

# The **ROADRUNNER**

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## Membership Challenge Success!

We celebrated a wonderful first year of the Membership Challenge during the awards ceremony at the AAUW-NM State Convention on Saturday, April 30. The Las Vegas, Grant County, and Raton branches received engraved crystal heart-shaped boxes in honor of meeting the Challenge and increasing membership by 10%. The Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Las Cruces, Portales, Socorro, and West Mesa branches received special recognition for retaining their previous year's membership levels. Given the rate of attrition throughout the state, we know that many new members were recruited by all branches. **Way to go everyone!!!** A BIG thanks to all for your efforts. We will be submitting new membership challenge packets for 2005-2006 to all branches soon. *And welcome to all new members.* We are so glad you joined us in supporting our worthy mission.

*Nina Thayer and Nolina Bryant  
AAUW-NM Membership Co-chairs*

### AAUW-NM SCHEDULE

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

**August 13 Summer Leadership Team  
Meeting in Albuquerque**

**August 20 Deadline for Fall *Roadrunner***

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

## Jan Lifson-Bray Receives Grace Barker Wilson Award

The criteria for the Grace Barker Wilson Award states that the "projects and activities of the nominee must show evidence of challenging the status quo or initiating positive societal change through contributions to women's equity, women's education or women's self-esteem." This year's recipient has accomplished all of these.

Jan Lifson-Bray first joined AAUW in Minneapolis, MN. She was a member of the House Committee, Membership Committee, and Program Committee, and also served as Parliamentarian. As Vice-President for Public Policy, she led the formation of a statewide Coalition for the Gifted and Talented.

In AAUW-New Mexico, Jan has served as Public Policy Chair for the Albuquerque Branch and also co-founded the New Mexico Lobby Corps, which represents AAUW-NM in the legislature. She has been a member of the Commission on the Status of Women Task Force on Social Security Reform. In her Albuquerque Branch, Jan has also served as International Relations representative, Women's Issues chair, and as chair of the "Her Story Contest" in the Albuquerque Public Schools. Jan is the immediate past-president of the Albuquerque Branch and has co-chaired AAUW-LAF for the past two years. She is co-founder of the Coalition for Pay Equity in New Mexico and developed the publicity for "Campaign for the Cookie with 1/3 Cutout" which was presented to the mayor of Albuquerque, the Albuquerque City Council and the president of the University of New Mexico. She assisted Representative Mimi Stewart in writing and passing a bill on pay equity. Mary Campbell, president of the Albuquerque Branch, summarized Jan's accomplishments: "Jan Lifson-Bray has always been in the forefront of challenging the status quo and initiating societal change. She has spent thirty years fighting for equity and education, which translates to fighting for self-esteem. Her work to improve children's education has had a wide scope – from an individual basis to statewide level studies and work for legislation. Of her many successful efforts, perhaps the most outstanding was her leadership in the development of the Patriot Act Resolution and her dedication to that cause which led to its adoption at the last AAUW Convention in Providence, Rhode Island."

AAUW-NM offers Jan Lifson-Bray our heartfelt appreciation and our congratulations upon receiving the 2005 Grace Barker Wilson Award for Distinguished Service!

*Mary Sandford  
AAUW-NM Outreach Coordinator*

## Presidents' Letter

The 2005 AAUW-New Mexico State Convention, "Seeking Harmony in Turbulent Times" was the highlight event to complete a busy active year! Saturday's attendance topped 60, representing 8 of our 11 branches; in addition, 10 community members joined us for the special EF/LAF afternoon event. Much business was covered, workshops and speakers were informative, entertainment delightful, meals delicious, facility historical, and fun and comradeship were enjoyed by all.

A *big* thank you to the entire Las Vegas Branch, who hosted this event! Ruth Hazelton, branch president, coordinated the local arrangements; Louise Drlik ran registration and assisted with the arrangements with the United World College; Beverly Stiles and Natalie Markin, program co-chairs, helped with the programming; Pat Jonietz, EF chair, spearheaded the EF/LAF fundraising event; Nolina Bryant and Natalie coordinated the IFUW/VGIF raffle; Nina Thayer and Nolina continued "Membership Challenge" efforts; and many others - all have our appreciation for a **job well done!** Barbara Carey, State International Liaison Chair and President of the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF) assisted at the convention as our Association contact - she filled-in whenever needed and monitored the Town Hall Meeting. Hilda Wales of Las Vegas conducted an excellent workshop on "Conflict Resolution" and Ruth Hazelton shared her experience in "Starting a Campus Affiliate Satellite". Thank you, Barbara, Hilda and Ruth!

This year's two major fundraisers for the state concluded during the convention. The Harlow painting, McLain carved wooden vessel, Milner's gourd Kachina, and bottles of wine raffle earned a total of \$1000 - \$500 for the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) and \$500 for VGIF. The Saturday afternoon Educational Foundation (EF) and Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) event at the Montezuma Castle of the Armand Hammer United World College of the American West, that followed lunch on the site, included: dessert; EF remarks by Pat Jonietz; memories of Corrine Wolfe shared by various community members; an African Choir presentation; and a tour of the castle. This event earned \$1025 for the two funds. What a successful giving year for AAUW-NM!

Many items of business were discussed during various convention sessions. Besides officer and branch reports, we accepted a new 2005-2006 Public Policy Program, established a 05-06 budget, elected state officers, and shared the state 05-06 calendar. Other items of interest are:

1. a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) resolution to be presented from the floor at the Association Convention by AAUW-NM (effort directed by Betty Walker-Smith, ABQ);

2. a memorial award and one time participation in the Susan G. Komen Foundation "Run for the Cure" (12 June 05-ABQ) in remembrance of Terry Sleight;
3. the development of an annual branch recognition program awarded by the state;
4. an application completed by AAUW-NM for a "Get Out the Vote" impact grant from the Association;
5. a recommendation that AAUW-NM and each of its branches incorporate as non-profit organizations within the State of New Mexico;
6. the continuation of updating our State's Policies and Procedures.

Communication continues to be a key element for AAUW-NM. The office of President serves as a funnel for all information from the Association, the Regional Director, and other State Presidents to the state members. Carol Ann has developed an accurate list-serve e-mail system for rapid statewide distribution of all these communiqués. Notifications can be transmitted easily to the entire leadership team, the state officers, the branch presidents, or just the executive board. A big effort this past spring was put towards arranging, organizing, and monitoring a conference "Focus Group" call between the Association Interim Executive Director, Pat Nichols, and several state officers. A number of topics were covered: membership, IFUW, Leader-on-Loan program, communications, EF/LAF reporting, etc. All those that participated thought AAUW-NM's input was heard. Since then, many follow-up messages with questions and answers have taken place. Association is really trying!

And finally, a few other matters of interest that happened for AAUW-NM during 2004-2005:

- Las Vegas and Grant County Branches both requested and were granted financial support (mini grant) for a local project.
- Nancy worked many hours developing and presenting programs for several branches - Santa Fe, Las Vegas, Raton, and Carlsbad - as well as for the State Fall Workshop and the Albuquerque Choice Rally.
- Appointed a State Diversity Chair.
- Sponsored a girl for the "Believe in Me" Conference.
- Conferred with various Association, Regional, and other states' leaders on numerous items.
- Represented AAUW-NM at various meetings.
- Encouraged members in pursuing issues/projects [Public Policy, EF, LAF, By-Laws (Policies & Procedures), Media Relations, etc.].
- Assisted wherever needed.

Thank you for a great year! We have accomplished much, but still have a great deal more to do. With your help and continued support, we look forward to AAUW-NM in 2005-2006!

*Carol Ann Council & Nancy Scheer  
2004-2006 AAUW-NM Co-Presidents*

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL REPORT

This isn't so much a report as a "Thank You Note" to the members and leaders of AAUW New Mexico. It has been a pleasure working with you the last two years. Often, all of us had too little time to get things done, decreasing energy levels, increasing piles of stuff on the den floor, very full email INBOXES, but we pressed on. The continuing learning experience that is AAUW Life challenges us every week, but AAUW NM rises to the occasion with skill and grace and wit and talent and determination. Thank you for working with me to promote the mission and goals of AAUW.

Congratulations on your successes of 2005 and my very best wishes for 2006!

*Evelyn Cumming*

## REMEMBERING TERRY SLEIGHT

Sunday, June 12, AAUW-NM will sponsor a team to participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure to be held at Balloon Fiesta Park in Albuquerque. If you remember Terry's valiant struggle with breast cancer three times in her life, or the courageous women's rights advocate, or active AAUW-NM Board member, or as a dear friend, please consider joining the team. Terry herself participated several times in this event. You may register for \$25 online at <http://www.nmcure.com> or at 6 am the morning of the event. Another way to remember Terry is to write a check to "Komen Central New Mexico" and mail it to AAUW Albuquerque Branch, P.O. Box 92643, Albuquerque, NM 87199-2643. Checks will be collected until July 1, then sent in Terry's memory to the NM affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Donations are tax deductible.

On Sunday morning, the team will meet at 7 am at Balloon Fiesta Park. The 5 km race starts at 7:30 am, the 5 km walk at 7:45 am and the 1 km race/walk at 8:15 am.

Please contact Nina before June 12, if you plan to participate, so that we can find each other and walk together in the 5 km walk. For more information see the web site given above or call the Race for the Cure Hotline: 505 220-0063. Donations to the Komen Foundation in memory of other friends or relatives are also welcome. (Note name on the memo line.)

*Nina Thayer*

## ACADEMIC UPDATE

One of the most exciting educational advances in the state of NM occurred with this year's legislative session. The Pre-Kindergarten program is now official. Although the bill was sold to the legislature as a two-year pilot program, the Governor is committed to making it

permanent. The Education department and the Children Youth and Families department will combine forces to set up a voluntary half-day program for 4-year olds that will include local school districts and private providers. The budget has been trimmed from \$ 9 million to \$ 5 million. Private providers and school districts will make proposals by the end of May and the winners will be announced by June 17 with the first programs beginning in the fall.

Another change passed by the Legislature created a Higher Education Department, which will be headed by a cabinet – level secretary appointed by the Governor. This will replace the current appointive Commission on Higher Education. This change will give NM a comprehensive statewide agenda for higher education. The colleges and universities will maintain their local boards of regents. AAUW did not favor this change.

For fiscal year 2006, the legislature appropriated more than 2.1 billion in public school support, which represents an increase of approximately \$132.3 million or 6.7% over fiscal year 2005. This is the greatest increase in new dollars designated for education since the 2001 legislative session. Included in this program were sufficient funds for a mandated 1.25% salary increase for school employees other than teachers who are receiving the minimum \$40,000 salary and the .75% increase in the employer's contribution to the Educational Retirement Fund for fiscal year 2006. Funds were also provided for the final year of the three-year phase-in of elementary fine arts programs which requires that students will be exposed to fine arts for 80% of the school day. Funding will also provided to implement the third year of the five-year phase-in of the three-tiered licensure system. Language is included to ensure that every district and charter school will have sufficient dollars to provide the required minimum salary at these two levels.

On a national level, the education news is not so good. The President's budget proposes a significant decrease in education spending, including a \$530 million cut for the Education department and the crippling or elimination of a number of much-needed initiatives, such as the elimination of the low, fixed consolidation rate on student loans and the Perkins Loan Cancellation Program for teachers, military service members, and law enforcement officers. The budget proposal eliminates programs like TRIO and GEAR UP that target middle school and high school students to provide college awareness for underserved students. High school vocational education programs would be cut, and NCLB would be significantly under funded. However, his budget calls for a \$50 million increase in private school vouchers, while the "Women's Educational Equity Act" is scheduled to receive no funding. Funding for Head Start would be frozen and a \$45 million experimental state block grant that lacks accountability and would begin to dismantle Head Start.

We as AAUW members must continue to be vigilant at both the state and federal level to help assure that all students will be able to obtain a quality education and thus truly participate in our unique society.

*Ruth M. Benjamins*  
*AAUW-NM Academic Co-Chair*

## INTELLIGENCE FROM BRANCHES

**Albuquerque.** *Mary Campbell*, President 265-9365

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

Linda Aycock, member of the Carlsbad Branch and academic co-chair of AAUW-NM, joined AAUW in 1955 and recently received Honorary Life Membership in recognition of her fifty years of membership. Congratulations Linda and thanks for your many years of loyal support for our AAUW mission.

Linda was also honored in May as a recipient of the *New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women Governor's Award* as one of the twenty outstanding New Mexico women of 2005. Linda is a 2002 Grace Barker Wilson Award recipient, and has been honored in the past with the Carlsbad Foundation's Humanitarian Award.

The Carlsbad Branch will host the AAUW-NM state convention in April 2006. Look for details in future editions of the *ROADRUNNER*.

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

We have had a good year with our membership increasing from 17 to 23. Our Expanding Your Horizons conference was very successful with 294 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls attending hands-on workshops by role model women in careers requiring a math and science background.

Our annual potluck/membership meeting was held on May 14 at the home of Teri Toth. Election of officers took place at this event along with an overview of the past years' activities and a look forward to next year. Once again, the Expanding Your Horizons will be our major event in the next year. We will be offering a Barbara Brown Scholarship to a returning woman student at Western New Mexico University.

**Las Cruces.** *Marilyn Humphrey* President 526-4748

Spring greetings to all. It seems absolutely incredible how time flies as my first year of being Branch President is about over. All in all, we have had a great year. Everyone has given me much support and we have increased our membership to 104. This increase has come primarily from our members inviting others to come to the great programs our co-chairs, Bonnie Schranz and Elaine Jeveli, have put together.

Our LAF Chair, LaVerne Kaufman, lead a panel discussion on: "Legal Advocacy: Speaking Out for Justice in Higher Education" at our May General Meeting. There are still a lot of inequities in our system. However, we are progressing in our efforts to gain equality of pay and proportionate representation at all levels of employment.

Six of our members attended the State Convention held in Las Vegas, NM. It was most enjoyable and informative. Everyone from our Branch enjoyed this opportunity to share and learn from members of other branches.

Our June meeting will be a potluck of salads and desserts at the home of Deanise Marta, Tues. June 7th, 5:30 PM.

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

Student affiliate treasurer, Ida Sue Gonzalez, has been awarded a \$950 scholarship by Association to attend the College Women's Leadership Conference in DC in early June. Ida Sue is also hosting a barbecue in her back yard for the young women in the campus affiliate as an end-of-school "farewell 'til fall" event.

Las Vegas Branch has attracted two new members since Convention! They are Margaret Vazquez-Geffroy, a faculty member in anthropology at Highlands before her retirement, and Frances Sena, an undergrad for the student affiliate. For the first time since I became a member some twenty years ago, folks are calling **US** and asking for member applications.

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

On Sunday, April 17, the Living Treasures, a group that honors elders in the community, inducted Patricia ("Pat") Dodd Winter Mendius as a Treasure. Pat has been an AAUW member for over 40 years. She has served as the branch president, on the AAUW-NM board, and on the AAUW Council, encouraging women to pursue careers in science through the Women in Science program. We congratulate Pat on her much-deserved honor.

**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 Klinglesmith*, President 838-1309

**West Mesa.** *Sharon Booth*, President 831-4231

## **State and Branch Incorporation**

The Association's Affiliates Agreement brought many questions and frustrations to all AAUW branches in the early spring of 2004. Everyone survived the ordeal but the questions remained. AAUW-NM sought legal advice at the urging of its branches. In February, three of your state officers, Nancy Scheer, Natalie Markin, and Nina Thayer, met with Lynn Finnegan, a Los Alamos attorney.

Ms. Finnegan asked many questions concerning AAUW's mission, AAUW-NM's activities and structure, and branch activities. She reviewed the Association Charter and Bylaws, AAUW-NM's bylaws, three sets of New Mexico branch bylaws, and the Affiliates Agreement. As a result of this document review and knowledge of New Mexico statutes, Ms. Finnegan recommended incorporation for AAUW-NM and for each of the New Mexico branches. Non-profit corporations in New Mexico have liability protection for their officers and employees, none of whom can be held personally liable for the actions of the corporation. During its last meeting, the AAUW-NM Leadership Team voted to incorporate AAUW-NM. The Team also voted to encourage each branch to incorporate.

Another recommendation was to obtain liability insurance and officers and directors insurance. AAUW-NM is checking into such insurance policies. It is also investigating the feasibility of having AAUW-NM carry the insurance for the New Mexico branches.

Each branch has been given information concerning the incorporation process. There are steps to follow for AAUW and steps to follow for the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. Of course, the first step is for the branch to decide whether it wishes to incorporate. If the answer to that question is yes, the next step is to review the branch bylaws to be sure the document is up to date. In the bylaws, the name of the branch must be changed to include the word "incorporated." Later this year, each branch will receive details on how to proceed further with the non-profit incorporation status.

## **Summer Leadership Team Meeting**

The AAUW-NM Leadership Team will meet August 13<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque. The church, located at 114 Carlisle, is one block south of the Nob Hill Shopping Center on Central SE. The Albuquerque Branch is offering Bed & Breakfast Friday and Saturday nights for those team members from far corners of the state.

Well-known New Mexico architect, John Gaw Meem, designed Immanuel Presbyterian. Mary Campbell, Albuquerque Branch president, has offered to take those who are interested in the building on a tour after the Leadership Team meeting adjourns. Others may wish to spend their time before dinner in the interesting Nob Hill shops.

A dutch-treat dinner will be held Saturday evening at Yanni's Mediterranean Bar and Grill. The restaurant is located on Central, not far from the church.

Leadership Team members will receive final details concerning the meeting, B & B, dinner, and directions to the church in a late July mailing. Reserve August 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendar! We'll have time during the day for planning as well as for doing the necessary business.

## **Educational Foundation**

### **Opportunities**

This year the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund is again seeking donations from members who can contribute \$100 or more. The Eleanor Roosevelt fellowship is in hiatus and being redesigned by AAUW. However, the fund also supports the AAUW Educational Foundation's research, the Pathways to Leadership Conference, and the sexual harassment task force.

One of the vehicles used to create funds for these programs is the Eleanor Roosevelt pin campaign. For each individual gift of \$100 or more, the donor receives a decorative pin.

If you write a check to contribute to the AAMW Education Foundation Eleanor Roosevelt Fund any time in 2005, the State Educational Foundation will present you with a pin and a certificate of our thanks.

If you make a donation of \$100 or more and wish to participate in this campaign, please restrict your Educational Foundation donation to the Eleanor Roosevelt fund. Please also let the State EF chair know of your donation so that New Mexico AAUW can say 'Thanks!'

### **EF Chairs: What do they do?**

#### **Each AAUW-EF Branch chair should:**

Promote the AAUW Educational Foundation's mission, research, and programs and oversee Foundation fundraising activity in the branch and community.

#### **Serve as the public voice of Branch EF fund raising**

Inform branch members and your community about the Foundation's research and program efforts and encourage them to give generously to ensure that these efforts continue.

#### **Facilitate the link for planning and goal setting between EF and the Branch**

Work with other branch officers and committees to integrate Foundation research, programs, and fundraising efforts with other branches.

### **Create programs and develop opportunities for giving**

Evaluate previous branch Foundation fundraising efforts and identify opportunities for growth.

### **Develop a fundraising plan with measurable goals**

Coordinate this effort with your state EF chair to ensure branch goals are included in the state fundraising plan.

### **Make fund raising the responsibility of a diverse team**

Recruit a branch Foundation team to help plan and implement branch Foundation fundraising activities and other initiatives.

### **Exercise stewardship in financial responsibilities**

Create and follow a budget and standard format to record donations, donors, and intent.

Submit in a timely manner all Foundation contributions received from individuals and raised through branch events and other initiatives.

### **Next year, how can we learn to be better at these tasks?**

*Patricia Jonietz  
AAUW-NM EF Chair*

## **IFUW/VGIF Raffle Results**

The State Wide Raffle to raise money to support IFUW and the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund, which started at the Fall Workshop last October in Socorro, was concluded successfully at the Spring Convention in Las Vegas on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2005. Thanks to the generous support of many branches throughout the state, and interested individuals, who were not necessarily AAUW members, we raised \$1,000. Half of this money will be distributed immediately to the VGIF. The other half is being kept in a segregated fund for distribution to IFUW sometime within the next year. The AAUW-NM Leadership Team is awaiting the results of discussions regarding IFUW that are slated to take place at the National AAUW Convention this summer in Washington, D.C.. The manner in which these funds will be disbursed will be discussed further at the summer Leadership Team meeting this August in Albuquerque.

The prizewinners were:

**Fifth Prize**, an AAUW passport/ID case, contributed by Mary Grathwol, was won by **Judy Bates, Santa Fe**.

**Fourth Prize**, a wine basket with pistachio nuts, contributed by Nina Thayer, was won by **Barbara Smith, Los Alamos**.

**Third Prize**, a Hand Crafted Gourd Kachina, made by Valerie Miller, was won by **Jan Lifson-Bray, Albuquerque**.

**Second Prize**, a Hand Carved Wood Vessel, "Chaco Nights," made by Jim McLain, was won by Dixie Trebbe, West Mesa & Albuquerque.

**First Prize**, a painting, "Famous Pueblo Potters, by Francis "Frank" Harlow, husband of Patricia Harlow, who has been a member of AAUW-Los Alamos for more than 50 years, was won by **Enid Tidwell, Santa Fe**

Barbara Carey, VGIF President who was at the Convention, and the AAUW-NM Leadership Team are very pleased with these results and extend sincere thanks to all who participated. When we work together we can accomplish great things!

*Natalie Markin  
AAUW-NM Programs Co-chair*

## **Officers Elected for 2005-2007 Term**

On Saturday, April 30, at the AAUW State Convention in Las Vegas, the Leadership Team elected the Following officers:

### **Program/Issues Coordinator (First Vice President)**

Natalie Markin, Los Alamos  
Shila Marek, Carlsbad

### **Finance Chair**

Virginia Spruiell, Carlsbad

### **Outreach Coordinator**

Mary Sandford, Carlsbad

### **Public Policy Coordinator**

Marion Isidoro, Albuquerque  
Dolores Halls, Las Cruces (for Southern New Mexico)

### **Legal Advocacy Fund Chair**

Louise Drlik, Las Vegas

### **Newsletter Editor**

Deanise Marta, Las Cruces

### **Secretary (One Year Term)**

Dixie Trebbe, West Mesa and Albuquerque

*Marilyn Dunn  
AAUW-NM Nominating Committee Chair*

## **Public Policy Alert**

It is now crucial that all concerned members take advantage of the wonderful opportunity that the Association provides to contact our Congressional representatives via email in a most timely manner. You can receive Washington Update & Action Alert by email at [VoterEd@aauw.org](mailto:VoterEd@aauw.org) and you may reply immediately. BE AN ACTIVE CITIZEN FOR DEMOCRACY!

*Dolores M. Halls  
AAUW-NM Public Policy Chair for Southern NM*

## AAUW-NM Branches Honored

AAUW-NM is made up of eleven wonderful branches! While all branches work toward the same goal of equity for women and girls, each has unique strengths and capabilities. During the recent AAUW-NM convention in Las Vegas, branches were recognized for their special projects and accomplishments. We salute all members and their dedication to AAUW. The following awards were presented:

- Albuquerque** Hosting the 2004 Rocky Mountain Regional Conference  
**Carlsbad** Sponsoring the Girl of the Month Program  
**Grant County** Sponsoring the Expanding Your Horizons Conference; Achieving 38% Membership Growth  
**Las Cruces** Holding EF/LAF/NMSU Endowment Fundraising Events  
**Las Vegas** Establishing a Student Affiliate Satellite Branch; Hosting the 2005 State Convention  
**Los Alamos** Committed Support of the Educational Foundation  
**Portales** Having the Highest Per Capita Legal Advocacy Fund Donation  
**Raton** Achieving 40% Membership Growth  
**Santa Fe** Sponsoring the Careers & Curiosities Program; Hosting Legislative Day  
**Socorro** Hosting the 2004 Fall Workshop  
**West Mesa** Holding a Branch Focus-Mission Workshop

Through the years, AAUW has had various branch and state recognition programs. At the present time, the Association has no such program and has asked each state to devise its own program. Two AAUW-NM past presidents, Marjorie Bell Chambers and Gloria Cordova, were asked to outline a branch recognition program for New Mexico. They looked at programs being set up by other states, discussed what is unique to NM, and made a recommendation. This recommendation has been approved by the state Leadership Team.

The new branch recognition program is to be named New Mexico's Ingenious Ideas. Branches will submit nominations to be selected the most ingenious. Only a short paragraph or two will be needed for the nomination. Branches will be recognized for their ingenious ideas in developing membership growth or expanding program. The selection committee is to be made up of a past state president, a past state membership coordinator, and a past state program coordinator. Each branch president will receive details of the new program early in the fall of 2005.

## FCC Resolution Update

AAUW-NM has been considering a resolution to the Federal Communications Commission to encourage it to fulfill its responsibilities to American citizens concerning regulation of the media that uses the public airways. The Resolution was presented and passed unanimously at the AAUW-New Mexico Convention in Las Vegas, NM, May 1, 2005. It will now be taken to the Association Convention in Washington, D.C., June 24-27, 2005. If the resolution gets to the convention floor in Washington and is passed, there will be press coverage. Copies will go to the New Mexico Congressional delegation, the Chairman and members of the FCC, plus other members of Congress responsible for oversight of the FCC, and the Chairmen of the major network TV stations (not cable or dish stations as they are not regulated by the FCC).

I want to sincerely thank all the members of my committee who helped prepare this resolution:

Nancy and Prentiss Childs

Corinne Howard

Laura Stokes

Jean Bahr

I also want to express my appreciation to AAUW-NM for their complete support in this effort, and specifically to co-presidents Carol Ann Council and Nancy Scheer.

*Betty Walker-Smith*  
AAUW-NM Media Chair

### AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 24-27, 2005

### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Resolve that the American Association of University Women request that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) exercise its powers over all broadcast licensees to assure the fair presentation of objective, comprehensive coverage and discussion of all important political, social, scientific and environmental issues facing the country including full coverage of local, national and world news events.

Further resolve that the American Association of University Women request that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) cease drafting new rules which would permit greater consolidation of broadcast media which would control the amount of comprehensive news coverage available to the citizens of this country.

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Editor, Deanise Marta **Address change? Branch members:** Notify your local membership chair. **Members-at-Large:** Notify AAUW Records Office, 1111 Sixteenth St., NW, Washington, DC 20038. **AAUW Help line** (1-800-326-AAUW).

**AAUW** promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

**AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

**AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

**AAUW** is open to all graduates who hold the baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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