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A NEW YEAR BRINGS A NEW CO-PRESIDENT

I would like to introduce my new co-president, Mary Sandford. Mary is a twice past president of the Carlsbad branch and has held several state offices, most recently as membership co-chair. Professionally, she is a Spanish instructor at the NMSU Carlsbad campus. I welcome her new perspective, amazing diplomacy, enthusiasm, and wonderful sense of humor as AAUW-NM navigates the future toward a more vibrant and relevant organization.



Mary Sandford (top) and Nina Thayer

Mary and I have a wonderful and rare offer to extend to every branch officer in our enchanted state. For the first time in many years, the Fall Workshop will include a series of officer training modules, prepared by the Association. Four different topics will be addressed: Membership; Finance; Marketing & Communications; and the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). Each workshop will include a presentation and hands-on activity with discussion, and will be facilitated by an experienced AAUW leader. Branch presidents, round up a group of your new officers and come Learn Leadership in Las Vegas! Your state co-presidents guarantee a fun and productive day.

At our spring convention, Katherine Hill gave us a sneak preview of *Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education*, which was released in May by the Educational Foundation (EF). The findings refute the notion of a boys' crisis in schools. Rather, when girls do better in school, so do boys. What the report does reveal is a large disparity in achievement when the data are sorted by race/ethnicity and family income. Want to find out more on this intriguing topic? Mary and Nina are offering to bring a presentation and discussion of this very significant research to each and every branch. We are eager to visit your branch. Contact one of us to set a date.

You may remember our discussion a year ago in this column of an inspiring book, *Three Cups of Tea*. In it, AAUW member Greg Mortenson tells his story of building schools in isolated Muslim villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan. His emphasis on educating both girls and boys in an effort to thwart the growth of terrorism speaks to our deepest AAUW beliefs. According to an editorial column in the New York Times, Sunday, July 13, 2008, the Pentagon has recognized his successes, ordered many copies of his book, and asked Mr. Mortenson to speak. Quoting from the article, "The conflict here will not be won with bombs but with books... The thirst for education here is palpable." writes Lt. Col. C. Kolenda, a Pentagon official on the ground in Afghanistan. Your co-presidents have a dream (call it a fantasy) that the military grasps the complexity of the problem and will incorporate Mortenson's vision of education and economic opportunity into the solution. (Thanks go to Jean Bahr for the New York Times clipping.)



Children reading in one of Greg Mortenson's schools



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Nina Thayer and Mary Sandford

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**WELCOME TO LEARNING LEADERSHIP IN LAS VEGAS
AAUW FALL WORKSHOP AND LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
OCTOBER 10 - 11, 2008
LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO**



The Las Vegas Branch of AAUW is delighted to invite you to join us for the Fall Workshop and Leadership Team Meeting. The Leadership Team Meeting and lunch will occur the morning of Saturday, October 11 at the historic Plaza Hotel in the Conservatory Room. We'll follow with four leadership training workshops at the First United Presbyterian Church in the afternoon. This is a one-time opportunity to find out the details of several aspects of AAUW, including Membership, Marketing, Finance, and the new programs for LAF. All workshops will be facilitated by experienced AAUW leaders. **The Finance workshop is a must for new branch treasurers and presidents.** If you have questions, please contact Karyl Lyne at 505-454-9707 or lyne@desertgate.com.

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 10

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Registration and check-in in the Lobby of the Plaza Hotel, 230 Plaza, Las Vegas, NM. Dinner is on your own. We'll have a list of restaurants and directions as well as Las Vegas Branch hostesses to accompany you. Dinner is also available at the Landmark Grill in the hotel. You can step into the Plaza's Byron T's Saloon for a drink if you wish.

Saturday, October 11

Full breakfast will be served at 7 am in the Landmark Grill for guests of the hotel.

Coffee, teas, and juice will be available for others in the Conservatory.

- 8:30 am Welcome and Announcements
- 8:45 am Keynote Speaker Carol Durham, 2008 New Mexico Woman of the Year and 2008 New Mexico Hall of Fame Inductee
- 9:45 am Leadership Team Meeting
- 10:00 am A guided walking tour of the historic Plaza and Bridge Street area for those not attending the Leadership Team meeting.
- 10:50 am Break
- 12:30 pm Lunch at the Plaza
- Travel to the church. Directions and rides will be provided.
- 1:55 pm Arrive at the church
- 2:00 pm Entertainment
- 2:30 pm Association Leadership Training - Session I Finance or Membership
- 3:30 pm Break
- 3:45 pm Association Leadership Training - Session II Marketing and Communication or LAF
- 4:40 pm Wrap-up
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

Accommodations

Please make reservations at the Plaza Hotel at 505-425-3591. Tell them you are with AAUW-NM. Sixteen rooms have been reserved until Wednesday, September 10. Nine rooms cost under \$75 and seven rooms cost from \$97 to \$122. Two people can share a room. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis until the reservation deadline. Do reserve soon as there are a number of competing activities in Las Vegas that weekend and rooms must be reserved early. The room rates include a full breakfast in the hotel's Landmark Grill Dining Room. **These rates and rooms will be held until September 10, after which the hotel will book rooms at its regular rates.**

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Directions to the Plaza Hotel

Take the first Las Vegas exit from I-25 (343), turn left at the end of the ramp and go under the highway. Proceed north (right) on Grand Ave to New Mexico Drive – about ½ mile – and turn left on New Mexico Drive. (Brown signs will guide you to the historic Plaza district.) Continue north on New Mexico Drive to National Ave. (at the San Miguel County Courthouse) and turn right. Proceed three blocks to the Plaza. Turn right and proceed around the Plaza to the Plaza Hotel. Parking is available on the street around the Plaza.

Directions to the First United Presbyterian Church from the Plaza Hotel

Proceed left or east from the Plaza Hotel on Bridge Street to 12th Street (across the bridge to the stop light). Turn right on 12th Street and continue two blocks to Douglas Ave. Notice the historic row houses on your right. Turn left on Douglas Ave. and proceed three blocks. The First United Presbyterian Church is on your left across the street from the Las Vegas Post Office. Look for the blue awning over the door. You may park along the street or in the Post Office parking lot.

Registration Form

The registration form for the Fall Workshop and Leadership Team Meeting appears on page 8 of this *Roadrunner*.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE



Those involved in the AAUW international program will want to pay attention to the proposed Association bylaws revisions coming up at the 2009 Convention in St. Louis. Once again, there will be an attempt to remove the international committee (and presumably any focus on international affairs) from the AAUW program. This will also remove

a national leadership position and one of the few opportunities for members to participate on Association-level committees. The only active participant remaining at that level will be the AAUW Department of Public Information representative to the United Nations.

Meanwhile, those who are members of Women Graduates -USA, (WG-USA) will want to mark their calendars for the first Annual General Meeting which will be held October 17-19, 2008 in Des Moines, Iowa. The program will center around the organization's participation in the International Federation of University Women (IFUW). This new organization arose from the membership of AAUW to provide active involvement in international issues affecting women and girls. The WG-USA national program draws its focus from the UN Millennium Development Goals and the program of IFUW. The current WG-USA leadership includes two AAUW -NM members: Barbara Carey (treasurer) and Carol Ann Council (finance committee member).

For additional information about WG-USA, please visit the following websites: www.wg-usa.org, www.un.org/millennium, and www.ifuw.org.

Barbara Carey, International Relations Liaison

NEW DEADLINE FOR MINI-GRANTS

All mini-grant requests for the 2008-2009 program year must be submitted by **OCTOBER 1, 2008**. Any AAUW-NM branch may apply for a grant of up to \$100 for a project to benefit the community, to benefit the Educational Foundation (EF), or to start a new branch. Projects must have an outreach, education, or mentoring component. Grants for the 2008-09 year will be awarded at the Fall Workshop, October 11th.

Requests must include:

- Branch Name
- Contact Person with e-mail and/or mail address
- Project/Event Summary
- Simple Project Budget
- List of Contributors/Supporters, financial or in-kind (if any)

Submit To: Nancy Scheer,

nscheer@cowboys.uwyo.edu

1894 Esplendor, Santa Fe, NM 87505



Seven AAUW-NM members attended the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference June 19-22 in Salt Lake City, Utah. From left to right: Mary Sandford, Nina Thayer, Nancy Scheer, Deanise Marta, Dolores Halls, Helena Whyte, and Carol Ann Council. The conference emphasized leadership training. An inspirational and FUN time was had by all!

TWO HONORED WITH THE SPEAKING OUT FOR JUSTICE AWARD

As you know, LAF works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. In this issue, I would like to highlight one award that LAF bestows: the *Speaking Out for Justice* award.

This award is given biennially at the AAUW National Convention. The award recognizes a nationally prominent individual who has advocated for change on behalf of women and girls. The award honors those who raise national attention and awareness on issues that reflect the mission and work of LAF. An honorarium of \$5,000 accompanies the award. The most recent award recipients in 2007 were Clara Bingham and Laura Leedy Gansler.

Clara Bingham, a former White House correspondent for *Newsweek*, wrote *Women on the Hill: Challenging the Culture of Congress*. She has written for *Talk*, *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and *The Washington Monthly*. She is a graduate of Harvard University. Ms. Bingham, together with Ms. Gansler, co-authored the book *Class Action – The Story of Lois Jenson and the Landmark Case that Changed Sexual Harassment Law*, which chronicles the first class-action sexual harassment lawsuit, *Jenson v. Eveleth Mines*.

Laura Leedy Gansler, Esq., is an attorney specializing in alternative dispute resolution and securities law. She is a former adjunct law professor at American University. After graduating from Harvard University, Gansler received a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Lina Germann, LAF Chair

ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION COMING FOR ROADRUNNER

Due to the financial and environmental costs of printing and distributing the *Roadrunner*, the leadership team decided at its summer meeting to begin electronic distribution with the Spring 2009 issue. The Winter 2009 issue will arrive in printed form for all members and also in electronic form for those members with email.

Starting with the Spring 2009 issue, members who do not have email will continue to receive printed copies. Members who have an email address in their Association profile will receive email copies only. They may then print copies at their own discretion.

If you prefer to receive printed copies even though you have email, please remove your email address from the association database, or send a message to:
roadrunnernm@gmail.com.

EF SETS 2008 GOAL FOR CORRINE WOLFE FUND

As you read in the last *Roadrunner*, we have had a fantastic year working together on raising the necessary contributions for the Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship Fund, with over \$20,000 contributed. We have put New Mexico on the giving map, a wonderful achievement which demonstrates so well AAUW-NM's commitment to educational and social equity for women and girls.

This year, we hope to have \$80,000 in the fellowship fund by December 31. Our co-presidents, Nina Thayer and Mary Sandford, agree that this is a very reachable goal. Late in June, the balance stood at \$73,000. So we need to raise an additional \$7,000 to meet the goal. Some of the contributions in Nancy Scheer's honor were not included in the \$73,000 figure, so we may be closer than we think.

One idea to increase the fund is to contact state presidents and EF chairs in our region and ask them to commit some of their unrestricted EF contributions for the year to the Corrine Wolfe International Fund. Nina Thayer spoke with some of the state presidents at the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference and we have already received a check for \$100 from the president of an Arizona branch.

Another idea is to send a letter to non-active members of our local branches. A reminder of the inspiration Corrine Wolfe's life and work provide for us could encourage members to contribute, and perhaps to become more active in their individual branches.

I also encourage each of you to consider a new or additional contribution to the Corrine Wolfe International Fund. You can mail a check, designating the Corrine Wolfe Fund, #4226, on the memo line. Or you can visit the AAUW website, www.aauw.org, and make an instant contribution. Please remember that undesignated gifts are not counted toward our goal of completing the fund.

Rosmarie Frederickson, EF Chair

JEANETTE MISAKA TO RECEIVE AWARD

Jeanette Misaka of Salt Lake City, Utah, former Rocky Mountain Regional Director, will receive the YWCA's Leadership in Education award this September. The YWCA leadership awards are the most prestigious awards for women in Salt Lake City.



Jeanette Mikasa (l.), Dolores Halls, and Mary Sandford

If anyone wishes to congratulate Jeanette, her address is 4260 Park Terrace Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84124.

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LESC ADDRESSES EXISTING PROGRAMS AT INTERIM MEETINGS

Interim meetings of the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) will concentrate on evaluating programs already in place rather than looking at new programs for which funds may not be available. The LESC plans on meeting with all eighty-nine school districts to discuss the proposed funding formula and its impact on their individual districts. Each public college and university will be allowed input concerning its P-20 (pre-school through higher education) partnerships. The LESC agendas are being structured to set aside one full day for public school districts and ½ day for colleges and universities in each region where the LESC meetings are being held.

Proposals were made for tuition rebates for students finishing their bachelor's degrees in four years. It was also proposed that the incentive apply to institutions rather than students. Senator Cynthia Nava suggested that these two ideas might be combined. Another proposal concerned rescheduling the state assessments for May rather than March, after students have completed the full year. The LESC will explore this issue. As expected, the issue of rising fuel prices will be addressed. There was an additional \$1.6 million appropriation for the 2007-08 school year, but this may not be adequate for 2008-09. The LESC may need to review this on a monthly basis. Districts are expressing concern that maintenance money may have to be used to cover fuel costs.

A briefing was held on the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act. The US Department of Education has proposed increasing state reporting requirements, extending federal authority over additional grade levels and subject areas, and preempting state law in the areas of charter schools, vouchers, and collective bargaining agreements with teachers. The National Council of State Legislators met with administration officials to voice concerns over these proposals. They represent unwarranted intrusion of the federal government into K-12 education; including continued use of adequate yearly progress (an invalid metric of student achievement), and unworkable solutions to the problem of assessing English language learners. This is an important area for AAUW engagement.

Discussion also occurred about the additional instructional day required for all students. The law requires that an equivalent number of minutes or hours cannot be substituted for the additional day.

Ruth Benjamins, Academic Co-Coordinator

MANY CURRENT BILLS REFLECT AAUW CONCERNS

On the national level, our support is needed for the Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act (H.R.6126 and S 2838). This act will eliminate pre-dispute binding mandatory arbitration (BMA) clauses in nursing home contracts. BMA benefits the nursing home at the expense of the elderly, as it is used as a means to evade accountability and limit economic liability for any harm the nursing home may cause.

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (H.R. 4137) passed both the House and the Senate. AAUW was a leader in the efforts to extend and improve the Higher Education Act in its first reauthorization in ten years.

On July 29, President Bush signed the American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008. (H.R. 3221). This act strengthens Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the agencies that currently guarantee over half of American mortgages. The Federal Housing Authority will now be allowed to assist borrowers who owe more on their homes than they are worth. AAUW backed this act, believing that it was important to ensuring that women, especially older women, who have been hit particularly hard by the sub-prime crisis, have the ability to gain access to more affordable mortgages. Opponents of the bill objected because it does not offer any assistance to the many already in foreclosure, but only affects future action.

On July 31, the U.S. House passed the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 1338). Heather Wilson did not vote; Steve

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Pearce voted no; and Tom Udall voted yes. AAUW has worked for more than ten years to help pass this bill. The AAUW-NM Capitol Hill Lobby Corps was very instrumental in this advocacy campaign. The Senate discussed the bill but did not vote before leaving for the summer recess, which will end on September 8. Please contact your Senator's office as soon as possible to voice your support for this bill.

Meanwhile in New Mexico, Martha Burk (Governor Richardson's senior advisor on women's affairs) stated at a recent meeting of the NM Commission on the Status of Women that Governor Richardson had requested a study on the salaries of men and women in New Mexico government jobs. He asked the commission for a report by October. The study will include a sample of about 6,000 employees. This and future action will be of interest to those involved in Pay Equity issues. Also, sixteen women who lost congressional races in the 2006 election cycle are running again in 2008. In the past, such a defeat meant there would not be another attempt.

Of other interest, the FCC voted on August 1 to punish Comcast for violating Net Neutrality and blocking the individual's right to use the Internet. This sends a powerful message to phone and cable companies that blocking access to the Internet will not be tolerated. Companies such as AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon are continuing to fight Net Neutrality for the right to set Internet policy for the nation. Visit <http://www.savetheinternet.com> for more information.

Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy Co-Chair

MORE INGENIOUS IDEAS

In addition to the Las Cruces branch's theater fund raiser, described in the last *Roadrunner*, the following branches were also awarded for their Ingenious Ideas during the last Spring Convention.

Albuquerque: The branch held a Holiday Bazaar, Dessert Party, and Silent Auction, rather than a luncheon. Vendors brought art, books, and other items to sell. Members brought a dessert or paid a three dollar admission fee. The Silent Auction proved to be so popular it was carried over to the January meeting. The branch raised over three hundred dollars for the Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship Fund.

The branch also participated in the International Women's Day Collaborative Project, another fundraiser for Corrine Wolfe. This was held in conjunction with the Soroptomist Club and the Business and Professional Women's organization.

Carlsbad: The branch held a Rocket Launch for girls. The girls and branch members met on a Saturday morning, when the girls were divided into teams and worked together to build and later fire the rockets. Even though not all the rockets rose to great heights, everyone involved thought it was a great experience and definitely worth doing again.

Las Vegas: The branch placed their branch directory and program booklet on the internet, making it much easier to update with new member and branch information. Members can now download and print whatever information they need. Printed copies are still made available to those who do not have computers, and the branch saved valuable funds to use for other activities.

Los Alamos: The branch held a Let's Read Math workshop on November. 6, 2007, in collaboration with the Los Alamos Public Schools and Mesa Public Library. Participants read a book about a triangle that turned into other polygons. Those attending (including K-1 Los Alamos Public School teachers) created three dimensional shapes using marshmallows and toothpicks. A second workshop became an in-service for between two and eight teachers on January.16, 2008. This time subject was the tangram, a dissection puzzle of seven pieces that fit together to form some type of shape. Activities included tangram puzzles and sorting activities



Los Alamos members create polygons out of toothpicks and marshmallows

Santa Fe: The branch held an Un-tea Fund Raiser. Members received invitations, including a tea bag, and were invited to sit down, have a "cuppa," and write a check to the Corrine Wolfe International Fund. By the end of January, the Un-tea had raised over \$3000. Everyone who made a contribution also was entered into a drawing for a spa treatment.

Beverly Stiles, Outreach Chair

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JANET MATWIYOFF RECEIVES LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP AWARD

During the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Salt Lake City in June, Janet Matwyoff was awarded the Legacy of Leadership Award. Janet, who was unable to attend the conference, was surprised by a group of her AAUW friends at a luncheon in her honor a few weeks later, when the plaque was bestowed. Twelve colleagues met at Junja's in Albuquerque to show their respect for Janet's enormous contributions to AAUW, and to enjoy the camaraderie of long-time friends. These awards are given at the conference to one leader from each state in the region. The next day Janet responded, "I felt like I was at my own funeral, as we usually save such lauding for then!!"

Janet is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a 40-year AAUW member. She has belonged to branches in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. She has served in numerous branch and state offices, including branch president, state EF chair, and is currently on the Albuquerque branch program committee.

The reason for this prestigious award is Janet's amazing skill and perseverance at raising funds for EF grants and scholarships. For more than 20 years, she has sold her Surfaces Native American jewelry at branch, state, regional, and Association events and become affectionately known as the "turquoise lady". She sold jewelry at several conventions in Washington, DC, San Francisco, Minneapolis, and Orlando, and at regional conferences in Albuquerque and Cody, Wyoming. She has sold jewelry at most of our state conventions since the mid '80s and she's even sold jewelry at several Florida state conventions. And at each and every event, Janet gives 20% of her profits to AAUW, most recently splitting them between EF and the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF).



Janet Matwyoff sells jewelry at the 2008 Spring Convention



Nancy Scheer (l.) and Nina Thayer (r.) present the award to Janet Matwyoff

It was at the convention in Anaheim in the 90's that she reached her zenith when she and her five suite mates held a private "trunk show" of her jewelry for the Association officers. Both Alice Ann Leidel and Marjorie Bell Chambers, two of our most stylish presidents, were counted among her customers. And it's not just jewelry. She spearheaded holiday poinsettia sales in both Santa Fe and Albuquerque, which continued for decades, using her home to store the hundreds of plants.

We couldn't get anyone to venture an estimate, but we know Janet has raised ten's, if not hundred's, of thousands of dollars for EF over the years. Her business sense, hard work, and creative approach make fundraising fun. It is with great humility that the New Mexico co-presidents honor Janet Matwyoff with our Rocky Mountain Regional Legacy of Leadership award.

2008 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| October 1 | Deadline for Mini Grant applications |
| October 10-11 | Fall Workshop and Leadership Team Meeting, Las Vegas, NM |
| November 1 | Deadline for winter <i>Roadrunner</i> |
| December 15 | Deadline for nomination suggestions for state officers; submit to Carol Ann Council
Deadline for nominations for the Terry Sleight award; submit to Jean Bahr |
| December 31 | Postmark deadline for EF/LAF contributions |

523 MEMBERS AND GROWING!

As of June 30, AAUW-NM had 523 members, including four inter-branch members. Several branches have added members since the end of June, and will continue to add them throughout the fall. We are continuing the *Member-Get-A-Member* campaign for 2008-2010 at the local, state, and Association levels. Recruiters are eligible for a certificate and distinctive Zia pin.

Erica McFadden Baker of Gallup hopes to start the Gallup branch this fall, and Cindy Wise of Albuquerque intends to start a student affiliate branch at Central New Mexico Community College. We encourage all branches to target newcomers in your areas as potential members, as well as men, our untapped resource. Greg Mortenson is an excellent example to use when recruiting men.

Helena Whyte, Membership VP

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LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____
(Street or P O Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phones _____
(daytime) (evening) (cell)

Fees:

Early Registration (postmarked October 1) \$25.00 lunch & beverages included
Late and on-site registration \$30.00 lunch & beverages included

Lunch Choice (check one): Served with iced tea and water

_____ Cobb Salad—mixed greens, chicken, avocado, boiled egg, blue cheese, bacon,
tomato, red onion; rolls & butter; blue cheese and ranch dressing
_____ Ham & Swiss Sandwich on wheat bread with tomato, lettuce, and pickle; potato
salad; chips & salsa

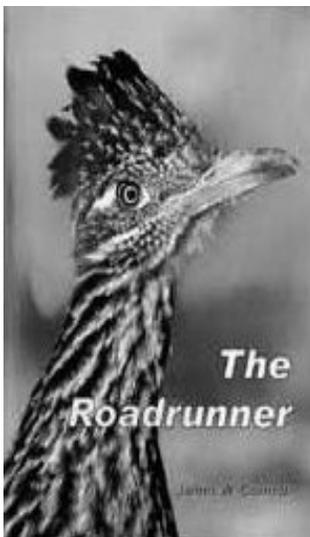
Concurrent Leadership Workshops (check two):

Session I: _____ Membership OR _____ Finance

Session II: _____ Communication and Marketing OR _____ LAF

Mail check and registration form to Lupita Gonzales, P.O. Box 371, Las Vegas, NM 87701.

See you in October for Learning Leadership in Las Vegas!



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