liaison and the committee that will oversee the selection of the branch nominee.
- Nominees may be members of AAUW or members of the community at large. Nominees must be from the community or vicinity where the nominating branch is located.
- A committee of AAUW-NM members will select the winner of the award. This committee will include individuals chosen by the Outreach coordinator. The Outreach coordinator can also be the chair of this committee, if she so chooses.

**Calendar for the 2007 Grace Barker Wilson Award**

November 17, 2006 or before— Information sent to all branches

February 10, 2007— Nominations due to the Outreach coordinator

February 17, 2007— Nominations mailed to award committee members

March 31, 2007— committee members' decisions due back to Outreach coordinator

April 28, 2007— Award recipient announced at AAUW-NM Convention

**SHARE AND SHINE!**

We invite you to **SHARE** some of your ingenious ideas for membership (such as ways to add and retain members), programs, or fundraising.

Each branch may submit up to three ideas, none of which has been recognized previously.

The idea does not have to be new; it may just have a new twist.

At the state convention in April, the best ideas will be rewarded, and those branches will **SHINE!**

Deadlines and other information regarding submission will appear in the winter *Roadrunner*.

**TERRY SLEIGHT MEMORIAL AWARD**

The Terry Sleight Memorial Award committee invites you to nominate an individual branch member or group for outstanding service of any type. This is one way that AAUW-NM can recognize its members while also honoring the memory of a long-time activist. Many of you remember Terry's devotion to our organization throughout her life in New Mexico.

Please mail the completed nomination form and attach a separate one-page explanation of your choice. The deadline for nominations is December 15, 2006.

**(The nomination form appears on the back page of this Roadrunner.)**

Mail your entry to:  
Jean Bahr  
800 Hillcrest Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87501-1136  
(505) 983-1947

Additional members of the award committee are Marilyn Dunn, Marion Isidoro, Pat Freeman, and Margaret Dike.



Terry Sleight

The winner will be announced at the January/February Leadership Team meeting in Santa Fe. Carolyn Glen Kaye was the 2006 award recipient

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## BRANCH NEWS

### *Grant County, Adrienne Dare and Emily Warner, Co-Presidents*

Our major focus continues to be our Expanding Your Horizons Conference for girls. The 15<sup>th</sup> annual EYH conference on the Western New Mexico University campus will be held on March 3, 2007. We will again aim for about 300 fifth through tenth grade girls from the four southwest counties in New Mexico.

During the summer our board has been meeting to plan our calendar for the 2006-2007 year. Our September membership meeting will be at the home of AAUW member Barbara Counts, wife of the president of Western New Mexico University. We are working on invitations to many potential members. This will be an outdoor event with light refreshments accompanied by guitar music. We plan a fun Indian (India) dinner for our October meeting. The topic of our November program will be Financial Planning, and the annual Holiday Fundraising Auction and potluck will be held in December.

We plan a workshop for returning WNMU students in January. Also in January, we will organize a meeting for our long-time EYH presenters to meet with our new EYH presenters to give tips on how to run a successful workshop for our March conference.

In February, we will have a panel of International WNMU Students. A program on children's issues will be held in March.

In April, we plan a joint meeting with the Silver City Business and Professional Women's organization on the issue of pay equity, since Pay Equity Day is April 24, 2007. Also in April, we will be having a tea for sixth grade girls. We will finish our year with our Annual Potluck and membership meeting in May, outdoors at the Country Club.

### *Las Cruces, Phoebe Pierce, President*

AAUW is celebrating its 125th year. It is a time to look back as well as forward. The Las Cruces Branch is starting the year with a number of events. We co-sponsored an AAUW Impact Grant Candidate Forum with the Las Cruces League of Women Voters on August 22. The candidates chose a Tuesday afternoon for the forum and we had very little turn-around time. We worried about getting the word out about the forum and how many people would turn out for an afternoon event, but we had an overflow crowd. AAUW and the League had a few starting questions and the audience was certainly ready with questions for the candidates. Comments as people left indicated that the forum had been both interesting and informative.

We have great programs planned for this special AAUW year and, besides the September general meeting, are looking forward to a Membership Tea at the home of New Mexico State University President and Mrs. Martin, and a Trash and Treasure Sale fundraiser in October. We hope to see all of you at the State Convention in April. We can accomplish so much when we work together.

### *Socorro Branch, Linda Gonzales, President*

Kudos to Elise Brower and Barbara Dubois for fifty years of membership in AAUW! They have been hard workers over the years for women's education, lifelong learning, and positive societal change. Their contributions to AAUW and Socorro are many.

Socorro Branch awards its Betty Clark Memorial Scholarship to the top scholastic women in the Socorro High School graduating class. This year, because of the success of our annual Home Tour, we were able to recognize four outstanding women. Lindsey Heizler was awarded \$400. She plans to attend UNM, pursuing degrees in either the medical or education fields. Yena Jeon received \$300 and is planning to enter the marketing business field at the University of Washington. Audrey Johnson was awarded \$300, and plans to attend the University of Iowa ready to take advantage of the options available to her. Finally, Traci Tadano also received \$300. Traci plans to attend NMIMT, majoring in biology for future dental or medical studies. We are pleased to be able to aid these outstanding women in a small way.

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### AAUW-NM STATE CALENDAR OCTOBER 2006—JUNE 2007

#### 2006

- October 21-22 2006 Fall Workshop  
Fall State Leadership Team Meeting  
Los Alamos Branch—Los Alamos, NM
- November 10 Deadline for winter *Roadrunner*
- November 28 125th Anniversary of AAUW
- December 15 Deadline for nomination suggestions for state officers  
Submit to Nominating Committee  
Deadline for nominations for the Terry Sleight Memorial Award  
Submit to Jean Bahr
- December 31 Postmark deadline for Educational Foundation (including Legal Advocacy Fund) contributions for 2006

#### 2007

- January 1 Half year dues accepted
- January 15 Deadline for proposed AAUW-NM bylaws changes  
Submit to Lin Robinson, Bylaws chair  
Deadline for proposed AAUW-NM resolutions  
Submit to Public Policy co-chairs
- January 22 Choice Rally
- Jan/Feb Winter State Leadership Team Meeting—  
Santa Fe branch  
A Day at the Legislature—Santa Fe
- February 10 Deadline for nominations for the Grace Barker Wilson Award  
Deadline for spring *Roadrunner*
- March Women's History Month
- April 10 Deadline for Annual Reports from State Officers and Branch Presidents  
Deadline for submissions for the SHARE AND SHINE Recognition Award
- April 24 Equal Pay Day
- April 27-29 Spring State Leadership Team Meeting and State Convention—Las Cruces branch  
Deadline for files and handbooks to be updated by officers for their successors
- May 17 Deadline for summer *Roadrunner*
- June 29—  
July 2 AAUW Association Convention, Phoenix, Arizona

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## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION DONATION GUIDELINES

### Making a Donation

All donation checks should be made out to **AAUW—EF, Inc.** Note any restriction on the memo line, such as:

- Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship 4226
- LAF 3999
- Eleanor Roosevelt 9170
- Projects and Grants 9150
- AAUW EF unrestricted 9110
- American Fellowship 9130

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### Sending in the Donation

- As EF chair, I am the sole recipient for all donations and donation records in New Mexico.
- Individuals may send in donations directly to AAUW-EF or send the donations to me to record and submit. I will credit the donation to the branch along with any designated restriction (e.g., LAF or Corrine Wolfe).
- Each branch EF chair may send the donations directly to AAUW-EF, or you may send all donations to me. I will send them in with the branch credit and the branch designated restriction.
- If a branch does not restrict the donation in any way, the state funding formula (75% Corrine Wolfe, 15% LAF, and 10% AAUW EF unrestricted) will be applied.

### Recording the Donation

Each branch EF chair should keep a copy of all checks and a listing of all donations. As EF Chair, if I send in the donation, I keep a copy of the check and send you a duplicate of the donation form.

I am also running a ledger for the state so that we have a better picture of the donations to match against the end-of-year report. Obviously, there will be donations sent in directly by branches and individuals that are not in my record, but at least with a master ledger we have some idea of what has gone on before we receive the year-end report.

Patricia Jonietz, EF chair



## FABULOUS FLEAS CAN TAKE YOU TO PHOENIX!

Have you been scheming to find a way to attend the Association biannual convention next June in Phoenix? Don't give up your dreams because of cost, help is on the way. The AAUW-NM Leadership Team voted at their summer meeting to set up a task force to raise money to provide travelships to AAUW-NM members who find the cost prohibitive. This is where the "fleas" come in.

The Fall Workshop in Los Alamos will include a *Fabulous Fleas* table, where members may donate and buy used books and a variety of other new or nearly new items. All the money earned will go toward travelships for members wanting to attend the Phoenix convention. So scour your book shelves for some unneeded treasures. Locate that wok you received for Christmas or the door prize you won at the church bazaar last year and donate them to the *Fabulous Fleas* fundraising table.

More information concerning application details and deadlines will be provided in the winter *Roadrunner*. Travelships will be awarded at the state convention next April in Las Cruces.



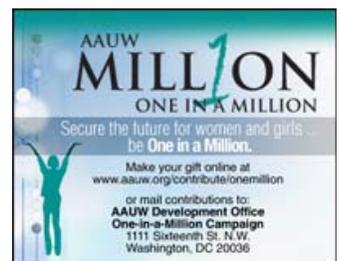
## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

At the recent leadership team meeting in Albuquerque, the team voted to sponsor a booth at the Twelve States Regional Conference hosted by the New Mexico Council on Social Studies. This conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque, April 15 to 17, 2007.

This booth will provide an opportunity for any members to sell such things as books or handmade items, and donate a portion of the proceeds to EF. It will also offer us an opportunity to distribute AAUW literature and possibly recruit some new members.

If you would like to participate in this project, either by selling items, staffing the booth, or both, please contact Ruth Benjamins at [benj@zianet.com](mailto:benj@zianet.com)

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**FALL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM**

The registration fee includes lunch on Saturday. Early Bird Registration, postmarked by October 4, is \$20. Registration postmarked after October 4, or on the day of the workshop, is \$24. Please send your checks made payable to AAUW-Los Alamos Branch, and your registration form, to Marilyn Minshall, 536 Brighton Drive, Los Alamos, NM 87544. We cannot accept credit cards.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

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**FEES:**

	MEMBER	SPOUSE/GUEST (Saturday dinner only)
Early Bird (postmarked by 10/4/06)	\$20.00 _____	
Late Registration, postmarked after 10/4/06 or onsite	\$24.00 _____	
Saturday Dinner, Central Avenue Grill (\$28.15 each)	\$ _____	\$ _____
(Includes salad, desert, iced tea, tax, gratuity and a choice of one of four entrees)		
	Total Enclosed \$ _____	

**NOMINATION FORM FOR THE TERRY SLEIGHT MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE YEAR 2006**

Name of individual or group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW Offices Held (Branch and State): \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a one-page summary explaining your reason for this nomination.  
**Deadline for submission is December 15, 2006.** Mail this form and your summary to:

Jean Bahr, Committee Chair, 800 Hillcrest Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87501-1136, 1-505-983-1947



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