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AAUW-NEW MEXICO 2009 Fall Workshop and Leadership Team Meeting



Hosted by the Carlsbad Branch
Friday, October 23-Sunday, October 25

"Focus on La Frontera"

Bienvenidos a Carlsbad! The Carlsbad branch invites you and your family to come and experience Carlsbad. Be challenged and inspired by our program, and then be stimulated by the wonders of nature at the Living Desert State Park, Carlsbad Caverns, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, or a stroll along the Pecos River. Don't miss the opportunity to hear Pastor Rose Sanchez-Guzman of Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey, former member of the Commission for Multicultural Ministries Steering Committee, Chair of the Inter Lutheran Committee of Ministries in the Frontera (Border), and Rocky Mountain Synod Latino Strategy Committee member.

Directions: You will receive a map after you register, or you can find it on our branch web page (www.pvtnetworks.net/nelsons).

Bed and Breakfast: Carlsbad branch members are offering bed and breakfast at a cost of \$30 a night per person with all of the proceeds going to AAUW Funds. To take advantage of this, notify Karen Nelson at nelsons@cavemen.net, or 575-887-3108, by October 14th.

Hotel Reservations: Choose from one of the following hotels: Comfort Inn at 575-887-1994, or Holiday Inn Express at 575-234-1252, or book online at either hotel (these are both close to the college where the meetings will be held); Stevens Inn at 575-887-2851 or 1-800-730-2851; or Continental Inn and Suites at 575-887-0341. All of these hotels serve an on-site continental breakfast.

Workshop Registration: Fee includes wine and tapas Friday night, as well as continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Print or type forms clearly – one form per person. Cancellations accepted until October 18th. Make your check for the full amount payable to AAUW Carlsbad branch. Mail your check with registration form to Karen Nelson, 1005 N. Thomas St., Carlsbad, NM 88220. If you include your email address on the form, you will receive the map with an email confirming receipt of your registration.

Questions? Visit the Carlsbad branch web page (www.pvtnetworks.net/nelsons), or contact Karen Nelson (nelsons@cavemen.net) or Mary Sandford (m_sandford47@hotmail.com).

The workshop schedule and registration form appear on page 10.



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NATIONAL CONVENTION BRINGS SIGNIFICANT CHANGE



Mary Sandford

We spent significant effort this spring surveying our members concerning some of the proposed Association bylaws. The bylaws were voted on at the national convention in St. Louis and we were amazed at how closely our survey results paralleled the convention results.

First and very significantly, every proposal related to the change to a 501c3 AAUW and 501c4 AAUW Action Fund passed with overwhelming support.

The controversial open membership proposal, which would remove the degree requirement for membership, was defeated 863 to 564 in a multi-card count. Likewise in our survey, 30 were in favor while 57 opposed this measure (15 were not sure). There is a solid core of Association leadership who are devoted to dropping the educational requirement for membership, so we will see this issue again.

The one-member-one-vote concept was especially popular in New Mexico with 85 percent of our members in favor. This also passed by a large majority in St. Louis, and there will no longer be a delegate system for the biennial Association convention.

The amendments allowing more flexibility for both branch- and state-required officers were supported by 69 percent of New Mexico's members as well as the convention delegates. Striking the minimum number of members required to define a branch was supported by 65 percent of our members as was the addition of Partner Members and both easily passed at convention.

The issue of how much power to give the AAUW Board of Directors came up several times. Allowing the AAUW Board to decide dues was fairly evenly divided here in New Mexico, where 48 percent of members supported the change, 32 percent were unsure, and 19 percent were opposed. This change was approved at convention. A related issue pertaining to the ratio of elected officers to appointed officers on the AAUW Board was amended on the convention floor to allow twelve elected and three appointed officers rather than the nine elected and six appointed officers proposed in the bylaws.

Please read the accounts from other delegates (pages 4 and 5) to understand the wide range of convention activities and experiences.



Nina Thayer

Nina Thayer and Mary Sandford. Co-Presidents

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CREATING THE FUTURE OF AAUW-NM

Members had their doubts at the summer Leadership Team meeting as we began a review of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) as the first step in our strategic planning. As the Friday evening session progressed, a number of new thoughts, critiques of previous thoughts, and lively discussion occurred. Strengths included our Public Policy/Lobby Corps, collaborative leadership model, growing use of technology, and Association's view of us as a Role Model State. Weaknesses identified included an aging board and membership, doing things the same old way, ability to generate interest and involvement in state-level activities, and lack of visibility in our state and communities.

Looking at external factors, members identified several opportunities, including: remembering to ask potential members to join AAUW; new flexibility in how we structure ourselves; taking greater advantage of technology to develop specialized interest groups; and replicating the "taste of success" throughout AAUW. As members considered threats, they listed topics such as distances in New Mexico, competition with other organizations for members and for member time and effort, lack of experience or knowledge about new technology-based communication tools, and lack of a match between AAUW's membership and the state's diversity.

Saturday afternoon, leadership team members and guests explored how to take the above information and other SWOT results to develop a strategic plan to guide AAUW-NM over the next three years. After members broke into teams to address each component of the SWOT, everyone had a chance to react and respond to all the efforts. Upon completion of that challenging task, seven common themes emerged that will inform the final strategic plan. That plan will be reviewed for discussion and approval at the Fall Workshop in Carlsbad. In no particular order, the themes were: need for flexibility; growing the diversity/inclusiveness of our state and branch organizations; expanding the use of technology to support communication and leadership efforts; identifying and focusing on effective recruitment efforts; developing effective communication vehicles to serve our membership and others in the state; mentoring opportunities to build new leaders and interest in the state and branch organization; and utilizing partnerships and collaboration in state fundraising.

The next steps in creating strategic initiatives to create AAUW-NM's future include developing strategic objectives and priorities, communicating those to branches, and identifying specific actions needed to achieve the objectives in our strategic plan.

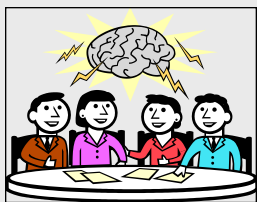


Mary Sandford (L.), Dolores Halls, and Kathie Gilbert (standing)

Kathie Gilbert, Strategic Planning Facilitator

THANK YOU LAS CRUCES

Your AAUW-NM co-presidents would like to thank the Las Cruces branch for hosting an outstanding Summer Leadership Team meeting. Deanise Marta's lovely home was the perfect setting for dinner and for initiating our strategic planning discussion. The Good Samaritan Center was an exceptional venue for the business meeting and the continuation of our strategic planning session. Thank you, Deanise, and everyone else involved in making the Summer Leadership Team meeting a success!



We hope to see many of you in Carlsbad at the Fall Workshop.

Mary and Nina

TO LIFE! HONORED AGAIN

In early May, Laura Stepp, AAUW director of development, contacted Kathi Barit, AAUW Las Cruces membership co-vice president, regarding Kathi's painting "To Life!," one of the five entries selected for the new AAUW note card collection. Laura asked Kathi for permission to make a copy of the painting, which the AAUW board planned to frame and present to Ruth Sweetser, outgoing AAUW president, as a gift for her years of service. Kathi of course agreed. "To Life!" was also selected to "decorate" a virtual AAUW classroom in the Second Life online community (www.secondlife.com). Congratulations to Kathi for this honor.



Deanise Marta, Roadrunner Editor

CONVENTION REFLECTIONS

Last spring, five AAUW NM members were awarded "travelships" to help offset the costs of attending the national AAUW convention in St. Louis in June. Each of the five (Lina Germann, Dolores Halls, Helena Whyte, Natalie Markin, and Karen Nelson) submitted a brief report highlighting her experiences at the convention.

From Lina Germann, Santa Fe branch

Attending the AAUW National Convention in June 2009 was very stimulating. I enjoyed seeing and hearing from Lilly Ledbetter again, and I was so impressed with Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Connecticut). I was shocked to learn that she has been trying to get the Paycheck Fairness Act through Congress for 12 years now! It finally passed the House this year and was still on the Senate floor at the time of our convention. The Paycheck Fairness Act, which builds on the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and Equal Pay Act, is written to help end gender discrimination in the workplace.

However I was most energized to hear and meet Lisa Maatz, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations. She gave me the impression that AAUW has a very strong presence in Washington, DC. Nothing gets in the way of this woman's priorities. She is a tenacious lobbyist. I believe that AAUW's public policy and AAUW's name recognition are in good hands.

On a different note, I learned something about how haphazardly bylaws are sometimes passed. We had business meetings on Saturday for one-and-a-half hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon, and then again on Sunday for one-and-a-half hours. I noticed that by Sunday, members' attention and enthusiasm had dwindled and motions were approved with little discussion. This gave me a sense of how when people are fatigued, they will agree or disagree on issues based mainly on their own impressions without listening to various points of view.

All in all, it was a great experience and I am thankful for your grant to help me attend.

From Dolores Halls, Las Cruces branch

Once again, it was a wonderful experience to attend the Biennial National AAUW Convention this year in St. Louis. Since I have a strong interest in Public Policy, I attended the Association Public Policy Workshop presented by Lisa Maatz. The scope of issues followed by our Washington public policy staff is mind-boggling. AAUW partners with many organizations that support our legislative issues. AAUW also works to defeat the issues that we do not support.

Our public policy goals will remain the same until the next biennial convention in 2011. These are:

- To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity.
- To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women
- To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society.

A comprehensive description of these goals, called Biennial Action Priorities, may be found on the Association website at www.aauw.org.

On a personal note, I wish to express my sincere thanks to AAUW-NM and my local branch for their monetary support without which I could not have attended this convention.

From Helena Whyte, Los Alamos branch

I was particularly impressed by the two congresswomen who spoke at the Convention. Representative Rosa DeLauro is a bundle of energy and a real "spitfire." Rosa is the second highest-ranking Democratic woman in the House of Representatives, serving her 10th term of office. She learned that the way to get legislation passed for working families requires enough bill co-sponsors to ensure the vote will pass. Representative Jackie Speier (D-California) was shot five times when she was 28 years old and later became a widowed single parent. She says "Once you have looked death in the eye, you're just not nearly that afraid." Jackie is a co-author of the book *This Is Not the Life I Ordered: 50 Ways to Keep Your Head Above Water When Life Keeps Dragging You Down*.

My favorite Taste of Success project was Bullying and Cyberbullying by the AAUW Napa County, California branch. Their program materials and bibliography are available at www.aauwnapa.org/projects.htm.

CONVENTION REFLECTIONS (cont.)

From Natalie Markin, Los Alamos branch

I very much enjoyed the convention. It was well organized and outgoing National President Ruth Sweetser did a marvelous job of handling the contentious discussion of the proposed changes in the bylaws. However, I choose to concentrate on the workshop titled, "Opportunities to Expand the Participation of Women and Girls in STEM." (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) There were four very dedicated and talented presenters, as follows:

Marie Wolbach, Palo Alto and San Carlos California branches. She is the creator of AAUW's Tech Trek Camps and the National Girls Collaborative Project Liaison for California. There is an on-line program directory that lists programs and resources that encourage girls to pursue careers in STEM, (www.ngcproject.org)

Kimberly Edgar, Keene New Hampshire branch. She is the National Girls Collaborative Project Northeast Regional Liaison. This region covers New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts.

Priscilla Mowinkel, Farmers/Carrollton Texas branch. She is the Texas State Membership Vice President and coordinator for the Reach for the Stars Conference in Math and Science. This was a math and science career conference held in 2008 for girls in grades 7 and 8.

Patricia Shores, Ballwin-Chesterfield Missouri branch. This branch received a \$7,000 Community Action Grant for the project "Each One Teach One." Seventh grade students worked with mentors to complete 21 science projects in six weeks.

This workshop highlighted AAUW's program, advocacy, and research efforts to close the gender gap in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Currently, girls are taking more classes in math and science and getting better grades in high school, but boys still do better on the math and science portions of the SAT test than girls. Although the percentage of degrees held by women in STEM fields is growing, gender stereotypes still persist. Fewer women are taking jobs in the STEM fields. To increase girls' participation in the STEM fields, girls need more hands-on experience. Each of the women named above has focused on this goal with their selected projects.

From Karen Nelson, Carlsbad branch

Lisa Maatz looked out over the impressive crowd of over 900 AAUW members and referred to us as the "Big Teal Machine." It was thrilling to be a part of it. I had only been to one Association Convention, and that was over 25 years ago. I am sorry I missed all those opportunities to connect with so many amazing women and the larger organization during those 25 years. I came away with a renewed pride in being a part of an organization that has been such an integral part of positive societal change.

Hearing women like Rep. Rosa DeLauro and Lilly Ledbetter was so inspiring. Their stories of how they continue daily to wage the battle for equality are awe-inspiring. I especially enjoyed the plenary sessions, the "She-E-O-Forum," and "The Face of Workplace Discrimination Today." It was incredible to me that AAUW could assemble such an outstanding group of women for us to meet and hear, including: Arlene Harris, CEO and creator of Jitterbug; Irma Herrera, Executive Director of Equal Rights Advocates; Linda Brodsky, AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Plaintiff; and many others.

The workshop conducted by Seth Chase, AAUW Associate Director of Public Policy and Government Relations was very informative. He spoke about an advocacy strategy called relational organizing. He stressed that "people working together can achieve so much more than those working alone. They can plan and implement campaigns to educate their communities or influence public policy." He challenged us to plan and hold individual meetings with members and potential allies to find out which causes each person is passionate about and willing to work on, and what talents they can bring to the effort. I plan to try to implement this strategy to get more of our members actively involved.

Experiencing the convention with a new, young member from our branch, Roxanne Lara, was invigorating and exciting. We plan to attend the next national convention in Washington, DC in 2011. Please join us.



2009 AAUW-NM National Convention Attendees

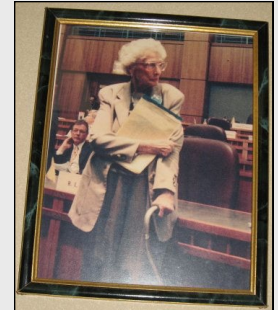
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CORRINE WOLFE INTERNATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND ALMOST COMPLETE!

In the three months since my last report, we have made a significant increase in the Corrine Wolfe International Endowment Fund. With your ongoing help, we can reach one of our co-presidents' goals: to complete the endowment by April 2010.

In July, I sent a letter to a number of past AAUW Funds contributors, inviting them to become anonymous donors to the endowment. These donors are now known as the Friends of the Corrine Wolfe Endowment Fund. Many generous people responded and we received \$6,609.11, increasing the fund amount from \$86,953.49 to \$93,562.60. These contributions will be used as a challenge match to encourage each of the nine New Mexico branches to host a special event to raise the remaining \$6,437.40 by next April.

Thank you so much for your help and encouragement!



Corrine Wolfe at work in the New Mexico State Capitol.

Rosmarie Frederickson, AAUW Funds Chair

JANET MATWIYOFF TO CLOSE SUNFACES

Long time AAUW member Janet Matwiyoff is closing her Sunfaces Gallery in Albuquerque, where she has sold native jewelry, rugs, and pottery for many years. Janet has been a fixture at AAUW-NM state conventions, selling her items to convention attendees at a significant discount, and donating a percentage of her sales to various AAUW funds.



Janet Matwiyoff

For one week in each remaining month of 2009, she will sell items to AAUW members at a 40 percent discount, and donate 25 percent of each sale to the Corrine Wolfe International Endowment. Thank you Janet for your generosity and caring!

Janet has set aside the period of September 15 through 20, and the first full week of October, November, and December for this remarkable sale. This is an excellent opportunity to do some holiday shopping at never-to-be-seen-again prices, and to get us that much closer to completing the endowment. Please contact Janet at 505-821-0418, or 505-385-2624, to schedule a time to shop during the designated weeks, and for directions to the sale location.

Rosmarie Frederickson, AAUW Funds Chair

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND UPDATE

Due to the change in the name of the Educational Foundation to AAUW Funds, you must now make your checks payable to AAUW Funds for your LAF tax-deductible contributions. In the memo line of the check, write the appropriate LAF fund number. The general LAF number is 3999 - PROTECTION PROGRAMS. This fund protects the legal rights of those facing discrimination and supports all programs of the Legal Advocacy Fund. You can also choose from the more targeted funds included in LAF:

- Code 9310 - Case Support: protects LAF plaintiffs by supporting litigation for their cases.
- Code 3072 - Travel and Education Grants: protects AAUW members through educational programs delivered by LAF plaintiffs about legal rights.
- Code 3500 - Campus Outreach Projects: protects college students from discrimination, harassment, and assault through on-campus programs.

Give your donation check to your branch president or AAUW Funds chair who will forward it to AAUW. You also can make your contributions online at www.aauw.org.

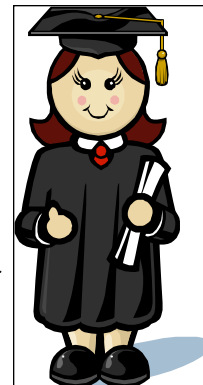
For the first six months of the 2009, our state members contributed \$1,026.00 to LAF. Thank you all for your support. The fight to protect our legal rights begins with your contribution.



Lina S. Germann, LAF Chair

PRE-K PROGRAM SHOWS POSITIVE IMPACT

The New Mexico education subcommittee has received another report by the National Institute for Early Education Research on the effectiveness of the pre-K program. This report shows a statistically significant impact on language, literacy, and mathematics development, even though the overall classroom quality is rated as limited or mediocre. It has been suggested that the programs be integrated into a single publicly-funded pre-school system. Presently, the program is administered by the Public Education Department and Children, Youth, and Families Department.



In September 2008, in an effort to align high school standards, curricula, and assessments with the demands of college and the workplace, New Mexico joined seven other states and five national non-profit partners to launch the College and Career Ready Institute, sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Since 2006, the legislature has seen the need to increase the value of a New Mexico high school diploma. About half of recent New Mexico graduates have required at least one remedial college course in mathematics or literacy. It is necessary to revise state English, language arts, and mathematics standards to align with the knowledge and skills required for success after high school. Forty-nine states have joined an effort to create voluntary National Common Core State Standards Initiatives benchmarked to international standards. Beginning in fall 2009, students who receive a New Mexico Diploma of Excellence will be required to take a rigorous course of study including four years of English; four years of mathematics; three years of science (with at least two containing a laboratory component); three-and-one-half years of social science; one year of physical education; one career cluster, workplace readiness cluster, or a language other than English; and seven-and-one-half electives, at least one of which must be advanced placement, distance delivered, or dual credit.

Ruth Benjamins, Academic Co-Chair

PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR INPUT

At the request of AAUW, we are still asking members to contact Senator Jeff Bingaman and ask him to sponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act. Visit Senator Bingaman's website at <http://bingaman.senate.gov> to send an email, obtain telephone numbers, and obtain the addresses of his New Mexico offices.



Dixie Trebbe in action at the 2009 national convention

Also, our co-presidents have asked the Lobby Corps to update our state public policy program to align it with the national program. To give everyone an opportunity for input, we are asking you to review the state public policy program and send any suggestions as to order of priority (must be similar to association priority), issues to be dropped or added, and any comments to me at dixietrebbe@yahoo.com. You can view the 2009-2010 Public Policy Program at www.aauw-nm.org. Please submit all comments by October 20th so we can include them in the public policy work session at the October 25 Leadership Team meeting. The Lobby Corps will meet between November 15 and December 15 to complete a rough draft, which we will discuss at the Lobby Corps meeting in January 2010. We will then present a revised draft at the January 31 Leadership Team meeting. I must receive any comments on this draft by March 15, after which a final draft will be prepared for presentation to the state convention next April.

Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy Chair

ATTENTION: MEMBERS AT-LARGE

In October 2005, the Leadership Team voted to send only the Fall issue of the *Roadrunner* to all MAL's to save the cost of printing and postage. You can access the Winter, Spring, and Summer issues at www.aauw-nm.org. These issues of the *Roadrunner* will be posted to the website on or around December 10, March 10, and June 10 of each year.

Thank you for your continued support of AAUW-NM.

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COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (CU) CONNECTION

Attention Branch Presidents: I'll be contacting each of you directly to discuss the potential for your branch to work with a college or university in the state to broaden AAUW's outreach to faculty, staff, and students in those institutions. I hope there is someone in your branch who has a particular interest in developing ties to a college or university, and that you will appoint that person to the position of branch college/university liaison. I would like to create a team of these people to recruit institutional members with faculty or staff representatives. We have the exciting possibilities of offering AAUW e-student alerts and information to students from member institutions; and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarships to young women across the state. Please contact me at lyne@desertgate.com with the name of your CU contact.

Karyl Lyne , CU Representative .

STATE OFFICERS NEEDED

AAUW-NM is still in need of a state Program Chair or Co-chairs for the 2009-2011 term to coordinate state program activities between event-hosting branches and the state. Happily, the Carlsbad branch has plans in place for the Fall Workshop and the Albuquerque branch and surrounding area branches are working diligently to organize the April 2010 Convention in conjunction with the "Women Across Borders" symposium. Now would be a perfect time to join the Leadership Team and learn the mechanics of this position. Please contact any member of the nominating committee if you are interested in this opportunity.

At the Summer Leadership Team meeting we elected the following members to complete the 2009-2010 nominating team: Marilyn Dunn, Albuquerque (mdunn45191@aol.com), and Louis Drlik, Las Vegas (pandora13@desertgate.com).

Nominations for the 2010-2012 term are due by December 15. Open positions for this term will be:

- President
- Membership Vice-President
- Secretary
- Academic Coordinator
- AAUW Funds Coordinator
- Media Relations Coordinator
- Nominations Chair



Carol Ann Council, Nominations Chair

STATE CALENDAR 10/1/2009—12/31/2009

October 1	Mini-grant applications due. Submit to Nancy Scheer, nscheer@cowboys.uwyo.edu
October 23-25	Fall Workshop and Fall State Leadership Team meeting—Carlsbad (see article on page 1)
November 10	Deadline for Winter <i>Roadrunner</i> . Submit articles to Deanise Marta, roadrunnernm@gmail.com
December 15	Deadline for nomination recommendations for 2010-2012 officers. Submit to Carol Ann Council, Nominations Chair, kk-ca_council@msn.com . Deadline for nominations for Terry Sleight Award. Submit to Jean Bahr, jean.bahr@comcast.net .
December 31	Postmark Deadline for AAUW Funds contributions for 2009.



FROM MARION ISIDORO, Albuquerque

Thank you to AAUW members from all over New Mexico for their concern, expressions of sympathy, and support after the death of my husband. Your friendship has been very helpful to me.



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2009-2010 CO-PRESIDENTS' GOALS

Mary Sandford and Nina Thayer have set the following goals for AAUW-NM state and branch organizations. These are intended to be guidelines for program planning, membership recruitment, philanthropy, lobbying activities, scholarship assistance, and relationships with the national organization.

- Make border issues a major year-long program priority by including it in both the fall workshop and spring convention programming. Ask every branch to create at least one program and/or activity focused on border issues and their effects on women and children.
- Encourage every branch to make mission-based programming their top priority and to focus on mission-based programs and activities.
- Actively encourage branch- and state-wide membership growth, with a goal of 550 state members, through the Member-Get-A-Member and Give-A-Grad-A-Gift campaigns, with focus on branch and student-affiliate membership; recruiting men; forming an online branch; visibility and one-on-one contact with new members; support to branch officers; and support of the AAUW Value Promise.
- Sustain AAUW Funds, including the Legal Advocacy Fund, and complete the Corrine Wolfe International Endowment by April 2010. Give \$2,500 to LAF and \$500 to AAUW Funds unrestricted.
- Promote excellence in state-wide member communication using email; the *Roadrunner*; AAUW-NM web site; open Leadership Team meetings; and participation in state, regional, and association activities. Evaluate the success of the electronic distribution of the *Roadrunner* and improve wherever possible.
- Vigorously support the successful AAUW-NM Lobby Corps with targeted funding, continued visibility, and increased member participation in all lobbying activities.
- Support in every way possible the changes to AAUW approved at the 2009 national convention in St. Louis, and effectively communicate these changes to members and branches. Examine and respond to their effect on AAUW-NM.
- Implement last year's initiative to financially assist women students from New Mexico who wish to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).
- Maintain continued financial strength through responsible budgeting, vigilance, conservative fiscal practice, and timely payment of bills and reimbursement of officers.

PLANNING CONTINUES FOR "WOMEN ACROSS BORDERS"



The Albuquerque branch and their many partners continue to plan the "Women Across Borders" symposium, to be held in conjunction with the AAUW state convention in April 2010. The symposium will consist of a trip to the El Camino Real International Heritage Center on Friday, April 16, and a selection of panel discussions at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque on Saturday, April 17. Participants from New Mexico and Chihuahua, Mexico will contribute their expertise to the panel discussions. Convention events will be held after the symposium activities.

This symposium is expected to sell out quickly. AAUW branch presidents will be given advance notice of ticket availability, so AAUW members can be the first to register. This is the first event of its kind co-sponsored by a New Mexico branch, and is an inspiring example of programming emphasis on border issues.

Please watch for additional details in the Winter *Roadrunner*.



Aerial photo of El Camino Real, near Radium Springs, NM

Betty Walker Smith, Media Chair

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FALL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Address _____

City _____, NM Zip _____

E-mail: _____

Branch _____

Special Needs _____

Registration Fee: Fee includes Friday wine & tapas, Saturday breakfast and lunch

\$25 \$ _____

Saturday evening-walk through Living Desert State Park, plus dinner and entertainment

\$25 X _____ \$ _____

Spouse/Guest may accompany you to dinner for the cost of the meal.

Total Remittance: \$ _____

FALL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Friday

7:00 pm Wine and cheese at Carol Parr's house, 304 W. Riverside Dr.

Saturday: At NMSU-Carlsbad, 1500 University Dr.

8:00-8:30 Registration/Breakfast

8:30 Welcome and keynote speaker-Judi Waters, one of New Mexico's
2009 Outstanding Women

9:00 Association Changes: What they mean for your branch

9:30 Concurrent Branch Support Dialogues:

Branch Presidents' Council

Building Visibility

10:20 Break

10:30 Concurrent Branch Support Dialogues:

Membership Matters

Bylaws: Possibilities for Your Branch

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Invitation to Spring Convention and "Women Across Borders"
Symposium

1:10 Speaker -Pastor Rose Sanchez-Guzman

2:30 Break

2:40 Border Issues Program

4:00 Adjourn to Living Desert State Park, 1504 Miehl's

5:00 Walk through Living Desert State Park

6:00 Dinner at Living Desert State Park with entertainment by
a mariachi band**Sunday: At Carlsbad Municipal Schools Board Room,
408 N. Canyon**

8:30-11:00 Leadership Team Meeting



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