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Legislative Day February 7

Our AAUW-NM day at the Legislature, Monday February 7, was successful and rewarding. Thanks to Corrine Howard for setting up appointments with various legislators and with the Governor. We had approximately 20 members lobbying their legislators on key issues. The Pre-Kindergarten Act HB337 was top priority. On Sunday night, our speaker Rep. Rick Miera had told us that funding for the Pre-K was threatened by proposed tax cuts. Our position is that a tax cut should not be made if it undermines quality education in NM.

Issues can be supported by contacting legislators through email, by phone, or by post. The Legislature has a very good website <http://legis.state.nm.us> where bills can easily be located and tracked. You can subscribe to a free email alert service which will give you daily updates on bills that interest you.

During the session, our Lobby Corps goes to the Legislature on Mondays and Wednesdays and any other days when an important piece of legislation is being introduced or voted on.

Laura Stokes, PUBLIC POLICY CO-CHAIR

AAUW-NM SCHEDULE

**April 29-May 31
AAUW-NM Convention at
Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas,
hosted by
Las Vegas Branch**

**May 10 Deadline for Summer
Roadrunner**

**June 24-27 AAUW Convention
in Washington D.C.**

**August 10 Deadline for Fall
Roadrunner**

**October 22-23
AAUW-NM Fall Workshop,
hosted by Grant County Branch (Silver City)**

AAUW-NM 2005 Convention: "Seeking Harmony in Turbulent Times"

April 29-May 1, 2005

The Las Vegas Branch invites all members and guests to attend the convention at the historic Plaza Hotel in Old Town. Branch and Student Affiliate members have been planning this interesting and timely weekend since fall. Our theme will help us deal with today's troubling issues, keep them in perspective, and explore ways to achieve harmony in our own relationships.

The Plaza Hotel was called "The Belle of the Southwest" when it was built in 1882 for the *crème de la crème* expected to arrive by the railroad that reached Las Vegas in 1882. In 1982, the Plaza was renovated and re-opened. It has 38 rooms in 19th century decor and furnishings, with 21st century amenities. Las Vegas has 900 buildings that are on the National Register of Historic Places. The restoration and success of the Plaza Hotel inspired much more restoration of historic buildings in Las Vegas--e.g., beautiful Victorian homes north of Highlands University--as well as across New Mexico.

The Friday evening Chautauqua performance by Deborah Blanche will be based on the book *Land of Enchantment: Memoirs of Marion Sloan Russell Along the Santa Fe Trail*. The songs, sounds and memories of the Old Santa Fe Trail are relived and retold by Deborah portraying Mrs. Russell who crossed the trail five times in her youth. As an adult living in New Mexico and southern Colorado, Marion was the quintessential Western woman. The Santa Fe Trail ran right through Las Vegas.

Saturday morning offers a choice of two workshops.

★ **HILDA WALES**, on Conflict Resolution. Hilda, now retired from the staff of the United World College (UWC), has guided students at all ten UWC schools in exploring what behaviors lead to conflict and how individuals and nation states can avoid those behaviors.

★ **RUTH HAZELTON**, President of Las Vegas Branch, will share her experiences establishing the first AAUW student affiliate branch in New Mexico and give pointers for branches planning one. Ruth will be assisted by Liz Parkinson, a student affiliate member.

Saturday lunch will be in restored historic Montezuma Castle of the Armand Hammer United World College of the American West. Four afternoon events that follow will be open to the public for a donation of \$15.00 to EF/LAF. First, Dr. Selena Sermeno, who leads the Bartos Institute for Conflict Resolution headquartered in Montezuma Castle, will speak about the work of the Bartos Institute. Dessert will be at 2 p.m. Next, African students who attend UWC will perform African music and rhythms. Following their performance there will be a tour of Montezuma Castle.

After dinner the keynote speaker will be William Stewart, foreign affairs columnist for the *Santa Fe New Mexican*. A fine classical jazz quartet will play for us.

Come and see the historic sites of Las Vegas and help make our seventy-second State Convention a memorable one!

Natalie Markin and Ruth Hazelton

Presidents' Letter

We write this the day after a successful Legislative Day in Santa Fe. Many thanks to the Santa Fe Branch for hosting AAUW-NM's 2005 Winter Leadership Team meeting Sunday afternoon, providing a wonderful dinner that evening, and arranging Bed & Breakfast for those staying to lobby at the Roundhouse Monday. Thanks to Helen Snoko for coordinating the event, to Flossie Brown for providing the facility, and to all the Santa Fe Branch members who prepared food and provided lodging! Also, appreciation is extended to Betty Walker-Smith, from the Albuquerque Branch, for engaging our after-dinner speaker, Representative Rick Miera (Albuquerque south valley area), chair of the House Education Standing Committee. He discussed various aspects of the governor's proposed Pre-K program and answered our questions on other matters that are to come before the state legislature in this 60 day session. Our lobby corps members distributed information on the various issues and bills of concern to AAUW-NM, so we would be prepared when visiting our senators and representatives the next day.

. Registered lobbyists, Corrine Howard, Laura Stokes, Marion Isidoro, Dixie Trebbe, Jan Lifson-Bray, and Carolyn Glen Kaye, do a great job! These women travel to Santa Fe at least once a week during the legislative session. They keep up to date on the issues (informing

the rest of us), visit legislators, leave written and telephone messages for others, attend committee hearings, and speak during hearings. Other AAUW members are encouraged to join this group. You are not required to be a registered lobbyist to participate, just have an interest in public policy and in the legislative process. Contact one of the Lobby Corps members for more information.

The next major event for AAUW-NM will be the annual Convention, April 29-May 1; in Las Vegas at the historic Victorian Plaza Hotel. We will conduct necessary business, attend workshops, enjoy a four-event EF/LAF fund-raiser at the Armand Hammer United World College of the American West, and hear some outstanding speakers. See all the details elsewhere in this issue. Register early and expect a wonderful weekend! We hope to see many of you.

Carol Ann Council and Nancy Scheer

_ Keep abreast of the AAUW/IFUW organizational and dues issues by checking these internet sites: www.IFUWsupport.org; www.ifuw.org; www.AAUW.org; www.vgif.org Sign up to receive the Association public policy notices, *Mission In Action*, via e-mail. Send your e-mail address to: records@aauw.org

_ Contact your local branch president to purchase tickets for the IFUW/VGIF raffle, \$2 each or six for \$10. Photos of the items to be raffled are on the AAUW-NM web page, <http://aauw-nm.org>. The drawing for the raffle will take place at the Convention in Las Vegas.

FROM OUR ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION DIRECTOR

Before we are into the hurly-burly of Spring, while we can still put off some personal tasks, is a perfect time to reflect on where we are going, as branch, state and national entities. With AAUW we have commitments, but conventions are in the future; and program, fund-raising and recruitment activity have slowed. At the branch and state levels we can look back at successes, learn from problems and discuss the future. Association is doing similar questioning... where do we want to be as an organization; how we will get there; what works in the office in DC, what doesn't work, and how can that be changed? Here are some highlights.

- The Board of Directors and staff agreed to actions that foster improved communications and relations.
- The Finance Department has streamlined their processes, making monitoring more effective for both the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee.
- Association has fewer employees. Sometimes this is not a good organization move, but AAUW must do everything it can to lower expenses.
- Association has modified their use of office space in the building, moving operations out of two floors. This space will be made available for rent to some other

Theresa Alice Foley Sleight

1925-2004

New Mexico AAUW has suffered a tragic loss in the death of Terry Sleight. Terry was fearless in defense of principles she considered right, which almost always

organization by the Educational Foundation.

- The Educational Foundation/Legal Advocacy Fund (EF/LAF) unification is almost complete; financial and legal documents remain to be finalized. Great effort has been made to retain the vision of LAF as a leading voice on behalf of women in higher education. Donations designated to LAF will be used specifically for that LAF vision.
- The Board of Directors, following their difficult decision to delete International Federation of University Women (IFUW) dues from this year's budget, has agreed that AAUW needs to retain international engagement and action as an important part of the organization. Discussion on the possibilities will continue at AAUW Convention in DC this June.
- Moves will be made to modify AAUW Convention by lengthening the planning process to two years, attracting nonmember participation and using the convention as a means of building membership.

I know you see from the above that our organization intends to meet the many challenges that face all volunteer organizations, and work to keep AAUW healthy and vital. We continue our quest for "equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change." *Evelyn Cumming*

coincided with AAUW positions.

For just one of the multiple jobs she carried out for us, that of lobbyist, she was faithful and staunch: driving to Santa Fe in clement and inclement weather, enduring weary hours in the capitol balconies, chasing down elusive and reluctant legislators to give them pertinent facts on vital or repressive bills. During my terms as state president she was someone I could always count on, regularly, or "in a pinch." Sometimes she said she had to remind us too often of

our duties; she was right! (I can just see her reminding the angels to hold their wings up!)

I will so miss her. So will we all

Sherry Sandlin

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AAUW-NM is saddened by the death of Terry Sleight on Dec. 27. Terry devoted her retirement years to public policy and was one of our registered lobbyists for many years. She worked diligently to improve education for New Mexico's children and young people. She represented AAUW-NM in the Choice Coalition and was constantly on guard for legislative bills that would affect a woman's right to make her own decisions concerning reproductive health.

Terry kept setting new goals for herself after meeting the previous ones. And her fight for issues significant to her and to AAUW continued to the end. Two weeks before her death, she expressed her concern over funding of the proposed Pre-K education program and its possible cut of funds for K-12.

AAUW-NM will establish an award in Terry's honor. Jean Bahr, Santa Fe Branch member and friend of Terry's, is chairperson of the team to set the award guidelines. If you have ideas you wish to submit, please contact Jean, 505-983-1947. *Nancy Scheer and Carol Ann Council*

PROPOSAL FOR AN AAUW PETITION TO THE FCC

On February 6, the AAUW-NM Leadership Team passed a resolution to present a petition at the National Convention of AAUW June 24-27, 2005, as follows. *

"AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN PETITION

TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

WHEREAS: While the electronic media has FREE USE of the PUBLIC airways to transmit, we believe the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is failing to exercise its legal powers to assure fair and comprehensive coverage of local, national and international events.

WHEREAS: Various types of censorship exist, we believe one of the most dangerous is censorship by OMISSION. Failure of the broadcast media to present a full range of differing points of view was illustrated by its narrow and inadequate coverage of (1) the events leading up to the war, (2) the recent national election, and (3) the present situation with the war.

WHEREAS: The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is concerned that

increasing consolidation of the broadcast media under multi-national corporations is preventing the citizens of this country from receiving varied and comprehensive coverage of global events. This news is essential for participation in and preservation of our democracy/republic.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN petitions the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION and (1) requests that it exercise its powers over all broadcast licensees to assure that the licensees present objective, comprehensive coverage and discussion of all important political, social, scientific and environmental issues facing the country as well as full coverage of all local, national and world news events; and further requests that (2) The FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) cease drafting new rules which would permit greater consolidation of broadcast media."

* For more information, contact Betty Walker Smith, AAUW-NM Media Relations

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RECENT CHARTER SCHOOL DATA

Charter school students are testing about a half year behind regular public school students, according to data from the well-regarded National Assessment of Educational Progress test scores released by the Department of Education in August. They fared more poorly than their counterparts regardless of income, race or ethnicity. Some critics charged the government with trying to camouflage the data, which it denied. The American Federation of Teachers (AFT), previously pro-charter, unearthed the data from online sources and provided it to the *New York Times*. According to the *Times* editorial, this was "a devastating setback for the Bush administration educational policy.Among other things, the data cast doubt on a central provision of the No Child Left Behind Act that encourages the states to hand over failing schools to companies and nonprofit community groups that want to run them as charter schools."

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PRESIDENT TO ELIMINATE WAGE AND WOMEN'S LABOR STATISTICS

President Bush intends to require the Labor Department to cease collecting information on where women work, positions they hold, and salaries they earn. Employers will still be required to furnish work data on industries, numbers of full and part-time workers, hours worked, salary, benefit and much, much more. Only collecting data by sex will be considered "burdensome." Newswoman Bonnie Erbe said, "Therein, most likely, lies the real reason the Labor Department wants to scrap its collection. It would just as soon quash the debate over the wage gap." Conservative congresswomen have signed a protest letter. This data is crucial to progress for equal rights for working women. Please call the White House and/or your congressional representatives *Carolyn Glen Kaye* ③

INTELLIGENCE FROM BRANCHES

Albuquerque. *Mary Campbell*, President 265-9365
November's Meeting was on "French Secularism and Muslim Women." The speaker was Pat Rizzo. For December's holiday luncheon program, "Stories to Bridge Cultures" the speaker was Mary Ellen Gonzales a Storyteller for the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities. In January Tim Johnson, past president of the Coalition for Excellence in Science Education told "All About CESE." February and March are a two part series, "Are You Ready to Be Single Again?" In the first, attorney Kenneth Leach spoke on "Estate Planning." The program for our General Meeting in March will be on "Women and Social Security," speaker Martha Cushing, Public Affairs Specialist for Social Security. The April General Meeting will be our tea party, with our popular book sale.

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

In January Georgia Holguin shared her experiences on her recent trip to Africa and Joyce Keeley showed a filmstrip on making African masks, a prelude to our February project: holding a class for our members. In March computer knowledgeable members will provide basic computer assistance to members who are intimidated by computers. In April there will be a scholars reception at NMSU-Carlsbad honoring outstanding Carlsbad High School Girls. In May we hold our end-of-the-year brunch

Grant County. *Adrienne Dare*, President 388-2013
Our membership has increased about one-third. Our December potluck/fund-raiser raised about \$450 for EF and LAF. For our January meeting one of our most popular presenters for our Expanding Your Horizons conference gave a training session for newer presenters. Hands-on workshops by role model women are the key ingredient of the conference. In February is our "Getting to know Each Other" event, a welcome opportunity for our members. The more we know about each others' interests the better to develop new and exciting programs for next year. March's program topic will be "Children's Nutrition." In April we plan a tea for high school and college girls with a presentation about scholarships. At our annual meeting and potluck in May we start planning exciting programs for next year.

Our big event of the year will be our Expanding Your Horizons conference to be held on March 5. We are again targeting 250th – 10th grade girls. Each girl will attend 3 hands-on workshops out of a choice of 22. There will also be group activity and chances to win one of many prizes. Lunch is free and each girl will get a free t-shirt. This year the Gila Regional Medical Center has provided support for the t-shirts. We are also working with women from the Rio Grande Girl Scout Council in our planning meetings. AAUW-NM has awarded Grant County a mini-grant to help with EYH

Las Cruces. *Marilyn Humphrey* President 526-4748
Spring is almost here and this President finds most of us are ☺ upbeat, full of energy. Despite the rain, our Branch has been having great turn-out for the General Meetings. We have been experiencing an upward growth in membership--

now we have 102 members. Polling several memberships, the growth appears to be due to good programming and enthusiastic camaraderie among the members. Also, the "buddy system" seems to be working! For the most part, we seek the same goals and have the same basic interest.

The February program was: "How Can the Desert Survive Development?" Presenters were: Dr. Stephanie Bestelmeyer, Exec. Dir. Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park and a local developer, John Curry. The March Program, "Child Abuse," is certainly a topic that needs to be addressed. We have invited elementary school teachers and parents to attend. The April program: "Women of Chiapas: Marking History in Times of Struggle and Hope." Our members invite guests to these programs because of their community importance.

Las Vegas *Ruth Hazelton* President 454-0185
Las Vegas Branch has been working on the AAUW-NM Convention to be held there beginning April 29!

Los Alamos *Marilyn Minshall* Facilitator 672-3499
The February meeting program will be a panel of Women at Work in Los Alamos--Choices, Challenges and Rewards--(a physicist, a potter and a teacher). Our long time member Pat Mendius has been selected as a Living Treasure in Los Alamos. She is a very active member of our branch and was president of the Farmington Branch at one time. Our member Jeannie Nereson was selected as a Living Treasure several years ago. The branch is also planning a fund raiser in April called "Sonnets, Sonata and Tortes"

Portales. *Mercedes Agogino* 356-8709.

Raton. *Carol Woodworth* President 445-3591

Santa Fe. *Mary Grathwol* 984-3157 and
Michelle Nolde 771-8197 Co-Presidents
Santa Fe has had a wide variety of challenging and attractive programs, with as many as 40 members and guests attending. There are a number of new members. The branch awarded a \$2,000 UNM graduate program scholarship. Careers and Curiosity in Math and Science has just been held at two elementary schools and Kindness Is Contagious, a national motivational program, will be held March 31-April 7 at an elementary school.

Socorro. *Geraldine Klinglesmith*, President 838-1309
Socorro had another successful Visitas de Navidad with the proceeds going for scholarships. There was a good mix of old historic homes and newly constructed ones. This tour gives a stage for the AAUW recorder and singing groups to show off their skills. The new year began with a Caribbean Dinner for members and guests. The menu was chosen by our member

who is a native of the French island of Guadeloupe. We were introduced to some new flavors and ingredients. All are looking forward to a "hands-on" Yoga demonstration by

AND OTHER STATES

another member who teaches Yoga classes. March will bring an informative meeting about a working trip to Wusuta, Ghana by a group of women from NM. Finally, we will tour the newly completed El Camino International Heritage Center on the 1000-year-old trade route just south of Socorro. The Great Decisions discussion group is again in full swing, as is the book group. *Mary Miller*, HISTORIAN, PUBLICITY

West Mesa. Sharon Booth, President 831-4231

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Privacy on Websites

"Websites are a great way to gain visibility beyond our branches. However, we all need to be aware of member privacy issues and how much of our personal information is available when branch newsletters are posted on websites.... AAUW-CA recently received commendation for addressing some of these issues through the website privacy policy posted on our website, modeled on the 'website guidelines' posted on the Association web site.... The Privacy Rights Clearinghouse has developed a detailed fact sheet

(<http://www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs28-nonprofits.htm>) that can provide guidance as we move forward.....A partial review of branch websites shows that NONE [of the] branch newsletters have a good privacy policy in practice at this time, since even 'private' areas of websites are not extremely secure." *California Perspective* June 2004 page 4

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Membership Success

Three of our eleven branches have met the challenge and increased membership 10% so far this membership year: Raton, Grant County (Silver City) and Las Vegas. Congratulations to each new member and to every member who recruited or mentored a new member. Ask an eligible friend, colleague or neighbor to your next branch or study group activity. If they join, both of you will receive a handsome AAUW-NM turquoise and gold lapel pin.

Nina Thayer CO-MEMBERSHIP

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Nominations

Nominations to fill AAUW-NM offices for the 2005-2007 term are as follows: ♦ Program/Issues Coordinator (First Vice-Pres.)- Natalie Markin, (Los Alamos) and Shila Marek (Carlsbad) ♦ Finance Chair- Virginia Spruiell (Carlsbad) ♦ Outreach Co-ordinator- Mary Sandford (Carlsbad) ♦ Public Policy Co-ordinator- Marion Isidoro (Albuquerque) and Dolores Halls (Las Cruces) for southern New Mexico; ♦ Legal Advocacy Chair- Louise Driik (Las Vegas) ♦ Newsletter Editor- vacant. *Marilyn Dunn*, NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Membership Dues

This is a gentle reminder that Association dues will increase by \$2 this coming membership year, 2005-2006. Branch members will pay \$43 for the Association portion of their dues, while members-at-large (MALs) will pay \$44. AAUW-NM dues will remain at \$12.

Set branch membership renewal strategy now--newsletter announcements (possibly including a return-address envelope), tables at meetings to collect dues, individual reminders. Every delay makes it more difficult for your branch treasurer to send in complete renewal information by the July 1 deadline.

Nina Thayer

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Educational Foundation

In 2004, AAUW members in the State of New Mexico contributed \$908.25 to the Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship.

☞ Why? The AAUW Educational Foundation is the tool to support the AAUW mission: _Equality for women and girls
_Lifelong education
_Positive social change

☞ In addition, the AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development of women and to foster equity and positive social change.

☞ Why do you give from your personal resources to AAUW? _ Give to share our advantages with others. _ Bestow

opportunity _ Confer a legacy _ Present praise _ Grant support
For the women who follow us!

☞ Receive private satisfaction from changing the society.
_ Obtain personal goals
_ Gain friends
_ Acquire sustenance
_ Achieve power
For the women who follow us!

☞ Honor the beliefs and principles that govern our lives.
_ Acknowledgment of companions
_ Recognition from friends
_ Reputation for achievement
_ Memorial to our mentors
For the women who follow us!

Pat Joneitz, EF CHAIR

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AAUW-NM Policies and Procedures

Your AAUW-NM Leadership Team has been revising the state Policies and Procedures. One aspect of this process is to add a new policy concerning state (not branch) fund-raising events. Included would be such events as raffles, silent auctions, book sales, special meals, etc., that are held for EF and or LAF but could be for other purposes. One suggestion already made is that such an event must have AAUW-NM Leadership Team approval, not just the approval of a committee or task force. How should we decide which events to support? The committee writing this particular policy welcomes your input. Please contact one of the following team members by April 10th with your ideas and suggestions.

Louise Driik 505-425-6975 Virginia Spruiell 505-885-2755
Nancy Scheer 505-473-9897

DIVERSITY

There will be a display on the diversity in our New Mexico branches at the AAUW-NM Convention. Each branch has been asked to consider how the branch is diverse and ways that it would like to be diverse. Visualization of existing and desired diversity will give us all some food for thought.

Recently I observed one of our long-time branch members as she maneuvered her way into the building for our branch meeting. I wondered if I faced limited mobility, would I make the effort? Then I found the checklist for "welcoming People with Physical Disabilities in the Association's Diversity Tool Kit" and thought it worth sharing. We might also use this list at other places where we know people may seek access. What does your meeting facility look like? What about key meeting places in your community?

- Does publicity state that the event or meeting will be accessible?
- Does the registration form ask members and guests to indicate special needs?
- Has a committee been appointed to assist people with special needs and ensure that special needs are met?
- Is any transportation that is provided by you or the facility fully accessible?
- Do ramps and elevators exist in the facility?
- Are doors and elevators wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair?
- Is there at least one restroom stall equipped with railings and wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair?
- Do elevators have tones, tactile buttons, or Braille buttons? Are call buttons low enough for people who use wheelchairs?
- Do telephones have hearing amplification, TDD, or relay services?
- Do fire alarms signal with warning lights and bells?
- Have you provided auxiliary aids, for example: qualified interpreters, listening devices, Braille publications, large-type copies, and large screen captioning?
- Are there an adequate number of handicapped parking places?
- Has an AAUW member inspected the facility for physical accessibility? *Kathie Gilbert* DIVERSITY CHAIR

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IFUW/VGIF Raffle Prizes

Painting "Famous Pueblo Potters"
by Francis "Frank" Harlow

Hand Carved Wood Vessel "Chaco Night"
by Jim McLain

Hand Crafted Gourd Kachina by Valerie Milner
Basket of Wine

MORE ABOUT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Marion Sloan Russell

The Old Santa Fe Trail, over which once flowed the commerce of a nation, lives now only in the memory of a few old hearts. It lives there like a lovely, oft repeated dream: the creaking of wagon wheels, the jingle of trace chains, the songs, sounds, and memories. These are relived and retold by Deborah.

Marion was an Army wife,, mother, homesteader, postmistress, trading post manager homemaker, and ranch woman...the quintessential Western woman. After her husband Richard was killed in a gun battle in Colorado, Marion became a plaintiff in a suit against the Maxwell Land Grant Company for attempting to evict her family and others from the land they had homesteaded. Mrs. Russell tells her stories, answers questions, and reflects on the old trail as a metaphor for life.

Dr Selena Sermeno

Dr. Sermeno has a Masters of Divinity, a Masters of Arts and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Temple University. She is a native of El Salvador and has served as consultant to humanitarian groups engaged in post-conflict societies.

William Stewart

Born in Scotland, Bill attended Johns Hopkins University and entered the foreign service, serving in Bombay and Vietnam. He worked for *Time Magazine* in Tokyo, New Delhi, and New York. He also was bureau chief in the Mideast and in South East Asia. He speaks knowledgeably about current issues of import.

Montezuma Castle

Montezuma Castle was built in 1882 as a grand 270-room wooden hotel, designed by Chicago architects John Root and Daniel Burnham for the AT&SF Railroad, which in 1882 had built a spur from Las Vegas to the nearby town Montezuma. By 1886 twice it had burned down and had been rebuilt. It closed in 1903. Later the building was owned by the Baptist Church, then the Catholic Church. In 1972 it was left empty. Vandalism resulted.

In 1981 the Armand Hammer Foundation bought it for use as the US campus for UWC. In 1997 the National Trust for Historic Preservation recognized Montezuma Castle as one of America's most endangered historic places. In 1998 the UWC-USA launched the Save the Castle-Save the World campaign. In 2000-2001 the castle was renovated.

We will tour the restored building, which houses some students and faculty, classrooms, a student center, offices, a kitchen, the student dining room, and holds the Bartos Institute.

⑥ See photos of these at aauw-nm.org.

AAUW-NEW MEXICO 2005 CONVENTION
"Seeking Harmony in Turbulent Times"
Hosted by the Las Vegas Branch

Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1, 2005
Plaza Hotel, 230 Plaza Park; Las Vegas, New Mexico

DIRECTIONS: From I-25, exit #345, second exit (University), west (left) into town, through the light, jog right one block to National--leads through campus to Old Town Plaza across bridge. Plaza Hotel faces the plaza on the west (right) side.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Phone the Plaza (505) 425-3591 by April 11. **Deadline** for our block of 33 rooms April 15.

Tell the desk you're booking for the AAUW Convention. Room types with per-night rates and number of occupants follow with the number of rooms of each type available in brackets [].

Standard: Δ One Queen, 1 or 2 persons \$69.00 [13] Δ Two Queen, 2 to 4 persons \$79.00 [6] *Premium:* Δ One King, 1 or 2 persons \$89.00 [6] Δ Two Queens and a Day Bed, 3 to 5 persons \$89.00 [2] Δ Two Queens, 2 to 4 persons \$97.00 [2] *Suites:* Δ Two Queens, 2 to 4 persons \$129.00 [3] Δ One King, 1 or 2 persons \$129.00 [1]

Breakfast: Fixed "Plaza Breakfast" (full) is provided to hotel guests. If one chooses to order off the menu, there is a discount for guests, full price for non-guests of the hotel.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: Fee includes convention notebook and packet, workshop materials, and Friday Reception.

Print or type form clearly--one person per form. Meal availability cannot be guaranteed with late registration. **Cancellations** accepted until April 11. **Make your check** for the full amount and made payable to AAUW Las Vegas Branch. **Mail your check with your form** to Louise Driik, PO Box 8, Montezuma, NM 87731. **Questions?** Louise: pandora13@desertgate.com (505)425-6975; Ruth: jonruthaz@zianlink.com (505)454-0185

SCHEDULE

Friday

12:00— Registration
 Plaza Hotel lobby
 1:30 Leadership Team Meeting #1
 5:00 Dinner--Dutch Treat
 7:00 Business Meeting #1
 8:30 Chautauqua, Deborah Blanche, portraying Marion Sloan Russell in "Along the Old Santa Fe Trail"

Saturday

7:30-8:30 Registration/ Breakfast
 8:30 Choice of 2 Workshops:
 a. Hilda Wales: Conflict Resolution
 b. Ruth Hazelton, "Starting an AAUW Campus Affiliate"

Saturday continued

9:30 Business Meeting #2
 11:20 Conclusion of Raffle to benefit IFUW/VGIF; Drawing
 11:30 Carpool to United World College
 12:00 Lunch
Starred () events are open to the public as an EF/LAF fund-raiser:*
 * 1:00 Dessert
 * 1:30 Dr. Selena Sermeno speaking about Bartos Institute for Conflict Resolution
 * 2:30 African Chorus (UWC students)
 * 3:00 Tour of Montezuma Castle

Saturday continued

5:30 Reception, Plaza Hotel, with Student Affiliate members as hostesses
 6:30 Dinner
 7:30 Keynote Speaker: Bill Stewart Awards and Installation of Officers
 9:00 Classical Jazz Quartet
Sunday
 8:00 Breakfast 9:00 Leadership Team Meeting #2
 Town Hall, Barbara Carey, Chair
 Delegates' Meeting
 12:00 Adjournment

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone: Home _____ Work _____
 Address _____ e-mail: _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Branch _____ Delegates please check one: State: ____ Branch: ____

Current Branch, State, Association Positions

Special

Needs

Registration Fee	Early Bird Registration (postmark by April 9)	\$35.00 \$ _____
	Late Registration (postmark after April 9)	\$45.00 \$ _____
	Saturday only: Walk-ins	\$25.00 \$ _____
Meals/EF-LAF Event	Friday dinner (Dutch treat)	
	Lunch and Dessert, UWC	\$ 7.00 X _____ !
	EF/LAF donation per person	\$15.00 X _____
	Dinner Saturday evening	\$23.00 X _____ !
	Choice of entrees (one check mark per person): ___ Salmon ___ Chicken ___ Vegetarian	
		Total Remittance: \$ _____

Choose one workshop: ___ Conflict Resolution ___ Creating a Student Affiliate

[!] Spouse/ Guests may accompany you to lunch or dinner for the cost of the meal.

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