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YOUR PRESIDENTS' "INVITATION TO TEA"

We searched high and low for an appropriate topic for this message. AAUW will launch a new, more user-friendly web site at midnight, September 16 – not compelling enough. Gender pay equity – we did it in the last issue. Convention highlights – we had nine reporters from all over the state covering the convention. Then in a flash, we knew. Please join us for not just one, but three cups of tea! *Three Cups of Tea* is an exciting, even thrilling, true story about one man's crusade to build secular schools in the poorest sections of rural Pakistan and Afghanistan.



Nancy Scheer and Nina Thayer

This non-fiction book by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin describes a decade of Mortenson's life, starting with his failure to reach the summit of K2, the second highest peak in the world, to his rescue and recovery in the small Balti village of Korphe, high in the Karakoram Range of the Himalayas. When thanking his hosts, Mr. Mortenson asked what he could do to return their hospitality. They asked for a school for the children of Korphe. Thus began Greg Mortenson's mission to build schools in the poorest and most rural villages of this region.

Enter the AAUW connection. Greg Mortenson seized our attention while speaking at the Association convention in Phoenix and would not let it go. His message of educating girls spoke to our deepest AAUW passion. "If you educate a boy, you educate an individual. If you educate a girl, you educate a community," says Mortenson, quoting an African proverb. He also believes educating girls and boys in Muslim regions will replace the need for the Saudi-funded madrasses (religious schools for boys), which often teach extremist viewpoints and the politics of jihad. "I'm a father, a husband, an AAUW member, and I'm passionate about education." Mortenson believes he is fighting terrorism one school at a time.

We suggest *Three Cups of Tea* to every branch book group as the springboard for an intelligent and informed discussion of terrorism in our post-9/11 world. Need a good branch program? Have one of your members review *Three Cups of Tea* or invite an informed panel to read and discuss it. It is unnecessary to wage war on every Muslim society to find peace, rather, if we help to educate Muslim boys AND girls, a more peaceful world will result. Read *Three Cups of Tea* and it will expand your horizons. Act on what you learn and your actions will help to change our world!!

Nina and Nancy, N²



The first time you share tea (green tea with salt and yak butter) with a Balti, you are a stranger. The second time you take tea, you are an honored guest. The third time you share a cup of tea, you become part of the family.

Haji Ali, Balti host of Greg Mortenson.

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2007 NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORTS

At the 2007 state convention in Las Cruces in May, several state members received “travelships” to help offset their national convention fees for the Phoenix convention at the end of June. We asked each recipient to write a short reflection of her convention experience to share with our readers.

At the final business session of the convention on Monday morning, delegates approved the 2007–09 Public Policy Program and passed two resolutions. The program provides a basis for AAUW members’ actions at the local, state, national, and international levels. Elaine Hughes, Association Public Policy Committee Chair, spoke about AAUW’s historic role as an advocate for laws to advance equity for women and girls and explained the rationale for the proposed Public Policy Program put before the delegates. Delegates voted to amend the second section of the Biennial Action Priorities by adding “pay equity” to the bullet on “Fairness in compensation.” In response to a request by some convention attendees, Hughes offered an amendment to the proposed program on behalf of the committee to restore the third section on equality, individual rights, and social justice to the Biennial Action Priorities. Delegates voted to amend the restored language further by including support for family planning services to the health care bullet. After lively debate, the 2007–09 AAUW Public Policy Program was adopted unanimously as amended by the delegates. Grass roots people stood up for what we believed in and **WE WON**. A very INTERESTING convention, to say the least.

Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy Co-chair, AAUW-NM

This was my first national convention. It was inspiring, informative, and worth withstanding the 117° heat in Phoenix. Since several of us have been asked to write something, I thought I would take a slightly narrower approach and review the IFUW (International Federation of University Women) workshop I attended. The main speaker was Sarah Harder, former AAUW Association president. She is very passionate about IFUW but sadly realizes that it is time for AAUW to let go of its membership due to financial constraints.

However, she suggested other options. You may join IFUW as an individual member. Individual membership is only available to countries where there is not yet a national federation or association. Since the AAUW membership will terminate at the end of 2007, this is a possibility for January 1, 2008 – January 1, 2009. The other suggestion that she made is to evaluate a partnership with some other national organization that would support IFUW. If you are interested in pursuing this, leadership is needed to step forward and craft a structure that would work. She suggested that you check the IFUW website at www.ifuw.org.

Natalie Markin, Program Co-chair, AAUW-NM



My first experience at an AAUW National Convention was truly memorable. There were so many events that it is hard to put my finger on just one that stood out: thought-provoking workshops, motivational speakers, meeting an author, and exchanging ideas with other branches, to name a few.

As a new teacher, I enjoyed the workshops that presented new ideas for use in the classroom for both girls and boys. Sherry Schiller admonished us to adopt a bias for the positive, for action, and for involvement. Greg Mortenson’s heartfelt conversation with his audience brought to light the plight of others who just want to educate their children like we do. He said “we must educate women to have a productive society,” and “terrorists fear education more than bullets.”

The best part of the convention was being a voting member and having a voice about future policies for AAUW. Each member was responsible for casting a vote on how AAUW is to be shaped for our future members. Change is imminent, and I feel fortunate to have been a part of the decision-making process.

Lezlie M Gravens, President, Carlsbad Branch

Attending the AAUW National Convention energized and educated me, and helped me renew wonderful friendships!

The speakers and panels, including the Dare to Lead women to women dialogue, AAUW’s Change and Strategic Process, the Importance of Girls’ Education Plenary, and the Intergenerational Plenary on Leadership, were in turn fascinating, thought-provoking, and challenging.

Business meetings included an historic bylaws change, whereby AAUW and EF will combine many assets and activities to form a streamlined, mission-driven organization with a single set of elected officers.

Workshops followed four different themes: Action for Equity; Economic Empowerment; Global Perspectives; and Uniquely AAUW. One particularly compelling workshop addressed Migration and Femicide: Protecting Women’s Rights on the Mexican Border. This session was moderated by New Mexico State University professor Dr. Maria Luisa Gonzalez, executive director of the Center for Border and Indigenous Educational Leadership, with Dr. Cynthia Bejarano, Criminal Justice Department, NMSU, as one of the three panelists.

The Exhibit Hall included vendors, Taste of Success exhibits, ShopAAUW, a Cyber Café, and book signings. The AAUW-NM Public Policy poster was on exhibit, featuring *Legislative Day in Santa Fe and Lobby Tools*.

Dinners gave us an opportunity to dress up, visit with other attendees, and listen to a variety of programs. There was also a screening of the film *North Country* and opportunities for morning exercise. The convention was a very worthwhile experience!

*Carol Ann Council
Mini-Grant and Nominations Committee Chair, AAUW-NM*

2007 NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORTS (cont.)

My convention highlight was the Career and Technical Education workshop, *Educational Opportunities for High School Girls in Non-Traditional Occupations*, put on by the Peoria, Arizona Unified School District.

This inspiring workshop gave up-to-date information about Career and Technical Education programs. These modern learning centers integrate academic classes with laboratory instruction, work-based learning, and personal and leadership development. Federal Carl Perkins funding partially supports CTE schools nationwide.

In 2005, information technology senior Erin Cammarata wanted a way to encourage girls to consider the male-dominated technical fields. The G.E.T. (Girls Exploring Technology) program was developed to fill that need. The main concept is that high school girls are the primary mentors to younger girls. The Kick-Off event, named *Get Ready*, runs like a small-scale *Expanding Your Horizons* event*. *Get Set* events are usually monthly speakers, field trips, or hands-on activities that the high school project managers run. Adult project directors are planning and advisory resources for the high school girls. At the end of the school year, there is a *Go* event where the younger girls are promoted to junior project managers with parents and faculty invited. What I liked about the G.E.T. program is that it complements *Expanding Your Horizons* by encouraging interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields. It also offers more contact with other girls and provides leadership development for the high school girls. Their web site has wonderful resources including an entire "how to start your own program" booklet. It has timelines, identifies who you need on the team, sample letters, certificates, and more. Please visit their site at <http://clubweb.peoriaud.k12.az.us/GET/>.

**Expanding Your Horizons* is a workshop held each spring by the Grant County branch. It introduces girls from fifth through tenth grades to potential careers in math and science fields. Girls from Grant county and all surrounding counties are invited to participate in this workshop.

Emily Warner, President, Grant County Branch

I enjoyed the National AAUW Convention. My days began at 6:00 a.m. with yoga that energized my body and ended in the evenings with fabulous speakers that energized my mind and soul. Some workshops were better than others (which I've come to expect at conventions of all kinds over the years). There was less controversy over the big changes that AAUW faces than I expected, although the discussions did get heated at times during workshops. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting many women from all over the country, and especially liked getting to know some of our own state delegates better. Phoenix was hot (and I don't care how "dry" it is, 115 degrees is HOT!), but we were inside most of the time, and thus it didn't matter much. I thank AAUW-NM and the Santa Fe branch for their financial assistance which made this experience possible for me.

Shelley Rossbach, President, Santa Fe Branch



AAUW 2007
National Convention
Attendees Dressed up
for Dinner

It was difficult to choose only one session that resonated with me during attendance at my first AAUW Association Convention. The plenary presenters and the Taste of Success posters were outstanding and inspirational.

Sherry Schiller challenged AAUW members, "No more business as usual." She said a focused vision, positive thinking, and action are the means to accomplish AAUW's goals. "Commit to mission-based programming; do not confuse members about AAUW's mission and goals."

Greg Mortenson, AAUW member and author of *Three Cups of Tea*, promotes peace through education (see page 1). Greg has facilitated the construction of more than 62 schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Branches are encouraging members through Student Advisory Councils and providing leadership skill building requested by the student leaders. I was especially intrigued by the California Online Branch. All programs, board meetings, and interest groups are attended online at members' convenience. The AAUW National Girls Collaborative Project launched a new project, *Let's Read Math*, targeting positive attitudes about math in grades one through four using math activities in children's books such as *A Quarter from the Tooth Fairy*.

Helena Whyte, Facilitator, Los Alamos Branch

Some bits and bytes from Sherry Schiller, convention speaker and AAUW's strategic process consultant:

To become the "rising Phoenix" we need to:

- Focus our vision.
- Throw out the rulebooks – be flexible in ways to get it done while staying true to the mission
- Shift the culture of organization to one of constructive behavior, trust, and cooperation

A healthy organization has clear, consistent, and unyielding focus with a flexible organizational structure. AAUW needs to de-emphasize process and procedure.

With that said, I must state my thorough appreciation for the strength of our organizational process during the business meeting. Sitting in a room of approximately 650 women, I tried to imagine the chaos that would ensue without clear guidelines. After discussion, the proposed merger of AAUW and EF Boards was approved unanimously.

The National AAUW staff accomplishes feats that are impossible at the grass roots level. AAUW has been receiving national recognition and will continue to do so in places such as "O" magazine. AAUW is "on the rise!" I feel great pride in being part of an organization that has accomplished so much in support of women in the past two years!

Cindy Wise, Co-President, Albuquerque Branch

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND IN THE NEWS

Janet Conney, a Legal Advocacy Fund-supported plaintiff, received her payment from the University of California Board of Regents this month after the California Supreme Court decided not to hear the university's appeal of the jury award. She filed suit in 2003 for sexual harassment, retaliation, and unequal pay. The jury awarded her \$4.07 million for damages and attorney fees. To read the full press release, visit www.aauw.org

LAF has adopted two new plaintiffs. Michele Jaureguito and Laurel Wartluft both brought separate claims against Feather River Community College in California after experiencing sex discrimination. Jaureguito, former director of the Upward Bound/Talent Search program, was retaliated against after she made formal complaints that a staff member was sexually harassing teenaged program participants and providing them with alcohol. Wartluft, former head coach and faculty member, was wrongfully terminated after voicing concerns that the college discriminated against women in the way it funded, selected, hired, and compensated coaches for women's athletics.

Lina Germann, LAF Chair

TERRY SLEIGHT MEMORIAL AWARD

The Terry Sleight Memorial Award committee invites you to nominate an individual branch member or group for outstanding service of any type. This is one way that AAUW-NM can recognize its members while also honoring the memory of a long-time activist. Many of you remember Terry's devotion to our organization throughout her life in New Mexico.

Please mail the completed nomination form and attach a separate one-page explanation of your choice. The deadline for nominations is December 15, 2007. **(The nomination form appears on the back page of this Roadrunner.)**



Terry Sleight

Mail your entry to:

Jean Bahr
800 Hillcrest Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87501-1136
(505) 983-1947

Additional members of the award committee are Marilyn Dunn, Marion Isidoro, Pat Freeman, and Margaret Dike.

The winner will be announced at the January Leadership Team meeting in Santa Fe. The 2007 winner was Dolores Halls of Las Cruces.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION UPDATE

This is my first greeting to you as the new EF chair for New Mexico. After several years of excellent work, Pat Jonietz resigned last year. She guided and encouraged our giving, so that last year, New Mexico was honored at the Association convention for having achieved the Top Ten Fundraising Award for contribution growth over the previous year. This was a wonderful achievement for New Mexico and demonstrated so well AAUW NM's commitment to educational and social equity for women and girls.

There are many opportunities for giving to EF and all are very important to further the education of our future female leaders. Today, however, I would like to encourage you to consider the Corrine Wolfe International Endowment for your contributions. This fund was established in November 2003 to honor one of our AAUW-NM leaders. She was an inspirational and tireless worker for all those in need of help. The goal is to raise \$100,000 for the fund. Currently, \$44,477.91 has been raised. The Leadership Team hopes to fully endow this fund in the next five years. Our history shows that we can achieve this goal if our contributions continue. So, I would like to remind each of you that when you send a check to EF, write "Corrine Wolfe International Endowment - 4226" on the memo line. That way, it is a designated gift and will be credited as such. Undesignated gifts are not counted towards our goal to complete the Corrine Wolfe International Endowment.

Rosmarie Frederickson, EF Chair

FALL WORKSHOP FUNDRAISER

EF and LAF are hoping to raise dollars at the Fall Workshop. We hope you can help us. This year, we will hold a CD, DVD, and VCR tape sale. Each of these items will sell for \$5.00. If you have any of these items that you no longer listen to or watch, please bring them to the Fall Workshop. There will be a table Saturday morning to drop them off. Sales will start at the morning break and end with the afternoon break. If you are unable to attend the workshop, please send your CD's, DVD's, and tapes with a friend. If you do not have any items to donate, we'll be happy to accept a check for any amount. Eighty percent of the funds raised will go to the Corrine Wolfe International Fund, and the remaining twenty percent to LAF. Please help us make this a successful event!



Rosmarie Frederickson, EF Chair

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ENJOY THE DUKE CITY!



Learn about Education: The Path to Women's Economic Security. This is the theme for the Fall Workshop on October 27 at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Albuquerque. We will meet the New Mexico Secretary of Higher Education, Reed Dasenbrook, and Cathy Winograd, the first woman president of Central New Mexico Community College. Lee Reynis, the director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of New Mexico, will kick off the workshop with the topic **How does education affect the economic status of women in New Mexico?** We'll also view the inspiring convention video, *Phoenix Rising*.

There will be opportunities to shop, chat, and visit Old Town, the Pueblo Indian Cultural Center, or the new Hispanic Cultural Center. The hotel has vans to take you to local attractions. Spouses are, of course, welcome! We also will be making reservations for a theater performance at the Adobe Theater, which is an optional excursion. For more information about Albuquerque, visit the City of Albuquerque website at www.cabq.gov. We're looking forward to seeing you in October!

AAUW-NM FALL WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 EDUCATION AS THE GATEWAY TO WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY MCM Elegante Hotel, 2020 Menaul Blvd. N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107

1-866-650-8900

www.mcmelegante.com

Please make your reservations directly with the hotel. There is a special rate of \$79.99 + tax for up to two people per room per night, with an additional \$10 + tax for each additional person. This rate is available until September 26. Remember to mention the AAUW workshop when making your reservations to get the special rate. This rate includes complimentary full hot breakfast, two complimentary cocktails, high-speed internet access, indoor heated pool, Jacuzzi, exercise room, coffee maker, hair dryer, and iron and ironing board. There are seven restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

Early Bird registration fee deadline is October 1. The fee is \$30. Registration fee after October 1 is \$35. The registration form is on page 12 of this *Roadrunner*.

We have planned a Saturday Evening Dining Out Experience at your choice of one of four restaurants, followed by a performance of *Mornings at Seven* at the Adobe Theater at 8 p.m. This is a Tony Award winning classic comedy by O'Henry. Ticket prices are \$12, or \$10 for seniors. If you wish to attend this play, mail a separate check for the ticket (or tickets) cost, made out to AAUW Albuquerque, to:

Antje Muir, 7305 Golden Glow Way NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113



You can select a restaurant when you register for the workshop either Friday or Saturday. The choices are:

**Elephant Bar Restaurant, Albuquerque Uptown; Garduño's Mexican Restaurant, Winrock,
St. Clair's Winery and Bistro, Old Town, and Yanni's Mediterranean Bar and Grill, UNM area**

Dinner reservation time will be 5:30 to accommodate those attending the play. A hostess will arrange for transportation from the hotel to the restaurants at 5:15. We will also arrange for carpools to the Adobe Theater.

For additional information about the Adobe Theater, visit www.adobetheater.com.



FALL WORKSHOP WEEKEND SCHEDULE**Friday, October 26**

- Registration available at MCM Elegante Hotel from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Choose Saturday evening restaurant.
- Dutch Treat Dinner at a local restaurant
- Social time in the hotel's Sandia Springs Lounge

Saturday, October 27

- 8:15 a.m.—Registration available. Choose Saturday evening restaurant.
- 9:00-9:05—Welcoming Comments
- 9:05-9:45—Lee Reynis, Director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, UNM
How does education affect the economic status of women in New Mexico?
- 9:45-10:45—Sports and Education (tentative topic)
- 10:45-11:00—Break
- 11:00-12:00—Convention Video—*Phoenix Rising*
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.—Lunch and Social Time
- 1:15-2:00—Reed Dasenbrook, Secretary of Higher Education
- 2:00-2:45—Cathy Winograd, President, Central New Mexico Community College
- 2:45-3:00—Break
- 3:00-4:00—AAUW's New Website
- 4:00-5:00—Free Time before Dinner
- 5:00—Meet in Hotel Lobby for transportation to restaurant
- 5:30-7:30—Dinner
- 7:30—Adobe Theater opens for 8:00 play. You must reserve tickets by October 1 (see previous page).

Sunday, October 28

- 9:00 a.m.– 12 noon—Continental Breakfast and Leadership Team Meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: The breakfast and meeting **WILL NOT TAKE PLACE AT THE MCM ELEGANTE HOTEL**. You will receive information on the location with your registration materials. If you are not planning to attend the workshop, please contact Dixie Trebbe (dixie@trebbe.biz, or 505-891-1436) for the meeting location.

The following paragraphs are excerpts from an article originally distributed at the 2005 AAUW National Convention, June 24-27, in Washington DC. This information is highly relevant to our upcoming workshop. The article appears in its entirety on the AAUW website at www.aauw.org. Select *Programmatic Theme Details* from the *What's New* menu on the home page.

Deanise Marta, Roadrunner editor

WHY EDUCATION AS THE GATEWAY TO WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY?

According to research from a wide variety of sources, economic security is one of the top issues of interest and concern for all women. This topic's crosscutting appeal transcends demographic differences with high interest levels among AAUW members and nonmembers, spanning age, race, income, and regional differences. Moreover, it is perceived as a broad and timely issue that engages a diverse population of women at the local level with great potential for national and international results.

This theme has particular relevance for AAUW, as we reflect on and celebrate the tremendous progress of girls and young women in education over the past 20 years – much of which has been directly influenced by the research and advocacy work of the organization. Clearly, gender equity issues remain in the K-12 arena and into the college level, including the pervasive problem of harassment in schools and the continued need to support girls' early participation and advancement in science and technology. The reality, however, is that girls are now faring as well as boys by most measures of educational achievement. As the leader in education and equity for women and girls, AAUW must refocus its efforts to play an integral role in ensuring that the school-based achievements of recent decades translate into lasting, lifelong equity for women and their families.

As has become abundantly clear from recent research, including AAUW's *Women at Work* (2003) and the web-based *Gains in Learning, Gaps in Earning* (2005), women today are working more than ever yet remain crowded in undervalued, lower-paying occupations with fewer benefits for themselves and the children and elderly for whom they often care. Ensuring equity for women and girls – from pre-K through retirement and at all points in between – has become our greatest challenge.

WHAT DOES THIS NEW THEME MEAN FOR AAUW?

As a new programmatic theme for AAUW, Education as a Gateway to Women's Economic Security will serve as the guide for new AAUW programs. It will provide a framework for the creation of focused and coordinated programming for AAUW that will be developed at the national level and refined and implemented by states, branches, and other institutional and community partners, in much the same way that many of our most successful research and program initiatives have been structured in the past.

The new theme is intended to focus our work as the continued leader in equity and education for women and girls, proving that for all of our accomplishments, equity is still very much an issue.

The Educational Foundation (including the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund), the Association, and the Leadership & Training Institute will collaborate to build a national platform of programs and initiatives that will concentrate on the following theme-related issues:

- Access to high-quality education (pre-K through higher education) for all girls and women
- Access to high-quality professional training and development for women
- Opportunities to study and advance professionally in high-skill and high-wage fields, particularly science and technology
- Greater value for women-dominated fields, including education
- Fair wages, family-friendly benefits, and nondiscriminatory workplaces for all women
- Lifelong opportunities for literacy development and learning
- The status and progress of women and girls internationally and for different subgroups of women and girls in the United States (by age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, etc.) on the above issues

Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security will not diminish AAUW's commitment to key areas (e.g., debates on single-sex public education, the future of Title IX, or sexual harassment in educational settings). Likewise, this theme is not intended to change the directions and priorities of states and local branches. Rather, it is intended to guide the development of programs and partnerships from the national office.

DIVERSITY AS A PATH TO PEACE

It's always hard to get started on an article for the *Roadrunner* because the page is blank. This is where Google can help. Google "Diversity Programming" and some interesting choices are at the tip of your fingers. The one that particularly caught my eye for this article was UNESCO's Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity from November 2001. The Declaration, developed at the first ministerial-level meeting after 9/11, provided an opportunity to reaffirm the importance of intercultural dialogue as the best guarantee of peace and to reject the view that the clash of cultures and civilizations is inevitable.

Koichiroo Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO, states in his introduction:

The Universal Declaration makes it clear that each individual must acknowledge not only otherness in all its forms but also the plurality of his or her own identity, within societies that are themselves plural. Only in this way can cultural diversity be preserved as an adaptive process and as a capacity for expression, creation, and innovation.

As part of its Action Plan to encourage effective application of the Declaration, the member states agreed to encourage twenty objectives, a few of which follow.

Item #3: Fostering the exchange of knowledge and best practices in regard to cultural pluralism with a view to facilitating, in diversified societies, the inclusion and participation of persons and groups from varied cultural backgrounds.

Item #4: Making further headway in understanding and clarifying the content of cultural rights as an integral part of human rights.

Item #6: Encouraging linguistic diversity - while respecting the mother tongue - at all levels of education, wherever possible, and fostering the learning of several languages from the earliest age.

Item #14: Respecting and protecting traditional knowledge, in particular that of indigenous peoples; recognizing the contribution of traditional knowledge, particularly with regard to environmental protection and the management of natural resources, and fostering synergies between modern science and local knowledge.

If you are wondering how diversity and inclusion fit into your programming efforts, consider a discussion of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity. Want or need to know more? Go to <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0012/001271/127160m.pdf> or Google the declaration name. Share your ideas on what this document means to you and which elements are the most compelling. Identify ways your branch supports elements of the Declaration and its Action Plan.

Kathie Gilbert, Diversity Chair

AAUW-NM 2007-08 GOALS

- Make gender pay equity AAUW-NM's primary mission-based priority following through with advocacy, education, and research.
- Actively encourage branch and statewide membership growth through the Membership Challenge with focus on branch and student-affiliate membership, visibility, support to branch officers, and outstanding programming with a goal of 540 AAUW-NM members.
- Sustain the Educational Foundation including the Legal Advocacy Fund, and increase by not less than \$8000 per year New Mexico's Corrine Wolfe International Endowment (individual, branch, and state funds combined).
- Promote continued excellent statewide member communication utilizing email, the *Roadrunner*, the AAUW-NM website, open Leadership Team meetings, and participation in state, regional, and association activities.
- Vigorously support the successful AAUW-NM Lobby Corps with targeted funding, continued visibility, and increased member participation.
- Support in every way possible the changes taking place in the Association and Educational Foundation and effectively communicate these changes to members and branches.
- Maintain continued financial strength through responsible budgeting, vigilance, and conservative fiscal policy and practice.

Nancy Scheer and Nina Thayer, Co-presidents

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CONVENTION ATTENDEES AFFIRM BYLAWS CHANGES

Sweeping changes to AAUW's organizational structure were approved on Sunday, July 1 at the National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Passed by a unanimous vote, the dramatic changes will move the organization forward.

The largest alteration is structural in nature—AAUW and the AAUW Educational Foundation will combine most their assets and programs to work effectively around a single mission. There will be one board of directors for this new consolidation. Between now and 2009, a transitional board of directors will oversee the changeover. Because of this change, AAUW will be better positioned to proceed in a sustainable and successful way.

Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy Co-chair

2007-2008 NOMINATIONS TEAM

Nominations Chair Carol Ann Council has been active in putting together a nominating team. Louise Drlik (Las Vegas) and Marilyn Dunn (Albuquerque) have both agreed to serve for the 2007-2008 year. At this time, our team is looking for members who wish to offer their talents and expertise at another level beyond their branch. Be thinking how you might contribute to this wonderful organization we all support. The first step is just to recognize that opportunities are available. Please feel free to contact any member of the team if you have questions. Be watching for further details!

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IMPORTANT NEWS About the New 575 Area Code in New Mexico

On October 7, 2007, the state of New Mexico will be split into two area codes. The northwest region of the state will retain its current area code (505), and the rest of the state will get a new area code (575). This change will apply to land line and wireless service as well as other communications services.



Local calls within your area code will continue to be dialed with 7-digit dialing; local calls from one area code to another area code will require 10-digit dialing. All long-distance calls will require 1+10-digit dialing. Remember to use the new 575 area code as needed.

NEW STATE POSITION CREATED

During the Summer Leadership Team Meeting on July 28th, 2007, co-presidents Nancy Scheer and Nina Thayer recommended the creation of a new appointed position, Public Policy Senior Advisor, to advise and assist the Public Policy Co-coordinators and the Lobby Corps. The Leadership Team approved the new position and the co-presidents' recommendation to appoint Marion Isidoro as the first Public Policy Senior Advisor, due to her extensive knowledge of AAUW Public Policy and experience lobbying the New Mexico legislature.

Marion had been serving as Public Policy Co-coordinator. The Leadership Team approved the appointment of Dixie Trebbe to fill the remaining term of that position. "We have a wonderfully active public policy team and the addition of a senior advisor will only make the team stronger and more effective," said Nina Thayer. Congratulations Marion and Dixie on your new positions!



*Lobby Corps
with Lieutenant
Governor Diane
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MINI-GRANTS AWARDED TO BRANCHES

Two \$100 AAUW-New Mexico Mini-Grants were awarded at the Summer Leadership Team Meeting held in Albuquerque. During this academic year, AAUW-Socorro Branch will be sponsoring a Chautauqua program entitled "African Instruments", free to the public. Their grant will help the branch with various expenses – rent, cleaning fee, advertising, etc. A second mini-grant was given to AAUW-Los Alamos Branch to assist them in presenting a "Let's Read Math" workshop to Los Alamos educators in November. These grant monies will be used to purchase scripts, workshops, and book titles. (As a side note, this Math workshop was developed by AAUW-Pennsylvania and is approved as part of the AAUW-EF Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) program.)

State Mini-Grants for 2007-2008 (\$25-\$100) are still available to assist our branches in projects involving the community, the Educational Foundation, the Legal Advocacy Fund, or to start a new branch. Please submit questions and applications to Carol Ann Council. Each request will be considered for approval by the State Leadership Team at one of its quarterly meetings (the next meeting is scheduled for October 28).

Carol Ann Council, Mini-Grant Chair

AAUW-NEW MEXICO STATE CALENDAR October 2007 - June 2008

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- Oct. 27-28 **AAUW-NM Fall Workshop & Fall State Leadership Team Meeting**
Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security
Albuquerque Branch hosting
- Nov. 10 Deadline for Winter *Roadrunner*
- Dec. 15 Deadline: nomination suggestions for AAUW-NM officers
Submit to Nominating Committee
Deadline: nominations for the Terry Sleight Memorial Award
Submit to Jean Bahr
- Dec. 31 Postmark deadline for Educational Foundation, including
Legal Advocacy Fund, contributions for year 2007

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- Jan. 1 Half year dues are accepted
- Jan. 12 11:30 am, Lobby Corps planning meeting and lunch at Corrine Howard's home
- Jan. 15 Deadline: proposed AAUW-NM bylaws changes
Submit to Bylaws Chair, Lin Robinson
Deadline: proposed AAUW-NM resolutions
Submit to Public Policy Co-Chairs
- Jan 22 "Choice Rally"
- Jan. 27 Winter State Leadership Team Meeting - Santa Fe Branch hosting**
- Jan. 28 A Day at the Legislature - Santa Fe, NM**
- Feb. 10 Deadline: nominations for Grace Barker Wilson award, submit to Beverly Stiles
Deadline for Spring *Roadrunner*
- March Women's History Month
- April 10 Annual Reports from State Officers & Branch Presidents
Deadline: Submissions for New Mexico's Marjorie Bell Chambers Ingenious Ideas Branch
Recognition Award
- April 24 Equal Pay Day
- April 25-27 Spring State Leadership Team Meeting & AAUW-NM State Convention**
West Mesa Branch hosting
(Files & handbooks updated by officers for successors)
- May 10 Deadline for Summer *Roadrunner*
- June 30 Association/state/branch dues deadline for 2008-09 dues

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AAUW-NM Focus Statement:

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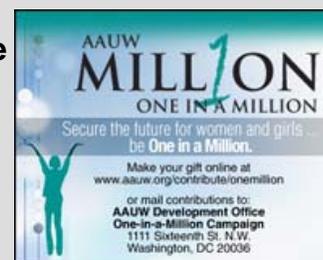
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FALL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

The registration fee includes morning beverages, Saturday lunch, afternoon snack, and Sunday continental breakfast. Early Bird Registration, postmarked by October 1, is \$30. Registration postmarked after October 1, or on the day of the workshop, is \$35. Please send your checks made payable to AAUW-Albuquerque Branch, and your registration form, to Dixie Trebbe, PO Box 92643, Albuquerque, NM 87199. If you have questions, contact Dixie at dixie@trebbe.biz, or leave a message at 505-891-1436.

Name: _____ Phone (Home): _____

Address: _____ Phone (Work): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ e-mail: _____

Branch: _____

Would you prefer a vegetarian lunch? Yes _____ No _____

Confirmation by email? Yes _____ No _____

By U.S. mail? Yes _____ No _____

Will you attend the Sunday Leadership Team Meeting? Yes _____ No _____

FEES:

Early Bird (postmarked by 10/1/07) \$30.00 _____

Late Registration, postmarked after 10/1/07 or onsite \$35.00 _____

Lunch Only \$20.00 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE TERRY SLEIGHT MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE YEAR 2007

Name of individual or group: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

AAUW Offices Held (Branch and State): _____

Education: _____

Nominating Branch: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please attach a one-page summary explaining your reason for this nomination.

Mail this form and your summary by December 15, 2007 to:

Jean Bahr, Committee Chair, 800 Hillcrest Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87501-1136



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