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CONVENTION 2012 IS ONE FOR THE AGES!

If you missed the AAUW-NM Centennial State Convention in Las Cruces April 27, 28, and 29, you missed the one of the best state conventions ever! We had record attendance, excellent speakers and presenters, wonderful meals, and plenty of free time to get to know members from all over the state. And having the AAUW national president, Carolyn Garfein, attending as our national representative was just "icing on the cake."

The convention began on a high note with the welcome message by Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima. Those of us who have attended the past few conventions have grown used to the local mayor or dignitary arriving and departing within a five minute window, and saying basically "Welcome to (fill in the blank), we hope you have a great time in our fair city." But Ken talked about his background, his daughter's accomplishments as a biology/biochemistry major at NMSU, and demonstrated knowledge about AAUW and our mission. He spoke for more than fifteen minutes, and then stayed to listen to our keynote speaker! I sent him a lengthy Thank You note and included a membership brochure for his wife and scholarship information for his daughter.



Dr. Jo Tice Bloom delivered an excellent keynote address, featuring six "Enchanting Women from the Land of Enchantment." She had conducted extensive research on her subjects, both locally and in Santa Fe. Her efforts were greatly appreciated, as was her scholarly but very humorous delivery.

Ceci Vasconcellos, Phyllis Franzoy, and Mary Carter discussed how each's respective organization was making a difference in their community.

Ceci Vasconcellos is the executive director of the Doña Ana Arts Council, which sponsors the Renaissance Arts Festival each November and has been instrumental in resurrecting the Rio Grande Theater in downtown Las Cruces transforming it into a multi-purpose arts venue.

Phyllis Franzoy is executive director of the International Mariachi Conference, an event she founded to help preserve this very vital art form and cultural icon for future generations. The conference is held at NMSU every November, and attracts students from all over the U.S. and even as far away as Germany. Last year, the conference served over 700 students. Their performances always attract standing room only crowds.

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Panelist Mary Carter, Executive Director of the Women's Intercultural Center in Anthony, New Mexico, spoke on the difference the center has made in the lives of hundreds of women in this small border community and beyond. The center offers classes on topics ranging from cooking to computer skills and has the philosophy that if you can get a woman to come and take just one class, you can change her life in a positive way forever. Mary has received national recognition for her work, and the center has recently become a model for a similar women's center in China.

Our luncheon speaker, NMSU president Dr. Barbara Couture, gave a very personal talk about her journey from high school to a university presidency. She spoke with grace and humor, and her talk was very moving. We were fortunate to have two of our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarship recipients, NMSU students Flor Ogaz and Reyna Caro, attend the luncheon where they were seated with Dr. Couture, Carolyn Garfein, Shelley Rossbach, and Karyl Lyne (talk about pressure!). These young women were poised and confident beyond their years and a joy to include in our celebration.



Carolyn Garfein's after-lunch presentation on AAUW's impact on the past, present, and future was one of the convention highlights. Her enthusiasm was contagious and her message inspiring. Several Las Cruces members decided to accept leadership positions as a result of this talk.

Three workshops were presented in the afternoon. Mary Berry discussed the recent research on bullying presented in the AAUW publication *Crossing the Line*. Based on comments from attendees, this research is jaw-dropping and indicative of how insidious is this problem. Ann McCullough talked to many interested fundraisers on how to ask for money and actually get it for non-profit organizations, and Dr. Joan Jensen presented vignettes on lives of women circa 1912.

On to the banquet! Lorenzo's de Mesilla proved to be a wonderful venue, with delicious food and excellent service. After we feasted on ravioli, lasagna, chicken, salads, vegetables, homemade bread and delicious desserts, we began the awards and other presentations. After Helena White presented the membership awards and Mary Tyler Browne the AAUW Funds contribution awards, it was time for what we had all been waiting for – the Grace Barker Wilson award! Awards Chair Cas Mason presented the award to Las Cruces member Bonnie Eisenberg. In the 22 year history of this award, only two other women from Las Cruces have been so honored: Dr. Joan Jensen in 1993 and Rorie-Jan Measure in 1997. Bonnie's work with the National Women's History Project and Girls Can, plus her 30+ year active membership in AAUW, obviously had great influence on the awards committee. But Cas Mason, Awards Chair, said (with a decided twinkle in her eye) while presenting the award that the thing that put Bonnie over the top was her status as a Master Gardener! That REALLY resonated with the avid gardeners on the committee.

After Carolyn Garfein installed our new officers, I was honored to present her with two thank-you gifts: first, the last remaining never-worn turquoise AAUW-NM T-shirt with the Acoma pot design; and second, a very stunning turquoise and coral pendant on a silver chain. She seemed surprised and genuinely pleased with the gifts and immediately put on the necklace, although the size of the T-shirt might make it more practical as a nightgown.

The lia sophia jewelry sale raised \$344 for AAUW Funds, provided a great shopping experience, and gave many of you some wonderful reminders of the great convention weekend in Las Cruces.

--Deanise Marta,

(Soon to be ex-)President, Las Cruces Branch

Recognition of Retiring Officers

At the Saturday evening convention banquet on April 28, we recognized several officers who are completing full terms and retiring from their positions on the Leadership Team:

Helena Whyte – Membership VP

Mary Berry – Academic Chair

Shila Marek – International Interest Chair

Nina Thayer – Nominations Chair and Mini-Grants Chair

Pam Daves – Bylaws Co-Chair

Louise Drlik – Bylaws Co-Chair

Kathie Gilbert – Strategic Planning Chair

Your Co-Presidents (and we are quite sure all state members agree), wish to thank these devoted officers for their efforts on behalf of AAUW – NM. As we were designing their gifts (wooden plaques made by a woman in Timberon, NM), we contemplated the words we wanted to place on the plaques. We decided that the words THANK YOU (name) FOR TOUCHING SO MANY LIVES best describes how important this work is and how much it is appreciated. We also want to thank Joy Poole for completing Karen Nelson’s term as secretary, and Bonnie Rutherford for agreeing to continue her service as historian for a second term.

AAUW – NM would not, and could not be as vibrant an organization without the hard work of our Leadership Team. THANKS to all!

--Shelley Rossbach and Mary Sandford, Co-Presidents



Incoming officers with Carolyn Garfein

...AND WELCOME TO INCOMING OFFICERS

At the Saturday evening banquet on April 28, we also installed new officers who were elected on that same afternoon. All but one have been on the Leadership Team for the past couple of years, but three were Branch Presidents or Facilitators, one was appointed and two were elected. We welcome Joan Goodman as our newest “rookie” member. The officers who were installed in a very nice, “spicy” ceremony by AAUW President Carolyn Garfein are:

- Karyl Lyne (Las Vegas, incoming Co-President and formerly College/University Chair)
- Shelley Rossbach (Santa Fe, continuing as Co-President)
- Cheryl Klenner (West Mesa, incoming Secretary & continuing as Co-President of West Mesa)
- Mary Sandford (Carlsbad, incoming Nominations Chair and Mini-grants Chair)
- Joan Goodman (Albuquerque, incoming Academic Chair)
- Natalie Markin (Los Alamos, incoming Co-Membership Chair)
- Sylvia Fink (Albuquerque, incoming Co-Membership Chair)

--Shelley Rossbach and Mary Sandford, Co-Presidents

Adiocito (A "little good-bye")



My two terms as AAUW-NM Co-President are coming to a close and I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve such an outstanding organization. I am truly appreciative of your friendship and your support these past four years. I have had the pleasure to work with two exceptional women – Nina Thayer and Shelley Rossbach- and I firmly believe that AAUW-NM has made strides during this time. Looking back, I can see a lot of work put into bringing our state organization in compliance with AAUW’s bylaws. Our Policies and Procedures have been updated, as have the majority of our job descriptions. We now send three students to NCCWSL and we have initiated \$tart \$mart in New Mexico. We have continued to support AAUW Funds after completing the Corinne Wolfe International Fellowship. Soon we will have a New Mexico Girls’ Collaborative that has been organized with AAUW-NM support. Our membership is steady and several branches have increased theirs. Who can forget Lilly Ledbetter’s attendance at “Think Smart-Think Green” in 2009?! The fabulous Women Across Borders Conference of 2010?! Or, “Why So Few” in 2011?! And this year’s Convention “100 Years of New Mexico Women” was a huge success with our guest, AAUW President Carolyn Garfein! Each year our branches have sponsored various mission-based programs that have educated and benefitted the women and girls of New Mexico. We are truly making a difference!

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the bright, energetic, forward-thinking members of AAUW-NM. The officers with whom I have worked have been dedicated to the goals of AAUW. The branch presidents have been determined to carry out the AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls. All the members of each and every branch have worked to bring awareness of AAUW to their respective communities. It is this team effort that has made our organization a success, and this same effort will carry us into the future.

I wish the very best to Shelley Rossbach and Karyl Lyne as they strive to lead AAUW-NM for the next two years. Please give them your sincere dedication and continued support.

Thank you!

- Mary Sandford, Co-President

PS - My personal thanks: I was absolutely shocked by the generosity shown me at the recent AAUW-NM Convention! The necklace is gorgeous and I am so grateful for the contributions made to AAUW Funds in my honor. I have asked that the donations be split among three funds: Leadership Programs, Eleanor Roosevelt and Educational Opportunities. I will still be serving on the Leadership Team as Chair of two committees; hence, the “adiocito.” I look forward to serving AAUW-NM in other capacities. Thanks to all of you from the bottom of my heart!

THANK YOU, LAS CRUCES!

And now, may we please have a standing ovation for the Las Cruces Branch for planning and hosting such an outstanding Leadership Team Meeting and Annual Convention for AAUW – NM! The committee members were Deanise Marta, Rita Stopa, Bonnie Eisenberg, Ruth Benjamins, Carol Eggers, Carol Ann Council, and Phoebe Pierce. Planning a large meeting like this is one of those projects that your rational mind says, “Simply cannot be *that* complicated.” And then reality overtakes your rational mind and the project consumes your every waking moment and the details threaten to swallow you whole. And so we all say “thank you” and hope that the committee can finally take some time to relax and enjoy life!

--*Shelley Rossbach and Mary Sandford, Co-Presidents*

Bylaws Committee Report

As of the date of this writing, the following branches have not submitted their bylaws with the mandatory revisions required by AAUW: Carlsbad, Santa Fe and West Mesa.

-- *Pamela G. Daves and Louise J. Drlik, Bylaws Co-chairs*

Job Descriptions Committee report

The committee has completed revising and updating the following job descriptions for state AAUW Elected chairs: AAUW Funds, Public Policy, Academic, Membership, Secretary, Finance, Program, and Nominating Committee. Appointed: College/University, Media Relations, International Interest, Newsletter Editor with procedures, Diversity, Bylaws, Historian, and Webmaster

These will be available in PDF format on the State website. The remaining job descriptions to be voted on in July are: President (requires additional wording for process if there is a vacancy) and Parliamentarian.

- *Sylvia Fink, Committee Chair, and Natalie Markham and Helena Whyte*

AAUW Membership Report

New Mexico is the State Winner for June 16-December 31, 2011 in the Member-Get-A-Member Campaign with a 6.48% increase in membership. Grant County Branch had a 50% increase in membership, Carlsbad Branch a 10% increase, and the Santa Fe Branch a 4% increase. Congratulations to all who recruited a new AAUW member this year.

I hope you or someone in your branch made a recommendation to the National Adelante! Book Club. Recommendations were due May 15, 2012. Criteria for selection of a book for Adelante! Book Club is that the book will:

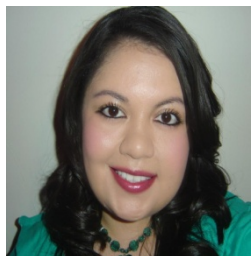
- Reinforce AAUW's commitment to diversity;
- Be fiction or non-fiction;
- Be positively reviewed;
- Be in print;
- Include books written for adults, young adults and/or children;
- Be reflective of but not limited to populations including new and non-readers, people with disabilities, rural and urban poor/homeless people, immigrants, incarcerated people/ex-offenders, sexual orientation, age, language and social class; and
- Reflect the theme for a particular month (such as women's history month) if that is appropriate. There are 12 selections included on the Adelante! Book Club list.

I have enjoyed being your NM Membership Chair for the last four years.

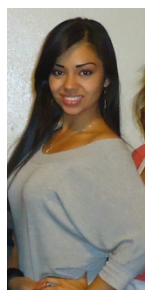
- *Helena Whyte, Membership Chair*

AAUW-NM NCCWSL Scholarship Recipients for 2012

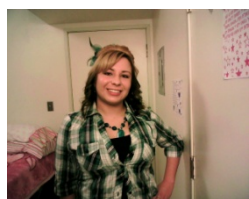
I am delighted to introduce you to the 2012 AAUW-NM NCCWSL Scholarship Recipients. They are Angelica Ruiz-Olivas, Reyna Caro, and Flor Ogaz. They will be attending the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders May 31- June 2 at the University of Maryland, College Park.



Angelica Ruiz-Olivas is a freshman at Central New Mexico Community College in Office Technology and Business Administration. Angelica graduated from Valley High School in Albuquerque where she was Choir President and Secretary of the International Association of Administrative Professionals. As a high school student she completed 15 credit hours of dual credit and now serves as a Dual Credit Ambassador mentoring other students to do the same and encouraging them with her advice and assistance. Last fall Angelica was selected as the winner of an essay contest hosted by CNM and she presented her essay to an all faculty and staff CNM convocation where according to Julie Fisher, Interim Director of Outreach Services, “she won over the crowd with her personal story of fighting socio-economic and gender barriers”.



Reyna Caro is in her first year at NMSU majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences, but is considered a sophomore because of completing 30 dual credits while in high school. Reyna has been very active in community service activities like community food drives, Valley Boys and Girls Club, Senior Citizen’s Joy Center, Teen Court as a prosecutor or juror, and Big Brothers Big Sisters, as well as serving as captain for volleyball intramurals. She participated in both Upward Bound and GEAR UP programs in high school and received the American Youth Character Award in 2007 and the Avon American Youth Character Award in 2009 and 2011. She works as a teacher’s aide at Little Playmates Preschool and Child Care Center. Dr. Terry Cook, Assistant Vice-President says, “Reyna is one of the most energetic and optimistic students I have met! She exemplifies a leader who sets challenging goals for herself and achieves them.” Reyna is from Hagerman, NM.



Flor Ogaz is a junior at NMSU majoring in Physical Education. She has been one of six New Mexico SkillsUSA State Officers and currently serves as a role model and mentor to seven College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) freshman students. According to Jose Montoya, Retention Advisor, Flor has reached far beyond expectations by being “CAMP’s first peer mentor to organize events for our freshmen outside of normal programming” and becoming “a friend and confidante committed to helping them succeed at NMSU.” She attended the Bert Corona Leadership Institute last summer in Washington, DC, where she spoke with members of Congress about local and statewide concerns for migrant and farm working families in New Mexico. Coming from a migrant farm worker family, Flor has experienced discrimination and oppression as a child and young person. She is pursuing an endorsement in Teaching English to Students of Other Languages (TESOL) in order to help bilingual students transition to the English language. Flor is from Deming, NM.

- Karyl Lyne, AAUW-NM College/University Rep and NCCWSL Chair

AAUW-NM CONTRIBUTIONS TO AAUW FUNDS



Out-going New Mexico AAUW Co-President Mary Sandford was honored by our members with \$935 in contributions to AAUW Funds at the Las Cruces Convention. Mary has chosen to divide this gift three ways. One third will go to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, one third will go to the Leadership Programs Fund, and one third will go to the Educational Opportunities Fund (which includes the Community Action Grants program). Mary's daughter was part of a group that received a much needed CAG grant from AAUW.

Awards for contributions to all AAUW Funds in 2011 were given at the convention. The award for the most money given to all funds was given to AAUW New Mexico \$2,325. Second place went to Los Alamos with \$2,165 and third place to Santa Fe with \$1,905. Los Alamos gave the most to the Legal Advocacy Fund with \$1,000. Second place was Las Cruces with \$550 and third place to Santa Fe with \$480. The Branch giving the most per capita was Grant County with \$66.86. Second was Los Alamos with \$33.31 and third was West Mesa with \$26.95. Average per capita giving in New Mexico was \$23.59.

This year lia sophia jewelry was sold at the convention with 20% of the profits going to AAUW Funds. The \$344 donation was divided between AAUW New Mexico and the Las Cruces branch; each receiving \$172. In addition to the \$172 given to AAUW New Mexico, another \$128 was given to total \$300. That was divided according to the adopted formula: 5% at the discretion of the Funds Chair or \$15 for Public Policy, and the rest divided in thirds or \$95 to AAUW Funds undesignated, \$95 to LAF and \$95 to NCCWSL.

First quarter (January through March 2012) giving to AAUW Funds: ALBUQUERQUE \$65. CARLSBAD \$25, GRANT COUNTY \$100, LAS CRUCES \$80, LAS VEGAS \$400, LOS ALAMOS \$112, SANTA FE \$145, WEST MESA \$100, NEW MEXICO ONLINE \$50: TOTAL \$1,127.

--Mary Tyler Browne, AAUW Funds Chair

The Grace Barker Wilson Award



The Grace Barker Wilson Award for 2012 was given to Bonnie Eisenberg for her many years of service promoting women's rights, and awareness of women's history in schools and communities throughout the country. She was part of the team that started the first Women's History Week in 1978. She later worked as the Education Director for the National Women's History Project (NWHF), the organization that has promoted National Women's History Month for over 30 years.

Ms. Eisenberg has been an active member of AAUW for over 30 years. Since retiring to New Mexico in 2004, Ms. Eisenberg has been an active member of the Las Cruces branch, serving for the past five years as coordinator for the annual Girls Can Career Exploration Conference. Under her leadership, the conference has grown in both size and scope, now offering 23 career workshops in a wide variety of fields and serving over 250 girls each year.

--Cas Mason, Awards Chair

Marjorie Bell Chambers Ingenious Ideas Awards

Two applications were submitted. Both were outstanding and given certificates. The Santa Fe Branch won for its community outreach with the Santa Fe Public Schools with the Program for Homeless Youth, ADELANTE. The Los Alamos Branch won for its community outreach with AAUW-NM and Phi Theta Kappa from UNM-LA with the presentation of a workshop on Salary Negotiation: \$start \$mart.

--Cas Mason, Awards Chair

In Memoriam

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Frank
July 20, 1941 – December 8, 2011



Our branch suffered a great loss in December with the sudden death of Jackie Frank. Jackie joined our branch in September 2010 and from the beginning became very involved and passionate about AAUW. I was expecting her to be a major leader in our branch. I had enjoyed spending hours talking to Jackie about plans for our branch. I will miss her as a very dear friend as well as a woman devoted to AAUW issues. She was very passionate about the history of women in the Silver City, Grant County area. According to Jackie's wishes her husband, John Frank, has donated \$10,000 to the Silver City Museum Society in honor of Jackie. The Jackie Frank

Southwestern New Mexico Women's History Research and Exhibit Fund has been established. The fund will be used in the research, planning, development, construction and installation of an exhibit outlining the rich and diverse contributions of women to the history and cultural development of Silver City, Grant County and the surrounding southwest New Mexico region. The exhibit will open within the museum's 2013/14 planned exhibit schedule, and be on view for one year. A separate traveling exhibit will also be developed for loan to regional museums, school, libraries and community centers. The Silver City Museum Society will also acknowledge the assistance and contribution of the Grant County Branch of the American Association of University Women in furthering the vision of Ms. Frank to bring to light the many stories of the women of Southwest New Mexico.

--Adrienne Dare, AAUW-Grant County Co-President

Letters to the Editor

This past spring, Betty Smith of the Albuquerque Branch and Nina Thayer of the Los Alamos Branch had letters to the editor published in their local newspapers. Betty Smith wrote about a study of the curricula and assigned text materials used by New Mexico colleges of education for reading courses in programs that prepared teachers to teach reading to children in New Mexico. This study was the result of the Legislative Education Study Committee endorsing and the legislature passing House Joint Memorial 16, "Study Reading Curricula in Teacher Education" sponsored by Rep. Mimi Stewart. The results of the study indicated a number of serious weaknesses in these programs. To obtain a copy of Betty's letter, please contact Betty at bettyphotos@msn.com.

Nina's letter to the editor was about Equal Pay Day and the fact that almost 50 years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act, women in New Mexico make an average of 77% of what men make. Nina's letter stated that in spite of more women working outside of the home, more women attending college and more women being the only wage earners for themselves and their family than 40 years ago, the gender gap still exists. To obtain a copy of Nina's letter to the editor, e-mail her at gnthayer@cybermesa.com.

**Summer 2012 Leadership Team Meeting
Los Alamos, NM July 21, 2012**



The Los Alamos Branch of AAUW would like to welcome all of you to the Summer Leadership Team Meeting to be held here on July 21, 2012. The meeting will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church that is located at 2390 North Road. Members of the Los Alamos branch will provide some light breakfast items. Those of you who choose to stay at one of the motels that are listed below, will have a hot breakfast provided by the motel at no extra charge. If you wish to stay at a motel you will have to make your own reservations. Rooms have been reserved at a group rate so do mention that you wish

to take advantage of that rate.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: There is a choice of two options. We have a block of 5 rooms reserved at the AAUW special group rate at the North Road Inn, 2127 North Road. There is also a block of 5 rooms reserved at the AAUW group rate at the Comfort Inn and Suites, 2455 Trinity Drive. The group rate applies to both Friday night 07/20/2012 and Saturday 7/21/2012. Please state your preferred days when you call to register. The North Road Inn is a cozy bed and breakfast that is located 0.6 of a mile, (within walking distance for some), of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The Comfort Inn and Suites is centrally located near the downtown area of Los Alamos, closer to restaurants, movie theatre and library.

BED & BREAKFAST: In addition we are offering bed and breakfast at a member's home for a \$25.00 contribution to AAUW Funds. If you are interested in this option please contact **Mona Wecksung by June 10, 2012 at 505-662-7084 or by e-mail at wecksung2005@msn.com.** Availability of homes is limited.

Phone your reservations to **the North Road Inn at 505-662-3678 by July 1, 2012. The Group Block special rate is \$79.00 per night plus tax. A full hot breakfast is included in the price.**

Reservations made on-line or through a travel agency will not receive this special rate. Each room has a queen bed and private bathroom. There is free high speed internet and parking. After July 1, 2012 any unclaimed rooms will be released.

You may call **the Comfort Inn and Suites at (505) 661-1110 by July 6, 2012.** Mention AAUW Group Block to take advantage of our special rate, \$80.00 per night plus tax. A full hot breakfast is included in the price. **Reservations made on-line or through a travel agency will not receive this special rate.** Each room has 2 queen size beds and a coffee pot. There is a spa tub, a sauna and a fitness facility on the premises. There is free Wi-Fi as well as free parking. After July 6, 2012 any unclaimed rooms will be released. Check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out is 12 noon.

LUNCH: For lunch we will have a variety of box lunches consisting of a half sandwich and a salad. We will also have water and perhaps chips and cookies. The box lunch will come from the deli at our new co-op grocery store. The cost will be about \$8.00. However we do need to know if you want lunch as we must let them know no later than **July 6, 2012.** Please e-mail me, Natalie Markin at natalie@lanb.com by **5:00 p.m. on that July 6** to let me know if you wish a lunch. We can accept cash or personal checks for the cost of the lunch. Please try to bring the correct amount if you wish to pay in cash.

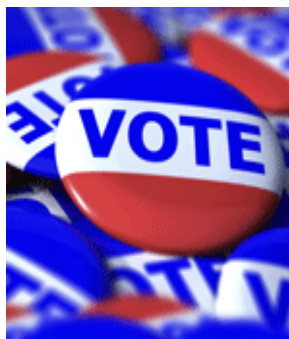
Directions to Los Alamos: Take I-25 to Santa Fe and exit at St. Francis Drive. Drive north on St Francis Drive, which becomes US-285/84-N. Travel about 12.4 miles and take the NM-502 W. exit for Los Alamos, then turn slightly left onto NM -502W. Drive 15 miles up the hill to Los Alamos. Pass the airport on your right and a short distance further there is a fork in the road. Stay left, which is Trinity Drive. Go past Los Alamos National Bank on your right. The Comfort Inn and Suites will be on your left somewhat past the bank. If you reach the Shell station on the corner of Trinity and Oppenheimer Drive, you have gone a bit too far. If you are headed to the North Road Inn follow the directions below to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The north Road Inn is just off the corner of Urban and North Road.

Directions to Bethlehem Lutheran Church from the Comfort Inn: Drive west (LEFT OUT OF THE PARKING LOT) on Trinity Drive or just continue on Trinity Drive if you are not staying at the Comfort Inn. At the third traffic light turn right onto Diamond Drive. Pass two traffic lights, the second of which has a Mobil station on the left. About 0.4 mile past the gas station turn left onto Urban. On Urban pass 41st through 44th streets and turn right onto North Road Drive. The North Road Inn will be on your left. Continue on North Road past Mountain Elementary School on your right. Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be on your right 0.6 of a mile past the North Road Inn. Park in the church lot and enter on the lower level of the church.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Los Alamos this summer.

-- Natalie Markin, Los Alamos Facilitator

It's My Vote, I Will be Heard



There are several resources available on the AAUW.org website to assist branches in developing a program to get out the vote.

Woman-to- Woman Voter Turnout: A Manual for Community-Based Campaigns to Mobilize Women to Vote, provides step-by-step instructions and examples for leaders as they plan and implement a campaign of personal, woman-to-woman outreach that will turn out women voters. Copies of the manual should be distributed to every participant so that each can follow along. Printed copies of the manual can be ordered from AAUW or the [complete manual](#) can be downloaded from the AAUW

website. http://www.aauw.org/member_center/programs/w2w.cfm

How will this program benefit your state or branch or community?

A Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout campaign in a community will:

- increase the influence of women on the outcome of elections and policy-making;
- increase the visibility of AAUW in a community and recruit members; and
- develop leadership skills of AAUW members.

Do you know your current senator's and representative's voting records on issues important to women? The AAUW Action Fund *Congressional Voting Record* provides information on positions of senators and representatives on the issues included in AAUW's public policy priorities and principles that were adopted in the AAUW convention in 2011. This publication is available on the AAUW website at <http://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/congressional-voting-record/>.

--Patricia Maben, Roadrunner Editor

2012-2013 AAUW-NM State Officers

Elected Officers

Co-President	Shelley Rossbach (Santa Fe)
Co-President	Karyl Lyne (Las Vegas)
Co-VP: Program	Karen Nelson (Carlsbad)
Co-VP: Program	Sheila Portillo (Albuquerque/Boulder City, NV)
Co-VP: Membership	Sylvia Fink (Albuquerque)
Co-VP: Membership	Natalie Markin (Los Alamos)
Finance Chair	Ruth Benjamins (Las Cruces)
Secretary	Cheryl Klenner (West Mesa)
Academic Chair	Joan Goodman (Albuquerque)
AAUW Funds Chair	Mary Tyler Browne (West Mesa)
Nominations Chair	Mary Sandford (Carlsbad)
Public Policy Chair/Choice	Dixie Trebbe (Albuquerque/West Mesa)

Appointed Officers

Awards Chair	Cas Mason (Los Alamos)
**Bylaws Chair	(Currently Vacant)
**College/Univ. Chair	(Currently Vacant)
Diversity Chair	Della Acosta (Grant County)
Historian	Bonnie Rutherford (West Mesa)
**International Interest Chair	(Currently Vacant)
**Media Relations Chair	(Currently Vacant)
Mini-Grant Chair/Immediate Past President	Mary Sandford (Carlsbad)
Newsletter Editor	Patricia Maben (West Mesa)
Parliamentarian	Carol Ann Council (Las Cruces)
**Strategic Planning Chair	(Currently Vacant)
Web Page Contact	Lina Germann (Santa Fe)

****Please contact Shelley or Karyl if you are interested in being appointed to one of these vacant offices.**

May 23, 2012

Calendar

- June 8-10** **Rocky Mt. Conference - Phoenix, AZ**
- June 30** **Association/state/branch dues deadline for 2012 -13 dues**
- July 21** **Summer Team Leadership Meeting - Los Alamos hosting**
- January 12, 2013** **Lobby Corp Luncheon - Speaker David Maddox - Human Trafficking**

AAUW Mission Statement: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."

AAUW Unifying Focus Statement: "Breaking through Barriers"

AAUW Value Statement: "As a member of AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance."

AAUW-NM Focus Statement: "Empowering women to take charge of their lives"



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