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NEW MEXICO ONLINE BRANCH RECOGNIZED

Congratulations to the charter members of the New Mexico Online Branch. The new branch was officially recognized November 18, 2009 (please see the certificate of recognition on page 8). The New Mexico Online Branch is a virtual community with members from Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Raton, Portales, Las Cruces, and Carlsbad. The addition of this branch (NM8028) brings the total number of active AAUW New Mexico branches to ten. There are 21 charter members, seven of whom are dual members. The current officers are:



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There are no dues for the first year.

Contact any of the officers to become a member of this new branch. Visit the New Mexico Online Branch website at <http://www.aauw-nm.org/OnlineBranch/OnlineBranch.html>.

Helena Whyte, Membership Coordinator



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Please submit address changes to your branch membership chair.

Members-at-large: Notify AAUW Records Office, 1111 16th St., Washington, DC 20038.

THANK YOU, CARLSBAD



Nina Thayer addresses the Fall Leadership Team Meeting

We deeply appreciate the hospitality extended to the AAUW-NM Leadership Team and members during the Fall Workshop held in Carlsbad. The Friday evening tapas and wine at Carol Parr's lovely home were a wonderful start to the weekend. The rooms on the NMSU Carlsbad campus were very convenient for our Saturday program. The hour break with opportunity to walk the trail at the Living Desert Museum on a perfect fall afternoon was a special treat. We enjoyed the delicious food and mariachi entertainment Saturday evening at the museum. Some of us even danced! Lastly, the large boardroom at the Carlsbad Public Schools was well suited for our Sunday morning Leadership Team meeting. Thank you to branch president, Karen

Nelson, and every Carlsbad member who helped with organization, food, or bed and breakfast. It was a productive and fun weekend.

Mary and Nina, Co-Presidents

REFLECTIONS ON THE VALUE OF AAUW



Mary Sandford

Thirty-three years ago I moved to New Mexico from upstate New York. Shortly thereafter, a friend and neighbor introduced me to AAUW in Carlsbad. For twenty-two years I was active in our branch, holding various offices. Like many of our members, I was busy with work and a family and AAUW provided a much needed outlet of interesting programs and connections to other women with similar interests. Then, in 1998, I was elected branch president. (It is a joke in Carlsbad that I found out I had been nominated when I opened the branch newsletter! No joke – it's true.)

Being branch president opened a whole new AAUW world for me. I attended state meetings and became aware of the impact AAUW-NM was having on women around our state. Our public policy program was (and still is) impressive and I was introduced to many outstanding men and women who were making a difference in New Mexico. Many of these acquaintances have now become close friends. I was also introduced to statewide networking, the activities of other branches, and the commitment of so many members to the AAUW mission. This gave me a new enthusiasm for our organization.

Fast forward to 2009 and this co-president finally attended the Association Convention in St. Louis. There I was – an AAUW-NM co-president and a “first-timer” at Convention. I can not begin to tell you how awed I was by this experience. The speakers, Lilly Ledbetter and Rosa DeLauro, were phenomenal. The business session was professionally and efficiently run. The candidates for office were articulate and forward-thinking. I returned to New Mexico totally fired up about the future of AAUW.

Over the years, I have witnessed structural changes in AAUW, however, our overall mission remains constant: to advance education and equity for women and girls. I encourage each of you to get involved in your branches and to then move beyond your local branch to the state, and even the Association, level. I am so glad that I did and sincerely wish that I had done it sooner. We are a dynamic organization, always at the forefront of women's issues. Here in New Mexico we are *Empowering Women to Take Charge of Their Lives*. Each of you has something to contribute to AAUW, and each of you has the ability to become an integral part of this empowerment effort.

In equity,

Mary Sandford, Co-President

OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT YOU!

AAUW-NM needs your help! The nominations committee is looking for leaders to serve on our board for the next term—July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012. This is a wonderful opportunity to expand your horizons, gain new knowledge of our organization, and work with many extraordinary people from around the state. If you have recommendations or would like to join in a “co-position”, please contact any member of the nominating team. Self nominations also are welcome.



Open positions are:

- President
- Membership Vice-President
- Secretary
- Academic Chair
- AAUW Funds Chair
- Media relations Chair
- Nominations Chair

We only have nominees for a few positions, so we have a place for you! Do please consider—if we don't hear from you, you just might be hearing from us!

Carol Ann Council (Las Cruces), Louise Drlik (Las Vegas), Marilyn Dunn (Albuquerque)
Nominations Committee

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FALL WORKSHOP PROVIDES INSIGHT INTO BORDER ISSUES

AAUW New Mexico members and officers met October 23 through 25 in Carlsbad for a fun and provocative fall workshop. The theme, La Frontera (The Border), was an introduction to a year of branch and state programs focused on the Mexican-US border. The afternoon program was divided into three parts. The first was an overview of the programs that Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey runs in El Paso. Pastor Rose Sanchez-Guzman described the four-day per week after-school program that her Spanish-speaking congregation provides as a mission for students in their neighborhood. They offer a safe environment, a snack, and homework time for many students every day. Next, one of the members of the congregation, Carmen Hernandez, told us her personal story about how finding medical care for her disabled adopted daughter brought her illegally to El Paso. Lastly, Kari Lavender described an in-depth immersion program, Border Immersion Experience, run through Cristo Rey that gives American high school, university, and seminary students and adults a weeklong introduction to the harsh realities of the international border that runs through El Paso/Ciudad Juarez. It was both inspiring and heart rending to see and learn about just a few of the many border issues.

Our keynote speaker, Judi Waters, a former Carlsbad City Councilor, told the assembled members about the "Class Act" program that she and her friends started twenty years ago in response to an alcohol-related tragedy. Judi and friends created an all-night "lock-in" on graduation night that now involves 500 to 600 students and community volunteers in a fun-filled night of dancing, food, movies, and prizes. Ms. Waters received the governor's award for Outstanding New Mexican Women this past May 2009.

Saturday morning also included a presentation by our immediate past-president, Nancy Scheer, on the changes that were approved at the 2009 AAUW national convention and their impact on local branches. The program named "AAUW Changing: New and Not-So New" emphasized that while there are significant structural changes, the mission and purpose of our organization remains consistent and strong. For more information on Nancy's presentation, contact her directly at nscheer@cowboys.uwyo.edu.



Nancy Scheer begins her presentation

Four workshops rounded out the day's activities. Members broke into groups to discuss Membership Matters, Visibility, and Branch Bylaws. Also, the branch presidents in attendance met and decided to form an informal branch presidents' council to discuss challenges and successes. This council will meet again one hour before the next Leadership Team Meeting on January 31.

Carlsbad branch members treated us to a wonderful tapas and wine party Friday evening at Carol Parr's home on the banks of the Pecos River. Saturday we were invited to the Living Desert Museum for a delicious green chile chicken enchilada dinner with lively mariachi entertainment. Our Carlsbad branch clearly knows how to throw great parties!

Nina Thayer, Co-President



Jean Bahr, Pamela Daves, Dolores Halls, and Carol Ann Council at the Living Desert Museum

FOCUS ON OUTREACH

The Grace Barker Wilson Award documents were distributed electronically to the branch presidents or facilitators in October. If you did not receive the forms or need other assistance, please contact me at 505-426-8958 or pgdaves@yahoo.com. Nominations are due on February 10, 2010. This award emphasizes outstanding community service and is not restricted to AAUW members. You can nominate any member of your community whom you believe fits the criteria.

I am sure that many branches are collaborating with other organizations on projects and programs and I'd love to hear about them. The Las Vegas branch conducted a Domestic Violence Forum this fall, co-sponsored by Amnesty International Chapter 463 and United World College.

Pamela G. Daves, Outreach Coordinator

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COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (CU) CONNECTION

I am delighted to report that we have five partner institutions in New Mexico. They are Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico Tech in Socorro, University of New Mexico – Los Alamos, and Western New Mexico University in Silver City. I'm hoping that NMSU-Carlsbad will soon become a partner institution. You'll remember that partner institutions will be able to offer undergraduate students AAUW e-student alerts and information through the internet; and National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarships. If you have contact with an institution of higher learning 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.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS (NCCWSL)

At the Spring Convention in Los Alamos, \$1000 was budgeted for scholarships for NCCWSL. At the Fall Leadership Team Meeting, a committee made up of Norma Castenada, Sandra Bradley, Jan Bray and I made the following determinations. First, we recommended that the \$1000 be used to pay the conference registration for two students. That will deplete about \$800. We will use the remainder to pay the travel expenses of the two students to either state or branch meetings where they can share their NCCWSL experiences. Second, we recommend that in addition to the application information recommended by the committee last spring, two letters of support from persons familiar with the applicant's leadership skills, reliability, and resourcefulness be submitted.

Application forms will be available on the AAUW-NM website as soon as they are finalized at the Winter Leadership Team Meeting in Santa Fe. A selection committee will be appointed by our co-presidents. Informational brochures about NCCWSL can be downloaded and printed from the AAUW website at www.aauw.org. Next year's conference will be June 4 through 6 at the University of Maryland. It isn't too early to start encouraging young women you know to plan to attend the conference and to apply for a scholarship. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at lyne@desertgate.com.

Karyl Lyne, College/University Representative and NCCWSL Chair

CORRINE WOLFE INTERNATIONAL ENDOWMENT AT \$96,677.82

This quarterly report is all good news! As most of you know, our co-presidents have made completion of the Corrine Wolfe International Endowment a goal for this year, so the money can at last be used to help young women continue their education. With your help, we will make this happen. The fund on July 31 stood at \$87,711.46, and the Leadership Team raised \$6984.11 since then, bringing the total to \$94,695.57. The monies raised by the Leadership Team are to be used as a matching incentive. We have had good response in matching these funds, as \$1982.25 has been contributed to date. If you make a year end tax deductible contribution, it will be matched while this money is still available. Be sure to write #4226—Corrine Wolfe on the memo line of your check so it can be properly credited by Association. If you make your contribution directly to Association, please send me an e-mail (frederrh@yahoo.com) and let me know the amount so I can match and track your contribution. You can also give your check to your AAUW Funds Chair or mail it to me (1372 47th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544).



Corrine Wolfe at the New Mexico State Capitol

We have had some past discrepancies in the bookkeeping of the Corrine Wolfe Fund at the Association level. I understand that two data bases now have been combined, which should eliminate the past problems. I will continue to track the contributions to ensure that they are correctly credited.

We have \$3322.18 left to raise to complete this endowment. What a wonderful record for AAUW-NM!

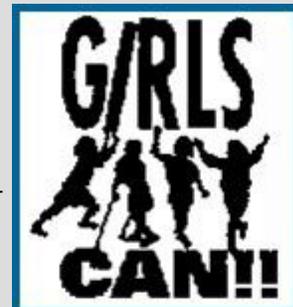
Rosmarie Frederickson, AAUW Funds Co-Chair

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BRANCHES AWARDED MINI-GRANTS



Three New Mexico branches were awarded AAUW-NM Mini-Grants during the October Leadership Team Meeting. The Carlsbad branch received funds to assist with its new project, Girls Achieving Leadership Success, a program to encourage girls to seek and run for leadership positions in school and in other activities. The Las Cruces branch received funds to pay for a school bus to transport girls to the annual Girls Can Career Awareness Conference; an event to introduce sixth grade girls to the career possibilities that are open to them if they continue their education. The Santa Fe branch received a grant to help with the expenses for two voter forums they will be co-sponsoring with the League of Women Voters, one for the city's mayoral candidates and one for the city council candidates.



Congratulations to these branches for implementing projects that reach out to their communities and that promote the mission of AAUW! AAUW-NM is pleased to assist with these efforts.

And for more good news...

MORE MINI-GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE

During the Fall Workshop, the Leadership Team approved changes to the mini-grant criteria. If all monies designated for mini-grants are not awarded in the fall, branches may apply in the spring. There is money remaining in the current mini-grant budget, so grants still are available to assist branches in mission-based programming for the 2009-10 program year. To be funded, a project or activity must address outreach, education, or mentoring. Activities may include the community, EF, LAF, or the start of a new branch. Branches that did not receive a grant in the fall will be given first priority.

Mini-Grant Criteria:

- All applications must be submitted between February 1 and April 1.
- Grants will be awarded during the spring convention in Albuquerque.
- A branch may apply for a grant in any amount up to \$150.
- The amount granted may not equal what was requested. The final amount depends on state budget limitations, number of applications, and frequency of the same project requests.

New projects and new branch applications will receive first consideration.

Applications must include:

- Branch name, contact person, and contact information (e-mail address, telephone, etc.)
- Title of Project
- Dollar amount requested
- Project summary
- Simple budget of project costs
- List of contributors and supporters, if applicable

Submit applications no later than April 1 to:

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Nancy Scheer, Mini-Grant Coordinator

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WOMEN ACROSS BORDERS: CHIHUAHUA AND NEW MEXICO



Mark your calendars. Our Albuquerque branch is planning an exciting event for the weekend of April 16 through 18. In connection with our annual spring convention, AAUW-NM is co-sponsoring a symposium, *Women Across Borders: Chihuahua and New Mexico*, for Saturday, April 17, 2010. Sounds like a long way off, but it's not!

The symposium is intended for women and girls on both sides of the border to promote communication and friendship among those who want a better education, a better career, and a better life. Speakers and panelists from both Chihuahua and New Mexico will be attending. The event is scheduled from 8 am to 4 pm. at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque. The bilingual program will include a keynote speaker from Chihuahua, three distinguished panels, lunch, and a showing of several contemporary Mexican short films. It will be a stimulating, informative and timely event. Several other women's groups are joining AAUW to make this all possible.

We will invite both high school and college students to join us. Our goal is to have a scholarship for each and every student who attends. Every \$20 given by a branch or individual member will support one student to attend this event. Please contact me if your branch would like to contribute toward these student scholarships. Registration materials for the symposium will be available in January and also in the spring *Roadrunner*.

In connection with this symposium, University of New Mexico Continuing Education is offering a tour of the El Camino Real International Heritage Center (south of Socorro) on Friday, April 16. El Camino Real is our country's longest and oldest continuously used trail and this completely bilingual museum celebrates the trail's importance in North American history. Final information and registration instructions will be sent to each branch president as soon as they are available.

Nina Thayer, Co-President

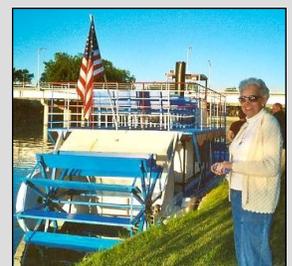


DOLORES HALLS WINS AARP ANDRUS AWARD

On August 26, 2009, Dolores Halls of the Las Cruces branch received the AARP Andrus Award for exceptional volunteer service. Dolores was one of 45 people nationwide to be so honored. The AARP Andrus Award is named in honor of Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, who founded AARP. Dr. Andrus was a dynamic woman who recognized the value of older people. Her pioneering efforts to enrich and improve the quality of life for older Americans have prompted millions to emulate her philosophy: To serve, not to be served.

Many of us know Dolores as the long-time public policy co-chair of AAUW-NM. But as her profile on the AARP website states, Dolores is a woman of many talents and interests:

After a career at New Mexico State University, Dolores Halls is now a statewide advocate for residents of nursing homes and for senior citizens in general. As a key volunteer with AARP and a representative of the Las Cruces Retired Educator Unit and the American Association of University Women, she brings the issues of health and long-term care before the legislators and elected officials of Southern New Mexico. Halls has also been a presenter at events in Southern New Mexico, including the New Mexico Conference on Aging and other community and statewide conferences. She has organized and assisted with AARP exhibits at the State Senior Olympics and at community gatherings. An active member of the local Alzheimer's Association, she assists with the organization's annual walk and has served on numerous committees, including Planning and Zoning for the City of Las Cruces.



Dolores Halls on the banks of the Pecos River

Please join us in congratulating Dolores on her receipt of this prestigious and much deserved award.

Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy Chair

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WINTER LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING AND LEGISLATIVE DAY SCHEDULED

The Santa Fe branch once again is hosting the AAUW State Leadership Team meeting on Sunday, January 31, followed by our annual Legislative Day on Monday, February 1. The meeting, followed by a potluck dinner, will be held as in previous years at the Santa Fe Skies RV Park, thanks to branch member Flossie Brown.

If you are interested in a bed and breakfast opportunity for Sunday night with a Santa Fe branch member, please call Sandra Bradley at 505-983-5125, or e-mail her at sandbrad@aol.com.

To reach the Santa Fe Skies RV Park, follow the directions below. Call the RV Park at 505-473-5946 or 1-877-565-0451 if you need additional help in finding it.

- Coming north on I-25 from Albuquerque, take exit 276A. Turn right at the bottom of the off ramp. Proceed straight through the stoplight at NM Hwy 14, going past the Allsup's/Phillips 66 which will be on your right. Santa Fe Skies RV Park is about 1/2 mile up the road on the left. You can't miss it!
- Coming south from Las Vegas, take the 276A exit from I-25. Turn left under I-25 and continue to the stoplight as mentioned above.
- If you are coming from downtown Santa Fe, just travel south on Cerrillos Road crossing under I-25 until you get to the traffic light at the Allsup's/Phillips 66 gas station. Take a left at the light and come on up the hill about 1/2 mile, we're on the left at the top of the hill.

An informal branch presidents' meeting and "bring-your-own" brown-bag lunch will begin at 11:30 am, followed by the Leadership Team meeting at 12:30 pm. A social hour and dinner will begin at 5:00 pm. Details on after-dinner speakers and lobby training are still being determined. You will receive all pertinent information in your packet from our co-presidents in January.

On Monday morning, those members who are planning to lobby will meet in the foyer of the governor's office at 8:45 am. Lunch plans have not been made yet, but information will be included in your packet. See you in Santa Fe!

*Sandra Bradley and Judy Kares, Santa Fe Branch Co-Presidents
Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy Chair*

AAUW MEMBER WINS NOBEL PRIZE

Carol Greider Shares Prestigious Award for Physiology or Medicine

WASHINGTON, D.C. – AAUW celebrates Carol Greider, AAUW member-at-large and winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine along with her two colleagues, Elizabeth Blackburn and Jack Szostak. Greider has been a member of AAUW since 2002.

Greider, Blackburn, and Szostak "discovered that telomeres are made up of simple, repeating blocks of DNA building blocks and are found in all organisms," according to a Johns Hopkins University announcement. Understanding this biological process has paved the way to deeper knowledge of cancer and cellular aging.



Dr. Carolyn Greider

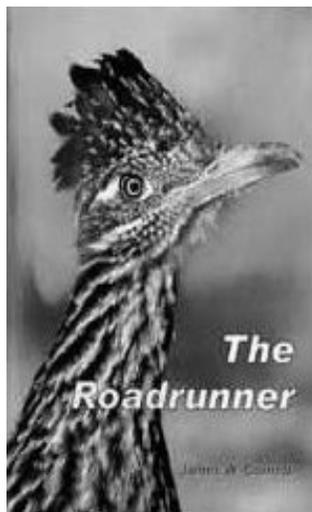
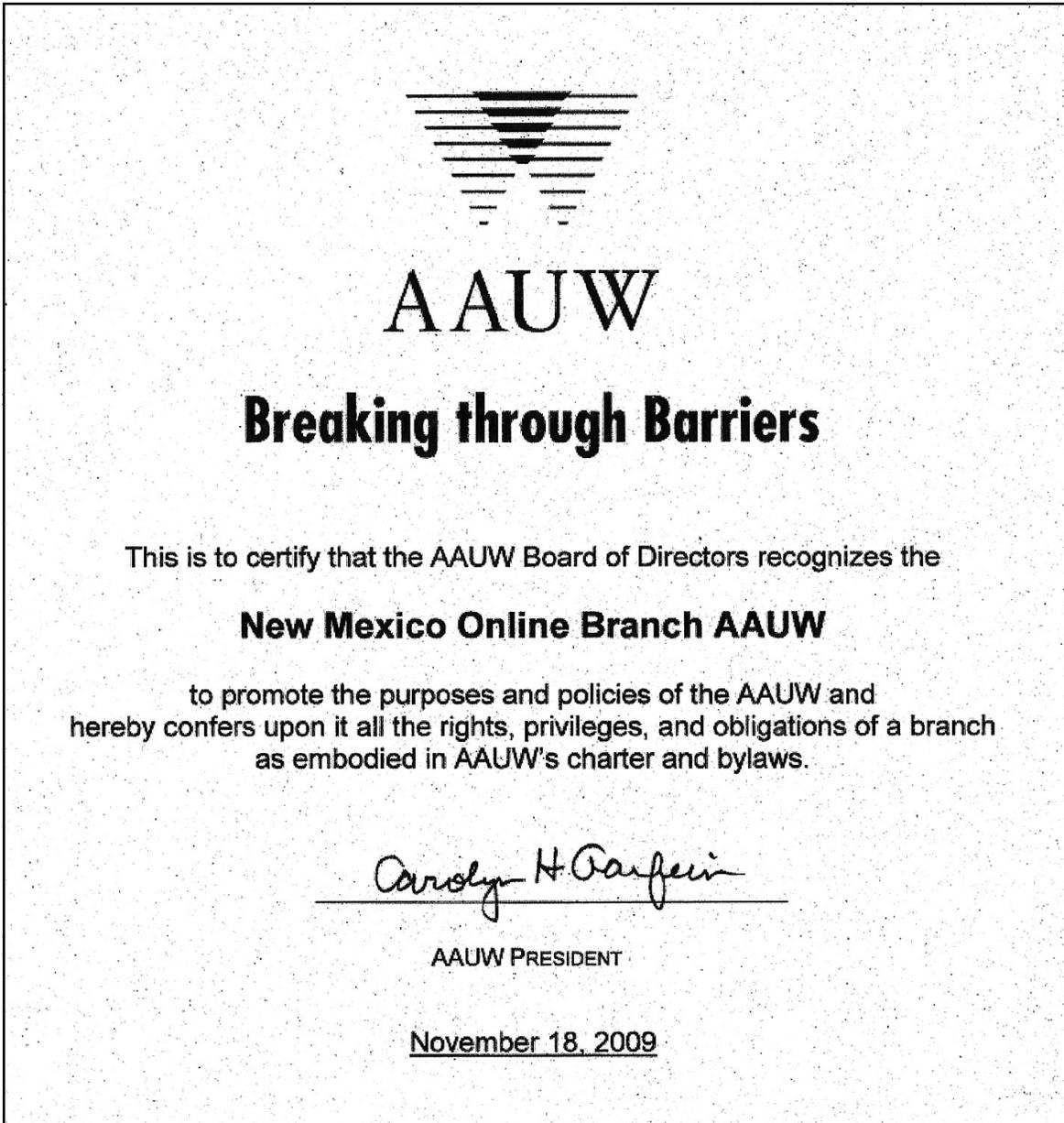
"AAUW has a long history of supporting women in the sciences, and we are thrilled to count another Nobel Prize winner among our ranks," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. In 1920, AAUW awarded two-time Nobel Prize recipient Marie Curie a grant to assist with her groundbreaking research on radium. AAUW member Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*, was nominated for the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize for his work supporting education for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Greider, who holds a doctorate in molecular biology from the University of California, Berkeley, currently works as the Daniel Nathans Professor and Director of Molecular Biology and Genetics at the Johns Hopkins Institute for Basic Biomedical Sciences. She, Blackburn, and Szostak will attend the Nobel Prize awards ceremony in Stockholm, Sweden, on December 10.

"Greider and Blackburn have shown that women can break through barriers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics," said AAUW President Carolyn H. Garfein. "Their accomplishment serves as an excellent example of women making valuable contributions and the need that exists for supporting and encouraging great female minds, as AAUW does with our fellowships, grants, and community of successful women."

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