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## AND THE WINNER IS...

This year's Terry Sleight Award winner is long-time Santa Fe member, Jean Bahr. Jean is a tireless agent for equality and equity in education, and has devoted untold hours to advancing women's issues. In recent years, Jean has focused her talents on the legislative process, which is the means to gain funding for education initiatives. "Legislators, along with the governor, the community, educators, parents, and students must do all they can to help New Mexico's women and children," Jean says. She is an active lobbyist for AAUW, spending hours throughout the year at legislative meetings and hearings, influencing legislators to genuinely support children and schools.



Marilyn Dunn (rt.) presents the Terry Sleight award to Jean Bahr.

Jean was the Academic Coordinator for AAUW-NM for six years, and after taking a year off she returned as the Academic Co-coordinator in 2006. In this capacity, she has testified and provided written information for the Legislative Education Study Committee, as well as other House and Senate education committees. She has also represented AAUW in the New Mexico Partners in Education. As a registered lobbyist for AAUW, Jean's knowledge, professionalism, and personal commitment to children and education ensure that the AAUW positions are taken seriously at the legislative level.

Please join us in congratulating Jean on this prestigious and well-deserved award.

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING HITS RECORD LEVELS



Rosmarie Fredrickson (lt.), Nancy Scheer, and Nina Thayer

Thanks to a generous donation of \$10,000 last October, specified to be used as matching funds for contributions to the Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship Fund, AAUW-NM members and branches were inspired to take out their checkbooks and contribute another \$10,000. This remarkable achievement was accomplished in just three short months, from October 2007 through January 2008.

Branches used many ingenious ways to raise money while the matching funds were available. There were parties and non-teas, silent auctions and auctions, theater parties and brunches, all to raise funds for the Corrine Wolfe Fellowship. The Leadership Team also did its share to help with the fund raising. It sponsored a raffle and helped contact all Members-at-Large to solicit donations. Approximately \$1,600 were raised through these efforts.

The Corrine Wolfe Fund is closer by \$20,000 to its goal of \$100,000. It is now stands at approximately \$69,000. We thank the generous donor who contributed the original \$10,000, and proposed the idea of a matching fund challenge.

The Leadership Team and especially your state EF chair wish to thank each and every one of you for your generosity. If we can keep the momentum begun by the matching funds idea, we may be able to close out the Corrine Wolfe Fund soon. What a great idea to put the money to work helping an international student!

Rosmarie Fredrickson, EF Chair

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## SUCCESS STORIES: GRANT COUNTY AND LAS VEGAS

We have chosen two of New Mexico's smaller branches to highlight in this presidents' message. Both have increasing membership, numerous activities, and strong leadership. Located in opposite corners of New Mexico, both branches are in small towns with a state university (Highlands University and Western New Mexico University). Both groups have several long-time members who have held many offices over the years, and both branches also have many newer, younger members taking active roles and developing leadership.

The major activity of the Grant County Branch in Silver City is the Expanding Your Horizons Conference it holds for girls in fifth through tenth grades. On March 1, they held the 16<sup>th</sup> annual conference. Last year's conference attracted 340 girls. What an accomplishment! The conference provides each girl with the opportunity for three different hands-on workshops to explore careers where math and science are important. All the presenters are women. But they don't stop there. In past years, they have a tea for sixth grade girls and last fall they had an international pot-luck and invited foreign students attending WNMU. In the past two years, they have grown from 18 members to 32 members and last year won the Association prize for the branch with the largest percentage growth in the country. Founded in 1938, this branch is 70 years young. Congratulations Emily Warner and the AAUW team in Grant County!



Nancy (Lt.) and Nina

The Las Vegas Branch has a long history of community activism. In recent years, the members have organized more than twenty community forums on timely and stimulating topics from immigration and foreign policy to voter fraud and reform. These forums have earned their branch a respected name and often have attendance over a hundred. In recent years, they reached out to women returning to college, offering them student affiliate membership. Last year, they tried a new program called Support Our Sisters (SOS) that identifies and mentors single mothers who did not go to college. The Las Vegas Branch boasts 11 new members this year. Congratulations Karyl Lyne and the active AAUW women in Las Vegas!

Both of these branches have experienced setbacks in recent years, and have bounced back stronger than before. Why? Our next presidents' message will explore the reasons for these extraordinary success stories as we discuss AAUW mission-focused programming.

*Nancy Scheer and Nina Thayer, Co-presidents*

## THANK YOU, SANTA FE

The Leadership Team, Lobby Corps, and everyone who attended the Legislative Day activities appreciated the hospitality provided by the Santa Fe Branch. A very special thank you goes to President Shelley Rossbach and her team, including Riette Mugleston and Kathleen Kerr, who coordinated the delicious appetizers and dinner; Sandra Bradley, 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 appreciated the expertise of our speaker, Diane Wood, director of ACLU New Mexico, and the legislative update on Monday morning by Eric Vasquez, Senior Policy Analyst to the Lt. Governor. The wonderful hostesses and cooks of the Santa Fe Branch deserve our appreciation for jobs well done. Many thanks.

*Nancy & Nina, N<sup>2</sup>*

## HEAR YE, HEAR YE

**WHAT:** AAUW-NM Annual Spring Convention

**WHERE:** Hilton Garden Inn, Rio Rancho, New Mexico; hosted by the West Mesa Branch

**WHEN:** April 25 – April 27, 2008

**WHY:**

- Hear **Catherine Hill**, author of the AAUW research report "Behind the Pay Gap"
- Hear **Jeanette Chavez**, AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Director
- Help AAUW-NM celebrate its **75<sup>th</sup> Birthday**
- Learn about **pay equity** in New Mexico
- Meet an **Educational Foundation Fellow**
- Learn about **nursing education**
- Have fun with **AAUW friends** and visit the Balloon Fiesta Museum

The West Mesa Branch and our AAUW-NM Program Coordinators, Natalie Markin and Will Anne Ricer, are planning a great event. **COME JOIN US!**

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

## AAUW NM 2008 STATE CONVENTION "EQUITY FOR ALL"

**Friday, April 25-Sunday April 27, 2008: Hosted by the West Mesa Branch**

Our West Mesa Branch is looking forward to having you and your family join us for the state convention here in Rio Rancho. We hope you will come early or stay late to take in some of the special sights in our area. You will have a chance to visit the Balloon Museum or the Petroglyph Park late Friday afternoon. Coronado Monument has a restored kiva that is worth seeing. The Albuquerque Zoo and Botanical Gardens are outstanding. Taking the tram up Sandia Mountain is awesome - wow, what a view! The Atomic Museum, the NM Museum of Natural History and Science, the Albuquerque Art Museum, and Old Town are all worth seeing. There is always golf available nearby at Paradise Hills Golf Course. Or, shop at Cottonwood Mall or in Corrales where you will find many unique treasures.

**Accommodations:** Rio Rancho's Hilton Garden Inn (505) 896-1111: \$89 per night for double rooms with two double beds. We have reserved a block of rooms for April 25 and 26th. Please make your own reservations by Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and tell them you are with the AAUW convention.

### **Directions to Hilton Garden Inn:**

From the north, take I-25 to exit 242 (Bernalillo), go west on state highway 550 to highway 528 (Rio Rancho Blvd.), turn south on 528. Go about 10 miles. The Hilton is on the right side of 528 across from Intel.  
From the south, take I-25 to Alameda. Go west about 6 miles on Alameda which becomes Rio Rancho Blvd. The Hilton will be on the left across from Intel.

**Convention registration:** Friday 11AM-6PM and Saturday 8AM-3PM. Your fee will cover workshops, convention reports, tote bag, visitors' packet, and break drinks and snacks.

**Friday night restaurant choices:** Applebees, Dion's Pizza, Cazuela's, Smokehouse, Pasta Cafe, Village Inn, Chili's, and many more.

*The Convention Registration Form Appears on Page 8.*

### CONVENTION SCHEDULE AAUW – NM 2008

#### **Friday, April 25, 2008**

11:00 to 6:00 Registration  
12:30 to 3:30 Leadership Team Meeting, Part 1  
3:30 to 5:00 Tour Balloon Fiesta Museum or Petroglyph National Park  
6:15 to ? Dinner on your own or with West Mesa Members

#### **Saturday, April 26, 2008**

7:00 to 8:30 Breakfast at Hotel  
8:30 to 9:00 Welcome  
9:00 to 9:15 Convention Business Meeting #1  
9:15 to 10:30 KEYNOTE: Dr. Catherine Hill "Behind the Pay Gap: Making Research Matter"  
10:30 to 10:40 Jeanette Chavez, Rocky Mountain Regional Director  
10:40 to 11:00 Break  
11:00 to 12:00 Workshops: Roxanne Lara: Legal Issues for Women Jeanette Chavez: Leadership Development  
12:00 to 1:30 Lunch and EF Speaker (speaker tentative)  
1:30 to 2:30 Panel Discussion: Camilla Duran Carolyn Glen Kay Martha Burk  
2:30 to 3:30 Dr. Sharon Souter: "Nursing Education"  
3:30 to 3:45 Break  
3:45 to 5:15 Convention Business Meeting #2

6:30 to 9:00 75th Birthday Celebration for AAUW-New Mexico, entertainment, awards at El Pinto Restaurant

#### **Sunday, April 27, 2008**

7:45 to 9:00 Breakfast at Hotel  
9:00 to 10:00 Dr. Catherine Hill "Where the Girls are: The Facts about Gender Equity in Education"  
10:00 to 10:30 Town Hall Meeting  
10:30 am to 10:45 Break  
10:45 to 12:00 Leadership Team Meeting



**AAUW-NM 2008 STATE CONVENTION SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS****KEYNOTE Speaker**

**Catherine Hill** is the Director of Research at the AAUW Educational Foundation. She is an author of several AAUW reports including *Behind the Pay Gap* (2007) and *Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus* (2006). She has both a bachelor's and master's degree from Cornell University and a PhD in public policy from Rutgers University.

**WORKSHOP Speakers**

**Jeanette Chavez** received her BA degree from San Jose State University in California. She has been married 37 years and has two grown children and one grandson (4 months old). *She still works fulltime for Wells Fargo Equipment Finance.* She has been an AAUW member since 1975 and has served as a branch officer in three branches. Jeanette is a charter member of two branches in Arizona and was Arizona State President from 1991-1993. Since then, she served on the Arizona State board in several different roles. Currently she is the Regional Director for the Rocky Mountain Region.

**Roxanne Lara** was born and raised in Carlsbad, New Mexico. She received her BA in Journalism from NMSU and JD from Texas Tech. She was a partner in Martin and Lara Law firm prior to opening her own firm in 2007. She is president elect for the Chamber of Commerce and vice-president of the Southeast New Mexico Community Action Corporation Board of Directors. She is also active on the Carlsbad Medical Center Board of Trustees and is a Certified Court appointed Mediator.

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION Speaker**

**Christine M. Getrich** is the recipient of an AAUW EF Grant/ Fellowship for 2007-2008. She is at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and is studying for a Ph.D. in Anthropology. The name of her project is "American by Birth, Mexican By Blood"

**AAUW Pay Equity Panelists**

**Martha Burk** is a nationally known feminist leader who is immediate past chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations. She is a syndicated columnist and Money Editor for Ms. Magazine. Dr. Burk chaired the drafting committee for the Fair Play Act during her tenure in Washington, D.C. She recently served as Senior Advisor for Women's Issues for the Bill Richardson presidential campaign, and co-chaired Women for Richardson nationally with Lt. Governor Diane Denish. She resides in Corrales with her husband, Ralph Estes.

**Carmilla M.A. Duran** is a native New Mexican from Santa Fe. For thirty years she was a business owner in the San Francisco Bay area, working with Fortune 500 companies. She has recently returned to New Mexico where she is working in real estate and teaching special education classes in a local high school.

**Carolyn Glen Kaye** has had a long and dedicated association with AAUW, holding leadership positions on the east coast as well as here in New Mexico. While she was AAUW-NM Public Policy Coordinator, Carolyn started the AAUW-NM Lobby Corps that she continues to lobby with on a regular basis. She has spoken on the topic of pay equity to many New Mexico branches and was on a panel to discuss public policy at the 2006 AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Casper, Wyoming. In January 2006, Carolyn received the first Terry Sleight Award.

**AFTERNOON Speaker**

**Dr. Sharon Souter** RN, PhD, CNE is Director of the BSN programs for Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing, which is a consortium of Abilene Christian University, Hardin Simmons University, and McMurray University. Formerly, she was the Director of the Nursing Program at New Mexico State University - Carlsbad. She was previously the chair and a member of the New Mexico Board of Nursing and an evaluator for the National League of Nursing. She has spent more than 28 years in nursing education and is a Certified Nursing Educator. She is the author of several articles on nutrition in the older adult, the Instructor's manual for the Ignatvicius Textbook of Medical Surgical Nursing, and is a writer and reviewer for the NCLEX review texts.

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### WITH CONVENTIONS, COME ELECTIONS...

On behalf of the AAUW-NM Nominations Team, I would like to thank all those members who stepped forward and accepted a position on the 2008-2010 AAUW-NM slate of officers. To move AAUW-NM forward, it takes dedicated women who are willing to give of their time and talents.

Election of officers will take place at the annual State Convention April 25 through 27, hosted this year by the West Mesa Branch. Nominations from the floor will be accepted with the consent of the person nominated. Installation of officers will take place near the convention's conclusion.

Thank you also to those on the nominating team who worked hard to obtain this year's slate of nominees.

#### AAUW-NM State Officer Nominations - 2008-2010 Term

| Office:                     | Nomination:  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Co-Presidents               | Nina Thayer (Los Alamos)<br>Mary Sandford (Carlsbad) |
| Membership Coordinator      | Helena Whyte (Los Alamos)                            |
| Recording Secretary         | Karen Nelson (Carlsbad)                              |
| Academic Co-coordinator     | Jean Bahr (Santa Fe)<br>Ruth Benjamins (Las Cruces)  |
| Media Relations Coordinator | Betty Walker-Smith (ABQ)                             |
| EF Chair                    | Rosmarie Frederickson (Los Alamos)                   |
| Nominations Chair           | Carol Ann Council (Las Cruces)                       |

*Nominations Team: Carol Ann Council, Las Cruces – Chair, Marilyn Dunn, Albuquerque, Louise Drlik, Las Vegas*



*Standing (l to r) are Carol Ann Council, Jean Bahr, Mary Sandford, Helena Whyte, Karen Nelson, and Betty Walker Smith. Seated (l to r) are Rosmarie Frederickson and Nina Thayer.*

### ABOUT OUR NOMINEES

**Nina Thayer – Co-president:** Nina is a retired scientist and 34-year AAUW member from Los Alamos, who has just completed a term as co-president. She has had numerous branch and state offices including branch president (1984-86), state membership chair (2003-6), and state nominations chair (mid 1990's). She has attended many national conventions and all but two New Mexico conventions in the last 24 years. Nina enjoys hiking, skiing, reading, travel, family and AAUW. In her own words, "AAUW has allowed me to positively effect the future, to improve the lives of women and girls and to work with a wide variety of interesting, intelligent women from all over the country."

**Mary Sandford – Co-president:** Mary joined AAUW in 1976 and has been a Carlsbad branch member ever since. She has held almost all branch offices, including branch president twice, and is currently the branch's Membership VP. She has also held the Outreach Coordinator's position for AAUW-NM and is currently the Membership Co-VP with Antje Muir. She is looking forward to working with Nina Thayer and hopes that they can continue the outstanding leadership that Nina and Nancy Scheer have given AAUW-NM!

**Helena Whyte – Membership Coordinator –** Helena recently retired from Los Alamos National Laboratories, where she held positions as mentor, team leader, and author/co-author of numerous peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters. She holds a B.S. degree in Chemistry and an M.A. Science Education. She served as the AAUW NM LAF Liaison from 1988-1992, was the AAUW Community Action Grant co-recipient in 1991-92 for the Native American Women's Leadership Lunches at UNM main campus. She also has held the following positions in the Los Alamos branch: AAUW Los Alamos Branch Board 1981-84, 1989-91 (Facilitator 1989-90); Nominating Committee 1993-94; Publicity 2005-2006; Facilitator 2006-2008; Evening Great Decisions Study Group Chair 2006-2008; Let's Read Math presenter 2007. Helena has also served as a Los

Alamos Monitor reader for Newsline for the Blind from 2001 to 2008.

**Karen Nelson – Recording Secretary –** Karen is a retired elementary school teacher from Carlsbad, but grew up in Los Alamos. She has a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education and one in Special Education. Her Masters is in Special Education with a special endorsement in learning disabilities. She taught fifth grade, third grade, and Special Education for gifted and also learning disabled. She is married with a daughter, a son and five grandchildren. She has held many offices for her branch: President, Membership Chair, Program Chair, Academic Chair, and secretary. She has done her branch's webpage, newsletter, and yearbook. In 1986-1988 she served as AAUW-NM Educational Interests Chair.

**Jean Bahr – Academic Co-coordinator –** Please see page 1.

**Ruth Benjamins – Academic Co-coordinator –** Ruth has served in this position for the past four years and has enjoyed working with Jean Bahr as they try to keep the general membership updated on education issues in New Mexico and keep the legislators informed about AAUW positions on educational issues. Ruth received my degree from the University of Michigan in Chemistry and worked for several years in the field of Radiochemistry. She then obtained a teaching certificate from the University of Michigan in Secondary Education and her Master's degree in Chemistry and Secondary Education. She taught high school Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics for 25 years. As an AAUW member in Las Cruces, she served as Hospitality Chair, Interest Group Chair, a two year term as President of the branch, and is currently serving as Treasurer and Branch Academic Chair.

**Betty Walker Smith – Media Relations Coordinator –** Betty was born on a farm about fifty miles north of Dallas, Texas. She graduated

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from McMurry University in Abilene, Texas with a BS degree; the University of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff, with an MS degree, and the University of Arizona, Tucson, with an M.Ed. in Teaching Reading for grades K-12. Betty is a retired elementary and middle school teacher with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Navajo and Pueblo Reservations, and with Albuquerque Public Schools for a total of thirty-seven years.

**Rosmarie Fredrickson – EF Chair** – Rosmarie has been a member of Los Alamos Branch for “more years than she wishes to remember.” She has served in various offices in this branch and is currently Public Policy Chair. She studied at and earned a degree from the University of Maryland and after moving to Los Alamos, she studied at and received a degree from the University of New Mexico. She has held a number of jobs as a teacher and a scientific applications programmer. She and her husband Paul have raised four children and are now enjoying grandchildren. They also love to hike and climb a “14teener” each year on our anniversary in August. She is an avid gardener and loves to scrapbook.

**Carol Ann Council – Nominations Chair** – Carol Ann Council joined AAUW in the spring of 1983 at AAUW-NM’s 50<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Convention Celebration in Las Cruces, NM. Soon afterward, she became

a life member and ever since has been active at all levels of the organization. Locally, she has participated in various projects, coordinated events and held several offices - including treasurer and president. At the state level, she has assisted various officers, participated in special events, attended state conventions, and held the offices of: finance chair, president; co-president; Mini-Grant chair; and Nominations chair. She has helped organize and plan two Rocky Mountain Regional Conferences and has attended many Association Conventions and an AAUW Leadership Conference. Earning a BA degree in mathematics and physics and a MS degree in math (both from Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, TX), Carol Ann has worked in both private industry and the academic worlds. She is acquainted with many members throughout the AAUW organization and is familiar with the State Branches’ activities/projects - good qualities needed for a Nominations

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS REPORT

The Sunday New York Times magazine section on February 3 contained an article about US women voters and the issues to which they pay attention. According to the author, 37% of women, compared with 63% of men, take an interest in international affairs. In this shrinking world, part of our duty as educated women is to improve this level of understanding and participation.

Toward this end, the AAUW International Affairs Committee (IAC) has produced a new publication available on the website: *Reaching Out*. Vol. 1, No. 1, dated January 2008, contains brief articles about CARE, International Women’s Day, and One Shared World, and other topics. The committee maintains a booklist on international topics on the *International Corner* segment of the AAUW website, [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), and invites comments from members.

Those interested in participating in the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) will want to examine Women Graduates–USA, a national organization now incorporated in the state of Iowa. With its leadership drawn from the ranks of AAUW, its application to represent the US within IFUW is now being voted upon worldwide through a poll of IFUW national federations and associations. Because balloting is conducted by mail, certification results are not expected until September of this year. This new group expects to have 501 c(3) tax exempt status with the IRS before the end of the year. For membership information, see the organization’s website, [www.wg-usa.org](http://www.wg-usa.org), where frequent updates on meetings, participation, programs, and issues also can be found. Member email contact is essential because the group communicates entirely through the Internet. The first Annual General Meeting will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, in October 2008 in conjunction with the World Food Prize conference. At that time, members nationwide will have an opportunity to meet face to face.

*Barbara Carey, IAC representative*

## HAPPY 75<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY TO AAUW-NM

This year, 2008, is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our state organization. It was founded in Albuquerque in October, 1933, although several branches throughout the state had been formed previously. Branches



represented at the meeting were Las Cruces, founded in 1923; Albuquerque, founded in 1927; Carlsbad, founded in 1928; and Santa Fe and Roswell, both founded in 1933. Two Albuquerque members, Mrs. Gustave Weil and Mrs. J.B. Stephenson, were both instrumental in organizing the state organization. Alice E. Scott of Albuquerque was elected the first president. Branch dues to the state organization were set at twenty-five cents a year per branch. There were 154 members in New Mexico in 1933.

Through the years, twenty one more branches were organized across the state. However, by 2004, there were only ten active branches.

The first state convention was held in Santa Fe in November, 1934. Since then, state conventions have been held annually except for two years during World War II: 1943 and 1945. The first workshop for state board members was held in September, 1947.

Through the years, AAUW-NM has been active in supporting state legislation in areas of education, child care, consumer protection, and the status of women. The first Legislative Day was held in February, 1967. Legislative Days have been held annually ever since.

Several New Mexico AAUW members have served as officers or committee members at the Association level. Dr. Marjorie Bell Chambers of Los Alamos was president of the National Association in 1975. Barbara Carey of Carlsbad was the Rocky Mountain Regional Vice President in 1981.

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### PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

There has been much public policy activity of late. We held our annual luncheon on January 12, at the home of West Mesa member Corrine Howard of Corrales. We discussed items of interest in the upcoming legislature. Our speaker was Representative Danice Picraux, who spoke on health care insurance bills. Later in the month, our state presidents, after researching the topic, decided that AAUW-NM was not adequately informed on the financial aspects of providing for state-wide health care, and therefore would limit our support to various aspects of providing health care services. Any member who wished to address one of the health care financing bills had to do so as a private citizen, not as a representative of AAUW-NM. Several members also took part in the Choice Rally on January 22nd to honor the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.

We held our Winter Leadership Team meeting in Santa Fe on January 27th. The Public Policy workshop was held that evening, attended by a group of about thirty people. Representative Rick Miera was to be our main speaker, but he was not able to attend. Our second speaker, Diane Wood of ACLU, graciously agreed to speak on more topics than originally intended. She particularly covered bills that we needed to examine for evidence of a 'concealed' method to use taxpayer money for projects in private schools. Other items included ethics, health, and education bills.

On Monday January 28th, seventeen members met in the Governor's lobby and went to the Lt. Governor's office where we were met by Eric Vasquez, who is in charge of education and ethics. Mr. Vasquez had agreed to talk to us for fifteen minutes but gave us forty-five minutes instead. He covered a large number of bills related to AAUW priorities, and both discussed them and answered questions. Most of the group agreed that this was a beneficial meeting. Members then lobbied their legislators on various issues of concern to AAUW-NM. Most of the group then met for lunch at a nearby restaurant, and some stayed after lunch to do more lobbying.

Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy Co-chair



2008 Legislative Lobbying Team

### MINI-GRANT UPDATE

At the Fall Leadership Team meeting, a Mini-Grant review team was appointed to set some criteria for the awarding of AAUW-NM Mini-Grants. AAUW-NM is very excited these grants have become so popular in the last two years! However, funds are *finite*, so it was deemed necessary to set some conditions. The grants still will be awarded for branch projects having mission-based components of community outreach, education, mentoring, etc. Grant requests may be for any amount up to and including \$100 (\$25 increments preferred); no more than one grant per year per branch will be awarded.

During the dinner provided by the Santa Fe branch following the Winter Leadership Team meeting, the review team [Carol Ann Council-Chair (Las Cruces), Virginia Spruiell (Carlsbad), Marion Isidoro (ABQ) and Helena Whyte (Los Alamos)] met and discussed what criteria they felt was necessary. This will be presented at the April Leadership Team meeting for a vote and then publicized in the Summer Roadrunner issue. *Please be watching for the NEW application requirements!!*

Carol Ann Council, Mini-Grant Chair

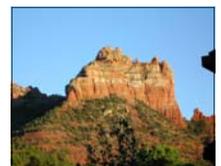
### LEADERSHIP TRAINING AVAILABLE

AAUW is pleased to announce a new series of leadership-focused DVDs created for distribution during the 2008 state convention season and other leadership events. As we work to strengthen and revitalize AAUW, all members must connect together as a community of active and effective participants. To fulfill our mission of advancing equity for women and girls, AAUW continues to need strong leaders who will make sure the AAUW legacy continues. In the past, only two members per state participated in national level leadership training. This new series of DVDs will provide leadership skills and strategies for *all* members. The DVDs are divided into modules which focus on leadership development as it relates to particular aspects of AAUW's mission.

These DVDs will be available to the Leadership Team after the state convention and then to the branches. Contact your branch president for additional information.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rocky Mountain Regional Conference will be held June 20 through 22 in Salt Lake City, Utah at the Embassy Suited Hotel. No additional information is available at this time. If you are interested in attending, please contact your state co-presidents or branch president for additional details.



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# AAUW New Mexico 2008 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to receive your pre-convention packet via email attachments? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (mailed USPS)

|                   |                                    |      |          |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|------|----------|
| Registration Fee: | Early bird (postmarked by April 7) | \$40 |          |
|                   | After April 7 or onsite            | \$45 | \$ _____ |
|                   | Saturday only                      | \$20 | \$ _____ |

|                           |   |      |          |
|---------------------------|---|------|----------|
| Meals and Special Events: | Friday (3:30 - 5:00pm)                                  |      |          |
|                           | Balloon Museum .... \$3 (NM resident) \$2 (seniors 65+) |      | \$ _____ |
|                           | Or Petroglyph Park ... \$1                              |      | \$ _____ |
|                           | Saturday Breakfast                                      | \$8  | \$ _____ |
|                           | Saturday Lunch  | \$17 | \$ _____ |
|                           | Saturday Night Banquet                                  | \$33 | \$ _____ |
|                           | Sunday Breakfast  | \$9  | \$ _____ |

**Total remittance enclosed (check payable to AAUW-NM Convention) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Spouses/guests are welcome to attend meals and/or special events for the cost of the event.**

**Mail Payment to: Mimi Salinger  
211 Valle Vista Road  
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