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## WOMEN ACROSS BORDERS A HUGE SUCCESS

On Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, AAUW-NM, along with other partner organizations, sponsored the “Women Across Borders” conference at the Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque. Partnering with AAUW-NM were the Mexican Consulate, Soroptimists International of Duke City, the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women, MANA de Albuquerque, and the University of New Mexico (UNM) Women’s Resource Center. Approximately 120 people, including some college and high school students, attended the conference.

The morning began with a bilingual welcome address by AAUW-NM Co-presidents Nina Thayer and Mary Sandford. Keynote speaker for the event was Señora Luisa F. Camberos Revilla, director of the Instituto Chihuahuense de la Mujer (Women’s Institute of Chihuahua). Señora Camberos received her bachelor’s degree in graphic design from Esmeralda College in Mexico City, and a masters of theology degree from the University of Santa Monica, California. She has worked for many years in various capacities helping the underprivileged women of Chihuahua. She spoke of the many services offered by the Women’s Institute. Her husband, Jorge Cruz, served as her translator for the presentation and added a humorous touch to the speech.

An excellent panel on “Women Pursuing Education” followed the keynote speaker. Panel participants were Jackie Littleton, representing AAUW; Dr. Sandra Rodrigues of MANA; Beth Collard from Soroptimists; Veronica Mendez-Cruz of the UNM Centro de la Raza; and Jessica Smyser from Central New Mexico College. The moderator for the panel was Carolina Urrutia.

After a delicious buffet lunch, two more panels gave presentations. “Women Helping One Another” consisted of Elma Manzanarea of UNM; Mabel Arrellanes, a UNM student entering law school; Lorraine Bantista, coordinator of the Displaced Homemakers Office and representative from the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women; and Idalia Lechuga-Tena, who served as the moderator. The “Women Navigating the Law” panel included Debra Seeley of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District judicial court; Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez, UNM law professor; Barbara Goldman, Ph.D., from the New Mexico Attorney General’s office; Jackie Littleton, representing AAUW’s Legal Advocacy Fund; and Agnes Maldonado, director of Alianza and panel moderator. Many of the panelists were bilingual and presented in both English and Spanish. Interpreters were available for those panel members who were not bilingual.

The afternoon culminated with the showing of three short film spots about independent women of Mexico and a short movie, “Sikuelachi,” featuring a community effort to build a small school in the Tarahumara Mountains of Mexico.

“Women Across Borders” was the “brainchild” of Albuquerque branch president Ted Cooley, and was planned for over a year. Many of our members were inspired by the conference and left with new branch programming ideas. Our AAUW representative, Jackie Littleton, commented that she “wished she could bottle the entire conference and show it to every AAUW branch in the country!” What a compliment to AAUW-NM and to the tremendous effort put forth in making this conference a huge success!

*Mary Sandford, Co-president*

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## STATE CONVENTION BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING



Jackie Littleton

The AAUW-NM Spring Convention opened with the annual banquet held at the Ranchers' Club of the Albuquerque Hilton Hotel. The focus of the evening was the celebration of our completing the Corinne Wolfe International Endowment Fund. AAUW Funds (formerly Educational Foundation) Co-chair, Rosmarie Frederickson, honored all those who initiated the endowment and helped to achieve this goal. Membership awards for the branch with the highest membership increase and for top recruiters were presented by Helena Whyte, membership vice president. Co-presidents Nina Thayer and Mary Sandford recognized all continuing officers, officers who have completed a term, and those who will be leaving the leadership team. "Retiring" elected leadership team members are Jean Bahr, Carol Ann Council, and Betty Smith. Nina Thayer was honored for her four years of outstanding leadership as co-president. The evening's entertainment was provided by Jamie Foster, a local Albuquerque high school student, who possesses a petite frame and a magnificent operatic voice that wowed her AAUW audience and their guests!

The convention business meeting began at 8:30 Sunday morning and was also held at the Hilton Hotel. (Please note that because of time constraints during the convention weekend, the leadership team meeting was held on April 11<sup>th</sup> by teleconference call – a new venture for us.) Approximately forty members attended and nine branches were represented, including our new online branch. Jackie Littleton, AAUW board secretary, gave a one hour power point presentation covering "The New AAUW." She explained and clarified many of the changes (and things that have NOT changed) with the restructuring of AAUW. We discussed and passed many bylaws changes and adopted the 2010-2011 budget and public policy program. The following officers were elected and then installed by Jackie Littleton:

Co-Presidents: Mary Sandford and Shelley Rossbach (Carlsbad; Santa Fe)  
 Membership Vice President: Helena Whyte (Los Alamos)  
 Secretary: Karen Nelson (Carlsbad)  
 Academic Chair: Mary Berry (Las Cruces)  
 Nominations Chair: Nina Thayer (Los Alamos)  
 Program Vice President ( 1 year): Adrienne Dare (Grant County)  
 AAUW Funds Chair (1 year): Rosmarie Frederickson (Los Alamos)  
 Media Relations Chair: Rita Stopa (Las Cruces).

A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped organize the Convention and to all who participated in it. Our next meeting will be the summer leadership team meeting scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup> in Portales. Put the date on your calendars and plan to attend!

*Mary Sandford, Co-president*

## SUMMER LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING IN PORTALES ON JULY 31

AAUW- NM is reaching out to the Clovis-Portales communities to revitalize the AAUW-Portales branch. We're doing this by holding our summer leadership team meeting in the Student Union building on the campus of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) in Portales. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 31.

National AAUW member and ENMU faculty member Jeanie Ornellas is the contact person for this event and has arranged a **special rate for us at the Holiday Inn Express (575-356-4723) in Portales. The rate of \$81.71 comes with our mentioning AAUW when we call to make reservations up until the day before the event.** The Inn serves a hot breakfast and has a pool, spa, exercise room, and great beds! Also, Jeanie has invited everyone who will be in Portales Friday evening to her home for a barbecue dinner at 6:00 pm. This will be a great time to meet the Portales folks and visit over a good meal.

The leadership team meeting will take place on Saturday morning, followed by lunch with the Portales group and their potential members. Lunch will be catered by Sodexo, ENMU's food service vendor, and will cost about \$12 per person, payable that day. After lunch, we'll discuss what AAUW is and does, and then divide into small groups to brainstorm about the kinds of AAUW projects the Portales people might want to undertake. We will adjourn at 4 pm. We hope that as many people as possible can come and participate in this exciting revitalization effort.

*Karyl Lyne, Las Vegas branch*

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### THE FUTURE HAS ARRIVED!

I have been thinking for weeks about what to say as I leave four years as co-president. Without a doubt, a feeling of accomplishment is what first comes to mind. Together with my capable co-presidents, Mary Sandford and Nancy Scheer, and an effective leadership team, we have made great strides. We have ten active branches, membership is holding steady, and we elected a full slate of officers already at work on a new year of activities.

The first words I heard when I attended the state leaders training four years ago in Washington D.C. was CHANGE. AAUW at the national level was changing and challenged us to participate and indeed create our future. Costs have been contained and the bylaws passed last June have been implemented, combining two boards of directors into one streamlined and more responsive, efficient organization. We can now see in action what four years ago was only a blurred image of the future and it is good!

Here in New Mexico we are sprinting to keep up. We had our first-ever leadership team meeting by conference phone call in April. Although we all enjoy the camaraderie of actual meetings, it is good to know that we can successfully conduct business without the hours of travel time when the situation warrants. Our quarterly newsletter is mailed electronically to 85 percent of our members, saving many hundreds of dollars in printing and postage. We have a new online branch and a reorganized set of bylaws, tailored to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We've come a long way, baby!

I am most proud of the extraordinary mission-based programming we have achieved. April's "Women Across Borders" conference in Albuquerque is just one of many examples. We partnered with five other women's organizations at the point where our common interests intersected to produce a stunning bilingual experience valuable to women of all ages. We selected our first-ever university students to receive scholarships to attend the National Collegiate Conference of Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) leadership conference in June. Every branch's annual report is full of interesting new projects.

Lastly, and very importantly, in ten years we raised the \$100,000 needed to endow the Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship. What seemed impossible to all of us a few years ago is now reality.

The new AAUW is here, so grab hold, jump onboard, the future has arrived!



Nina and Nancy

### AND ON A PERSONAL NOTE...



Mary and Nina

First and foremost I want to thank Mary Sandford, my co-president for the past two years, for the wonderful partnership we created. When I was two weeks in Peru and Ecuador, Mary took the reins, and while she was marrying off her only daughter, I took over. We split all the tasks so nobody was stuck with too many chores. We traded off chairing the long meetings, and filled in the blanks when the other's memory gave a hiccup. We started as colleagues and along the way became trusted friends. Thank you, Mary, and all my best wishes to you for two more action-packed years with your new partner-in-AAUW, Shelley Rossbach.

It is with great humility that I thank all the officers and friends of AAUW-NM for the wonderful send-off they gave me into the world of past president. Together they raised \$1175 for the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) in my honor. And what an honor that is! Each woman who has taken a place in the working world is grateful for LAF and the way it has helped women pursuing fair wages, an unbiased chance for promotion, and harassment-free working conditions. A donation to LAF strikes to the very core of my heart and soul. Thank you all.

And to keep the smiles coming, my colleagues gave me a lovely sterling silver Hopi-overlay pendant with matching earrings and bracelet. It will be a constant reminder of all we accomplished together. A most sincere thank you goes to all my AAUW-NM friends for their generosity and friendship.

Nina Thayer, Co-president



## TWO WIN BOTH GRACE BARKER WILSON AND INGENIOUS IDEAS AWARDS

The Grace Barker Wilson Award was given to two recipients at the Spring Convention in Albuquerque. They were **Kathy Costa and Mary Grathwol**, sisters from Santa Fe. They were nominated for their ten-year coordination of the "Careers and Curiosity" program, which is presented in two or three Santa Fe elementary schools each year. The program has exposed children to the idea that women can have careers in non-traditional fields involving math and science, and teachers often support the program by presenting units on careers in the schools before or after the presentation.



*Kathy Costa and Mary Grathwol*

Two Ingenious Ideas Awards were also given at the Spring Convention. The Carlsbad branch received an award for their LAF fundraising campaign that utilized local attorney pledges and then had branch members match the donations. The Las Alamos branch received their award for the Cyber-bullying and Internet Harassment Awareness program presented to teachers, students, scouts, and the public. The panelists discussed prevention, protection, and current federal and state laws.

*Pamela G. Daves, Outreach coordinator*

## THREE AAUW-NM MEMBERS RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

AAUW-NM is proud to have three members who have received recognition for their outstanding achievements. **Michele Stump** of the Los Alamos branch is one of the 2010 winners in the AAUW calendar art contest. Michele's winning entry was "Twilight on the Taos Gorge," featured on the cover of the 2010-2011 AAUW calendar. Michele also was an AAUW note card art contest winner last year with her work "Skyward Dreaming."

**Roxanne Lara**, incoming co-president of the Carlsbad branch, will be one of 102 delegates (two from each state and the District of Columbia) to Vision 20/20, a project of Drexel University. Tied to the centennial anniversary of women's suffrage, Vision 20/20 is focused on ensuring gender equity for all Americans by the year 2020. Delegates will be charged with discussing and debating women's accomplishments and challenges in eight topic areas and with creating an agenda for change over the decade 2010 to 2020 – the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women in the United States the right to vote and to hold public office. The first meeting of participants will take place in Philadelphia in October, 2010. AAUW is a National Ally of the Vision 20/20 initiative.

AAUW-NM's Media Relations Chair, **Betty Smith**, is now a published author! Betty's book, an autobiography titled *Antelope Running*, is now available from Amazon.com. Betty is a member of the Albuquerque branch.

Congratulations to these accomplished AAUW members! If you have branch members who deserve recognition, please let your co-presidents know so that we can spread the word about our members' magnificent feats!

*Mary Sandford, Co-president*

## JEAN NERESON HONORED IN LOS ALAMOS

Jean Nereson, a life member of the Los Alamos branch, will be honored with a life-sized statue as a part of the ten-year, two-phase memorial sculpture project that, when finished, will give Los Alamos a "trail" of 13 sculptures representing the different phases of Los Alamos history. A life-sized bronze statue of J. Robert Oppenheimer now stands in the lobby of Fuller Lodge, waiting for a companion – a sculpture of Major General Leslie R. Groves. The sculptures are the work of nationally-known artist Susanne Vertel and are financed through Art in Public Places funds and private donations. The idea is to represent Los Alamos from pueblo times, through the homesteading era, the ranch school days, the Manhattan project, and the Cold War. In addition to scientists and Ms. Nereson, other proposed sculpture subjects include Dorothy McKibben ("gatekeeper to the Hill"), a boy scout representing the ranch school era, a WAC, a U.S. Army SED (Special Engineer Detachment), a homesteader, and a pueblo woman.

Jean began her Los Alamos teaching career in 1944 and retired in 1995. She taught through the war years, the cold war, and up to modern times. She loved to travel and returned with artifacts to enrich her geography and social studies lessons. She included drama in her classroom and her students wrote and produced their own plays. She knew many famous Manhattan project era people and her anecdotes enlivened branch meetings. She is extremely generous with her time as well as her collections and remains a staunch supporter of AAUW.

*Denise George, Los Alamos branch*

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our state membership is down by two percent this year. Public employee salary reductions and furloughs have been cited as the cause for non-renewal of memberships.

Congratulations to the New Mexico Online branch that was recognized in November 2009, and to the branches that increased membership this year—Santa Fe and West Mesa. Santa Fe increased membership by 13 members for an increase of 19%. Recognition is also due to the top new member recruiters: Nancy Scheer from the Santa Fe branch and Carol Parr from the Carlsbad branch.

Thank you to Cheryl Klenner, West Mesa branch, who staffed the AAUW booth at the Women's Expo in Albuquerque on March 6, 2010.

Remember to Give-A-Grad-A-Gift to anyone receiving a college degree this spring. Association dues are waived for one year for any recent graduate. And also remember to support AAUW partners: ActiveForever, AAUW MagazineLine, Barnes & Noble, Better World Books (AAUW branches receive commission for every used book sold), Career Builders (no cost for AAUW members to post a resume), Gohagan Travel, GEICO, InsureMyTrip, JitterBug, MedjetAssist, Princeton Review (AAUW family members eligible for test prep discount), Vision Direct, Virtuarte (AAUW members receive 10 percent discount), and World Medical Card (only \$25 for AAUW members).

Good luck to all branches as you begin serious recruiting for next year. Encourage each member to bring another member into AAUW.

I've enjoyed serving as your state membership vice president for the last two years, and look forward to the next two.

*Helena Whyte, Membership vice president*

## ONLINE BRANCH PLANS THE 2010-2011 YEAR

The New Mexico Online Branch was officially recognized on November 18, 2009. First year online branch dues are \$0. Organizing board members are: Helena Whyte (working rules), Michelle Ozburn (membership), Georgia Owens (student membership), Carol Ann Council (finance), Gloria Cordova (communications), Rosmarie Frederickson (web page), and Mary Sandford (bylaws). The New Mexico Online branch is operating under working rules for the first year. The web site can be found at <http://www.aauw-nm.org/OnlineBranch/OnlineBranch/OnlineBranch.html>

The first year projects have focused on Science, Engineering, Technology, and Engineering (STEM) activities. Online branch members have participated in Expanding Your Horizons (EYH), Pi Day, and National Lab Day at the UNM main campus and UNM Medical School in Albuquerque.

Efforts are ongoing to redesign the Online branch web page and to start an online book discussion group and an online Great Decisions discussion group.

*Helena Whyte, Online branch founding member*



## THANK YOU, ALBUQUERQUE!



*Luisa F. Camberos Revilla,  
Women Across Borders  
Keynote Speaker*

Many thanks go to the Albuquerque Branch for hosting the "Women Across Borders" conference and the spring convention. Our special appreciation goes to Ted Cooley, who chaired the conference; and to state members Nina Thayer, Jan Bray, Joy Donelson, Carmen Graham, and Betty Smith who served on the organizing committee. Betty, our out-going media relations chair, also handled the publicity for the El Camino Real Tour, which took place the Friday preceding the conference. Antje Muir was responsible for making the convention run smoothly and Pam Daves did an outstanding job as registrar for both events. Thanks also go Marilyn Dunn who managed the credentials information for the business meeting. The entire weekend was a success due to the efforts of so many of our dedicated members.

*Mary Sandford and Nina Thayer, Co-presidents*

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### AAUW FUNDS CONTRIBUTIONS EXCEED STATEWIDE GOALS

The program year has come to a close, and as all of you know it has been a fantastic year for fundraising. At the spring convention we celebrated the completion of the Corrine Wolfe International Endowment. AAUW awarded us with a certificate and a letter of congratulations. The first international scholarship may be awarded as soon as next September. What an honor for New Mexico and Corrine Wolfe! What a testimony to your generosity! Thanks goes to each branch and each member for helping to finish this very large commitment.

And now we can take a deep breath and move on to direct our giving, not by the very large commitment we had, but by honoring the goals that each branch wishes to set for itself. Comments from some of the AAUW Funds chairs throughout the state indicate that they are welcoming the opportunity to raise money for scholarships a bit closer to home. Most branches have their own pet projects that have been a bit neglected while we concentrated on our larger goal. I hope, of course, the branches and their members will still donate monies to the various AAUW funds. We should not forget LAF (#3999), the Educational Opportunities Fund (#4336), the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (#9170), the Public Policy Fund (#4337), the Leadership Programs Fund (#4339), and the AAUW Funds (#9170). This last fund is an unrestricted fund, and supports the program with the greatest need at the time of the donation. All these are very worthy places for our contributions, and I am sure that you all will continue to keep these funds in mind.

Thank you so much for your generosity and your support.

*Rosmarie Frederickson, AAUW Funds chair*

### 2009-2010 LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND UPDATE

Fundraising for LAF is off to a good start in 2010. In honor of outgoing co-president Nina Thayer, we raised \$1,175. I also held a small fundraiser at the state convention and sold twenty copies of the book *Secrets of Powerful Women: Leading Change for a New Generation*, by Andrea Wong and Rosario Dawson, which raised \$167. This book is on AAUW's recommended reading list.

As for 2009, the Carlsbad branch made the highest contribution to LAF. The contributions totaled \$2,471 and the breakdown is as follows:

Carlsbad \$860; Santa Fe \$530; Las Cruces \$450; Albuquerque \$150; Socorro \$65; Los Alamos \$55; Las Vegas \$50; and AAUW-NM \$311



On a different note, please refer to the AAUW website for ideas for branch program activities. These activities are called "Programs in a Box", and two relate to LAF. Each program in a box includes the "what, why, and how" for implementing the program. Visit [http://www.aauw.org/member\\_center/programs/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/member_center/programs/index.cfm) for more information.

Thank you for your support of LAF.

*Lina Germann, LAF chair*

### ANNUAL COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (CU) CONNECTION REPORT

Last fall, I was pleased to report that there were five partner institutions in New Mexico. They were Eastern New Mexico University, Highlands University, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, UNM-Los Alamos, and Western New Mexico University. Unfortunately, since that time, Eastern New Mexico University in Portales has dropped its membership. Our hopes that NMSU-Carlsbad would soon become a partner institution have not come to fruition. I believe that the large funding cuts experienced by New Mexico education budgets are the primary reason for these situations.

You'll remember that partner institutions are able to offer undergraduate students AAUW e-student alerts and information through the internet; and National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarships. I encourage all AAUW members to talk with faculty and staff in institutions near you about AAUW and what it offers partner institutions. If you have contact with an institution of higher education in New Mexico not listed above and would like to work on inviting that institution to join AAUW, please contact me at [lyne@desertgate.com](mailto:lyne@desertgate.com).

*Karyl Lyne, CU representative*

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### TIME TO APPLY FOR MINI-GRANTS

AAUW-NM mini-grants are available to assist branches in mission-based programming. To be funded, a project or activity must address outreach, education, or mentoring. Activities may benefit the community, AAUW Funds, or the start of a new branch. Five hundred dollars has been budgeted for the coming year. The following are the criteria for awarding mini-grants:

- Applications must be submitted by email between July 1 and October 1.
- Grants for the 2010-2011 program year will be awarded during the fall workshop.
- A branch may apply for amounts up to and including \$150.
- The amount granted may or may not equal what was requested, as the final amount depends on state budget limitations, number of applications, and frequency of requests for the same project. New projects will receive first consideration.

Money remaining after fall applications are funded may be awarded in the spring at the direction of the Leadership Team.



Applications must include:

1. Branch name, contact person and contact information (email address, postal address and phone).
2. Title of project and project summary.
3. Dollar amount requested.
4. Simple budget of project costs with list of supporters or contributors, if applicable.

Submit applications no later than October 1 to:

Nina Thayer, [gnthayer@cybermesa.com](mailto:gnthayer@cybermesa.com)

*Nina Thayer, Mini-Grants chair*

### LAS CRUCES BRANCH PLANS 19th AMENDMENT CELEBRATION

August 26, 2010 marks the 90th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution— the amendment that finally gave American women the right to vote and to hold public office. In honor of this occasion, the Las Cruces branch is co-sponsoring a celebration with the Las Cruces branch of the League of Women Voters (LWV) and many additional women's organizations throughout the Las Cruces/El Paso, Texas area. This is an unprecedented collaborative event for our area, and has provided an opportunity for women of diverse ages, backgrounds, and political beliefs to unite for a common cause.



*U.S. women suffragists demonstrate for the right to vote in February, 1913.*



The celebration, which is still in the planning stages, will take place on Friday, August 27 and Saturday, August 28. The Friday event will include an evening reception and the screening of a film about the circumstances leading up to the passage of the amendment. Saturday activities will include a continental breakfast; several workshops on topics ranging from women in elected office to how to engage the first time voter; a Chautauqua performance of a working-class woman caught up in the suffragist movement; a luncheon; and a keynote address by the Honorable Carmen Garza, federal magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. Several sub-committees are working presently on obtaining locations for the activities, finding the perfect film, identifying the exact workshop topics, and arranging publicity. All activities will be open to the public. There will be a nominal charge for the reception and the Saturday luncheon. Plan to join us in Las Cruces for this entertaining and educational event.

*Deanise Marta, President, Las Cruces branch*

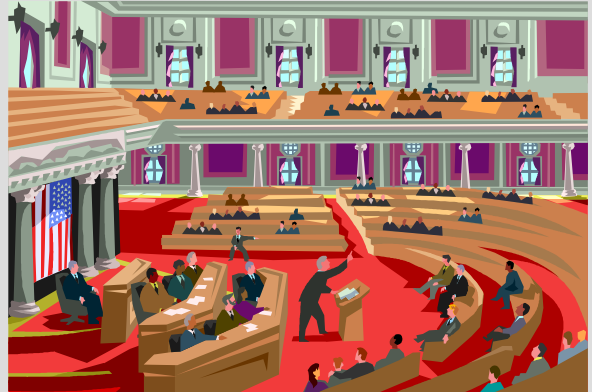


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## 2010 NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION UPDATE

The entire New Mexico congressional delegation in Washington introduced legislation to name the U.S. Department of the Interior building after the late Stewart Udall of New Mexico, former Interior Secretary. New Mexico senators Tom Udall (D) and Jeff Bingaman (D) voiced their support.

In Congressional District One, Representative Martin Heinrich's (D) capitol office was recognized by the 'Green the Capitol' program for exemplary leadership in adopting sustainable business practices. Rep. Heinrich marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day with a visit to Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque. The Institute won the challenge for the most efficient portable wind turbine systems entered in the 2010 Indian Education Renewable Energy Challenge sponsored by the Argonne National Laboratory. For information on a series of job fairs sponsored by Rep. Heinrich, refer to his web site at [heinrich.house.gov](http://heinrich.house.gov) or call his office in Albuquerque at 505-346-6781.



In Congressional District Two, Representative Harry Teague (D) is a member of the House Veteran Affairs Committee and is a founding member of the Invisible Wounds Caucus for Veterans' Mental Health, especially as related to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). He sponsored HR 1835, the Natural Gas Act, which concerns renewable energy sources such as sun and wind. In March, he asked members of Congress to take a pay cut. He also sponsored the new Congressional Pay Cut bill that would effectively cut federal spending without impacting important programs. HR 4614 is sponsored by Rep. Teague and two others to make Katie's Law apply in all 50 states. The bill passed in the New Mexico 2006 legislature in response to the rape and murder of Katie Sepich, a New Mexico State University graduate student, in August of 2003. The bill requires those arrested for violent crimes to provide a DNA sample at the time of arrest. The results would be stored in a national database and compared with DNA evidence found at the crime scene. DNA evidence can exonerate the innocent as effectively as it can identify the guilty.

In Congressional District Three, Representative Ben Ray Lujan (D) introduced the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) Amendments of 2010. These amendments expand compensation for those affected by uranium mining and nuclear testing, such as the tests conducted at the Trinity Site on the White Sands Missile Range in southern New Mexico. Sen. Tom Udall was a sponsor of the bill in the Senate with co-sponsors Sen. Jeff Bingaman and the four senators from Arizona and Colorado. Rep. Lujan also visited the Cochiti pueblo to award the USDA Water and Waste Disposal Grant to the pueblo.

*Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy chair*



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