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AAUW-NM SCHEDULE

MARCH Women's History Month

APRIL 1 Annual Reports from State Officers and
Branch Presidents due

APRIL 23-25 Spring AAUW-NM
Leadership Team Meetings;
AAUW-NM/TX Convention, El Paso

MAY 10 Roadrunner Deadline

JUNE 25-27 AAUW Rocky
Mountain Regional Convention Albuquerque

JULY 24 Summer AAUW-NM Leadership Team
Meeting West Mesa Branch, Albuquerque

AUGUST 4-10 IFUW Triennial Conference, Perth,
Australia

April 23-25, 2004

"Bridging Borders"

Women as Leaders Women in Charge

Enthusiasm is a good driver, but it needs intelligence for fuel. Fueling the enthusiasm for our state convention this year is the programming and organizing intelligence from two state boards, two local planning committees, and a score of volunteers from the two states New Mexico and Texas. The AAUW-NM/TX Joint Convention in El Paso, Texas will prove to be one of the best state conventions ever!!!

"Bridging Borders: Women as Leaders, Women in Charge," convention theme, supports an invitation list of *nearly 40 women leaders from two states* with expertise and experience in the fields of law enforcement, law, education, advocacy, leadership, marketing, politics, and science. They are tops in their fields! *All 21 convention workshops* focus on how women bridge obstacles, opportunities, and challenges to support healthier families, build better communities, and assemble political clout. As this is a Joint State Convention, we anticipate nearly 200 persons participating in the events of the convention.

- ◆ 2 Keynote Addresses by Two Outstanding
College Presidents:
Dr. Ann Stuart, President of TWU, Denton, Texas
Dr. Diana Seidhoff Natalicio, President of UT, El Paso
- ◆ 21 Workshops
- ◆ 1 Reception
- ◆ Special Events
- ◆ AAUW-EF Luncheon: Leslie Ann Harlacker,
Fellowship Honoree
- ◆ Legal Advocacy Dinner
- ◆ International Brunch: Barbara Carey,
Virginia Gildersleeve Fund President
- ◆ 1 Leader-on-Loan, Carolyn Donovan, AAUW
Representative to the United Nations
- ◆ 2 Regional Directors: Diana Campo (Southwest)
and Evelyn Cumming (Rocky Mountain)
- ◆ 5 pre/post tours of El Paso and Mexico
- ◆ And, much more fun, fellowship, and food!!!!

Join us in El Paso as we build bridges, frameworks, and structures that improve the lives of women and their families.

**AAUW New Mexico/Texas 2004
Joint Convention**

President's Letter

Grand accolades to the entire

Santa Fe Branch for hosting quite a successful Winter Leadership Team Meeting/ Gathering and our 2004 Legislative Day! Special thanks to Florence Ruth Brown who opened her Santa Fe Skies RV Park Clubhouse to us, to Kathy Costa and Kathleen Kerr who coordinated all the meeting and dinner planning, and to Enid Tidwell who arranged B&B hosts.

Our meeting was full of business and activity. Reports included those from Association, our Regional Director, State Officers/Chairs and our Branches. The board was quite excited over the completion of the Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship Educational Foundation Fund brochure project. Updates on our AAUW-NM/TX Convention and our Rocky Mountain Regional Conference were also shared. Reminders were given about the 21st Century Recognition Program sponsored by Association (deadline April 20), the Governor's Award for Outstanding NM Women (deadline February 27), and the need to update Strategic Plans, and Policies and Procedures.

Next, the group was led in a short lobby training session by Corrine Howard, Co-Public Policy Chair. Folders containing valuable information for our Legislative Day made our training complete. We enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner provided by Santa Fe Branch members.

Guest speaker Flora Sanchez, former member of the NM State Board of Education and now a member of the School Board Commission, explained the make-up, ins-and-outs, and what is-is not allowed at this time concerning our state's new educational commission. Questions were numerous! I felt we all came away with

a better understanding of how

things are - at the moment!

Thanks to Corrine, Laura Stokes and Jean Bahr for bringing together this program.

Our AAUW-NM Legislative Day was well attended and very successful. Individuals and small groups talked with various legislators, sat in on committee and legislative sessions, left notes for others. A large group enjoyed lunch at the Pink Adobe, a famous restaurant near the Roundhouse. In the afternoon, several members visited with Lt. Gov Diane Denish and with Gov. Bill Richardson. We expressed AAUW-NM's stand on several issues: the power (or lack of it) of the new Education Commission; Pay Equity; money for Fine Arts, libraries, young children's programs; etc. I truly felt our voices were heard!

Exciting plans for our AAUW-NM/TX Convention are being finalized by teams in Las Cruces and El Paso. Our state EF chairs and LAF chairs are working with TX's chairs to coordinate special EF and LAF events.

You will not want to miss: "Bridging Borders: Women as Leaders Women in Charge!! Our Leader-on-Loan will be Carolyn Donovan, AAUW Representative to the United Nations. Carolyn Donovan, Barbara Carey, the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund president; Evelyn Cumming, our Rocky Mountain Regional Director; Diana Campo, the Southwest Central Regional Director; two outstanding women university presidents (keynote speakers); and many wonderful workshop presenters will make this convention most outstanding!

Thank you everyone for being such terrific AAUW-NM members!
Carol Ann Council AAUW-NM PRESIDENT

ASSOCIATION NEWS

A Letter from our Rocky Mountain Region Director

STATE NEWS

Much of my activity in AAUW in recent weeks has focused on the **Affiliates Agreements** requested from each branch by our national office. The development of these agreements arose from an organization and practices review conducted last year. Some recommended changes were implemented at the staff level in DC.

Affiliates Agreements are a requirement of the Internal Revenue Service, and these formalize connections between our national office and our branches. Regional Directors and Association staff have worked diligently to help branches understand and complete the forms, and the AAUW website has information on various questions. The process should be completed by early March.

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Life Membership in AAUW

PAID LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Of the two forms of AAUW life membership, the most familiar is paid Life Membership, purchasable

Our members have been participating in Public Policy or Legislative Days to focus the attention of their legislators on issues. From lobbying training offered in New Mexico and Utah, to Colorado's "Women As Activists" workshops and their legislative breakfast on women's issues, to Wyoming's statewide wage disparity workshops we have been busy. Other states have monitored legislative committees that meet in years their legislatures do not sit. These continue our advocacy for education and equity for women and girls.

AAUW New Mexico is inviting all members to come to Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Albuquerque, June 25-27---also to come early and stay afterwards in the glorious Land of Enchantment. Registration forms will be available later. For a preview, see "Up, Up, and Away!," in this issue. See you in Albuquerque in June!

My e-mail address has changed to legend18@sbcglobal.net.

Evelyn Cumming

by any member for 20 times the amount of current Association dues. There are two kinds of mem-bers--Branch and MAL, hence two kinds of paid Life Membership.. At present Branch members pay \$780 for Branch Life; MALs pay \$840 for MAL Life. Paying this once-only fee entitles a member to life membership in the

Association, and paying only state and branch dues.

Bargain hunters beware! Association dues are rising \$2 every year beginning July 1, therefore, paid Life Membership will also rise then. So if you have ever thought about paid Life Membership, now is the time to make the commitment. It will buy you a lifetime of AAUW benefits, and no more Association dues increases. Your branch treasurer/ membership chair has the forms for you to purchase your life membership.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Life Members are granted all the privileges of Life Membership after fifty years of AAUW membership. *Honorary Life Members do not pay Association or NM dues and many branches also waive dues for Honorary Life Members.*

Honorary Life Membership requires an application that includes membership history. However, documentation or proof of membership is not necessary and best estimates are acceptable. Branch treasurers and membership chairs have applications. Continuous membership is not required--only fifty years total. Honorary Life Members receive a letter, certificate and permanent membership card.

New Mexico Honorary Life Members

Helen I. Anderson, Albuquerque
Nancy Baker, Las Cruces (as of 7/1/04)
Marjorie Bell Chambers, Los Alamos
Harriet A. Christian, Las Cruces,
Virginia P. Crenshaw, Albuquerque
Mary L. Delapp, Santa Fe
Mildred N. Gauert, Albuquerque
Doris C. Lewinson, Albuquerque
Ruth B. Masson, Albuquerque
Laura H. McGuire, Portales
Helen McIntyre, Albuquerque
Louise D. Miller, Albuquerque
Bertha L. Parker, Tucumcari
Erra S. Patrick, Albuquerque
Evelyn E. Selters, Las Cruces
Nancy K. Shepherd, Farmington
Joella S. Skeen, Clovis
Betty K. Weir, Albuquerque
Audrey H. Winkler, La Cruces

Corrections and additions to this list should be made through me, *Nina Thayer*, AAUW-NM Membership Chair 505 662-6835) gnthayer@cybermesa.com

"Up, Up & Away! Soaring to New Heights

with Purpose, Power & Progress."

2004 AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Conference

- AZ - CO - NM - NV - UT - WY -

June 25-27, 2004 Albuquerque, NM

Hosted by AAUW New Mexico

Albuquerque Marriott Hotel 2101 Louisiana Blvd.
NE

Three (3) fun-filled days are being designed by New Mexico's conference planning team!! Get set to enjoy activities and business that will take our Rocky Mountain Region "Up, Up & Away" - just like those

large hot air balloons for which Albuquerque is noted!

For Friday morning two tours are available which will include a docent, lunch, and shopping opportunities.

- ★ Indian Pueblo Cultural Center - with new art gallery
- ★ Casa San Ysidro in Corrales, housing the nation's best collection of Hispanic objects from the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries. Includes a tour of a historic adobe church--Old Corrales Church.

For Friday afternoon and Saturday varied workshops (subject to change) are planned.

- ☹ "Bullying" (Nevada)
- ☺ VGIF/IFUW (VGIF President Barbara Carey)
- ☞ "When the Going Gets Tough" Alternative forms of Branch administration (Colorado, New Mexico)
- ?? "Colorado City" [Polygamy issue] (Arizona)
- ☞ "Women at Work" (Association's newest study)
- ☞ "Brainstorm: fragile, remote, rejuvenating branches"(all)
- ➔ Officer/Chair groupings

All will lead us "Soaring to New Heights"!

Saturday evening's offsite event is scheduled at the new National Hispanic Cultural Center. A docent will offer a tour of the art exhibit and buildings. Dinner will be in a restored WPA (Work Projects Administration) adobe school; a prominent Hispanic woman will speak.

Sunday morning there will be an Eleanor Roosevelt EF Walk-Run fund-raiser, followed by our six states sharing their projects/ achievements/ concerns. A Town Hall Meeting, featuring the traditional question-and-answer session, will complete the Conference.

Many prominent leaders will be present, including Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund President Barbara Carey, our own Rocky Mountain Regional Director Evelyn Cumming, and Southwest Central Regional Director Diana Campo. An AAUW Leader-on-Loan, to be announced later, will be with us. You will not want to miss any of their presentations!

Yes, there will be much purpose in our meetings, workshops, and presentations! We will energize the power to move forward, and with this soaring liftoff progress will be made!! So, come to Albuquerque in June, have fun, see long-time AAUW friends, and make new ones. [There are many attractions for those who wish to extend their stay---i.e. the Santa Fe Opera season opens July 2. www.Santafeopera.org.]

It is Up, Up and Away! to our next Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in New Mexico!!

The World Afar

The year 2004 will give AAUW-NM members many opportunities to expand horizons by attending any of several meetings where international issues will be part of the program.

At the AAUW-NM/TX convention in El Paso in April there will be an opportunity to discover ways to support women in developing countries in their quest for economic opportunity and political equity.

Rocky Mountain Region will hold its biennial meeting in Albuquerque May 25-27 with Rocky Mountain director, Evelyn Cumming, presiding. Evelyn is well known to many of you, and especially so to me because of her participation in the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund as convener of a special committee formulating a visitation process for the grants given in foreign countries. In 2003, both the Albuquerque and Las Cruces branches contributed as groups, and VGIF thanks those members for their support of women and children in developing countries. Because of their generosity, and that of many of you who individually contributed, VGIF will distribute \$100,000 in grants this April. More than 250 application forms were requested this year and we hope to fund more than the 16 projects approved last year.

Any VGIF member is welcome to attend the semi-annual meetings, this year occurring on April 16-17 and October 22-23 in New York City. See the VGIF website (www.ifuw.org) or contact me (barbnroy@pccnm.com, 505-885-5904) for further information.

The big event of the year is the International Federation of University Women Triennial Conference in Perth Australia August 4-10. The IFUW website (www.ifuw.org) gives details. Visas are required for travel to Australia, so members are advised to start now with their plans.

Finally, thanks to Janet Matwiyoff and her cadre of dedicated workers who staffed her jewelry booth at the AAUW biennial convention in Providence last summer. Janet generously divided her profits between AAUW-EF and VGIF for which we are enormously grateful. Thanks to all of you, and I hope to see many of you at one or more of these exciting meetings.

Barbara Carey

REPRESENTATIVE FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS

No Child Left Behind: Myth or Reality?

A community forum of the Education Coalition, hosted by AAUW-NM, the League of Women Voters, and the Alliance for Education in the Arts brought together guests committed to quality education recently in Santa Fe. Information, as well as concerns about the federally mandated, but as yet unfunded, program called the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 were articulated. The following seven items topped the list of worries:

- How can we develop a system that empowers teachers and schools?
- How can we design and implement programs for diverse learners?
- How do we adapt standards to meet the differing needs of students? What is the new model for this?
- Arts education and teacher qualifications are of great concern nationally.
- Could the model for fine arts assessment be useful in assessing other curricula areas?
- What about pre-kindergarten? Are resources going mostly to K-12?
- What is happening in other states?

Participants from the community included members of the Public Education Commission, Public Education Department, teachers and administrators, an NEA leader, representatives from the Secretary of Education office, the Commission on Higher Education, Santa Fe city arts, artists funded by the Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C., a Santa Fe City Councilor, a city school board member, the Superintendent of Santa Fe Schools, and a representative from Senator Bingaman's office. Focus groups were formed and a second forum by the Education Coalition is in the preliminary stages of planning.

Jean Bahr, ACADEMIC COORDINATOR

In Memory of Bernice Scheer

Past AAUW-NM president and Honorary Life Member, Bea Scheer, died at the age of 93 in January. Many of us remember her energy and enthusiasm as Albuquerque Branch president and again as local arrangements coordinator for the Association convention held in 1979 in Albuquerque. Others remember her working with Girl Scouts, PEO Sisterhood, the Methodist Church and Daughters of the Nile or as a charter member of the Museum of Albuquerque.

Bea was a graduate of the University of Iowa and taught history in Wisconsin for ten years, before marrying John (Jack) Scheer and moving to New Mexico. She was the driving force behind the first AAUW Legislative Day in 1966 and maintained a lifelong interest in history and current affairs.

Bea's husband, Jack, and her son, John Scheer, preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Nancy Scheer. Memorial contributions made payable to the AAUW Educational Foundation should be mailed to Diane Scholfield, 8601 Cherry Hills Road, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

Intelligence from Branches

founded in 1991, and centerpieces made by a committee of creative elves (branch members, of course) were auctioned. Our program chair Eileen Larson found a bargain for us--a sound system.

In January a joint meeting with West Mesa Branch was on financial planning for retirement. That earned AAUW publicity in *Albuquerque Journal*. In February our member Turtle Haste spoke on her first-hand observations of daily life in Ghana. At the same meeting the long-anticipated used book sale was a great success. In March Costume Design (especially in films and TV) will be discussed by Dorothy Baca, Professor of Costume Design at UNM. In April the Branch visits Jane Butel's Cooking School; in May there will be the President's Luncheon.

Carlsbad. *Mary Sandford*, President 887-1375

Carlsbad Branch celebrates its 75th year in 2004.

In November "Girls of the Month" and their mothers were our guests. Four former Girls of the Month, who included our AAUW-NM Treasurer Virginia Spruiell, gave inspirational accounts.

In December we had our holiday gathering with musical entertainment, in January a Chautauqua performance with Van Ann More portraying "Women of the West," in February Professor Doug Dinwiddie of NMSU-C spoke. Our March program will be on "Caves and Karsts of Oman." In April we hold our annual Scholars' Brunch, in May our Anniversary Brunch.

Grant County. *Adrienne Dare*, President 388-2013

At our December potluck we raised funds for LAF and EF. Our January program, "Reading the Pregnant Teen" presented by Renée Despres, was on an area of great concern in Grant County. We looked at many issues including trends, costs to communities and individuals and as well as some models for decreasing teen pregnancies and minimizing negative impacts on teen parents and their children.

At our February program "Gangs and Youth".an officer of the Silver City Police spoke about gang violence and gang prevention.

The 12th Silver City "Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics" conference at WNMU will be held March 6.

We expect 250 5th to 10th grade girls. Again the Grant County Branch will host, with great in kind support from WNMU. There will be 21 workshops and opening and closing sessions. A keynote speaker will be a woman graduate of a local high school who now works for IBM in Tucson.

Our March program will be on Civil Liberties and the Patriot Act, in April on Pay Equity with our favorite guest presenter Carolyn Glen-Kaye.

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Las Cruces. *Ruth Benjamin*, President 527-0204

Las Cruces Branch, the oldest branch in the state, has been celebrating its 80th anniversary!

Our "Trash and Treasure" sale was highly successful, proceeds divided among EF, LAF, our endowment fund at NMSU, and our "Girls Can" programs. Our ninth annual "Girls Can: Career Awareness Workshop" on February 21, introduced 6th grade girls to many career opportunities for young women and prerequisites for these careers. In

April the Branch will co-host the AAUW-NM/TX convention in El Paso. Interest groups include New Mexico Book, Anything Goes (reading()) and its spin-off Any Little Thing Book, Daytime Bridge, Evening Bridge, Going Places, and International Dinners.

Las Vegas. *Ruth Hazelton*, President 454-0185

In September Lawrence and Sue Lucksted Tharp spoke on a non-profit they founded, Compassion Without Borders, which benefits women and girls in developing countries, including Guatemala, Nepal, and India.

In October we held a community forum on U.S. foreign policy. Our November meeting was held in a remedial reading classroom at Highlands. To our Christmas potluck social, members brought gift books for the Reach Out and Read program at the Youth Clinic. In January we met in a charter school,--the director, a branch member, gave an overview of the school program. In February was our Valentine Membership Tea. Our major fund-raiser, a book fair, will be held in March, our election forum in April at Highlands, and in May our planning meeting..

Los Alamos. *Marilyn Minshall*, Facilitator 672-3499

The General Meeting in March features Candace Magner as composer "Barbara Stozzi" in April Great Decisions, in May "A Real English Tea" with guest speaker Linda Aldrich on "History of the Los Alamos Boys School."

World Culture Through Foods (WCTF) group concentrates on meat-filled pastries in February and in April on Croatian food. The Book Group has an ongoing book exchange at every meeting. Those who purchase books make a small contribution to EF or LAF. Other groups include Great Decisions, Mystery Book, and Bridge.

Santa Fe. *Patricia Jonietz*, Contact, 992-0665

"AAUW Santa Fe is involved in many different projects, activities and endeavors, all designed to support our guiding principles and to fulfill our founding mission. There is an awesome number of dedicated and talented women who devote time, effort and more than a little energy to this cause," (Santa Fe Branch Newsletter, February, 2004, p.1).

In November Careers and Curiosity was held at Gonzales Elementary School, in January at Carlos Gilbert Elementary School. The kids learned about geometry and computer modeling and built shapes using marshmallows and toothpicks

and other states

. The annual Trash and Treasure sale to benefit EF. LAF, and the Branch UNM Graduate Woman Scholarship, will be on May 15. Santa Fe study and interest groups include Book Women, Evening Book Group, Hiking Club, Musicmakers, Outreach (promotes equity for women through education and participates in projects to help girls realize their potential--Careers and Curiosity is an ongoing project of this group), Movie Club, and International Corner (latest news via AAUW online)

Socorro. Elise Brower, President, 835-1721
Socorro Branch's annual scholarship fund-raiser, Visitas de Navidad, earned over \$1,000 for our local high school and NM Tech women's scholarships.

Other meetings covered "How to Write and Illustrate," by writer-illustrator Betsy Francois; "Collisions in the Solar System" by MRO scientist Dr. Eileen Ryan; and a wonderful social in January, a Swedish Smorgasbord, shared with members, spouses, and friends. Our interest groups of many years are still going strong: Book Club, Singers, Recorder players, and Great Decisions.

Mary Miller, HISTORIAN, PUBLICITY 505-835-0806

West Mesa. *Linda Robinson*, President, 771-1535
Interest groups include Birders, four Bridge groups, Genealogy, Gourmet, Historiadoras, Issues Discussion, Noble Readers, UFO's and Writers. For the November meeting the topic was the role of women in Islam.

The December holiday luncheon featured music by harpist Glenda Orchant. Once again members brought warm robes and other presents (unwrapped) for the women at Haven House, domestic violence shelter, and non-perishable foods for the Storehouse West.

January's meeting, held at a restaurant in Corrales, was a joint one with Albuquerque. At the February meeting a representative of the Consumer Protection Division of the New Mexico Attorney General's Office spoke on "Identity Theft." In March will be the fund-raiser at Old Corrales Church with former State Historian Robert Torrez telling stories about the "old days" in New Mexico.

Oklahoma The Leader February-March 2004
"Open Minds + Open Arms = Increased Membership".

"Recently your Membership Vice-President or Chair was sent a list of MALs whose address was in your area. We encourage you to work with your MVP in making contacts with these MALs. Many of these MALs are high potential branch members. Let them know about the activities and programs that your branch does. Listen to them, find out their interests, invite them to a meeting, offer to pick them up, show genuine interest..."

Montana Treasure Stater Fall 2003 p.3
"The Bozeman Branch co-sponsored a presentation by Daniel Leviitas on rural paramilitary movements in the U.S."

Michigan AAUW Winter 2003 p.1.
Ann Arbor Branch co-sponsored "Brains Rule", a reverse science fair held in the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Neuroscientists conducted hands-on activities to help the 130 participating middle school students understand how the brain functions, how the brain can be protected and the effects of addiction. AAUW provided financial and volunteer support and two members led a demonstration.

California Perspective November 2003.
AAUW-CA has divided three of the larger districts into areas. The San Joaquin District was divided into three districts. North Coast District and Central Coast District were each divided into two districts.

New York State Focus Winter 2004 p.7
"Since 1989 the St. Lawrence County Branch has sponsored Open Windows for Girls, a series of educational enrichment camperships for low-income girls to attend a summer camping experience to broaden their horizons....
Open Windows was created to show them they could do something different, go somewhere new, learn about something new, develop a talent, and meet people outside of their own proscribed circle."

★★★ FROM ONE OF OUR LOBBYISTS ★★★

As of this date (Feb. 9) very few, if any, bills have come out of the legislature. Education funding, in fact, all funding, is still in question. The legislature is still to name the functions of the former State Board of Education. If it is categorized as solely "advisory," none of these experienced people will run again for election. Most of the former members of the State Department of Education are no longer on board. New administrators will have to be hired. The status of the Education Partners is still not known.

The AAUW-NM brochure ("What is AAUW-NM?") was

given to all 112 legislators, the Governor, Lt. Governor. Secretary of State, and the new Education Secretary, with cover letter for each brochure. In the 2003 session and interim, those brochures were given to the Education Partners, the House Education Committee (when I testified

for the Partners) and to members of the LESC and LFC staffs.

By the time you read this, hopefully there will be a budget and we will know about education funding--this is only a 30-day session

Terry Sleight, LOBBYIST

CHOICE

As I have stated before, the Coalition for Choice is reorganizing itself. It has been 31 years since the Roe v. Wade decision and the opposition also is getting better organized. We are just one Supreme Court Justice away from having the decision overturned. In the March in Washington in late April. NARAL/NM-Right to Choose and NOW will have significant delegations, as will Planned Parenthood.

The Pro-Choice rally was held January 22 at the State Capitol--almost all the Coalition organizations were represented. There was an opposition group: school children and several adults who were most vocal--but wouldn't (or couldn't) answer any question on the issue.

Several relevant bills are in the session, but nothing has come out. We don't know their status. Thanks to Senator Linda Lopez for carrying Senate Memorial 23, and Representatives Stewart and Beam for carrying the emergency contraception bills.

We must be vigilant and protect our freedom of reproductive rights.

Terry Sleight, COORDINATOR FOR CHOICE

Three Distinguished Speakers at the AAUW NM/TX Convention

Ann Stuart, Chancellor and President Texas Woman's University: Denton, Dallas, and Houston, is a graduate of University of Florida (bachelor's), University of Kentucky (master's), and Southern Illinois University (Ph.D.). She is author of *The Technical Writer* (Holt, 1987). She and her husband live in Denton.

Diana Seidhoff Natalicio, President of University of Texas at El Paso, holds a B.S. in Spanish from St. Louis University, an M.A. in Portuguese Languages and a Ph.D. in linguistics from University of Texas. She resides in El Paso.

Both distinguished educators are active in community organizations and have served on important boards.

Leader-On-Loan Carolyn Donovan, an active member of AAUW in New York and Virginia for over 20 years, has served at the branch, state and association levels. Carolyn has been AAUW's United Nations Representative since 2000, and one of the IFUW Representatives since early 2004,

AAUW-NM/TX Convention Workshops

A: EMPOWERING WOMEN SATURDAY APRIL 24 10:45 A.M.

1. Border Safety Issues. While the issues of air, water, and the economy focus on bringing El Paso and

Educational Foundation News

Congratulations are in order for the Santa Fe Branch! For 2003 it was the only branch to meet and exceed the goal of EF contributions established by the Association. After Santa Fe, the Las Vegas Branch was the one most nearly achieving the goal. AAUW-EF had established \$25 per member as the goal for each branch/state. New Mexico's per member rate this year was \$17.31. My goal for our membership next year will be \$20 per member. It would be helpful to me if your branch would either send me or report to me your December contributions so that I can provide completely accurate information for my report.

Plan to attend the EF Dinner at the April Joint State Convention! The dinner will be held Saturday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the El Paso Club, a restaurant near our hotel. The local branch had live music and a skit planned to lighten our souls. We plan to honor 50-year/Honorary Life members among others, and to have a scintillating talk on Early Man by our speaker, Leslie A. Harlacker,* an EF fellow and palaeoanthropologist at Indiana University at Bloomington

Bring your cash, checks and ATM cards to the Convention! EF/LAF will have a silent auction during the breaks in our sessions. We have at least nine gift baskets coming from our branches. Some of the branches are doing several mini-baskets with a theme, or soft baskets, so that our Texas sisters who win them can get them home on the plane. We should also have some coming from those Texas branches that can drive to the Convention.

Raggedy Ann and Andy will also be on the silent auction table along with those high-end garage sale items that all of you will be bringing along. Our own Janet Matwiyoff will have her own table at El Paso selling her jewelry, part of the proceeds going to EF. Let's make this a great Auction!

We have 2,500 brand new spanking Corrine Wolfe brochures ready for distribution. Luckily, I bumped into some Social Workers on Legislative Day and sent them off with a batch. They were very enthusiastic and so am I! I also left a supply under Corrine's picture on the third floor of the Roundhouse. What a wonderful team effort this brochure turned out to be.

Pamela Daves, EF C-CHAIR

* "As part of a study of the biomechanics of stone tool-making, Leslie Harlacker is collecting and analyzing biomechanical data on human and bonobo (an endangered ape) subjects and performing technical analysis of the artifacts they produced." Her sponsors: Indiana State Division Fellowship and Kathryn McHale Fellowship..

Juarez together, Deputy Chief Commander Sylvia Aguilar, the highest ranking woman in the El Paso Police department, and Assistant Chief Diana Kirk

focus on the El Paso Police Department initiatives that have led to the designation of El Paso, a city of 600,00, as the second safest city in the nation. These officers will also share how they maneuver through a highly-charged workplace serving as advocates for women.

2. **Women & the Law.** Chief Justice Petra Jiminez Maes of the New Mexico Supreme Court, the first Hispanic woman to become chief justice of a state's highest court, and Judge Linda Chew of the 327th Judicial District Court will share their experiences in what research has deemed the "hostile atmosphere" of the law.
3. **21st Century Education.** Dr Sandra Braham, Assistant Vice President, UT El Paso, will guide participants in unearthing everyday opportunities that can significantly impact their personal futures and current career paths. This motivational workshop will discuss harnessing individual and collective power to overcome personal and professional obstacles.
4. **Scientific Workplace.** Tammy Henson, a physicist for Sandia Labs in Albuquerque, who designs telescopes for space shuttles, is the only woman in her field at Sandia Labs. She invented a deployable, thin film mirror for space telescopes and surveillance satellites. Tammy Henson will share her experiences in the scientific workplace.
5. **Web Site Design.** This interactive workshop will provide hands-on instruction in designing, troubleshooting, and maintaining user-friendly Branch websites. Mynda McGuire, Texas State Webmaster and Alejandra Zambanda, New Mexico Webmaster plus representatives from various branches will guide participants through a basic layout format plus key tips on maintaining a Branch website. Plans are for a local computer company to provide laptops for the session, but all participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops..
6. **Leadership.** Diana Campo, Southwest Regional Director, and Evelyn Cumming, Rocky Mountain Regional Director, will present an interactive workshop on leadership styles and when, how it is most successful.
7. **Diversity Dialogue.** "Paint With All the Colors You're Given: The Fine Art of Teamwork". This interactive session, led by Dr. Mary Berry, of NMSU, offers a unique way for AAUW members to talk about personality and work styles as they interact with others in volunteer work and in the workplace. "What's Your Color?" is a fun, easy

instrument that allows participants to look at themselves and others in terms of how they are different and similar. Based on the research of Keirse, David & Bates, *Please Understand Me* (1984) and Lowry, *True Colors* (2001).

B: MARKETING BRANCHES SATURDAY APRIL 24 2 P.M.

1. **Partnerships.** Have a great project you'd like to take on, but not enough resources in your branch to do it? Come find out how partnerships can make these projects possible!
2. **Home Tours.** The North Harris County, Texas, Branch provides advice on conducting a successful home tour. The branch will guide participants in all aspects of implementing a successful Home Tour: organization, committees, home and decorator/florist selection, convincing the home owner to participate, security and liability, seeking corporate, business and friends sponsors, advertising, and selling the community
3. **Web Site Design.** Repeat of Saturday morning workshop.
4. **Association Reform.** The Association, like our branches and state, continues to change to meet the needs of the membership and carry out its mission. Regional directors, Evelyn Cumming of Rocky Mountain and Diane Campo of Southwest Central will discuss changes at the Association level..
5. **Sister-to-Sister Program.** Recognizing the need to partner with a respected organization with parallel goals, the Montgomery County, Texas, Branch embarked on a series of pilot Sister-to-Sister programs with the Girl Scouts of the San Jacinto Council. The workshop provides a chronicle of the journey and a template for others to follow.
6. **Diversity Dialogue.** Repeat of Saturday morning workshop.
7. **Play Production.** Hear how McAllen, Texas, Branch meets the social, academic, and economic needs of its community by sponsoring production of a play in their community.

C: BUILDING COMMUNITIES SUNDAY APRIL 25 9:00 A.M.

1. **Mother/Daughter Program.** Dr. Josie Tinajero, Associate Dean of the College of Education UTEP, shares her experiences with the UTEP Mother-Daughter Program, which she founded in 1986. More than 3,000 sixth-grade girls and their

mothers have participated in this program, which started serving girls in one school district--now it's eight. Program activities center around four areas in the development of both mothers and daughters - academic, career, community life and personal development. This innovative program helps young Hispanic girls and their mothers to create their own hopes and their own bright futures.

2. **Women at Work.** This is the latest of a distinguished series of research reports published by AAUW-EF. This workshop will discuss the report and highlight branches that are using the report in their programming.
3. **Political Forums.** As promoters of impartial information regarding issues and candidates, AAUW members can sponsor community forums. Learn how the Georgetown, Texas, Branch has collaborated with other organizations to present a neutral platform prior to local city council and school board elections.
4. **Sister-to-Sister Program.** The Tarrant County, Texas, Branch will guide participants through the planning, coalition-building and implementation of the Sister-to-Sister Forums.
5. **Girls Can Program.** Members of the Las Cruces,

LET'S ENJOY EL PASO!

The El Paso Planning Committee has arranged these pre- and post- convention tours. Please return your tour registration form with the Convention Registration Form. A tour prepayment will be refunded if the tour does not have its minimum of attendees. All pre-paid tours must be post-marked by **April 16.**

Ciudad Juarez. The El Paso-Juarez Trolley Co makes eight stops in Ciudad Juarez. You may board the trolley at designated stops and remain at each site all day or a few hours. The trolleys depart from the Civic Center (behind the Hotel). Specific stop information will be available at the Hotel. *Every hour daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

El Paso Museum of Art Located across the street from the Hotel, its permanent collection is more than 5,000 pieces of art, including the Samuel H. Kress collection of 13th-18th century European art, 19th and 20th century American art, 18th and 19th century Mexican colonial art and retablos, works on paper, and contemporary art of the Southwest and Mexico. *Free admission*

Friday 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 12 noon - 5 p.m.

Aerial Tramway The Swiss-made gondola which travels on a 2,600 foot long 1 3/8 inch diameter steel cable will take you to the top of Ranger Peak. The four-minute ride soars above a deep canyon and offers observations of cacti, rock formations, reptiles, birds, insects. From 5,632 feet above sea level you can see 7,000 square miles, two countries, three states, and two cities. The tour lasts approximately two hours. Fee must be prepaid.

Cost: \$27.00

Ysleta, Socorro, & San Elizario Mission Tour Missions built by the Spanish along the Rio Grande served as bases from which to convert natives to Christianity. The missions attracted settlers and became centers for farming and ranching communities. Three remain and are in the National Register of Historic Places. In 1675 Ysleta Mission served as a refugee camp for Pueblo Indians escaping from Apache raiders. A permanent adobe mission was built in 1692. Socorro Mission was built in 1691. San Elizario is a very old community, with a presidio that was established to protect the Camino Real and area settlements. A three hour tour.

Cost: \$20.00

New Mexico, Branch will guide participants in learning how branches can meet the challenge of encouraging girls to continue their education by providing a morning of hands-on/interactive career oriented workshops. Also learn how they provide workshops for the parents on how to help their daughters reach their goals.

6. **Membership Success.** Linda Conger, Texas State VP for Membership, and Nina Thayer, New Mexico State VP for Membership, will present a panel of representatives from four branches (two from each state). Each will present a short presentation on their successful membership strategies.
7. **Educational Foundation Challenges.** Is it a challenge to explain what EF is and does? Or to find ways to include foundation research in programming? Join our EF officers from New Mexico and El Paso as they discuss these and other EF challenges.

Many thanks to the lead volunteers of the Planning Committee, Luetta L. Salguero, Bev Frannea, Sulta Bonner, La June Smith, Dolores M. Halls, Harriett Dorgan, Ruth Benjamins, Beverly Stiles, Carol Ann Council, Carmen C. LaFarelle, and Barbara Saavedra. 9

Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino

Sunland Park, New Mexico, is a 15 minute ride from downtown El Paso. Requires a minimum of 25 people. *Cost: free transportation, but requires a minimum 3-hour stay at the casino.*

CAMINO REAL HOTEL

101 South El Paso Street,
El Paso, TX 79901

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Deadline for Convention Rate: March 23, 2004

Call for Room Rate Reservation of \$80 (plus tax)
Single or Double

1-800-769-4300 or
1-915-534-3099

DIRECTIONS

Hotel is in downtown El Paso

From I-25, take Downtown Convention Center exit, south on Santa Fe St.
Turn left (east) on San Antonio
(traffic light)

Turn left (north) at traffic light, Turn left (west) at 2nd traffic light,
Turn left into hotel circular drive.

{Taking the Downtown exit going south on Santa Fe, the hotel is on your left, but Santa Fe enters one-way, so you must circle three sides of the hotel and enter from the north.}

From Las Cruces (West). From I-10 Eastbound, take Downtown Convention Center Exit 19.

You will be on Gateway East.

Turn right on Oregon.

Go three blocks south

Turn right on Mills.

AAUW-NM NOMINATIONS

Co-Presidents Carol Ann Council (Las Cruces) and Nancy Scheer (Santa Fe);

Membership Coordinators Nina Thayer (Los Alamos) and Nolina Bryant (Socorro); **Media Relations Coordinator** Betty W. Smith (Albuquerque);

Nominations Marilyn Dunn. *Carol Woodworth*, NOMINATIONS CHAIR

ANNUAL OFFICER/BRANCH REPORTS: State President Carol Ann has requested that the Annual AAUW-NM State Officer and Branch reports be sent to her by April 8, allowing time for copying and inserting into the convention notebooks.

AAUW PUBLIC POLICY

The Association has sent the Public Policy Packet for 2004, which includes the following material: Public Policy Workshop, Get Out the Vote Workshop, Title IX Summit Packet, and the ABC's of Women's Issues (from the National Council of Women's Organizations). Branches planning their 2004 programs are welcome to request any or all of the materials. *Dolores M. Halls* MEMBER OF AAUW NATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE 2961 Valle Vista, Las Cruces, NM 88011 dhalls@nmsu.edu

★★★ INVITATION ★★★

All AAUW-NM State Leadership Team Members

(state board officers/chairs,

branch presidents/ representatives)

are invited to the Joint-Convention Board Event

April 22, Thursday, 6:30 p.m., La Hacienda Restaurant. Meet with our AAUW-TX counterparts, dine on fine Mexican food, and enjoy the Shady Ladies as entertainment!

The front drive is one block down to the right.

From the Airport (East)

Take Airway Blvd. to I-10
Westbound,

Take Downtown Convention Center Exit 19-B.

You will be on Missouri.

Turn left on Oregon.

Go three blocks south

Turn right on Mills.

The front drive is one block down to the right.

This evening is hosted by the El Paso Branch.

Reservations are requested, ASAP!

Please notify AAUW-NM President,
Carol Ann Council:

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505-522-3313

**AAUW-NM/TX
JOINT CONVENTION
SCHEDULE ***
April 23-25, 2004 El Paso Texas
Bridging Borders
Women as Leaders
Women in Charge

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. Joint Convention Board
 Event
 La Hacienda Restaurant

FRIDAY

1-9pm Registration
 1:00 AAUW-NM Leadership
 Team Meeting
 5:00 Dine-around
 8:15 First Plenary Session
 Keynote Address: Dr.
 Ann Stuart
 9:00 Reception

SATURDAY

Morning

8:00-1:30 Registration
 8:30 Second Plenary Session
 Keynote Address:
 Dr. Diana Natalicio
 9:45 FIRST BUSINESS MEETING (NM and TX meet separately)
 10:45 Workshops A

Afternoon

12:15 Legal Advocacy Fund
 Luncheon, Hotel

2:00 Workshops B
 3:30 SECOND BUSINESS
 MEETING
 6:30 Educational Foundation
 Dinner, off site
 Speaker: Leslie Harlacker
SUNDAY
Morning
 9:00 Workshops C
 10:00 International Brunch, Hotel
 Speaker: Barbara Carey
 11:00 THIRD BUSINESS MEETING
 12:00 Town Hall Meeting

- The complete and up-to-date schedule will be in your Convention packet.

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AAUW 2004 Joint State Convention New Mexico and Texas

April 23-25, 2004

New Mexico Member

Camino Real Hotel El Paso Texas

Registration Form

Note: Please print or type clearly. Provide all information required, one person per form. Meal availability cannot be guaranteed with late registration. Full payment must accompany registration. Cancellations before March 23 will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00. No refunds after that date. Enclose check, payable to AAUW New Mexico/Texas Joint State Convention to cover registration fee and meals.

Name _____ Badge Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

AAUW _____ Branch
 Position _____ in _____ Branch

State _____ Office
 Assn _____ Office

e-mail

Please indicate any special needs

Registration Fees and Special

Events

Registration Fee includes convention packet, workshop materials, and Friday evening reception.

Postmarked by March 23	\$45	\$
Postmarked by April 6	\$55	\$
Registration at the Convention	\$65	\$
Day Registration	\$35	\$

Special Events

LAF Luncheon, Saturday	\$30	\$
EF Dinner, Saturday	\$35	\$
International Brunch, Sunday	\$18	\$

Total Remittance \$

Check one Voting Status Only

- Branch Delegate
- Alternate Branch Delegate
- Student Affiliate
- College/University Member
- Member-at-Large

Check All That Apply

- First Time Attendee
- 50-Year Member
- Past State President

Bridging Borders

Women as Leaders

Women in Charge

Workshop Registration Form

Note: You are requested to pre-register.

Indicate your selection in the box.

Indicate Workshop Choice

1st 2nd 3rd

Empowering Women

Workshops A: Saturday AM

- 1 Border Safety Issues
- 2 Women and the Law
- 3 21st Century Education
- 4 Scientific Workplace
- 5 Web Site Design
- 6 Leadership
- 7 Diversity Dialogue

Marketing Branches

Workshops B: Saturday PM

- 1 Partnerships
- 2 Home Tours
- 3 Web Site Design
- 4 Association Reform
- 5 Sister-to-Sister Program
- 6 Diversity Dialogue
- 7 Play Production

Building Communities

Workshops C: Sunday AM

- 1 Mother/Daughter Program
- 2 Women to Work Program
- 3 Political Forums
- 4 Sister-to-Sister Program
- 5 Girls Can Program
- 6 Membership Success
- 7 Educational Foundation Challenges

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Our Missing Presidential Names

Before the 1970's, women were usually listed by their husbands names in AAUW directories but,

as a result, we generally have lost recognition of their individual identities. We have been trying to identify the first names of all past Presidents of AAUW-NM. At this time only a few are missing:

Mrs. C. A. Love, Hobbs, 1941-43

Mrs. J. R. Besse, Silver City 1943-45

Mrs. W. Grover Murphy, Las Cruces 1943

Mrs. A. T. Gordon, Tatum 1950-51

Mrs. Baron Stuart, Portales 1953-55

Mrs. Roy W. Perkins, Grants 1959-63

If you know any of their first names, please contact Carol Ann Council or Pat Freeman

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The Educational Foundation's third international symposium, "International Perspectives: Women Leading Change in Public Health and Technology," will be held November 12-14, 2004, in Washington, D. C. Members are encouraged to submit proposals, tell colleagues, and attend.

YOUTH IN COMMUNITY SUMMIT

Our thanks to Frances Stevens, of Las Cruces Branch who represented AAUW-NM at the First Annual Youth in Community Summit "Advancing What Works for Youth," held in Las Cruces in early December. Frances is a former teacher, principal, and Assistant Superintendent, and was a member of the State School Board. She joined over 300 participants from throughout the state for the conference.

Jean Bahr, ACADEMIC COORDINATOR