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Socorro Branch to host
AAUW-NM Fall Workshop
October 30-31

Socorro Branch cordially invites you to attend a dynamic, informative AAUW-NM Fall Workshop, to be held on campus at New Mexico Tech, with an international focus: "Progress Toward Peace."

On Saturday morning our Regional Director Evelyn Cumming and Barbara Carey, president of VGIF will share their reflections on the recent IFUW and VGIF meeting in Perth, Australia, Dr. Daniel Lopez will present an overview of the situation in the Middle East in "Is Peace Possible?," and Dr. Michael Hensley will speak on "Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism."

Dr. Daniel Lopez has been President of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology since 1993. He has served as President of the Council of New Mexico University Presidents since 1993. His area of special interest is the Middle East situation. His Ph.D. from UNM is in Political Science. He has received many honors for his work in such major issues as open government as well as being a leader in higher education and as being a Hispanic leader.

Dr. Michael Hensley manages the International Law Enforcement Agency-Roswell program which trains law enforcement officials from around the world at NMT in Roswell. He is extensively involved with the National Emergency Response Training Academy in Playas. His Ed. D. is from Virginia Tech and he has done post-doctoral study at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard

At our buffet-style luncheon, Sharon Fullingim, the artist who created the life-sized sculpture in the Generations Plaza of Tamaya Resort, will talk about her path as an artist and the creation of the sculpture. Sharon's bronze sculptures of wildlife and figures are especially distinguished by her grasp of anatomy in design and her affection for her subjects.

In the afternoon choose two of five breakout sessions to attend: ☆hands-on e-mail basics, ☆whether to admit those without degrees to AAUW membership, ☆recruiting and retaining members, ☆a potpourri, ☆ Nancy Scheer on "Reducing the Nuclear Arsenal: My Life with the Robots."

Dinner will be at Socorro's historic Val Verde Hotel, built in 1919 in California Mission style, designed by architect Henry Trost. Located between the Santa Fe Railroad Depot and the Plaza, it was a popular stopover for travelers and visitors. Since the 1980's it has been restored and now houses shops, a restaurant, and rooms. From the restaurant there are panoramic views along the Santa Fe's route from El Paso to

Albuquerque.

On Sunday morning, as customary, the Leadership Team will meet.

Come prepared to learn lots and have fun--and be sure to purchase raffle tickets for prizes that have been contributed to help support our mission.

Greetings from your AAUW-NM Co-Presidents, Carol Ann and Nancy! We are looking forward

to a great 2004-2005 year – with new beginnings, new challenges, and continued successes! **In June, the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference**, hosted by our state in Albuquerque, had 94 attendees, with representation from every state in the region (AZ, CO, NM, NV, UT, WY), and leadership from DC, FL, OK, and TX. We were honored to have our Educational Foundation President Mary Ellen Smyth, two Regional Directors-- Evelyn Cumming (Rocky Mountain) and Diana Campo (Southwest Central), Leader-on-Loan from the AAUW Board of Directors Leslie Henderson, and Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund President Barbara Carey share their expertise. Stimulating workshops on bullying, VGIF/IFUW, Branch Governance options, polygamist communities, the Association's newest study "Women at Work," rejuvenating fragile branches, mediation, and membership were offered. The opening ceremony was by five Girl Scouts. An accomplished women's choral group from El Dorado High School provided music Friday evening. For the Saturday evening banquet at the Hispanic Cultural Center Nevada member Edith Isidoro-Mills played the flute as background music and the Honorable US District Court Justice M. Christina Armijo was our speaker. A successful LAF raffle was held and, again, Janet Matwiyoff with her Sunfaces jewelry supported EF. Marion Isidoro and her Albuquerque Branch team managed, prepared, and attended-to everything needed locally to make it a success. They did a fabulous job!

AAUW-NM kicked off its 2004-2005 year with a fantastic Summer Leadership Team Meeting hosted by the West Mesa Branch! Representatives of nine of our 13 branches were present, contributing, and sharing. This is the only all day planning meeting for the year. First we first got better acquainted, then we shared reports and business. Several

I thank AAUW-New Mexico for giving me the opportunity to serve as your co-president and, as a result, to attend the Association Leadership Conference held in Washington, D.C. The two-and-a-half day conference was packed with sessions to teach the attendees to be better leaders and to inform them of changes taking place in AAUW, EF, and LAF. There were lunchtime sessions for us to meet with the appropriate Regional Director and evening receptions to allow time for getting acquainted with presidents and EF chairs from other states. One of the state presidents' sessions was very practical. The leaders covered such topics as how to set up a home office, ways to save costs on long distance telephone calls, suggestions for organizing our calendars, and planning meeting agendas. One session covered the processes of developing a strategic action plan, another how to build a team from a group

Presidents' Letter

focus groups met and were very successful in developing programming ideas for both our Fall Work-

shop and our 2005 Convention, in reviewing our Policies & Procedures, in starting development of an updated Strategic Plan, and in planning public policy work for the 2005 New Mexico legislative session. The day was greatly enhanced by a delicious pot-luck lunch provided by West Mesa Branch members-- THANK YOU!

Currently, AAUW is faced with several challenges. Please read Evelyn Cumming's message and Pat Jonietz's and Nancy Scheer's Leadership Conference reports for details.

Your state Co-Presidents have set four goals (see Goals article) for this 2004-2005 year. But, it will take each member, working with her/his branch and with the state to accomplish these. Membership Co-Chairs, Nina Thayer and Nolina Bryant, have already taken hold of Goal #1 by developing a statewide "Membership Challenge" packet, to be mailed to branch membership chairs soon. Two more of our branches, Carlsbad and Socorro, are linked to the AAUW-NM website, so Goal #2 is well underway: a website page for every NM Branch. Programming (Natalie Markin and Beverly Stiles) has already tackled Goal #3--to help members broaden basic computer skills. We have made a good start on Goal #4--to expand our knowledge of college/university membership, New Mexico colleges and universities, IFUW, and VGIF-- by planning events and workshops for the October gathering. So, as our theme from the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference stated, it is "Up, Up and Away! Soaring to New Heights with Purpose, Power and Progress"!!!

We appreciate everything YOU do for AAUW and look forward to seeing you at our Fall Workshop in Socorro in October!

Carol Ann Council and Nancy Scheer
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Association News from Nancy

of volunteers with diverse backgrounds. Speakers from other women's organizations told us of their experiences and gave suggestions for leadership in an organization made up of volunteers.

Other articles in this newsletter give information on issues currently facing the Association, EF, LAF, and IFUW. As the year goes on, you will hear more about the financial situation and proposed changes. The Association Board is working on solutions and there is much fact finding and discussion. Our membership numbers have dropped and as a result revenue is down. Staff has been cut.. AAUW has faced similar problems in the past and has found solutions. I am confident we have the leaders to face the problems and conduct the organization into a strong future.

Nancy Scheer, Co-President

A letter from our Rocky Mountain Region Director:

Convention/conference season is over--it finished with the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Albuquerque in June. I greatly appreciate the work done on the conference by AAUW- NM, and welcome the invitation from AAUW-WY to come to Casper in 2006.

Conference participants took advantage of the opportunity to expand their knowledge of AAUW in many areas--learn new techniques for program planning, exchange ideas for successful fund-raising, network with branch and state leaders. Learn more about some serious social problems--and have some fun. I cannot emphasize strongly enough how valuable these gatherings are. If you do not attend these functions, I urge you to consider doing so. By generating enthusiasm for the upcoming year, providing skill building for officers and potential officers, and broadening our vision of our organization beyond the local level, AAUW continues to educate members. We benefit from being elbow to elbow with our associates in AAUW, and learning from them, as we continue to work towards equity and education for women and girls.

Other news:

- AAUW's Executive Director Jackie Woods resigned as of June 30. The senior management team, Pam Furneaux, Joyce Gilligan, Beverly McCalop, and Sandy Monroe has been providing operational leadership under the direction of the three Board Presidents. A plan to fill this leadership vacancy will be developed during the next few months.
- Association continues to make difficult budget decisions, none more trying than the decision not to pay the 2005 dues to the International Federation of University Women. The amount, \$200,000 with an IFUW proposed increase to \$300,000, was a budget breaker. The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund's initiative to raise money for the dues has been welcomed as one way of covering the dues, and discussions with IFUW continued at the conference in Perth, Australia.
- The Educational Foundation Board voted to increase the funding level of American and International Fellowships established after July 1, 2004, to \$200,000 and Research and Projects Grants to \$75,000, and for both decreased the time allowed to reach the goals to 10 years. This, the first change in 20 years, was driven by the need to increase the amount of money granted to recipients. Named Units funds have been discontinued. EF chairs will have further details.
- The 21st Century Recognition Program is in the process of change. States are being asked to administer the program at the branch levels. Stay tuned!

My very best wishes to you *all...Evelyn Cumming,*

AAUW Leadership Conference: Educational Foundation

1. **Budgeting in the black, not red.** AAUW annually has been outspending income.. The AAUW board decided to become accountable for the deficit spending and contain expenses and reworked all sectors of administration and programming. Consequently, this fiscal year's expenses are anticipated to be within budget.

2. **Educational Foundation.** To left, Evelyn Cumming describes changes in funding goals and years allowed on fellowships and Research and Projects. The Eleanor Roosevelt fellowships are suspended until at least '06. AAUW will look at the purpose and policy to see what changes are needed to fit current public education and really help public schools improve. Eleanor Roosevelt will be back in a different form. The Leader-on-Loan program is suspended for this fiscal year. The 21st Century program will be run by the states.

3. **Legal Advocacy Fund** The Board approved a motion to merge the LAF Corporation inside the Educational Foundation. A committee was appointed to develop an operational agreement to implement this.

4. **Affiliates Agreement** Before March 05, AAUW plans to work with branches that have not signed. There may be changes in the original document; e.g., the insurance issue.

5. **IFUW.** To left, Evelyn Cumming explains the situation with IFUW dues..

6. **Fund Raising.** All state and branch EF chairs must be careful in managing, reporting, and soliciting money. A new two-page document on this is available. Contact Patricia Jonietz (pat@ghostwrite) for a copy.

7. **One in A Million Campaign** This is a new fund raising campaign to benefit the operational budget of AAUW (not a tax deductible donation). The money will be used to reestablish the financial stability of the organization. At the Leadership Conference, all AAUW board members, senior AAUW staff, and about 75% the attending Presidents and EF chairs contributed a total of \$8,000. Can your branch contribute \$120? A new one-page document on this is available. Contact Patricia Jonietz (pat@ghostwrite) for a copy.

These difficult times for AAUW ask all of us for a more serious approach to fund raising and the work of acting as custodians and trustees of non-profit funds.

Patricia L. Jonietz, NM EF CHAIR

A PERSONAL NOTE

AAUW's membership has been falling in recent years. AAUW is more the 80% dues-dependent.

AAUW statistics project that, if membership continues declining at the recent rate, in 10 years membership will be half of today's number.

We seek your comments and ideas for the future. Thanks,

Jan Bray, Louise Driik and Patricia Jonietz

INTELLIGENCE FROM BRANCHES

In the Fall Roadrunner expect a full complement of "Intelligence from Branches and Other States."

Albuquerque. *Mary Campbell* President 265-9365
On September 11 Albuquerque Branch will hold its annual fall get-together and interest group sign up. All branch members, prospective members and members-at large are invited. To the latter end, the September newsletter is also being set to all the members at large in the Branch's area. The umbrella theme of the general meeting programs this year is "Anticipating Change." Change indeed! For the first time, one of the Interest Group Chairs is a man--Ted Cooley.

Carlsbad. *Mary Cherryhomes* 887-0099 and *Carol Parr* 885-5705 Co-Presidents

Grant County. *Adrienne Dare*, President 388-2013
At our May potluck meeting we gained three new members and we are working on getting our current members to send in their dues. During the summer we have had board meetings and have planned our programs for the year. Our goal is to have our calendar ready for our September meeting and our yearbook ready for our October meeting. We will be partners with Grant County Interagency Alliance (IAA) in sponsoring a candidate forum in late Sept or October. Our Expanding Your Horizons Conference will be held on March 5, 2005 at Western New Mexico University. (This will be the 13th conference in Silver City). We will be awarding our Barbara Brown Scholarship of \$250 for each semester at WNMU to a returning woman student.

Las Cruces. *Marilyn Humphrey* President 526-4748
Our branch is currently working on the challenge to increase our Membership by 10 percent. Some of the things we can do to accomplish this goal include: (1) Give our members thought provoking programs that others will want to attend. (2) Adopt a "buddy system" for new or prospective members by offering to pick up a new person and staying with them during a General Meeting, actively including them in the meeting, introducing them other members, etc. We also plan to have special orientation get-togethers for new and prospective members. This officer is proud to announce one of our new members is a male, Rev. David Humphrey (ret.), who will be working on scholarships in the future. I hope to implement a "Get a New Member Contest." As we continue to move forward in this first decade of the new millennium, we must put forth every effort to achieve equality for women everywhere. Great strides have been achieved in the past, but we definitely are not there yet. There are still many challenges in this area. This is our Purpose as reflected in our state-wide theme: "Empowering Women Through Purpose, Power and Progress."

Las Vegas *Ruth Hazelton* President 454-0185
Las Vegas requests two clarifications in their article in the Summer *Roadrunner*. The forum sponsored by the Las Vegas Branch dealt with domestic, rather than foreign policy,

as the speakers' assigned topics indicated, and forum panelist David Bacon, mentioned as having been a Green Party candidate, is no longer registered with that party.

Los Alamos *Marilyn Minshall* Facilitator 672-3499

Portales *Mercedes Agogino* 356-8709

Raton *Carol Woodworth* President 445-3591

Santa Fe *Mary Grathwol* 984-3157 and *Michelle Nolde* 771-8197 Co-Presidents

Socorro *Geraldine Klingsmith* President 838-1309
Socorro Branch is looking forward to another busy and informative year beginning in September with our annual Membership Get-Together. Our high school scholarship winners were Lauren Janette Smith the outstanding female graduate in recognition of her academic achievement and potential, and Sofia Lujan and Rhiannon Jean Monette who each won a book award. The year's NM Tech scholarship winner was Luci Griffith who is majoring in chemical engineering and planning to study bio-medical engineering in graduate school and Norelle Shlanta a math major planning to teach in high school also won an award. \$2,300 in awards was given to our local students in addition to our annual named EF donation, which was in memory of former member Betty Clark. *Mary Miller*, Historian, Publicity

Valencia County Contacts: AAUW-NM, *Roberta Scott* 866-5284

Albuquerque Branch, *Garlene Barela* 864-8057

West Mesa *Sharon Booth* President 831-4231
West Mesa will hold the Fall Fiesta, annual membership fair and interest group sign-up, on Saturday September 11, 2-4 p.m., and welcomes "all college graduates to join us."

ESCAPE FROM POLYGAMY

At the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, Flora Jessop, who escaped polygamy, described her experiences and problems in polygamous communities. After hearing Flora and Buster Johnson, a Supervisor of Mohave County, Arizona, speak, a member exclaimed, "What are we doing in Iraq, when we have this here!"

Flora explained: when teenage girls are taken into a polygamous family, they may be kept bearing children; abuses--sexual, physical and mental, rape, coercion, forced marriage, keeping women captive--are illegal, but not stopped or prevented; escape is difficult or impossible. The outlay of government funding, especially welfare, is extensive--and has been coupled with misuse. Although polygamy is more prevalent in northern Arizona and southern Utah, it is practiced in 30 states, including New Mexico. Major public, governmental and political backup is needed to help. Here is Flora's own story in her own words.

I was born in Hildale, Utah, to Joseph C. Jessop and Patricia Icke. My father also married my mom's half sister Elizabeth Dockstader and I have 27 siblings. I escaped from polygamy 18 years ago and now live in Phoenix, Arizona, with my husband and two children. I fought for my freedom, just as the children trapped today fight for their right to be free. I turned to the Utah Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) for protection. They sent me back to the polygamy compound, failing to protect me. I was severely punished for running away and spent the next three years in seclusion, held hostage by my uncle Fred Jessop, and kept from my siblings and even my mother.

In April, 2001, my fourteen-year-old sister, Ruby, was married to her stepbrother. Ruby had the courage to run away and sought a brother's help. After one week of freedom, Ruby disappeared. I contacted Utah authorities in DCFS and the Washington County Sheriff's Office to get my sister the protection she needed. Both agencies agreed to help her.

After 35 days, they finally met with Ruby but failed to enforce the child protection laws they are mandated to support. Ruby and I were both betrayed by the very system that is responsible for protecting children from sexual, physical and mental abuse, statutory rape, coercion and forced marriage. These rights are guaranteed to all children but those living inside polygamy remain unprotected. Ruby is a hostage. Few people including myself, friends or family have seen or heard from Ruby for 4 years but we do know Ruby is a mother of two now.

I have vowed to stop this injustice. I am leading an effort through Child Protection Project (CPP), www.childpro.org, to help women and children safely escape polygamy so they can secure the rights all citizens enjoy in this democracy. Both the women and children need help completing their educations, finding homes, jobs and adjusting to a world they know nothing about.

Flora Jessop

AAUW-NM PRESIDENTIAL GOALS FOR 2004-2005

- I. Membership.
 - A. Support all branch membership efforts, stressing personal contacts.
 - B. Strengthen state membership by a focus on Members-at-Large in areas of the state not served by a branch.
- II. Website.

Urge each AAUW-NM branch to have its own internet web page linked with the state and Association web sites.
- III. Computers.

Encourage members to broaden computer skills so they will be comfortable using basic functions and various software packages; as a result, gaining more benefit from their computers and electronic communications.
- IV. Knowledge Learn more about:
 - A. AAUW College/University Membership
 - B. New Mexico Colleges and Universities
 - C. IFUW and VGIF

Carol Ann Council and Nancy Scheer

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE 2004-2005

Greetings, AAUW members! The "gauntlet has been thrown" in the form of a Membership Challenge for the coming year. It is imperative that we reverse any decline in membership. Members are the heart of our organization.

Our Membership Challenge is to hold onto last year's AAUW-NM membership and increase membership by at least 10%--to acquire new AAUW members and to reach out to our 300 AAUW Members-at-Large living in New Mexico.

Soon each branch membership chair will receive a Toolkit, and a Challenge packet filled with ideas and information about recruitment and retention. Your AAUW-NM Membership Co-Chairs will contact each branch each month and will be available throughout the year to present a live workshop to any branch. Each new member and her/his recruiter will receive a specially designed AAUW lapel pin. We hope EVERY branch member will invite two friends, those new to AAUW and/or Members-at-Large, to try us out--and join the branch-and-AAUW-NM. Stay tuned!!! Be positive!!!

Visit the AAUW-NM website: www.aauw-nm.org

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☼ CHOICE TRACKING ☼

We expect the date of the CHOICE rally to be set at the Coalition for Choice meeting on September 13. We will also discuss expected legislation at that meeting.

Terry Sleight, COORDINATOR FOR CHOICE



**PROGRESSAAUW - NM Fall Workshop and
TOWARD Leadership Team Meeting
PEACE Socorro Branch, Host**

Preliminary Schedule

Saturday October 30

8:00 Register in the Macey Center Lobby
 8:30 Welcome by Socorro and New Mexico Presidents
 8:45 IFUW & VGIF "Reflections on the Meeting in Perth, Australia"
 Evelyn Cumming and Barbara Carey
 9:30 Break
 10:00 "Is Peace Possible?"
 Overview of Middle East Situation
 President Daniel Lopez
 11:00 "Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism" Dr. Michael Hensley

Noon Buffet Luncheon
 Speaker Sharon Fullingim
 2:00 Breakout Session 1
 3:00 Break
 3:30 Breakout Session 2
 4:30 Informal gathering and wrap-up discussion
 6:30 Dinner at Historic Val Verde Hotel

Breakout Session Choices

1. Hands-on e-mail Basics
2. Member Dialogue "Should non-degreed women and men be admitted as AAUW members?"
3. Membership Challenge "Ideas to Recruit & Retain Members"
4. Potpourri "Your Choice of Discussion Topic"
5. Talk by Nancy Scheer, recently retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory; "Reducing the Nuclear Arsenal: My Life with Robots".

Sunday October 31
 8:30-1:00 Leadership Team Meeting –
 Continental breakfast

RESERVATIONS

- Holiday Inn Express, 1100 California St, 838-0556 or 1-888-526-4567. Double Rooms with 2 Queen beds: \$72.23 incl. tax. Credit card reservations before Oct.15 Holiday Inn Express is on the east side of California Street near the north end of town.
- B & B. You may make a reservation to stay with a local AAUW member. Suggested contribution to EF is at least \$25.00 per night

DIRECTIONS. From I-25, take the Socorro exit which will put you on California Street.
 New Mexico Tech Macey Center. Turn west on Bullock Street (landmark = Taco Bell) and pass three stop signs. The road curves and Macey Center is on your right. There is a large parking lot, a fountain in front. Enter through the front doors, and welcome!
 Lost? Just stop anyone and ask. *You are in friendly Socorro!*

DRESS Since our theme is "Progress Toward Peace" and it will be Halloween weekend, please feel free to "dress up"! Suggestions: clothing reminiscent of the 1960's "love-ins," such as peace symbols, tie-dyed shirts, flowers in your hair.

REGISTRATION. Send your check, made payable to AAUW Socorro Branch, with your registration form to: Nolina Bryant, PO Box 507, Socorro, NM 87801. Questions / B&B reservations: call Nolina Bryant, Fall Workshop Coordinator, 505-835-5609

REGISTRATION

Name _____ e-mail _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Branch _____

	MEMBER	SPOUSE/GUEST
FEES: Early Bird-- Postmark by October 10	\$40.00 *	
Late-- Postmark after October 10	\$45.00 *	
Saturday Dinner at Val Verde (<i>Dutch Treat</i>) Will you join us?	Yes ___ No ___	Yes ___ No ___
Hands-on e-mail Session Saturday afternoon	Yes ___ No ___	

- Registration fee includes Saturday lunch, refreshments, Sunday Continental breakfast, all workshop materials and use of facilities, and an on-line computer for the e-mail workshop. A mark in "Yes" for the Hands-on e-mail Session Saturday afternoon is necessary for a computer station to be assigned for you to use in the e-mail workshop.

Complimentary Childcare will be provided. Please let us know your needs. _____

AAUW-New Mexico Calendar July 2004-June 2005

2004		2005 continued
July	1 Branch dues reports completed and mailed to Association and State 24 Summer State Leadership Team Meeting, West Mesa Branch, Corrales	Feb. 6 Deadline for Nominations for Grace Barker Wilson Award 6 Winter State Leadership Team Meeting, Santa Fe 7 A Day at the Legislature, Santa Fe 10 Deadline Spring Roadrunner
Aug.	4-10 IFUW Triennial Conference, Perth Australia 10 Deadline for Fall Roadrunner	Mar. Women's History Month
Oct.	30-31 200 AAUW-NM Fall Workshop and Fall Leadership Team Meeting Socorro Branch, Socorro	Apr. 1 Annual report from state Officers and Branch Presidents due for the State Convention notebook
Nov.	10 Deadline for Winter Roadrunner	April 29-May 1 Spring State Leadership Team Meeting / 2005 AAUW-NM Convention, Las Vegas (Files and handbooks for successions)
Dec.	15 Deadline nomination suggestions for AAUW-NM officers . Submit to Nominating Committee 31 Postmark deadline for Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund contributions for 2004	May 10 Deadline Summer Roadrunner June 24-27 AAUW Convention, Washington D.C.
2005		
Jan.	1 Half-year dues now accepted 10 Deadline: proposed AAUW-NM bylaws changes Submit to Bylaws Chair	
Jan.	10 Deadline : Propose AAUW-NM Resolutions, Submit to Public Policy Chair date tba "Choice Rally" Santa Fe	