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NEW MEXICO SHINES AT ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Nine members from across the state were proud to represent AAUW-NM at the Association convention, June 24 through June 27, in Washington, D.C. If delegates from around the country did not know New Mexico was part of the United States before now, we certainly made them aware of it! AAUW-NM and its delegates were highly visible during all aspects of this recent convention. For example:

- Nolina Bryant (Membership Co-Coordinator) joined Laura Vestanen from AAUW-WA to present the workshop "Attracting New Members: Fun and Effective Tools for Success." Between 200 to 300 delegates were eager to learn what AAUW-NM and AAUW-WA had done to recruit and retain members.
- Betty W. Smith (Media Coordinator) sponsored a resolution concerning the Federal Communication Commission (see the Summer 2005 ROADRUNNER for a complete text of the resolution). She worked hard to make sure delegates were aware of the resolution and its meaning. As a result of her efforts, the resolution was approved to be heard by the delegates and it passed with little debate. Betty also hosted a well-attended special interest group for "Media Concerns."
- Barbara Carey (International Interest Liaison), President of the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund, hosted that group's special session, also very well attended. Attendees learned of the work accomplished by the Fund.
- Pat Jonietz (Educational Foundation Chair) was one of three panel members presenting the workshop *Women and Our Money: Financing Change Through Nonprofits*. She spoke of how women can use their money to fund the causes they support.
- Dolores Halls (Public Policy Co-Coordinator), who serves on the Association Public Policy Committee, spent early hours each morning working with other committee members to rework the Association Public Policy Program and to organize the U.S. Capitol Lobby Day.
- Janet Matwyioff of the Albuquerque branch was highly visible selling beautiful Native American jewelry to benefit the Educational Foundation Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship and the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund. She raised \$500 for each fund.
- While Nancy Scheer (Co-President) gave a report on AAUW-NM activities to the Rocky Mountain Regional Caucus, Dixie Trebbe (Secretary) visited all the other regional caucuses to urge delegate support of Betty W. Smith's special interest group and media resolution.

Jean Bahr of the Santa Fe branch also attended the convention. In other bright spots for AAUW-NM, we received an Association 21st Century Recognition Award AND a Public Policy Impact Grant. Also, during the Rocky Mountain Regional Caucus, Carol Ann Council (Co-President), although not in attendance, was elected as the region's alternate member to the Association nominating committee.

Convention highlights included four inspiring speakers: Jehan Sadat, widow of former Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who spoke of her social justice activities on behalf of women and children; Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader, who spoke of the challenges of being the highest-ranking woman in the history of the U.S. Congress; Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, who received the Legal Advocacy Fund's Speaking Out for Justice Award; and Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State in the Clinton administration, who received the Educational Foundation's AAUW Achievement Award.

Two of the most pressing items of business were the proposed bylaws amendments to change AAUW membership requirements and to change the requirement for membership in the International Federation of University Women. The delegates voted to extend AAUW membership to those holding associate or equivalent degrees. This change is effective immediately. The proposed amendment to make IFUW membership optional for AAUW did **NOT** pass.

During the last afternoon of the convention, which was Lobby Day on Capitol Hill, the AAUW-NM delegates visited the offices of all five members of the New Mexico congressional delegation. We discussed Social Security issues and the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. We also left AAUW position papers with each representative for further study.

The convention was exciting, everyone made new friends, workshops provided new ideas, and we are rejuvenated and ready for a new year of AAUW activities!

Nancy Scheer, Co-President

AAUW-NM State Calendar

September: All Branches send yearbooks to the state co-presidents; ROADRUNNER editor; Historian; Nominations Chair

October 22-23: Fall Workshop and State Leadership Team Meeting, Silver City, NM

November 10: Deadline for Winter ROADRUNNER

December 20: Deadline for nomination suggestions for AAUW-NM officers (submit to Nominating Committee)

December 30: Postmark deadline for EF (including LAF) donations for the 2005 tax year

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THE PRESIDENTS' LETTER

What a wonderful first year for your AAUW-NM Co-Presidents, Carol Ann and Nancy! Much was accomplished, awards were earned, and several projects tackled. Now it is time to look ahead to our 2005-2006 year with new beginnings, many challenges, and continued successes! Membership – programming – public policy – are all areas of focus. We look forward to everyone's participation in branch and state activities. Let us make 2005-2006 a year of renewed branch strength through new-member recruitment and mission-based programming.

Several New Mexico members attended the biannual Association Convention held in Washington DC, this past June (see cover article). Our Summer Leadership Team meeting, hosted by the Albuquerque branch on August 13, was well attended with most of our state officers and branches represented. Las Vegas student affiliate member Ida Sue Gonzales shared her experiences in journeying to and attending the Association Student Leaders' Conference in early June, also in Washington, DC. She was quite inspirational and motivating! *SHE is what AAUW is all about!* Other points of interest from our Leadership meeting:



Nancy Scheer (left)
and Carol Ann Council

- AAUW-NM has been awarded a Public Policy Impact Grant by the Association, which will require statewide participation. Members of the Public Policy Team are working on an action plan to carry out the Voter Education effort.
- The State is developing a Branch Recognition Program (see related article on page 4). We wish to acknowledge new and creative ideas!
- As was voted on at our April 2005 State Convention, AAUW-NM will incorporate and has begun this process. Also passed at the convention was a motion to encourage branches to incorporate (three already have done so). With this task in mind, all branch presidents and contacts received *Steps for New Mexico Branch Incorporation* to assist in this process.

During the afternoon of the team meeting, members attended one of four breakout groups. Programming co-coordinators and Grant County members worked on plans for our Fall Workshop. It was decided to return to a more "nitty-gritty" format. A Public Policy group studied the Impact Grant requirements and discussed the elements to form a plan of action. A Strategic Planning group brainstormed the purpose of the state organization and points for developing desired accomplishments. And finally, Association has issued a new programmatic theme: *Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security*, so the fourth group discussed programs, projects, and various other thoughts related to this topic.

Besides the business, discussions, and hard work, all enjoyed the camaraderie and a delicious catered lunch. After the meeting adjourned, several attendees toured the Immanuel Presbyterian Church where the meeting was held, and enjoyed a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. Thanks to all the Albuquerque branch members who helped arrange and organize this gathering for the State, especially Mary Campbell and Trudy Handleman.

With the ambitious new programs and projects in the coming year, we will be busy, active, and mission focused! Remember, AAUW-NM exists as the *connection* between the Association, its Branches and You; AND to support its branches and its members. Mini-grants are available for branch projects; state officers are available for branch visits and programs; and state meetings are geared to entice your interest, answer questions, and aid in branch program and project development. Please become involved!

We do appreciate all that YOU do for AAUW and look forward to seeing you at the AAUW-NM Fall Workshop in Silver City on October 22..

Carol Ann Council (kk-ca_council@msn.com)

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2005-2006 Co-Presidents

ACADEMIC UPDATE

On May 25, 2005, the New Mexico Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) met to hear reports on the costs of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) act. This is a very complex issue that cannot be adequately summarized here. For detailed information, please access the minutes of this meeting at <http://legis.state.nm.us>

Dr. Lois Meyer from the UNM School of Education participated in a panel discussion on the NCLB act held in June by the Albuquerque League of Women Voters. The panel addressed the concern that in New Mexico, where we have great cultural diversity coupled with a high level of childhood poverty, we will have difficulties meeting the NCLB standards of adequate yearly progress because of the strong emphasis on testing in English.

On August 12, Governor Richardson named Dr. Beverlee McClure, President of Clovis Community College, as the Secretary of Higher Education. She will head the department that oversees the state's 25 tax-supported universities and community colleges.

Ruth Benjamins, Academic Co-Coordinator

AAUW-NM RECEIVES PUBLIC POLICY IMPACT GRANT

New Mexico was one of nine states chosen to receive a Public Policy Impact Grant at the 2005 Association Convention. These grants encourage statewide participation in voter education, voter registration, and other public policy activities. Grant recipients are asked to accomplish the following objectives:

- Building and strengthening member activism by increasing Action Network Participation.
- Building and increasing participation in diverse coalitions focused on AAUW public policy issues.
- Organizing at least two issues forums.
- Conducting aggressive "Get out the Vote" activities in 2006.
- Increasing the use of technology to advance public policy priorities.
- Creating a plan for increased public policy activism, visibility, membership retention and recruitment, and diversity efforts.
- Evaluating the project's impact on state priorities.

We encourage the participation of all AAUW-NM members and members-at-large in making the greatest use of this opportunity for our state.

Dolores Halls, Public Policy Co-Coordinator

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AN EVEN DOZEN DIVERSITY PROGRAM IDEAS

1. Identify community resources that offer training in conflict resolution and invite them to speak to your branch, or sponsor a community conflict resolution workshop.
2. Go to http://www.tolerance.org/101_tools/declaration.html. View the Tolerance Pledge and the ideas for building tolerance in your community
3. Include a program on *Speaking Up When You Hear Slurs* for your branch. Let people know that biased speech is NEVER acceptable.
4. Have all members of the branch take a test at www.hiddenbias.org to identify their hidden biases. Discuss what you discovered and how you felt about the test.
5. Bring a potential member who is younger, of a different race or ethnicity, or of a different gender to your next branch meeting. Provide a reward to those who do this for at least four branch meetings.
6. Work with other groups to sponsor or build a community peace garden that involves ALL members of your community.
7. Verify that law enforcement agencies in your community provide diversity training for all officers. If this is not happening, ask why.
8. Take a Civil Rights virtual history vacation. Identify and tour key sites. Then, seek out people in your community who have lived that history.
9. Collect oral histories at a local senior center.
10. Buy the art supplies for a local school or after-school program, or sponsor a mural about the cultural composition and heritage of your community.
11. Spend a day in a wheelchair and gain a different perspective. Verify whether your community meets ADA guidelines.
12. Learn a new language and the culture that goes with it.

Kathie Gilbert
Diversity Chair

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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION UPDATE

A drawing to benefit the Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship will be held on October 23 at the AAUW-NM Fall Workshop. The first ticket chosen gets the first choice pick.

Donations* are:
\$2.00 for one opportunity to win
\$5.00 for three opportunities to win
\$10.00 for seven opportunities to win

The prizes include a Red Shu Brocade Woman's Wallet; a Gift Basket of Little Shopping Pleasures; an African Wire Basket** (Santa Fe); *Women of Taste: Recipes and Profiles of Famous Women Chefs*, featuring an interview with Julia Child by Beverly Russell; Bernard Buffet Framed Print** (Albuquerque); and *Cartography B and C 2003*, a set of 6 inch by 6 inch incised, collaged, and embroidered paper with acrylic paint by Signe Stuart of Santa Fe.

Tickets are now available from your branch. You may view the items at the AAUW-NM website: www.aauw-nm.org.

*Donations to the AAUW Educational Foundation (a 501c3 corporation) are tax deductible.

**These items were donated in the name of a specific branch. A percentage of the proceeds will be credited to the branch.

Patricia Jonietz, EF Chair

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Give-A-Grad-A-Gift

Do you know a recent graduate with an associate's, bachelor's, master's or Ph.D. degree? If so, consider helping her and helping AAUW by giving a free, one-year AAUW membership. The program is called *Give-A-Grad-A-Gift* and every graduate within the past two years is eligible. The application form is simple and can be completed online by entering the Member Center at www.aauw.org. You may also contact your branch membership chair or either of the state membership co-chairs for an application. Please note that these free memberships are equivalent to an MAL (member-at-large) membership. Recipients must pay state and branch dues to become full branch members.

New Membership Requirements

At the June Association convention, AAUW members approved a change in membership requirements to allow full membership to graduates with an associate's or equivalent degree. Perhaps you have a friend who now qualifies for membership? If so, ask her to your fall membership activity or next branch meeting.

The Association Board of Directors has clarified the *or equivalent degree* criteria. All two-year associate's degrees from an accredited institution qualify, as do two- or three-year RN (registered nurse) diplomas and two-year business college associate's degrees. Programs of less than two academic years, including many certificate programs, and two years or more attendance at a college or university without receiving a degree, do not qualify.

Specific questions should be directed to AAUW-NM Membership co-chairs, Nolina Bryant (nolina@nmt.edu) or Nina Thayer (gnthayer@cybermesa.com).

Nina Thayer
Membership Co-Coordinator

During her presentation at the Association Convention in June, House Minority Leader and California congresswoman Nancy Pelosi made the following comment:

All of the progress we have made, and of all the progress we seek to make, is enhanced by one thing: a seat at the table.

Her message to women everywhere is to fight for your seat at the table. Be involved, make a difference, and don't ever forget our mission!

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BRANCH RECOGNITION PROGRAM SEEKS YOUR "INGENIOUS IDEAS"

Does your branch have an ingenious idea for membership growth or member retention, for a fantastic fundraising event, a voter registration project, a community project, a Sister to Sister program, a wonderful web site, a terrific newsletter, or anything else that showcases your branch's accomplishments? If so, we invite you to nominate your innovative programs for state recognition.

It's easy! Either email or snail-mail a one page description of your ingenious idea and its results to:

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Each branch can submit up to three entries. Deadline for submission is March 20, 2006. The winner will be announced and an award will be presented to the winning branch at the Spring Convention, April 28 through April 30, 2006, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The winning idea will also be featured in the Summer 2006 ROADRUNNER, and on the AAUW-NM website.



Remember that programs and membership are intricately intertwined. Good programs attract new members, and new members bring fresh program ideas. Strong membership also leads to strong fundraising ability. The AAUW-NM Leadership Team encourages each branch to participate in this new recognition program. Let's make this a momentous year for our branches!

*Natalie Markin , Programs Co-Coordinator
Nolina Bryant, Membership Co-Coordinator*

TERRY SLEIGHT MEMORIAL

With pink ribbons, pink tee shirts, and pink balloons everywhere, five AAUW-NM members participated in the Susan G. Komen Foundation's annual Race for the Cure on Sunday, June 12 at the Balloon Fiesta Park in Albuquerque. Our co-presidents, Nancy Scheer and Carol Ann Council, were joined by Mary Grathwol, Kathy Costa, and Nina Thayer. Twenty more AAUW-NM members pledged financial support, and a total of \$780 (including registration fees) was donated in Terry Sleight's name to the Komen Foundation's fight against breast cancer.

Thank you all for your generous support.

AAUW-NM RECEIVES 21st CENTURY PLATINUM LEVEL RECOGNITION AWARD

The Association's 21st Century program recognizes those state organizations who have a plan for branch support and follow through with that plan. AAUW-NM's submission for an award outlined the many ways the state organization assists its branches. Your state officers spend many hours devising new programs, preparing materials, and answering questions. These efforts have been recognized by the receipt of this Platinum Level Award.

The award application was divided into five priority areas: Membership Development; Outreach to Diverse People or Groups; Visibility; Leadership Development; and Technology.

- **Membership Development** highlighted the wonderful Membership Challenge program, designed by Membership Co-Coordinators Nolina Bryant and Nina Thayer.
- **Outreach** emphasized the work done by the Public Policy Co-Coordinators Corrine Howard and Laura Stokes. Participation in the New Mexico Women's Agenda and the Choice Coalition were mentioned, as well as the efforts of the state Lobby Corps (Marion Isidoro, Jan Lifson-Bray, Dixie Trebbe, Carolyn Glen Kaye, and others). The mini-grants available to the branches also allow them to do their own outreach projects.
- **Visibility** highlighted Betty W. Smith's newspaper articles that publicize state activities and also give visibility to local branches. The pamphlet *What is AAUW-NM?* provided an example of a state resource for visibility.
- **Leadership development** highlighted our use of a leadership team, rather than a state board of directors, and illustrated our flexibility in having co-officers. These ideas give branches a model to emulate. Also, officers have state financial support to visit branches for programs and projects.
- **Technology** highlighted the use of email for communication in a large state, a web site administered by Denise George, email training offered at the fall workshop, branch use of email for newsletter distribution, and a PowerPoint presentation for the Membership Challenge.

The application contained two extra sections: one for Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund support; and the other for a special project. AAUW-NM has maintained a commitment to EF and LAF for many years, so the various fundraising activities easily supported that loyalty. The statewide raffle to support the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund and the International Federation of University Women was listed as a special project in the international arena.

THANKS TO EVERYONE ON THE STATE LEADERSHIP TEAM!!
Without your efforts, AAUW-NM would never have received this award.

Carol Ann Council, Co-President

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AAUW/IFUW UPDATE

The AAUW Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C. addressed several issues pertaining to the international interests of the Association. The proposed Bylaws amendment making AAUW's membership in the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) optional failed resoundingly. The voice vote was so decisive that no counted tally was taken. This came on the heels of several controlled discussions on international issues during which the only defenders of the decision to withhold IFUW dues, made in 2004 by the Board of Directors, were those who made it. Delegates were significantly critical of this action and voiced their disapproval during discussion.

At the end of the convention, a short period is allotted for consideration of resolutions not brought to the body through the regular resolutions process. A super majority must consent to hear any resolution that is mentioned for consideration. One brought by California – the resolution supported by New Mexico at its state convention this past spring – received consent of the body and subsequently passed decisively. The resolution chastised the Association board for its actions regarding IFUW, and directed the new board to find a way to return AAUW to good standing in IFUW and to pay the dues in the future.

Members must be willing to help find solutions to the problems which caused this dire situation to arise in the first place, and to remain firm in their support of AAUW's membership in IFUW. This will not be easy work, as the financial situation has been considerably muddled by the actions of the past several years. Please be vigilant in informing yourself about progress on this important issue, and let association officers know how determined the members are to maintain this important affiliation.

Barbara Carey
International Affairs Liaison

Grace Barker Wilson Award Packets to be Distributed

Packets containing the nomination forms and guidelines for the 2006 AAUW-NM Grace Barker Wilson Award will be sent to all branch presidents or facilitators by mid-November. If any branch does not receive a packet by the end of November, please contact Mary Sandford at 505-887-1375 or M_Sandford47@hotmail.com. We have many outstanding members in our branches who meet the qualifications for this award, so please give it some serious thought (groups can also be nominated). Nomination forms will be due sometime in February. See the Winter ROADRUNNER for more information.

Mary Sandford
Outreach Coordinator

NEW ASSOCIATION THEME FOCUSES ON ECONOMIC SECURITY

A new programmatic theme, *Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security*, was announced at the recent Association convention. This theme represents a commitment to build a coordinated, collaborative, and contemporary portfolio of programs that will serve the mission of AAUW, support and engage members and prospective members, and move the organization forward. These programs will be developed at the national level and refined and implemented by states, branches, and other community partners.

Women today are working more than ever, yet remain crowded in undervalued, lower-paying occupations with fewer benefits for themselves and those for whom they care. Ensuring equity for women and girls, from pre-K through retirement, is our greatest challenge.

Adapted from AAUW *Envisioning the Future*, June 2005

FCC RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY AT ASSOCIATION CONVENTION



Betty Walker Smith, Media Coordinator and Albuquerque branch member, has been involved in the issues of media fairness, objectivity, and accountability since attending a Free Press public forum in June 2004. She first approached the Albuquerque branch board with the idea of petitioning the FCC to fulfill its responsibility to the public in regulating the media. The board approved this idea. In the fall of 2004, Betty presented the same idea to the AAUW-NM Leadership Team, who also approved. She then formed a committee to write the petition. The completed petition was presented to the Leadership Team at the February 2005 meeting in Santa Fe. The team recommended changing the petition to a resolution, and the committee continued fine-tuning the contents. In April 2005, the delegates to the AAUW-NM State Convention in Las Vegas, New Mexico decided that the resolution should be presented for approval at the Association Convention in June, 2005 (please see the Summer 2005 ROADRUNNER for the final text of the resolution). Betty Walker Smith would attend the convention and present the resolution.

In Betty's own words:

*Saturday evening was the first of my times in the sun. I had reserved a room for discussion of the Resolution to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The audience of 25 people watched a video describing the current situation with the media, namely, that there is **no substantive, objective coverage of social, political, economic, and environmental issues** in the public media (cable and satellite companies are not regulated by the FCC). All attendees supported the resolution. My thanks to Dixie Trebbe, AAUW-NM secretary, for visiting many of the state caucus sessions earlier Saturday to encourage attendance at the discussion.*

The Resolutions portion of the convention was held on Monday morning, one of the last items of business before adjournment. There were four microphones on the convention floor, and I had someone stationed at each microphone to present the resolution. Nancy Scheer's microphone was called on first, so she presented the text of the Resolution to the convention body.

*After a brief discussion, with only one dissenting comment, **the FCC Resolution passed unanimously, by the over 1100 delegates in attendance!** Much credit for this success goes to the Resolution Committee members—Nancy Childs, Prentiss Childs, Corrine Howard, and Laura Stokes. Additional credit goes to Claire Stein of AAUW-AZ. Claire helped us with a previous resolution, passed at the 2003 Association Convention, regarding the Erosion of Civil Rights. She also gave invaluable advice and helped with the editing of the final FCC Resolution.*

*Thank you also to all the AAUW-NM members who supported this resolution. **WE DID IT AGAIN!***

Betty Walker Smith, Media Coordinator

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Grant County Branch, Adrienne Dare, President

We are looking forward to another year of building membership, our *Expanding Your Horizons* conference, interesting programs and, on October 22 and 23, the Fall Workshop: **An Educated Woman: Gateway to Success**. During the past summer, a committee has been actively planning the Workshop. We are pleased to have some newer members who are becoming more active in our branch. We cordially invites all AAUW-NM members to the Fall Workshop in Silver City.

Las Cruces Branch, Marilyn Humphrey, President

As we begin our new 2005-2006 program year, I am excited about the many creative ideas our board members are planning for the coming year. Our first program is titled *The "X" Prize, New Frontiers for Space Travel: Implications for Las Cruces*, presented by Lou Gomez, Head of Space Commercialization, New Mexico Economic Development Department.

I wish to thank all the board members for their tireless efforts. Without them, we could not function effectively. A special thanks to those who left the board last spring, and a special welcome to those new board members. I am sure you will continue to build on the fine work of those who preceded you!

I was quite surprised to learn from our Treasurer, Chris Little, that the Special Interest Bridge Group raised over \$300 last year for the NMSU Scholarship fund. To accomplish this, each bridge player made a "painless" contribution of \$1.00 every time they met to play bridge. I would like to challenge all other interest groups to institute a similar policy to help with future projects. We are planning our Trash & Treasure Trunk Sale for later in September. The Trash and Treasure Sale is always a good fundraiser for our branch.

Our membership co-chairs, Ruth Kelly and Rebecca Dukes, report that we currently have 87 paid members with a promise of several more. In May, 2005, we had 104 members, so our branch has some work to do to reach our past membership numbers. Two of our honorary life members passed away last summer: Harriet Christian and Audrey Winkler. We will miss them and their presence in the branch.

Los Alamos Branch, Gloria Cordova, Facilitator/Contact

Vecinos del Rio, a non-profit organization founded in 1993 and dedicated to the protection and improvement of the quality of life in the traditional communities of the Northern Rio Grande Valley, presents the Los Alamos branch September program on the Mesa Prieta (Black Mesa) Petroglyph Project, a rock art recording project. The Black Mesa is located above the confluence of the Rio Grande and the Rio Chama and between San Juan Pueblo and the village of Embudo in northern New Mexico. The project goal was to record about 300 acres of the mesa by the end of 2004.

Helen M. Whyte joins the Coordinating Council as a new member this year, working with continuing members Angela Coop, Beverly Cooper, Rosmarie Frederickson, Denise George, Natalie Markin, Patricia Mendius, and Gloria Cordova. Jane Sherwood continues to support in the role of Hospitality Coordinator.

This year the council members will rotate the facilitator role with the branch meeting schedule in order to distribute the responsibility of that role. Natalie Markin facilitates the Coordinating Council for September and Helena Whyte for October. Gloria Cordova serves the branch as its contact person. The Coordinating Council plans to program for six monthly branch meetings this year to accommodate branch member calendars more efficiently and effectively. Two other programs currently planned are one featuring the art of self-defense, and another featuring a branch member's experience working with foreign students to bolster their speaking and writing skills in English. The branch expects to begin its year with 69 continuing members.

Socorro Branch, Linda Gonzales, President

Socorro's core group of members continues to support our activities of monthly meetings, fundraisers, the book group, the recorder group, Las Cantantes (singing group), and the Great Decisions discussion group. Las Cantantes gave a special choral program on Mother's Day at the Magdalena Community Church and another during the summer at Good Sam Nursing Home. Scholarships were awarded for the fall semester to two New Mexico Tech students: Katharine Dahm in Environmental Engineering and Norelle Shlanta in Mathematics. Five scholarship awards were presented to deserving graduating girls at Socorro High School. Our life member, Christina Balk, who resides in Santa Fe, received an honorary life member certificate this year at state convention. New officers were elected at the June potluck luncheon. So, Socorro is set to go!

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An Educated Woman: Gateway to Success

*The Grant County Branch of AAUW Welcomes YOU to the 2005 Fall Workshop
Saturday, October 22 through Sunday, October 23, 2005
Western New Mexico University, Besse-Forward Global Resource Center*

Hotel Reservations

Rooms have been placed on hold at the Holiday Inn Express, 1103 Superior, directly behind Wendy's, on Highway 180 East in Silver City until **October 7**. Please make your reservations prior to that date or we **cannot** guarantee you a room. If no cancellation is received prior to 6 pm, you **will be charged** for one night's lodging. Rooms will be held for late arrival on Friday evening, October 21, until 6 pm.

Reserve your room by calling the Central Reservations Line (1-800-HOLIDAY), or the hotel directly at 505-538-2525. **Please mention the "AAUW Workshop" to receive the discounted rate.** Room types with occupancy numbers and number of rooms of each type are: one smoking room with king bed, one or two persons; two non-smoking rooms with king bed, one to two persons; one smoking room with two queen beds, two to four persons; 17 non-smoking rooms with two queen beds, two to four persons. **All rooms are priced at \$74.95, plus tax.** The Holiday Inn Express provides a continental breakfast to guests. There is no full-service restaurant at the hotel.

If you wish Bed and Breakfast with a Grant County member, please call Emily Warner at 505-388-4994. A \$25 contribution per night to EF is suggested.

Convention Registration

Fee includes tote bag, notepad and pen, workshop materials, Saturday luncheon, and break refreshments.

Saturday dinner will be held at the historic Buckhorn Saloon and Opera House in Pinos Altos. Cost for dinner is \$24 per person. Enjoy the dinner entertainment of cowboy poetry and music. Make checks payable for the full amount (registration fee and Saturday dinner) to **Grant County Branch AAUW**.

Mail your registration and check to:

JoAnn Fischer
Math and Computer Science Department
Western New Mexico University
1000 College Avenue GRC 210
Silver City, NM 88061

REGISTRATION FORM (detach and return with payment)

Name: _____ Name for badge: _____

Address (street, city, state, zip): _____

Phone: H: _____ W: _____ Cell _____

Email: _____ Branch: _____

Current Branch/State/Association Position(s): _____

Special Considerations?

Please mark your workshop choices:

Morning: _____ Public Policy _____ Computer skills-email, attachments, etc.

Afternoon _____ Nuts & Bolts _____ Computer skills-basic web page design

Registration Fees: Early Bird Registration (postmark by October 7) \$20.00 \$ _____

Late Registration (postmark after October 7) \$25.00 \$ _____

Meals Friday evening – Dutch Treat

Saturday Dinner (Spouse / Guest may attend for cost of meal) \$24.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Select: Grilled Salmon _____ Buckhorn Special Steak _____ Vegetarian _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu _____

Total Remittance \$ _____

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You can find contact information for team members by going to www.aauw-nm.org and clicking on "Officers."

Directions to Silver City:

From the North:

Option 1: This way is winding and mountainous, but beautiful, if you aren't in a hurry.

Follow I-25 South to Exit 63 to Hillsboro via Hwy 152. Follow Hwy 152 through the historic mining towns of Hillsboro and Kingston, then up and over the Black Range. Hwy 152 will intersect Hwy 180. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 180 toward Silver City. The Holiday Inn Express will be approximately five miles west of the Santa Clara intersection (the first stop light), on the left, but a little off the road behind the Wendy's. Turn at the Wendy's.

Option 2: This way is simple and an easy drive, and only about 20 minutes longer than the trip over the mountains. Follow I-25 South to Exit 41 to Hatch. Follow the main road southward through Hatch, and turn right at the stop sign. Bear left at the junction onto Hwy 26 to Deming. Follow Hwy 26 to Deming.

There is a stop sign at the intersection with Hwy 180. Turn right toward Silver City. The Holiday Inn Express will be approximately 5 miles past (west of) the stop light at Santa Clara. The hotel is a little off the road, on the left, behind Wendy's. Turn at the Wendy's.

From the East:

Follow I-10 West to Deming. Take Exit 82A to Hwy 180 toward Silver City. Follow Hwy 180. The Holiday Inn Express will be approximately 5 miles past (west of) the intersection with Hwy 152. The hotel is a little off the road, on the left, behind Wendy's. Turn at the Wendy's.

Directions from the hotel to the Global Resource Center:

From the Holiday Inn Express, turn left (west) on Hwy 180. Stay to the right at the intersection with Hwy 90 (the sixth stop light). At the eighth stop light, turn right onto 12th Street. Stay on 12th Street as you pass through two four-way stops. The Global Resource Center (GRC) is the large, beige building on your left two blocks past the second four-way stop. Parking is in the lot to the right side of the street, just before you reach the GRC. (Maps showing the location of the Global Resource Center, the downtown galleries, local restaurants, and the Buckhorn Saloon and Opera House will be available at Registration.)

An Educated Woman: Gateway to Success—Workshop Schedule

Friday

5:00-8:00 p.m. Registration, Holiday Inn Express Lobby

Saturday

7:30-8:30 a.m. Late Registration, Global Resource Center

8:30-9:00 a.m. Introductions and Welcome

9:00-10:00 a.m. Speaker (tentatively scheduled: Women and the Medicine Wheel)

10:00-10:15 a.m. Break

10:15-11:45 a.m. Concurrent Workshops: Public Policy Issues/EF Planned Giving or

Basic Computer Skills: Dealing with Email and Attachments

Lunch, Sunset Room, Student Memorial Building, WNMU

Speaker: Local Color and History of Silver City

12:00-1:30 p.m. Concurrent Workshops: Nuts and Bolts for Branches (historical archiving, incorporation and liability insurance, bylaws changes to accommodate the new membership

category, education concerns regarding NCLB, or

More Computer Skills: Building a VERY Simple Web Page

3:15-3:30 p.m. Break

3:30-4:30 p.m. Speaker: FCC Resolution

6:00-7:00 p.m. Cocktails (Cash Bar) at Buckhorn Saloon and Opera House

7:00-? p.m. Dinner and Entertainment

Sunday

8:30 a.m.-

Leadership Team Meeting, Global Resource Center, WNMU

12:30 p.m.

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