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## CALENDAR

April 27-April 29—State Convention, Las Cruces

June 29-July 2—AAUW Biennial National Convention, Phoenix, AZ



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## DOLORES HALLS WINS TERRY SLEIGHT AWARD

Dolores M. Halls has been awarded the Terry Sleight Memorial Award. Dolores has worked tirelessly on improving the status of women and public life. She has been politically involved in issues related to education, health, equity, seniors, and children.

When she moved to New Mexico 29 years ago, Dolores had raised six sons and had never been politically active. She enrolled in a Master's program in Gerontology at New Mexico State University under the direction of Mary Welsh, then-AAUW-New Mexico state president. Visiting every branch in the state with Dr. Welsh, Dolores became immersed in public policy and began a long period of advocacy for the rights of many underrepresented groups.

She has served on numerous boards and advocacy groups and has been effective in making their voices heard and improving the lives of the "underdog," both locally and state-wide. She is a past board member of the Doña Ana County Advocates for Children and Families, the New Mexico Area Agency of Aging, and Southern New Mexico Common Cause. Currently, she is a board member of AAUW-New Mexico, the New Mexico Alzheimer's Association, the Las Cruces Senior Citizen Corporation, and New Mexico AARP. She is also active in party politics and in her church. For seven years, she served on the Las Cruces Planning and Zoning Commission Board.

In the community, many seek out Dolores for her talents to help assist with many of life's occurrences. Immediately she becomes involved and offers advice and solutions. She has studied and shared knowledge of issues on health and Medicare with the organizations named above as well as the NAACP and individuals who have sought her recommendations.

Dolores has served as president of the AAUW-Las Cruces branch, representative on the Association Public Policy committee, branch Public Policy representative, and a state Public Policy representative. She not only attends legislative committee hearings in Southern New Mexico, but commutes to Santa Fe and Albuquerque for such meetings. She attends a majority of public policy meetings held by the city and county and is an active participant in the Las Cruces Interagency Council.

Recently, AAUW-New Mexico received a Public Policy Impact Grant from the Association. Dolores was instrumental in the grant application process, the administering of the funds that were distributed to various branches, and the overseeing and reporting of the resulting activities to the Leadership Team and the Association.

By her participation in many organizations as well as the League of Women Voters and the New Mexico Educational Retirees Association, Dolores has networked effectively to advance issues of concern to women, senior citizens, and young people.

*Jean Bahr, Terry Sleight Award Committee Chair*



*Las Cruces members Phoebe Pierce, Beverly Stiles, Dolores Halls (holding award), Carol Ann Council, and Marilyn Humphrey*

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

## AAUW ADVANCES EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Why a new mission statement for AAUW, and why now? For over a decade AAUW has experienced declining membership and revenue. Our Association president, Ruth Sweetser, and the board are facing the issues and taking action to revitalize our organization and avoid financial collapse. Their first action was to initiate strategic planning; seeking input from all members. Next they balanced the budget and put the finances on firmer ground. More symbolic than the previous actions, but highly visible, the board adopted the new mission statement last October, that titles this message, in order to guide the strategic planning process.

You will notice the basic theme of equity for women and girls remains the same, but the new wording gives sharper focus to the new direction. This statement is eleven words compared to thirteen words in the older, more familiar statement. Gone are the fuzzy words "positive societal change", which were not only cumbersome [awkward] to say, but are no longer affordable. What AAUW does is "equity for women and girls" and how we do it is through "advocacy, education and research". Shorter, simpler, more concise!

Is this the time for AAUW-NM to look at our focus statement: "Empowering women to take charge of their lives?" Does our focus statement fit with the new AAUW mission statement? Certainly our statement is both strong and succinct, but could it be reworded to have a sharper focus and state how we empower women? As the changes come to the Association, AAUW-NM may wish to make changes also.

We challenge our Association leadership to make the structural and programmatic changes coming this summer to be as effective as the reworded mission statement in reshaping AAUW into a leaner, more resilient organization. It is exciting and difficult to be part of such concerted renewal. There are tough decisions to be made, favorite programs to be dropped or modified, new programs created. However, the reward for all this effort will be a vibrant, financially secure organization confident in its ability to advance equity for women and girls in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

*Nina Thayer and Nancy Scheer  
Co-Presidents*

### HERE YE, HEAR YE COME ONE, COME ALL

#### What:

AAUW-NM Annual Spring Convention

#### Where:

Ramada Palms de Las Cruces in Las Cruces, New Mexico

#### When:

April 27 – April 29, 2007

#### Why:

- Learn about the "leaner-meaner" new look coming to AAUW
- Hear the director of the NM Commission on the Status of Women
- Attend a theater evening benefiting EF
- Meet an LAF plaintiff
- Renew old friendships and make new friends



**WE'LL BE THERE. COME JOIN US!**

*Nina and Nancy (N<sup>2</sup>)*

### AAUW-NM CONVENTION DEADLINES

#### April 10

Annual Reports from State Officers & Branch Presidents due in Las Cruces

Send to both: Bonnie Eisenberg

[mizbons@comcast.net](mailto:mizbons@comcast.net)

Ruth Benjamins ([benj@zianet.com](mailto:benj@zianet.com))

#### April 10

Postmark deadline for Early Bird Convention Registration

Send to: AAUW-NM 2007 Convention

c/o Bonnie Eisenberg

2133 Westwind Road

Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007-5532

#### April 20

Last day to receive reduced convention accommodations rate (\$69-double) at the

Ramada Palms de Las Cruces Hotel

Call: 505-526-441





**Friday, April 27-Sunday April 29, 2007**  
**Hosted by the Las Cruces Branch**

The Las Cruces Branch cordially invites you and your family to join us for the 2007 AAUW New Mexico state convention. While you are in the convention sessions, your family can stroll through The Fabian Garcia garden at NMSU or historic Old Mesilla plaza, hike at Dripping Springs in the nearby hills, play golf at Sonoma Ranch or other courses in town, explore the NM Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, or visit the many art galleries and exhibits around Las Cruces. The more adventurous can take a day trip to White Sands or Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monuments. Come early, or plan to stay an extra day to enjoy our beautiful city.

**Accommodations:** Ramada Palms de Las Cruces (505-526-4411): \$69 night for double room (two double beds or one king). We have reserved a block of rooms for April 27 and 28. Please make your own reservations by April 20th and mention that you are with the AAUW convention to receive this rate. Directions are elsewhere in this *Roadrunner* and will also be provided with your registration acknowledgement.

**Convention Registration:** Registration fee includes all workshops, convention notebook, visitors' goody bag, Saturday continental breakfast, and snacks. Register at the Ramada Palms Friday 11 a.m. through Saturday morning.

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER ON SATURDAY morning will be Mary Molina-Mescall, director of the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women, speaking on going from *Transition to Triumph* in our personal or professional lives. Sometimes the need for change in our lives comes from necessity, and other times it is simply about doing something different. Whatever the reason---cast a wide net.

Following thirty years of dedicated public service, Mary was appointed by Governor Bill Richardson to serve as Executive Director of the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women. The position offers the opportunity to empower women and girls in New Mexico to lead productive and fulfilling lives. Increasing awareness of the rights, responsibilities, and interests of women and girls in New Mexico has and continues to be her lifetime goal.

OUR SPECIAL LUNCH PROGRAM ON SATURDAY features Lyn deMartin, a recent LAF plaintiff whose case was successfully resolved due, in part, to the support she received from AAUW. She will also offer a workshop in the afternoon. Lyn now works at Santa Fe Community College as Project Manager for a federal Title V grant to increase access to higher education for Hispanic and low income students. She has two Masters degrees, one in Student Affairs Administration and one in Intercultural Administration. At New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU), Lyn began as Director of International Programs, then was promoted to Director of NMHU Center at Santa Fe Community College. Prior to coming to New Mexico, Lyn was Dean of Students at Alaska Pacific University for one year and Prescott College in Arizona for seven years.



Mary Molina-Mescall

ON SUNDAY MORNING, Lidia D. Avila, AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Director, will address the exciting changes going on in our Association with a PowerPoint presentation titled *Honoring Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future*. Dr. Avila has been active in AAUW for many years as a dual member in the Phoenix and Glendale branches. She has served as branch president, State president for Arizona, delegate to the IFUW convention, Educational Foundation Eleanor Roosevelt grants panel, and Association Diversity Task Force. As an educator, she has worked as a teacher, director, administrator, and is currently working part time as a school counselor.

Following the presentation will be a TOWN HALL MEETING for members to ask questions and raise issues for the Association. Also on Sunday morning will be a speaker addressing strategies for dealing with changes on a personal level, especially those big life-changing events that often come at us unexpectedly.

In addition to the business portions of the convention we have some very fun activities planned. **FRIDAY NIGHT** we will have dinner on the town in small groups to facilitate conversation, with five local restaurant options - Italian, Indian, Mexican and two contemporary casual. (Be sure to sign up for your dinner choice when you get to the hotel on Friday.) Following dinner will be a special **THEATRE EVENT** featuring a play called *Big Love* (see box below for more information). This is a fundraiser with \$5 from each ticket price contributed to EF (according to AAUW-NM funding formula). The **BANQUET ON SATURDAY NIGHT** will take place at the beautiful Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum with an excellent view of the sunset on the nearby Organ Mountains. Dinner will be a chuck wagon buffet followed by musical entertainment, awards, installation of new officers and more.

#### PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL THEATRE EVENT ON FRIDAY NIGHT

*Big Love*, directed by Ceil Herman, is the most popular play written by American playwright Charles Mee. The play is an outrageous and timely update of Greek playwright Aeschylus' *The Suppliant Women*, considered to be the oldest surviving play in Western literature. *Big Love* tells the story of 50 sisters (represented by three female characters) who are running away from the 50 cousins (represented by three male characters) they are being forced to marry. The women arrive at a hotel in Italy seeking refuge from the pursuing bridegrooms. When it appears that the women must marry the men, they agree on going through with the marriages but devise a plot to murder their respective bridegrooms on their wedding night. The play provides an entertaining and thought-provoking view of the battle of the sexes.

Following the play will be a reception with the director and actors, hosted by the Las Cruces-International Dinner group.

This is a special presentation for AAUW members and guests and is a fundraiser for EF, according to AAUW-NM funding allocation formula. Tickets are \$15. Be sure to indicate on your registration form if you plan to attend. Guests are welcome.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE CONVENTION** will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 27 in the lobby of the Ramada Palms. You may check in to the hotel at that time as well, however rooms may not be available until later in the afternoon. The first Leadership Team Meeting will begin at 12:30 at a meeting site downtown, approximately 10 minutes from the hotel. If you wish, you may go directly to the meeting site and register later. Hearty snacks will be provided. Directions to the hotel and to the meeting site appear below and also will be included with your registration acknowledgement.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The business items for the convention will be sent to you ahead of time, by email attachments or USPS as designated on your registration form. Please be sure to review these items prior to the convention.

**All Branches:** Tables will be available for displays, posters, scrapbooks, and so forth, highlighting branch events and projects. Small items for AAUW fundraiser sales are also acceptable.

**CALLING ALL EF/LAF/FINANCE CHAIRS!** Patricia Jonietz, AAUW-NM EF Chair, will be offering a Saturday afternoon "nuts & bolts" workshop addressing **the changes to AAUW as it transfers assets to AAUW EF and AAUW EF becomes a new organization. If you raise funds or handle finances, this is important information that may make the upcoming organizational changes more understandable.** To encourage attendance, **some** travel financial assistance is available for branch EF Chairs.

#### DIRECTIONS TO THE CONVENTION SITE:

**Heading south on I-25,** exit at University Ave (exit 0) and turn right. Proceed past the university to S. Valley Drive. The Ramada Palms will be on your right.

**Heading east on I-10:** Exit at S. Main (exit 142) and turn right onto S. Main, then right again onto University. Turn left on S. Valley Drive and right immediately into the Ramada Palms.

**Heading west on I-10:** Exit University Ave; the Ramada Palms will be directly ahead.

#### DIRECTION TO LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING (Friday afternoon):

**Heading south or north on I-25:** Exit at Lohman Ave. (exit 3) and turn west. Proceed 1.5 miles (street name changes to Amador) to Mesquite and turn right. Approximately ½ mile on your left look for a low tan building with burnt red doors on the corner of Lucero and Mesquite. We will be meeting in 717 A Mesquite. Park in the lot or on the street.

**From the Ramada Palms:** Exit the Ramada Palms parking lot on the Valley Drive side and turn right. Turn right at the first light onto S. Main and proceed 1.9 miles to Lohman (downtown Las Cruces) and turn right, then turn left onto Mesquite (second light) Approximately ½ mile up on your left look for a low tan building with burnt red doors on the corner of Lucero and Mesquite. We will be meeting in 717 A Mesquite. Park in the lot or on the street.

While most people think of Albuquerque and Santa Fe when they think of New Mexico, those of us in the southern part of the state assure you that there is, in fact, a thriving and vibrant city at the south end of I-25. The vast open space and perfect year-round weather is driving rapid growth and development in Las Cruces, which is transforming our city. Historic neighborhoods, art galleries, museums, a first class university, golf courses and the stunning natural beauty of our mountains and valleys makes this area well worth a visit. Bring your family, plan to come early or stay after the convention. A plethora of visitor information will be provided.

**Please send your registration form and check to:**  
**AAUW-NM 2007 Convention,**  
**c/o Bonnie Eisenberg, 2133 Westwind Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007-5532.**

**The registration form appears on page 12.**

#### TENTATIVE AAUW-NM 2007 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

##### Friday April 27

11 am-6 pm Registration & check-in – Ramada Palms  
 12:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting – Part I  
 5:30 pm No host “Dinner-on-the-town” w/ Las Cruces branch members  
 8:00 pm Theater Event “Big Love” (EF fundraiser)

##### Saturday April 28

7:45 am Registration and Continental Breakfast  
 8:30 am Welcome/Introductions/Greetings  
 9:10 am AAUW-NM Convention Business Session I  
 9:30 am Keynote: Mary Molina-Mescall, NM-CSW “Transition to Triumph”  
 10:30 am Panel discussion - focus: AAUW's latest study: “Drawing the Line - Sexual Harassment on Campus”  
 Noon Luncheon - featuring Lyn deMartin, LAF Plaintiff  
 1:45 pm Concurrent Workshops: (Please see page 12 for workshop descriptions.)  
 (1) LAF discussion (Lyn deMartin)  
 (2) EF “Nuts & Bolts” training (Patricia Jonietz)  
 (3) “Association's Latest Public Policy Skills” (Dolores Halls)

##### Saturday April 28 (cont.)

(4) “Changing Lives of Women on the Border” (Delia Gomez, Women's Intercultural Center)  
 3:00 pm AAUW-NM Convention Business Session II  
 6:00 pm Convention Banquet-Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum (Awards/Recognitions/Installation/etc.)

##### Sunday April 29

7:45 am Continental Breakfast  
 8:30 am AAUW Change presentation (Lidia D. Avila, RMRD)  
 9:30 am Town Hall meeting  
 10:10 am “Facing Major Life Changes” presentation  
 11:10 am Convention adjournment  
 11:15 am Leadership Team Meeting – Part II  
 12:15 am Gathering of those attending AAUW-Assoc Convention Phoenix, June 29 - July 2, 2007

#### OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST AT CONVENTION



- Janet Matwiyoff of *Sunfaces* will have a table with her various jewelry and pottery items to sell. She donates a portion of the proceeds to AAUW funds. Everyone looks forward to her new items.
- Women from the Intercultural Center (Anthony, NM) will have a table selling the items they make to better their lives. Delia Gomez of the Center will be giving one of the Saturday afternoon workshops.
- NMSU women faculty and staff will be invited to attend the Saturday luncheon with LAF plaintiff Lyn deMartin presenting and the LAF workshop following. We hope this will heighten awareness of AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund.

## AAUW NATIONAL RESTRUCTURING and Other News about Proposed Bylaws Amendments

The 2007 national convention in Phoenix will deal with some important bylaws changes, including restructuring of the American Association of University Women and the AAUW Educational Foundation (EF).

The proposed restructuring provides that AAUW, a 501(c)(4) corporation, will transfer most of its assets and activities to AAUW EF, a 501(c)(3) corporation. AAUW EF will be renamed AAUW and become the primary membership organization, effective July 1, 2009. The AAUW 501(c)(4) corporate structure will be continued for the limited purpose of voter education or related political activities. There will be a transitional plan for the boards of directors.

Except in emergencies, there is no current provision for member voting between conventions. A proposed amendment will provide for such voting. The amendment allows for mail or electronic balloting at any time.

Another proposed amendment will establish an audit committee. With the recent emphasis on financial oversight and assurance, there are many new regulations for nonprofits. The establishment of an Audit Committee separate from the Finance Committee will put AAUW in compliance with current regulations.

The proposals also address AAUW's status with the International Federation of University Women. In the past 30 years, there have been disputes over the high assessment of AAUW's dues to IFUW, and recent negotiations have not been successful. Because of financial constraints and changing times, the value of IFUW to AAUW has been greatly diminished when compared to the annual dues AAUW is expected to pay. The proposal is to delete all reference to IFUW in the Bylaws.

Several additional proposed amendments provide for removing previous service requirements for the executive vice president/secretary position, establishing separate finance vice presidents, filling vacancies in elected positions and clarifying maximum terms, and restructuring the Nominating Committee.

At the local branch level or for a member-at-large (MAL), the organizational restructuring will not have an immediate, significant impact. The bylaws amendments and proposals provide for the restructured organization to be effective July 1, 2009. This gives two years to work out details and approve new bylaws at the 2009 convention. At that point, it can be determined what has to be done regarding branch bylaws. Therefore, there will be no immediate effect on branch or state structure or on membership criteria.

Review the proposals on the AAUW website, [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), click on "Strategic Process" on the left. An article will also appear in the Spring/Summer *Outlook*.

*Information taken from material on AAUW website, [Strategic Process](#).*

### NEW MEXICO PROPOSAL TURNED DOWN

In other action of note to New Mexico members, the national Bylaws Committee turned down the proposal submitted by AAUW-NM to provide for "transitional dues" – reduced dues for newly-eligible members (recent graduates). The committee stated, "It is not fair to single out a particular group because not everyone in that group needs reduced dues." The committee also suggested that "there are several avenues at the branch level to alleviate dues for those who need financial assistance by forgiving branch dues and/or paying state dues. The committee encouraged branches and states to address individual needs at those levels, in a manner suitable to the individual. Lin Robinson, state Bylaws chair, would appreciate your comments for responding to the committee. Email Lin at [lbr47@earthlink.net](mailto:lbr47@earthlink.net), or mail to 4 Bison Ct, Placitas, New Mexico 87043.

*Lin Robinson, Bylaws Chair*

### WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR BRANCH REPORTS?

As a result of the need to include both state and national convention information in this issue, the usual coverage of branch activities was eliminated. Branch Reports will return in the summer issue of the *Roadrunner*.

*Deanise Marta, Roadrunner Editor*

## EXPANDING OUR LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP: AAUW'S BOLD MOVE INTO THE FUTURE

*Members have spoken. AAUW's boards have listened. And now your support is needed.*

For 125 years, AAUW has been advancing equity for women and girls through education, advocacy, philanthropy, and research—and through community action by strong branches throughout the country.

During the past 18 months, AAUW and the Educational Foundation have been engaged in an extensive strategic process to address shared challenges and opportunities. More than 11,000 members' voices were incorporated through surveys, online conversations, and discussions at the branch, state, regional, and national levels. Several principal findings have emerged as the result of this process:

### **Members' commitment to promoting equity for women of all ages is as strong as ever.**

We continue to work on issues that affect women today, because equity is still an issue. To focus our strength and reaffirm our commitment, the AAUW and Educational Foundation boards have adopted a single, shared mission that encompasses the legacy of both:

### **We need to adapt AAUW's organizational structure to meet current and future challenges.**

The strategic process found AAUW's current structure a barrier to attracting new members, strengthening our revenues, and accomplishing our mission. The boards heard the members' voices that we need to adapt our structure as a necessary first step toward reclaiming our legacy as a relevant, vibrant organization.

### **AAUW needs your engaged support now and your vote at the Association Convention in June.**

We *must* adapt our structure and send a mandate to the new boards for immediate, bold action to move forward. Please take time to research the proposed structural changes for yourself and talk with other members at the local level about our collective direction.

Visit the AAUW website and click the Strategic Process link on the home page at <http://www.aauw.org>.

- Read the Joint Boards' Report (October 31, 2006).
- Study the chart outlining the proposed bylaws changes to be voted on at the Association convention.
- Get your questions answered and the facts by bookmarking, visiting, and revisiting the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

In addition, contact your branch and state leaders as well as others who will be voting at Association convention and let them know you support the proposed changes.

Let's support the proposed bylaws changes and send a clear, strong message to the new board members. Let's tell them we're ready to put them to work to reenergize and refocus the AAUW we love and to which we've given so much, because as we know, equity is still an issue!



### MINI-GRANT UPDATE

Congratulations to the AAUW-Las Cruces Branch! At the Winter Leadership Team Meeting, they requested and were granted \$100 to assist in their **Girls Can!!** program. This program is the branch Continuing Visible Community Focus Project that encourages middle school girls to explore several careers and gives parents information to help their daughters achieve their goals.

Mini-Grants are just one of the many ways AAUW-NM can support its branches. Think ahead to next year to what your branch may wish to do. Grants will be available!

Carol Ann Council, Mini-Grant Chair  
[kk-ca\\_caouncil@msn.com](mailto:kk-ca_caouncil@msn.com)

### DON'T FORGET!

**AAUW National  
 Convention**  
 June 28—July 2, 2007  
 Hyatt Regency Phoenix  
 Phoenix, Arizona

See page 10 for  
 Travelship Information

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WELCOMES US FOR ANNUAL LOBBY DAY

Another exciting Lobby Day in Santa Fe this year, on February 12, 2007. We were fortunate again to have the use of the Santa Fe Skies RV Park facilities for our pre-lobby session. The AAUW-Santa Fe branch members outdid themselves by preparing and feeding us a sumptuous dinner the night before Lobby Day. Our scheduled speaker, Rep. Mimi Stewart, was called to caucus that evening, but we were extremely fortunate to have Diane Wood, a seasoned lobbyist, as a substitute presenter.

Diane spoke knowledgeably about upcoming legislation concerning AAUW-NM issues such as:

- increasing teachers' and principals salaries;
- increasing state scholarship funds;
- increasing and funding Kindergarten Plus and adding home visits;
- allowing high schools to offer funding for advanced placement;
- supporting funding for Physical Education teachers;
- supporting campaign finance reform;
- reforming pay-day loan restrictions;
- creating an Ethics Commission with subpoena power over the legislature and statewide elected officials, including local school boards, county and local governments;
- opening Legislative Conference Committee meetings;
- teaching the Bible as history - against teaching "biological origins" (creationism);
- supporting public financing for statewide elections;
- and many more.

Following Ms. Wood's presentation, information on AAUW-NM-supported topics and lobbying techniques was shared verbally. All those members who were to participate in the Lobby Day activities were given folders containing pertinent information.



2007 Lobby Team with Lt. Gov. Diane Denish



Co-president Nina Thayer with  
Lt. Gov. Diane Denish

Monday, we met outside the Governor's office and were greeted by Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, who spoke to us in the large conference room containing the famous marble Governor's Round Table. She answered all the questions from our members and finally had to leave to preside over the opening of the Legislative Session. Members spent the rest of the day lobbying their respective legislators and attending the Senate and House sessions. AAUW-NM again made its influence known and will continue to do so throughout the year.

*Dolores Halls*

### THANK YOU SANTA FE

The Leadership Team and everyone who attended the Legislative Day activities appreciated the wonderful location, food and accommodations provided by the Santa Fe Branch. A very special thank you to President Shelley Rossbach and her team, including Kathleen Kerr who coordinated the potluck appetizers and dinner, Helen Snoke, who coordinated the bed and breakfast and Flossie Brown for the use of the community rooms and kitchen at Santa Fe Skies RV Park. We all had a congenial time and learned so much from our speaker, Diane Wood, and roundtable meeting with Lt. Gov. Denish. The good cooks of the Santa Fe branch truly outdid themselves for us! Many thanks.

*Nina & Nancy – N<sup>2</sup>*

### INGENIOUS IDEAS AWARD RENAMED

During the State Leadership Team meeting in Santa Fe, we discussed how to recognize the late Dr. Marjorie Bell Chambers for her many years of service to AAUW and for her dedication to women's issues. Her last task for AAUW-NM was to create the Ingenious Ideas award to recognize those branches that developed a new idea to enhance membership or to further AAUW's mission. We agreed, with unanimous consent, to rename the awards program as the 'Marjorie Bell Chamber Ingenious Ideas Award'. It is a fitting tribute to this gracious and grand lady and to our friend and AAUW colleague.

Submit applications for this year's award to Nancy Scheer by March 25. Include the branch's name, a contact person, and a paragraph describing the new idea, program, or event.

## THINKING ABOUT AAUW EF GIFTS IN 2007?

AAUW New Mexico thanks every branch and individual who contributed to the Educational Foundation in 2006. New Mexico AAUW sends a special thanks to the foundation that gave \$500 to help us with our Corrine Wolfe goal.

Of the eleven active branches in New Mexico (Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Grant County, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Portales, Raton, Socorro, and West Mesa), four branches exceeded their per capita contribution; ten branches made individual *or* branch contributions; four branches relied on individual donors only; and six branches raised funds in the name of the branch.

Leadership Team members (with the help of some friends) raised over \$1300. That number includes the \$500 gift from a private foundation.

If every branch had made their per capita (\$30) contribution, NM would have donated \$16,960. While the following numbers are not yet final, New Mexico appears to have given slightly over \$12,000.

- Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship—\$9700+
- Legal Advocacy Fund—\$1300+
- EF and various funds within EF—\$470

### IN 2007, REMEMBER:

- AAUW NM needs over **\$63,000** to complete Corrine Wolfe.
- Donations can be made as memorials or celebrations to any fund within AAUW EF or to AAUW EF Unrestricted.

For detailed instructions on making contributions to EF, refer to the previous edition of the *Roadrunner*. The instructions also appear on the AAUW-NM website.

## PRIORITIES FOR CHILDREN IN 2007

With the availability of new state funds this year, we see a singular opportunity to continue the educational reform already in place in New Mexico. Because our democracy depends on an informed and educated citizenry, it is in our best interest to prioritize New Mexico's educational needs and make sure the funding is available to meet these needs.

AAUW-NM encouraged the 2007 Legislature to focus on new programs in support of the following issues:

- School readiness; elementary physical education; parental involvement; early childhood education
- Meeting student needs by refining educational content and delivery process; this would require quality professional training for all who work with children.
- Raising teacher salaries to place New Mexico among the top 25 states (we are currently 37th); attracting and retaining teaching staff; expanding the mentoring system for all new educators
- Creating better forms of assessment, even it leads to eliminating some of the current forms of testing
- Involving classroom teachers in revisions of the No Child Left Behind Act
- Allowing the freedom for teachers to try new methods in the classroom
- Addressing the problems of sexual harassment and assault on campuses
- Providing the skills and knowledge required for the 21st century



Jean Bahr, Academic Co-chair

## 2007—2008 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The following members have accepted nominations to the specified positions. Each term will run for two years.

- Program—Natalie Markin (Los Alamos)  
Will Anne Rice (Carlsbad)
- Finance—Virginia Spruiell (Carlsbad)
- Outreach—Beverly Stiles (Las Cruces)
- Public Policy—Marion Isidoro (Albuquerque), North  
Dolores Halls (Las Cruces), South
- Roadrunner Editor—Deanise Marta (Las Cruces)
- Nominations—Carol Ann Council (Las Cruces), to fill remaining 2006-2008 term

Nominees will be installed at the State Convention in Las Cruces.

Marilyn Dunn, Chair; Carol Ann Council, Member; Mona Wecksung, Member—Nominating Committee

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**ASSOCIATION CONVENTION TRAVELSHIPS**

AAUW-NM will award 15 travelships for AAUW-NM members attending the Association convention in Phoenix, AZ, June 29-July 2, 2007. Five travelships of \$200 each will be awarded to first-time convention attendees; ten travelships for \$100 each will be awarded to repeat convention attendees. The money may be used for travel, lodging, meals or registration. Any member awarded a travelship who is unable to attend the convention for any reason must return the money to AAUW-NM treasurer and it will be awarded to the next alternate.

If fewer than five first timers apply, the unused money will be put in the pool for the \$100 travelships, allowing more of the \$100 travelships to be awarded. If more than five first timers apply, those not awarded a \$200 travelship will be automatically entered into the pool for the \$100 travelships. First, second and third alternates will be drawn after the 15 winners, if there are sufficient applicants.

Travelship winners and alternates will be drawn from the two pools of all completed applications, first timers and repeat attendees respectively, at the banquet April 28 in Las Cruces. Winners do not need to be present.

Applications must be completed and postmarked or emailed by April 20 to Janet Matwiyoff, 9504 Pebble Beach Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 (HelenJan@aol.com).

**AAUW-NM  
Travelship Application  
2007 ASSOCIATION CONVENTION  
Postmarked or emailed by April 20, 2007**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OFFICE (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OFFICE (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARS IN AAUW (approximate): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended other Association Conventions (circle answer):    YES    NO  
If YES, how many: \_\_\_\_\_

How will attending the Phoenix Association Convention be of benefit to you?

How will your Phoenix convention experiences and knowledge be of benefit to your branch?

How will your Phoenix convention experiences and knowledge be of benefit to AAUW-NM?

**(Continue answers on an attached page.)**

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## 2007 REGIONAL, STATE, AND BRANCH INCENTIVES FOR THE AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

AAUW is aware that all regions, states, and branches are challenged by the expenses in their operating budgets. This year, AAUW has designed the convention incentive program to help lighten the burden.

\*All 2007 attendance incentives are based upon participants registered and paid at the full convention rate (\$375). All membership numbers will be based on February 1, 2007 membership counts.

### REGIONAL INCENTIVES

Bring 125 attendees\*, or increase attendance\* from your region over the previous convention year (2005) by 12.5%, and your region will receive \$500 toward materials from the "Branch Necessities" section of Shop AAUW (distributed at the discretion of the regional director).

### STATE INCENTIVES

(States may only qualify for one of the two prizes)

- All states that bring their entire delegation plus one non-voting attendee\* to convention will receive a \$250 US Postal Service gift certificate for the United States Postal Service.
- All states that increase their attendance by 10% over the 2005 convention will receive a \$100 US Postal Service gift certificate.

### BRANCH INCENTIVES

#### Large Branches (101 members or more)

Branches that send ten or more members\* will receive:

- A \$150 gift certificate from FedEx Kinkos or Staples  
or
- A one-hour AAUW webinar of your choice about an AAUW program or support function  
or
- Five one-hour consultant calls over the next year from each of the following areas: Public Policy/Advocacy; Meetings/Events; Membership Recruitment; Programming; and Development. Approximate value is \$1,250.

#### Medium Branches (46-100 members)

Branches that send five or more members\* will receive:

- A \$100 gift certificate from FedEx Kinkos or Staples  
or
- A \$100 gift certificate from Amazon.com  
or
- Five one-hour consultant calls over the next year from each of the following areas: Public Policy/Advocacy; Meetings/Events; Membership Recruitment; Programming; and Development. Approximate value is \$1,250.

#### Small Branches (45 members or fewer)

Branches that send three or more members\* will receive:

- A \$50 gift certificate from FedEx Kinkos or Staples  
or
- A one-and-one-half hour consultation from an AAUW department of your choice, to be used between July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, valued at \$250  
or
- Five one-hour consultant calls over the next year from each of the following areas: Public Policy/Advocacy; Meetings/Events; Membership Recruitment; Programming; and Development. Approximate value is \$1,250.

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**AAUW New Mexico 2007 Convention Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w/c) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate: State \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Current Positions: Branch \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Assoc. \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_ Do you plan to join us for dinner on Friday night? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to receive your pre-convention packet via email attachments? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, it will be mailed USPS.)

Registration Fee:	Early bird registration (postmarked by April 10)	\$35.00	
	After April 10 and onsite Registration	\$40.00	\$ _____
	Saturday only (includes continental breakfast and snacks)	\$20.00	\$ _____
Meals and Special Events:	Friday evening theatre event	\$15.00 x _____ (includes \$5 EF don.)	\$ _____
	Saturday luncheon plate and program	\$16.50 x _____ (Please choose turkey _____ ham _____ veg _____)	\$ _____
	Saturday night banquet	\$35.00 x _____	\$ _____
	Sunday continental breakfast	\$ 8.00 x _____	\$ _____
	<b>Total remittance enclosed (make check payable to AAUW-NM Convention)</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

**Spouse/guests are encouraged to attend meals and theatre event for the cost of the event**

**SATURDAY MORNING PANEL**

The Saturday morning convention panel will focus on the most recent AAUW study: "Drawing the Line – Sexual Harassment on Campus." Four participants will share how sexual harassment complaints are assessed, evaluated, and responded to in their areas of employment.

- Lt Col. Lisa Allen has served in the US Air Force for 26 years and is presently the commander of the NMSU Air Force ROTC Detachment.
- Dr. Margie Huerta is the CEO of the Doña Ana Community College.
- Nancy Parker serves the Las Cruces Public Schools as a middle school counselor.
- Susan Watt is with the City of Las Cruces Human Resources Department.

Questions and answers will follow the presentations.

**SATURDAY WORKSHOPS**

1. LAF discussion hosted by Lyn deMartin, NM-LAF plaintiff. Following Lyn's luncheon presentation, this workshop will offer the opportunity for further dialogue on LAF details, including how to apply to AAUW for assistance, personal inquiries, and so forth.
2. *EF Nuts & Bolts* led by Patricia Jonietz, AAUW-NM EF Chair. As the Educational Foundation absorbs most assets and activities and becomes the primary membership organization called AAUW, how will we change, what will stay the same, and how will we adapt our structure? This workshop will be of special interest to Branch EF, LAF, and Finance Chairs.
3. *Association's Latest Public Policy Skills*, led by Dolores Halls, member of the Association Public Policy Committee. This workshop will cover the bare bones of public policy, both old and new.
4. *Changing Lives of Women on the Border*, led by Delia Gomez of the Women's Intercultural Center. Ms. Gomez will discuss the center's programs to empower and enrich the lives of immigrant women on the US-Mexico border.



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