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WHY CELEBRATE 125 YEARS?

On November 28, 1881, our esteemed association held its first meeting of 17 women college graduates in the Boston home of Marion Talbot. On January 14, 1892, the Association of Collegiate Alumnae was formed. Why celebrate? Celebration is a way of honoring the past, acknowledging the realities of the present, and planning for the future. Today, AAUW celebrates:



Fall Workshop Attendees Celebrate the 125th AAUW Anniversary

- 125 years of advocacy for improved education for all women and girls.
- 125 years of sponsorship and acclamation of accomplished women in a male-dominated society.
- More than 8,000 fellowships, grants, and awards given to post-graduate women from the US and abroad.
- Landmark research into the issues holding back women and girls in education and the workplace. The first survey in 1885 contradicted the popular notion that higher education adversely affected women's health, while the most recent study emphasizes the prevalence of sexual harassment on college campuses.
- 25 years of Legal Advocacy Fund support for those women in higher education who challenge sex discrimination, including more than 100 cases, 80 of which involved denial of tenure.

The list of past accomplishments could go on and on, but we have made the case that AAUW has a legacy of leadership. Today, our 100,000 members continue the struggle for women's education and equity. Tomorrow, our goal is to be the premier women's organization, promoting excellence in education for all students, while striving to balance the impact of women with that of men in the society of the 21st century.

Our governor, Bill Richardson, endorsed this leadership by proclaiming November 28, 2006, AAUW Day throughout the state of New Mexico. Let us take pride in our past and face the future with optimism. Join us in this celebration by asking a sister, daughter, friend or colleague to attend your next branch activity with you. This is the tactic most needed to propel our legacy of leadership far into the future.

*Nancy Scheer and Nina Thayer, N²
Co-presidents*



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IN MEMORY OF MARJORIE BELL CHAMBERS 1923 – 2006



Marjorie Bell Chambers
(Photograph by Jim Gautier)

Marjorie Bell Chambers was an intellectual force and an inspiration to many, said her daughter Lee Chambers at her memorial service. Many of us in AAUW remember her larger-than-life presence as president of the Association during the national convention in 1979 in Albuquerque. We remember her spectacular outfits with squash blossom necklaces and bouffant hair. We remember her strong hand on the gavel and fiery advocacy of the Equal Rights Amendment. We remember her passion, her petite frame, and her boundless energy. Perhaps we remember evenings of wine and cheese and talk of strategy and personalities far into the night in her hotel room after a long day at our New Mexico conventions.

Her husband and life-long partner, Bill Chambers, remembered her this way. "A restless, multifaceted, and indomitable spirit has left us. Dr. Marjorie Bell Chambers died in her sleep at home before dawn on August 22, 2006 after a long illness. But she left an unbounded legacy of deeds, thoughts, and inspirations for her children and her students, spread around the world.

As an educator and a born advocate of women's rights, she mentored countless women, urging them to spread their wings beyond the narrow confines of home and hearth. She was dauntless and unceasing in her pursuit of goals she perceived – passionate, intelligent, and forever challenged."

"Marjorie was a wife, mother, educator, politician, and activist leader – frequently, and most often successfully, trying to juggle those conflicting demands. Her education came in stages as her four children grew and left home, culminating formally in a doctorate in history and political science from the University of New Mexico. But she never ceased learning, retiring at age 80 from a quarter century as dean and graduate school professor of the Union Institute and University based in Cincinnati, Ohio. She served as president of Colorado Women's College in Denver, and as trustee and interim president of Colby Sawyer College in New London, NH. She rose through the ranks to become national president of the AAUW, and advisor to five United States presidents and four New Mexico governors. "

"Not content to be an academician, she longed to make a difference in the world and a contribution to our times and culture – entering the practical side of politics as chair of the Los Alamos County Council, candidate for US Congress in New Mexico's newly-born Third Congressional District, and candidate for election as Lt. Governor of New Mexico. Among many other duties, she served on the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education and the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities."

Marjorie is survived by her husband, Bill, their four children – Lee, William, Leslie and Kenneth – eight grandchildren, and her sister, Barbara Scanlon. All of AAUW thanks you for your leadership, Marje, and wishes you Godspeed to your reward.

Nina Thayer, Co-president

THANK YOU LOS ALAMOS

A great big "Thank You" to the Los Alamos branch for hosting the annual AAUW-NM Fall Workshop and Leadership Team Meeting. The local planning and arrangements committee, along with the state programs task force, presented a wonderful program. Bethlehem Lutheran Church was a fine facility, allowing for large and small workshop sessions, as well as a scrumptious lunch. Everyone also had fun celebrating AAUW's 125th birthday. The opportunity to tour the Bradbury Science Museum was an added treat. Even dinner was educational, with tales of traveling the Old Santa Fe Trail. Thanks to everyone who made the workshop an informative and enjoyable experience.

Nancy and Nina—N²

MINI-GRANT UPDATE

Congratulations to the Grant County branch. They applied for and received a mini-grant of \$100 to help with their 15th annual Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) in Science and Mathematics Conference. They will hold the conference on March 3, 2007, and will target 300 fifth through eighth grade girls. The conference encourages girls to pursue careers in math, science, and engineering.

Grants are still available to other New Mexico branches for the 2006—2007 year. Please send your applications to Carol Ann Council as soon as possible so they can be voted upon at the Winter Leadership Team Meeting on February 11 in Santa Fe. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Ann at kk-ca_council@msn.com, or at (505) 522-3313.

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2006 FALL WORKSHOP CELEBRATES LIFELONG LEARNING

The Los Alamos branch hosted the fall workshop on October 22. Building on the current Association theme of *An Educated Woman: Gateway to Success*, we titled the workshop *Lifelong Learning at the Top of the Hill*. Helena Whyte, Los Alamos branch president, made the opening remarks. Nancy Scheer and Nina Thayer, state co-presidents, then dedicated the meeting to long-time AAUW advocate and Los Alamos resident Marjorie Bell Chambers.

We began with a presentation by four New Mexico educators with experience at all levels of education. Our panelists were Scott Johnson, a second and third grade teacher from Barranca Mesa Elementary School in Los Alamos; Rebecca Belleto, Educational Program Policy Analyst for the State of New Mexico Higher Education Department; Dr. Jim Anderson, Superintendent of Los Alamos Public Schools; and Dr. Paul Golding, publisher of the *Santa Fe Boys* newsletter. They addressed the following topics:

- Are boys really falling behind girls, or are girls simply doing better in school than in the past?
- Is this apparent disparity gender-related, or are there other socio-economic causes?
- Is the New Mexico education system adequately preparing our children for college, and if not, what can we do to make improvements?

Dr. Anderson also discussed the ramifications of the No Child Left Behind Act for teachers as well as students. A lively question and answer session followed the panel discussion.

Next, Public Policy Co-chairs Dolores Halls and Marion Isidoro led a discussion of the *Women to Women – Get Out the Vote* campaign. After lunch, Megan Gutierrez, second vice president of wealth management and a financial officer with Smith Barney, continued the lifelong education theme with her presentation titled *Financial Facts of Retirement: What Every Woman Should Know*.

We then held an early 125th birthday celebration for AAUW. Susan Odem read a proclamation by the Los Alamos City Council that declares November 28, the actual 125th AAUW birthday, as Marjorie Bell Chambers Day, and November as AAUW month. After the party, we offered four concurrent workshops on Programs, Membership, the AAUW Association Website, and a Potpourri of other AAUW positions.

At the conclusion of the business day, we took a short but informative tour of the Bradbury Science Museum, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Our evening's entertainment consisted of a performance by Inez Ross as Marion Sloan Russell, a woman who had walked the length of the Santa Fe Trail. Ms. Ross shared Ms. Russell's experiences with us, as well as those of Carolyn Robinson, another woman who had walked the trail. We were inspired by the courage of these strong women, who were pioneers in many ways.

We hope to see many of you at our next events, the Leadership Team Meeting and Legislative Day in Santa Fe in February, and the State Convention in Las Cruces in April.

Natalie Markin and Shila Marek, Program Co-coordinators

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS NOVEMBER 28, 2006 AS AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN DAY

On November 7, Governor Bill Richardson issued an official proclamation declaring November 28, the 125th anniversary of AAUW, as *American Association of University Women Day*. Albuquerque member and state media chair Betty Walker Smith initiated this effort on behalf of our state organization. On November 9, five AAUW-NM members met at the State Capitol building in Santa Fe to receive the proclamation.

This is a great honor, not only for AAUW members, but for all women and girls in our state. Thank you, Betty, for your initiative. And thank you, Governor Richardson, for recognizing the contributions that AAUW members, and all women, make to improve the quality of life for all citizens of New Mexico.



Michelle Rossbach, Santa Fe Branch President;
Nancy Scheer, NM Co-president; Sherry Sandlin,
former NM President; Nina Thayer, NM Co-
president; Jean Bahr, NM Academic
Co-coordinator

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WINTER LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING AND LEGISLATIVE DAY SCHEDULED

On Sunday, February 11, the AAUW Leadership Team will meet at Santa Fe Skies RV Park from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. At 5 p.m., after hors d'oeuvres, we will discuss the bills that have been introduced for the 2007 session and will distribute folders of written materials to those members who will be lobbying the next day at the capitol. Dinner will follow at 6:15 p.m. Please contact Shelly Rossbach at (505) 771-8197, or at shelrossbach@aol.com by February 4 to let her know whether you plan to attend the dinner. After the meal, we will see a short skit on lobbying, and will hear from one of our legislators.

We will hold our Legislative Day in Santa Fe on Monday, February 12. This is the long alternate-year session, so there will be many issues and proposed laws to learn about. There are always education funding issues we need to be aware of. Among other items, we are concerned about health care and an important bill dealing with ethics for our elected officials and New Mexico government employees. It will be a very busy and important time in Santa Fe.

On the morning of the 12th, we will meet briefly at 9 a.m. at the Governor's or Lieutenant Governor's office, and then visit our legislators, if possible. Next, we can sit in on a House or Senate session. At 11:30, we have a lunch reservation at the Mission Cafe for those who wish to attend, and then, back to the Roundhouse to observe committee meetings. We may also try to arrange meetings with other state officials, such as the Governor or the Speaker of the House.

Santa Fe branch members will be offering Bed and Breakfast for a \$25 donation to the AAUW Educational Foundation. Please contact Helen Snoke at (505) 988-3062 or rhsnoke@earthwing.net if you are interested in B&B.

AAUW Legislative Day is always busy, interesting, and fun. Plan to be in Santa Fe on February 12.

AAUW LOBBY CORPS 2007

Any member interested in serving this coming year on the AAUW Lobby Corps should plan to meet with us on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Corrine Howard, 210 Camino sin Nombre, in Corrales. All are welcome, but please contact Corrine by January 16 at P.O. Box 2999 Corrales, NM 87048; (505) 897-0148; or chowardnm@msn.com. We need to plan ahead for enough food, drinks, tables, and chairs. We will discuss AAUW issues that are expected to arise during the 2007 legislative session. We look forward to seeing you on January 20.

Marion Isidoro and Dolores Halls

AAUW-NM STATE CONVENTION APRIL 27-29, 2007

Mark your calendars for the AAUW-NM State Convention in Las Cruces!

Our theme is "Women: Changing Times - Changing Lives." The planning committee, headed by Carol Ann Council, immediate past state co-president; and Marilyn Humphrey, immediate past Las Cruces branch president, has planned an exciting convention, which will include celebrations of the 125th anniversary of AAUW and the 25th year of the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).

In addition to the regular business meetings, Lyn deMartin, a successful LAF plaintiff, will speak at the Saturday luncheon and will host an afternoon workshop. We expect the Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Lidia Avila, to be in attendance, and hope to have a representative of IFUW as well. We will also schedule a number of other workshops that relate to our theme.

On Friday evening, we will hold an Educational Foundation (EF) fundraiser at the Black Box theater, where the play *Big Love* will be presented. This will be an exclusive performance for AAUW members and their guests.

Stay tuned for more information, and plan on traveling to Las Cruces, the site of the oldest AAUW branch in New Mexico.

Would You Like To Win This Stunning Acoma Pot?

This highly unusual pot features carving on clay and includes a turquoise necklace. It is 6 1/2 inches high and 8 inches wide. Beginning at the Winter Leadership Team Meeting, chances for this pot will be sold for \$1.50 each or four for \$5.00. All proceeds will help finance Travelships to the AAUW Association Convention in 2007. The



drawing will take place on April 28 at the state convention in Las Cruces, and you needn't be present to win. This is a wonderful opportunity to start, or add to, your art collection. Please contact Shila Marek, 505-885-3835 or shila507@yahoo.com; or Janet Matwiyoff, 505-821-0418, 505-385-2624, or helenjan@aol.com for additional information.

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AMENDMENT TO NATIONAL BYLAWS PROPOSED BY AAUW-NM LEADERSHIP TEAM

Concern that student affiliates are dropping out of AAUW once they graduate has prompted the leadership team to propose an amendment to the national bylaws. Under the current bylaws, a member loses her student affiliate status upon graduation, even though she may continue in school as a graduate student. Leaders from the Las Vegas branch have reported that the resulting monetary burden, from student affiliate fee to full regular membership dues, has prevented many affiliates from continuing their association with AAUW.

Considering that there may be a number of recent graduates whose financial situation does not allow for AAUW membership at the regular dues rate, the board has proposed a category of Transition Dues, equal to half regular dues, for any person who joins during the four-year period after acquiring a degree. The proposal reads as follows:

Article IV, Membership, Section 5, Dues, Subpart
a. Amount
Add: (4) Transition Dues

During the four-year period beginning upon an individual's achievement of the educational qualification for membership, that individual shall pay transition dues equal to one-half regular membership dues.

Recent college graduates should be one of AAUW's most important sources of new members. Recent graduates often have idealism, a strong support of equity for women and girls, enthusiasm, and energy. What they lack, however, is disposable income.

Sadly, we have seen the AAUW membership numbers declining in recent years. As our numbers decrease, our membership demographic becomes increasingly older. This proposal is an effort to reverse both of these trends.

Lin Robinson, Bylaws Chair

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NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS APPROVED

Please add the following new members to your leadership team roster:

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Las Cruces, NM 88004

The following positions are currently vacant:

Choice Coordinator
College/University Representative

The Nominating committee members are:

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Carol Ann Council
505-522-3313, kk_ca_council@msn.com

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL AND BEST
WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!**



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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (IFUW) UPDATE

Many AAUW members, especially those with interest in international issues, have asked about the current state of affairs between AAUW and IFUW. This is a brief description of the current situation.

The Association Board has firmly stated that it has no way to either pay the arrears due to IFUW to reinstate its membership, nor the income to pay its future dues. As a result, AAUW membership in IFUW will expire on December 31, 2007.

The IFUWSUPPORT group has kept in constant touch with the situation, and has resolved to provide some avenue for AAUW members to continue membership in IFUW. IFUWSUPPORT envisions that interested AAUW members will elect to retain their AAUW membership and will also participate in IFUW through another channel, either as individuals or as members of some larger group.

Individual membership in IFUW is now available (see www.ifuw.org). IFUWSUPPORT also has requested caucus time at the 2007 AAUW convention in Phoenix to discuss forming a new organization in the United States. This organization will provide an channel for IFUW membership. All AAUW members interested in this goal should plan to attend the caucus. Members of IFUW will be present, and those attending will be asked to participate in shaping any new organization.

AAUW members also are welcome to attend the IFUW Manchester Triennial in August 2007, where follow-up action will be taken regarding decisions made in Phoenix. Although AAUW is not eligible to have delegates at the Manchester meeting, AAUW members who attend will be a part of an informal delegation and will be invited to work on the process of forming any new organization.

Barbara Carey, International Interest Liaison

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND REPORT

Lyn deMartin, a recipient of an award from the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund to assist her in pursuit of a claim against New Mexico Highlands University, will be the featured speaker at the Saturday luncheon during the 2007 State Convention in Las Cruces. She will also participate in a small group workshop session to provide information about LAF, share more of her personal experience with LAF, and discuss the application process and requirements for LAF grants.

Ms. deMartin was employed by New Mexico Highlands University from January, 1999 through July 23, 2004, when she was terminated one week prior to a scheduled mediation of her sex discrimination claim. She had filed this claim in regard to salary discrepancies among the three directors of the university's Distance Learning Centers. Ms. deMartin, director of the Santa Fe Learning Center, was earning between \$12,000 and \$13,000 less than the two male employees of the other two centers, even though their work responsibilities were identical.

The university was reluctant to settle this grievance, believing that Ms. deMartin would not be able to further pursue the case due to lack of funds. Mediators from the university agreed to a sizeable settlement the day they learned that Ms. deMartin had received LAF support. The District Court judge serving as mediator encouraged the university to take the issue of sex discrimination much more seriously.

Louise Drlik, LAF Chair



"FABULOUS FLEAS" OFF TO A GREAT START!



The "Fabulous Fleas" book and jewelry sale at the Fall Workshop raised \$621 toward travelships for any AAUW-NM member who wants to attend the 2007 AAUW Association Convention in Phoenix, and who will share what they learn with all their fellow members. A big thank you to everyone who contributed used books or jewelry, and to those who enjoyed shopping. Also for sale were the 125th Anniversary calendars, colorful anniversary pins, and post-it notes.

Plan to purchase chances on the beautiful Acoma pot (see page 4) beginning at the Winter Leadership Team meeting in Santa Fe. This is a wonderful opportunity to add to the travelship fund. Travelships will be awarded during the state convention in Las Cruces. Details of the application process will appear in the spring Roadrunner.

Nina Thayer, Co-president

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GUIDELINES FOR GIVING

There has been much confusion in the past regarding how we should make donations to the AAUW Educational Foundation (EF). This was exacerbated when the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) ceased to be an independent fund and was placed under the umbrella of EF. Please keep the following instructions and examples for future reference when making donations.

INTRODUCTION

The AAUW Educational Foundation is a 501c3 charitable corporation for IRS purposes. All donations to EF and its sub-funds are fully tax deductible. Be aware that donations to AAUW itself are NOT TAX-DEDUCTIBLE. AAUW is incorporated as a lobbying organization and CANNOT receive tax-deductible donations. For those who wish to give general support to AAUW, the Association has established a 501c3 organization called the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute (LTI), to which you can make tax-deductible donations.

When making donations to EF, checks must be made payable to the AAUW EF, Inc., and the name and number of any sub-fund you wish your donation to be credited to must be stated on the memo line of the check. If you don't restrict your donation to a specific fund, the Foundation decides where to direct the donation. A list of all sub-fund names and numbers appears below. If you wish to make an unrestricted donation, make the check out to AAUW EF, Inc. 9110 (the correct number for unrestricted funds).

You must also write you branch ID number on the check for your branch to receive credit for the donation. After your check is complete, you must mail the check to your branch EF chair, the state EF chair, or directly to the AAUW Development office at:

AAUW Educational Foundation, Inc., 111Sixteenth Street N.W., Washington, DC, 20036

 **PLEASE NOTE:** Checks made out to your branch will NOT be credited to EF and the donation will NOT be tax-deductible!

MAKING YOUR DONATION

By following these simple steps, you will guarantee that:

- Your donation is restricted as you request.
- Your donation is tax-deductible.
- Your branch receives the proper credit.

1. Make out your check to AAUW EF, Inc.
2. Select the fund to receive your donation from the lists below. Write the name and number **on the memo line of your check**.

Restricted Association Funds (for additional information on these funds, visit www.aauw.org):

NAME	NUMBER
Eleanor Roosevelt	9170
General Fellowship	1516
American	9130
International	9140
Symposium	521
Projects and Grants	9150
LAF	3999

New Mexico also has specific funds to honor New Mexico women. The fund names, numbers, and types are listed on page 8. Only the names and numbers must be written on your check. You may include the fund type if you wish.

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GUIDELINES FOR GIVING (cont.)

Restricted New Mexico Funds:

NAME	NUMBER	FUND TYPE
Corrine Wolfe Int.	4226	International Fellowship
Albuquerque	4014	Projects and Grants
New Mexico Division	1765	Projects and Grants
Georgia Fritz	4029	Projects and Grants
Marjorie Bell Chambers	1144	International Fellowship

PLEASE NOTE: If you restrict your donation on the memo line of your check, the Foundation must honor your request.

3. Find your branch ID number on the list below and write it on your check. Write "Branch," followed by the number, at the top of the check next to your name and address. All gifts identified with an AAUW New Mexico Branch ID number will be credited to New Mexico.

Branch	Branch ID Number
Albuquerque	8002
Carlsbad	8005
Grant County	8009
Las Cruces, Inc.	8012
Las Vegas	8013
Los Alamos, Inc.	8014
Portales	8016
Raton	8017
Santa Fe, Inc.	8020
Socorro, Inc.	8021
West Mesa	8026

The following is an example of a completed AAUW EF donation check.

Josephine Von Borkovsky 1234 Main Street Las Cruces, NM 88001	Branch # 8012	1001
		Date <u>November 22, 2006</u>
Pay <u>AAUW EF, INC</u> to the order of		\$ 100.00
<u>One Hundred and 00/100</u>		Dollars
BANK OF THE UNIVERSE		
Memo <u>Restricted to Corrine Wolfe Int'l Fellowship #4226</u>		<u>Josephine Von Borkovsky</u>

In addition, some individual branches have established scholarship or fellowship funds through other foundations. The Albuquerque and Santa Fe branches have funds at the University of New Mexico Foundation, and the Las Cruces branch has a fund at the New Mexico State University Foundation. The Socorro branch can accept tax-deductible donations through their scholarship fund for women students at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. If you have any questions about opportunities within your own branch, ask one of your branch officers.

Patricia Jonietz, EF Chair

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TAKING YOUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK

Have you ever wondered how the gender of a male legislator's children affects how he votes on legislation related to women's concerns? The following is an excerpt from *Female Socialization: How Daughters Affect Their Legislator Fathers*, Ebonya Washington, National Bureau of Economic Research. This excerpt was reprinted in the Atlantic Monthly, June, 2006, and submitted to the Roadrunner by Co-president Nancy Scheer.

"If you want to know how a male legislator is going to vote on abortion related legislation, you should find out how many daughters he has, a new study suggests. A Yale academic used voting-record scores for male legislators, compiled by the National Organization of Women and National Right to Life Committee, to assess whether there was a link between having female children and taking a more liberal position on 'women's issues,' defined broadly to include topics from education to health care to abortion rights. The author found that the higher the proportion of female children in a U.S. Congressman's family, the more likely he was to lean left on these issues—that is, to have a higher NOW score and a lower NRLC score. (The pattern exists with both Democrats and Republicans.) And although the 'gender gap,' which holds that women are more likely to be liberal than men, narrows into near nonexistence over abortion, the 'daughter gap' widens when abortion rights are at stake: the relationship between having more daughters and having a liberal voting record was strongest for legislation specifically related to abortion and contraception."



Looks like women and girls have more influence than they ever realized!

SUBMITTING ARTICLES TO THE ROADRUNNER



Do you ever run across interesting information and think "I'd really like to share this with other women"? Well, YOU CAN!!! The Roadrunner is our newsletter, we members of the New Mexico branches of AAUW. Submissions can come from anyone, not just state and branch officers. We need interesting articles, anecdotes, photographs, and other illustrations. Submissions must be appropriate to our mission, credited to their source if not original, and interesting to our general membership.

Do you write poetry? Take photographs? We have many talented women among our membership that should take advantage of an opportunity to show what they do. All submissions will be considered, and will be published at the discretion of the editor.

Please consider submitting an interesting story from your branch or part of the state. Maybe you have a woman ancestor with an intriguing history? We'd like to know about her.

Make your submissions, preferably by email, to the editor at dxmarta@msn.com. Make sure to attribute your piece if you did not create it. We will try to feature one or more member submissions in each future Roadrunner.

Deanise Marta, Editor



2006 IN PICTURES



Carol Ann Council
and Nancy Scheer
2004/06 Co-presidents



Nancy Scheer and Nina
Thayer
2006/08 Co-presidents



Legislative Day



Paddle Wheel Cruise
State Convention, Carlsbad



2006 Rocky Mountain
Regional Conference,
Casper, Wyoming



AAUW 125th
Anniversary Quilt
Casper, Wyoming

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BRANCH NEWS

Albuquerque, Diane Scholfield and Cindy Wise, Co-presidents

The Albuquerque Branch held a membership tea in September, hosted by member Janet Matwiyoff. Prospective, new, and old members enjoyed the beautiful rose garden patio and elegant refreshments. In October, a potluck dinner was enjoyed by all followed by our speaker, Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez, who addressed the topic *Whither Albuquerque*. He paid particular attention to education in the Albuquerque Public Schools. Our November meeting was held at the Mind Institute at the University of New Mexico, with Dr. Rex Jung as speaker. He presented the second part of his research titled *The Mystery of Genius*. A lively question and answer session followed the talk and members look forward to hearing about the next part of the research in the coming year.

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of AAUW, the branch will have a Holiday brunch and silent auction in December. Vocal entertainment will be provided by member Jeanne Medley's granddaughter, Jamie Foster, an accomplished young singer. Branch officers also are planning a surprise for members to enhance the celebration.

Vicki Van Horn, Executive Director of the New Mexico Project for Financial Literacy, recently spoke to the board about the opportunity to assist target groups in New Mexico with leadership skills training and mentoring. More information will be presented at the March general meeting. The January meeting will be held in conjunction with the West Mesa Branch. We have traditionally begun the New Year with the West Mesa Branch and look forward to the camaraderie that has grown between our branches.

Grant County, Adrienne Dare and Emily Warner, Co-presidents

The Grant County Branch is off to a marvelous start this year! Our 2006-2007 kick-off meeting in September was a great membership event held at the home of Barbara Counts. Current members invited many friends and potential members, and we had a good response. All enjoyed live music, fantastic food, and a short presentation about our branch. That evening, we gained ten new members! Through the *Shape the Future* membership campaign, our branch now qualifies for three national memberships, which we hope to award to more new members.

On October 14, we held a fundraising event for our fifteenth annual *Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics* (EYH) conference for girls in fifth through tenth grades. Shreeta Acharya, who was born and raised in India, provided a cooking demonstration of Indian food. Silver City's local gourmet cooking shop, The Curious Kumquat, provided a display of their products, a complimentary set of traditional Indian cooking spices, and discount coupons for use in the store. It was a great collaboration that benefited both AAUW and The Curious Kumquat. We earned nearly \$500 for EYH!

"Life..." she says, brought one of our newest members to the Grant County branch. Kathleen Laurila, the executive director of the International Relations Center, a think tank for foreign policy issues, recently relocated to Silver City. Kathleen is an AAUW life member, a past board member of AAUW, and currently serves as a vice president of IFUW. Kathleen is also a specialist in communications, as well as in facility planning and design. She has extensive experience volunteering for advocacy work with local and national non-profit organizations on issues related to peace, equity, the environment, and family planning. We are so excited to have her here, and we look forward to the opportunity to get to know her and her perspective on the issues important to the women of Grant County and the world.

In November, our program centered on financial planning issues for women, especially issues related to our post-retirement years. Two representatives from Edward Jones briefly outlined some investing strategies for women, then answered our questions for more than an hour.

Our branch members are looking forward to our annual Holiday potluck brunch and white elephant auction in December. The proceeds from this popular event benefit the AAUW Educational Foundation/Legal Advocacy Fund. The brunch typically attracts non-members as well as members, and the bidding for the fancifully wrapped auction items can be fast and furious. Laughter, good food, and raising money for a good cause — what more can a branch ask?

We wish the best of times to our sister branches this holiday season!

BRANCH NEWS

Las Cruces, Phoebe Pierce, President

The October program addressed *Women Protecting Themselves*, presented by detectives from the Las Cruces Police Department. All attendees took an identity theft vulnerability test and, happily, none of our members were in the high risk category.

Also in October, we held a very successful Trash and Treasure fundraiser that will benefit EF, LAF, VGIF, and our NMSU scholarship fund, as well as branch programs. Success was due to the great leadership of our committee chair, LaJune Smith, plus wonderful support from members. It is always amazing what sells at a rummage sale.

Our November program theme was *Helping Children in Need of Support*, and we celebrated AAUW's 125th anniversary with individual cupcakes. Also, the El Paso Branch invited us to join them at a local theater production of *Little Women* in November. Of course, the branch did not forget the November 7 elections or the power of one vote.

The Holiday Dinner in December is an annual tradition and we will have a storyteller from the Storytellers of Las Cruces join us for after-dinner entertainment. The League of Women Voters has also invited us to join them at their annual Breakfast with the Legislators in December. We can accomplish so much when we work together.

Las Vegas, Karyl Lyne, President

The branch hosted a Membership Brunch on September 9. There were 11 guests and five became members on the spot! We are continuing to "work on" the others.

Also in September, we hosted a Sexual Harassment Workshop on the New Mexico Highlands University campus. Our presenter was Janice Hightower, EEO Officer with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety. Ms. Hightower's presentation was clear, informative, fun, and engaging. Because she does these workshops frequently with a variety of populations, she knows the topic extremely well and has numerous anecdotes and examples she can share. The branch partnered with the NMHU Housing department to publicize the event in residence halls. Unfortunately, we were up against some other events that night and the hoped-for students did not come. However, we hope to offer the workshop again in the spring semester. This time, we're going to work through faculty members and the Office of Academic Support to publicize the workshop. We did have a number of community members present and some students from the United World College.

At our regular September meeting we held a panel discussion: *Voting 2006: What Voter Reform in New Mexico Means to the Voter*. Two voter activists and the county clerk spoke. As a result, some of our members spent time at local grocery stores talking with shoppers about whether they had registered to vote, and if not, how to do so. After being unsuccessful in getting commitments from candidates for governor, senator, and legislator to speak at a candidate forum, we instead sponsored a Voter Forum on October 18. We partnered with the Las Vegas Peace and Justice Center, a local grassroots organization dedicated to examining and researching issues of interest or concern to its constituents, and then taking action to affect the issue. We showed the 63-minute documentary film, *Stealing America: Vote By Vote*, which examines the 2004 Presidential election and focuses on voting in Ohio and New Mexico. Directed by Dorothy Fadiman, Oscar and Emmy nominee and Public Broadcasting Corporation Gold Medal Recipient, the film points out the enormity of the voter fraud and disenfranchisement which occurred. San Miguel County Clerk Paul Maez was on hand with paper ballots and one of the new optical scanning machines used in New Mexico on November 7. Attendees were presented with information about all of the ballot issues. More than 100 people attended.

Our Scholarship Committee has created a scholarship application form for the \$500 AAUW Scholarship we will present to a female non-traditional student at New Mexico Highlands University for the Spring Semester, 2007. The form has been distributed electronically by the NMHU Scholarship Office to faculty, staff, and students at NMHU. The Scholarship recipient will be a guest at our December meeting. This will be an annual scholarship award. Funds for this award are raised at our Annual March Book Sale.

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

REMEMBER THESE DATES!

2006

December 30
Postmark deadline for all EF and EF sub-fund contributions

2007

January 1
Half-year dues now accepted

January 22
Choice Rally

February 11
Winter Leadership Team Meeting

February 12
A Day at the Legislature

February 17
Spring Roadrunner deadline

April 24
Equal Pay Day

April 27—29
Spring Leadership Team Meeting and State Convention

May 17
Deadline for Summer Roadrunner

June 30
Deadline for payment of 2007-2008 dues

June 29—July 2
AAUW Association Convention, Phoenix, Arizona



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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the future economic health of our state and nation and our competitiveness in the global marketplace depend on the success of all our citizens, both men and women; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated work of generations of courageous women has overcome many barriers to gender equality in America, and the modern heirs to that legacy continue to define the role of women as leaders in education, the workplace and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) opens doors for women and girls and guides public debate on critical social issues, such as education, civil rights and workplace equality; and

WHEREAS, the AAUW promotes excellence in academia for women through the improvement of schools, communities and fields of work for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, founded on November 28, 1881, the American Association of University Women is one of the oldest existing organizations dedicated to promoting education and equity for women and girls, and proudly celebrates its 125th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the AAUW-NM advances the American Association of University Women's 125-year legacy of leadership on behalf of women and girls in New Mexico;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim November 28, 2006 as:

“American Association of University Women Day”

throughout the State of New Mexico.

Attest:



Rebecca Vigil-Giron
Secretary of State

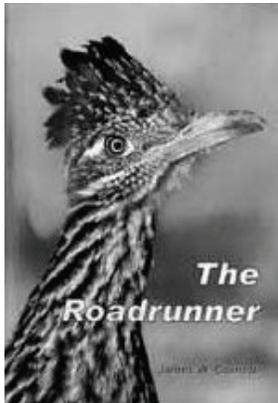
Done at the Executive Office this
7th day of November, 2006.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the Great State of New Mexico



Bill Richardson
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