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April 28-30 AAUW-NM State Convention In Carlsbad, NM

June 9-11 Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Casper, Wyoming



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CAROLYN GLEN KAYE WINS FIRST TERRY SLEIGHT AWARD

On Sunday, January 29, at the Winter Leadership Team Meeting in Santa Fe, Jean Bahr of the Santa Fe Branch presented the first annual Terry Sleight Memorial Award to Carolyn Glen Kaye of Albuquerque. This award was created to honor an AAUW-NM member who has advanced women's issues in a significant way, much as Terry Sleight did throughout her life. Carolyn was honored for outstanding work on the Pay Equity issue at the branch, state, and national levels. She was also recognized for her work as the Public Policy chair for AAUW-NM.



Carolyn Glen Kaye (right) and Jean Bahr

Carolyn received both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. She became a member of the Albuquerque branch in 1993, and continued as a dual member for several years with the McLean, Virginia branch after serving as their co-president. In Albuquerque, Carolyn organized the *Three-Quarters of a Cookie* campaign, publicizing the pay gap women still experience in our nation. This campaign was covered with both text and pictures by the Albuquerque Journal. She also testified in both New Mexico legislative chambers for a pay equity bill. The bill passed in both the House and Senate but was vetoed by then-governor Gary Johnson.

Carolyn co-founded a group of lobbyists who commute regularly from Albuquerque to Santa Fe when the legislature is in session. She never fails to inform others about the discrepancy in pay structures for men and women, and always offers constructive suggestions for taking corrective action. She received AAUW-NM's first impact grant from Association to organize a forum for the Albuquerque branch to examine the impact women have on public policy. Carolyn has also organized a state-wide Get Out the Vote telephone campaign.

We congratulate Carolyn Glen Kaye for this award. AAUW-NM is proud of her past and on-going work to ensure justice for women and girls. We encourage all branches to nominate a member or group of members for the Terry Sleight Award in the future, so we can continue to honor those who make significant contributions to the advancement of the AAUW mission.

PUBLIC POLICY IMPACT MINI-GRANT UPDATE

Three branches have applied for and received Public Policy Impact Mini-Grants. All have held very successful forums addressing an important issue in their communities. Money is still available to assist your branch in holding a public policy event in the next few months. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact either of us immediately.

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 Public Policy Co-chairs

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THE PRESIDENTS' LETTER

What a successful Legislative Day at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe on January 30! The Santa Fe Branch did an outstanding job hosting the 2006 Winter Leadership Team meeting, lobby training, dinner, and evening presentation the preceding day. **Many thanks to the entire AAUW-Santa Fe Branch**, in particular to Flossie Brown for making her SF Skies RV Park clubhouse available to us; Helen Snoke for coordinating Bed & Breakfast and dinner; and Kathleen Kerr for assisting with dinner arrangements. The food provided by the many branch members was delicious and we extend appreciation to those who provided B&B. Our Public Policy Team - Marion Isidoro, Dolores Halls, Carolyn Glen Kaye, and Sarah Fassett, as well as Dixie Trebbe, Jan Lifson-Bray, and Corrine Howard, did an excellent job distributing legislative materials and sharing bill information of concern to AAUW-NM during the lobby training. Member Laura Stokes was instrumental in obtaining the after-dinner speaker, her husband Paul, who spoke to us on Election Reform, focusing on voting machines. His presentation generated a good Q&A session. Thank you all!



Nancy Scheer (left)
and Carol Ann Council

The AAUW-NM Lobby Corps is a group of our members who are registered lobbyists; traveling to the State Capitol *at least* once a week during the legislative session. They keep up-to-date on the issues, visit legislators, leave written and telephone messages for others, attend committee hearings, and speak during hearings. Other AAUW members are encouraged to join this group. You are not required to be a registered lobbyist to participate, just have an interest in public policy and in the legislative process. Contact one of the Lobby Corps members (Corrine Howard, Laura Stokes, Marion Isidoro, Dixie Trebbe, Jan Lifson-Bray, Carolyn Glen Kaye, to name a few) for more information. These women do a great job for us and for New Mexico; more participants are always welcome.

Jean Bahr had the pleasure of presenting our very first AAUW-NM *Theresa F. Sleight Memorial Award* to Carolyn Glen Kaye for her fine work advancing our public policy program. Congratulations Carolyn! (See page 1 for more information.) And congratulations to both Grant County and Las Cruces branches for receiving mini-grants to support their *Expanding Your Horizons* and *Girls Can* programs, respectively.

This year's state convention, *Pondering Public Policy on the Pecos*, will be held in Carlsbad the last weekend in April. Because the Association awarded AAUW-New Mexico one of nine Public Policy Impact Grants for the 2005-2006 program year, our convention theme focuses on public policy. Association Public Policy staff member Seth Chase will be our keynote speaker, and will participate in two workshops; *No Child Left Behind* and *Pay Equity*. An EF fundraising dinner will start the convention Friday evening, featuring students from the United World College in Las Vegas. This event is a follow-up from last year's convention in Las Vegas and what better way to support the Educational Foundation. The traditional Saturday evening awards banquet will have a special twist, the opportunity to enjoy a ride down the Pecos River on a paddle wheeler! Carlsbad Co-President Carol Parr will host the dinner in her riverside home. In addition to the fun and comradeship, Leadership Team Meetings and Convention Business Sessions will take place. You will not want to miss this exciting gathering! (For further details and registration form, see pages 3 through 5)

In the overall picture, AAUW-NM is the link between its branches and the Association; but another level of support comes from our region. New Mexico joins with Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming to form the AAUW-Rocky Mountain Region. From June 9 to 11 the RM Region will hold its biannual conference in Casper, WY - *A Legacy of Leadership - 125 Years of AAUW*. What better way to celebrate this outstanding anniversary than to participate in this event. NM members Barbara Carey, Dolores Halls, and Carolyn Glen Kaye will participate in presentations and workshops at this conference and would welcome your support. It is quite exciting to get together with AAUW members from other states and share ideas, problems, and projects. These events are truly energizing and inspiring! If interested, please contact one of us. (For further details, see pages 10 and 11. You will also receive a brochure through the mail.)

Remember, you, your ideas, and your input are the future of AAUW. Think of what *you* want this organization to be in 5, 10, or 25 years! See you in Carlsbad!

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2005-2006 Co-presidents

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AAUW-NEW MEXICO 2006 CONVENTION
“Pondering Public Policy on the Pecos”
Hosted by the Carlsbad Branch
Friday, April 28-Sunday. April 30
Stevens Inn, 1829 S. Canal St.; Carlsbad, New Mexico



Will you be one of the enthusiastic intellectuals “Pondering Public Policy on the Pecos” this April? The Carlsbad Branch invites you and your family to come and experience Carlsbad. While you are being challenged by our program, your family will have the opportunity to be inspired by the wonders of nature at the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park, Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Mountains National Park, or strolling along the Pecos River. You won't want to miss the opportunity to interact with Seth Chase, Senior Grassroots Coordinator for Public Policy and Government Relations for AAUW in Washington, D.C. His job is to help states like ours with Impact Grants. He will be presenting our keynote speech Saturday morning, as well as participating in the panel discussions.

Directions: Coming into Carlsbad on Hwy 285 from Artesia, stay on Hwy 285 through town. The Stevens Inn will be on your right. Coming into Carlsbad on Hwy 62/180 from El Paso, the Stevens Inn will be on your left shortly after you pass Wal-Mart.

Hotel Reservations: Phone the Stevens Inn at (505) 887-2851 by April 10. Tell the desk that you are booking for the AAUW Convention. The cost is \$59 plus tax for a room accommodating 1-4 people. Breakfast is free to overnight guests.

Convention Registration: Fee includes convention notebook and packet. **Print or type** forms clearly—one form per person. Cancellations accepted until April 10. **Make your check** for the full amount and make it payable to AAUW Carlsbad Branch. **Mail your check with form** to Karen Nelson, 1005 N. Thomas St., Carlsbad, NM 88220. If you include your email address on the form, you will receive an email confirming receipt of your registration.

Questions? Carlsbad's web page: www.pvtnetworks.net/nelsons or Karen Nelson, nelsons@cavemen.net; Mary Cherryhomes, esprit@pccnm.com; Carol Parr, cwparr@yahoo.com

SCHEDULE

<p>Friday 1:00-5:00 Registration Stevens Inn lobby 1:30-4:30 Leadership Team Meeting #1 5:30 Dinner-EF fundraiser at the Stevens Students from the World College presenting program Followed by the Folklorico Dancers 8:00 Business Meeting #1 Saturday 8:00-9:00 Registration/Breakfast 9:00 Keynote Speaker: Seth Chase: Public Policy 10:00 Break 10:15- Panel Discussion- Public Policy: No Child Left Behind 11:00-Break out sessions</p>	<p>Saturday (continued) 11:30 Lunch at the Stevens Inn 12:00 Dr. Pat Seiser speaking on the all-women exploration of Lechuguilla Cave 1:15 Panel Discussion-Public Policy: Pay Equity 2:00 Break out sessions 2:45 Break 3:00 Business Meeting #2 4:30 Break until dinner 5:30 Social hour at member Carol Parr's house with boat rides down the Pecos River on the George Washington paddle wheeler</p>	<p>Saturday (continued) 7:00 Gourmet catered dinner 8:30 Awards and Installation of Officers; Ellen Friesen, local member, presents a dramatic reading made popular by Helen Hayes "A White Magnolia Tree" by Helen Deutsch Sunday 8:00 Breakfast on your own 9:00 Seth Chase-"Sexual Harassment on Campus" research 9:45 Town Hall meeting 10:15 "How to Lobby" 11:00 Leadership Team Meeting #2 12:30 Adjournment</p>
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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Address _____ e-mail: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Branch _____ Delegates please check one: State _____ Branch _____

Current Branch, State, Association Positions _____

Special Needs _____

Registration Fee	Early Bird Registration (postmarked by April 10)	\$35
	Late Registration (postmarked after April 10)	\$45
Meals	Friday dinner- STATE EF fundraiser; (Dinner \$17.00 & EF Contribution \$8.00) \$25 X _____	\$ _____
	Saturday lunch \$12 X _____	\$ _____
	Saturday evening-Wine and appetizers, boat ride, and gourmet dinner \$45 X _____	\$ _____
Spouse/Guest may accompany you to lunch or dinner for the cost of the meal.		Total Remittance: \$ _____

IT'S STATE CONVENTION TIME!!!

In an effort to entice you to join us in Carlsbad for the Convention, the Carlsbad Branch along with Program Co-chairs Shila Marek and Natalie Markin contributed this additional information about our keynote speaker, places that you and your family can explore in Carlsbad, and last but not least, the menu for our delicious catered dinner on Saturday night. We hope to see you at the Convention!

Keynote Speaker

Seth Chase manages AAUW's e-advocacy program and writes *Action Network* and *Washington Update*. He also provides technical support to AAUW's state public policy chairs. Prior to joining the staff at AAUW, he spent three years working for the League of Women Voters Education Fund, first as coordinator for the DemocracyNet Internet-based voter guide and later as coordinator for elections and civic engagement. A native of Vermont, Seth now lives in Silver Springs, Maryland and is the proud father of a five year old boy.



Carlsbad Caverns

Activities In and Around Carlsbad, New Mexico

Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park - Open daily except Christmas, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last park entrance at 3:30 p.m. Gift Shop Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission Fees: 13 and older, \$5.00 per person; 7 - 12 years \$3.00; 6 and under free. The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park is on the northwest edge of Carlsbad off US Highway 285. For more information visit the web site at www.emnrd.state.nm.us/nmparks/PAGES/PARKS/DESERT/Desert.htm.

Riverwalk - One of the most popular Pecos River attractions is the 4.5-mile-long Riverwalk flanking its banks. The walk begins at the railroad bridge at the north end of Riverside Drive and extends along the west side of the river to the Bataan Bridge on Greene Street. Walkers can either stop at Bataan Bridge, take a left and cross the river to the other side for a short hike, or cross Greene Street and head south to lower Tansill Dam and back up along the east side of the river for a longer trek back to the railroad crossing. A walking bridge near Tansill Dam allows visitors to stroll out to the middle of the river to view the surroundings and cross to the other side.

Carlsbad Caverns National Park - Visitors arrive by way of U.S. Highway 62/180 from either Carlsbad, New Mexico (23 miles to the northeast) or El Paso, Texas (150 miles to the west). A scenic 7 mile entrance road leads from the park gate at Whites City to the visitor center and cavern entrance. It is open every day except for December 25, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The latest you can enter the cave through the natural entrance is 3:30 p.m. The last entry into the cave from the elevators is at 5:00 p.m. Fees are \$6.00 and the entry pass is good for three days. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cave/home.htm.

Guadalupe Mountain National Park - Rising from the desert, this mountain mass contains portions of the world's most extensive and significant Permian limestone fossil reef. Also featured are a tremendous earth fault, lofty peaks, unusual flora and fauna, and a colorful record of the past. Entry fees are \$3.00 for individuals and the pass is good for 7 days. The entrance fee will be payable at any trailhead or at the visitor center. For more information, visit the web site at www.nps.gov/gumo/.

The Carlsbad Flume - In 1889, Ralph S. Tarr, an observer for the U. S. Geological Survey department, felt the Pecos Valley had potential for large scale agriculture. He estimated the regions between Roswell and the Texas line contained some 300,000 acres of fertile, irrigable land. Thus was begun the Pecos River Reclamation Project, of which the famous Pat Garrett (who had a ranch near Roswell) and Charles B. Eddy, founder of Carlsbad, were a part. The plan was to build a large conversion dam and a canal network. The Pecos River Flume was probably the most complex part of the canal network. For more information on the Carlsbad Flume, visit the web site at www.southernnewmexico.com/Articles/Southeast/Eddy/Carlsbad/CarlsbadFlume.html.

For additional information about Carlsbad attractions and activities, visit the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce website at www.cnmchamber.com

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Saturday, April 29, Convention Dinner Menu

Appetizers

Baked Brie with Chutney and Almonds
Seasonal Fruit Tier
Crisp vegetables with Onion Dip
Wine

Dinner

Spinach Salad with Fresh Strawberry Kiwi Dressing
Marinated Asparagus with Aged Balsamic Fire Roasted Vegetables
Spaghetti Squash
Broiled Lemon Balsamic Chicken
Carved Tri-Tip with Onion Confit

Dessert

Chocolate Fountain, with fresh fruits, cookies, brownies
Chocolate Mousse
Crème Brûlée

Drinks

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION UPDATE

EF Fundraiser to be held at State Convention

In addition to the Friday evening dinner to benefit EF, Janet Matwiyoff and her company, Sunscapes, will be selling her beautiful handmade jewelry at the convention. Sunscapes will donate 20 percent of the pre-tax price of each piece to AAUW-NM EF in the name of the Albuquerque branch. (For example, if you buy a piece for \$20, Sunscapes will contribute \$4 to EF). The donations will be allocated at 75% to the Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship, and 25% to the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF).

Corrine Wolfe Needs Our Help!

As of December 31, 2005, the Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship reported \$26,862.41 in total donations from AAUW-NM. The previous reported total, reflecting the first 18 months of the fellowship's existence, was \$22,399.91 on October 1, 2004. This means that in the 15 months between October 2004 and January 2006, we contributed only \$4,462.50 toward our goal of a \$100,000 endowment.

AAUW EF calculates that the majority of endowments are funded in under 15 years. Using this formula, AAUW-NM would have to contribute \$6,666 per year to reach our goal.

It is also an accepted fact that the further away you get from the establishment of an endowment, the fewer the donations. Our experience certainly reflects this.

MEDIA REPORT

Betty Walker Smith, Media Chair, submitted an article to the Albuquerque Journal before Legislative Day. It discussed our lobbying activities, our receipt of the public policy impact grant from Association, and details of our state-wide programs to help introduce young girls to the possibilities available to them through education. She described the *Expanding Your Horizons* program in Grant County, *Careers and Curiosity* in Santa Fe, *Girls Can* in Las Cruces, the Annual Scholars Reception in Carlsbad, and the student affiliate chapter at NM Highlands University in Las Vegas. It was an excellent article and great publicity for the mission of AAUW. Here's what was printed:

CAPITOL DAYS

Ready, Set, Lobby

It seems like every day is lobby day in Santa Fe during the legislative session.

But the American Association of University Women will have a corps of 10 to 15 women at the Roundhouse on Jan. 30 for its annual Lobby Day.

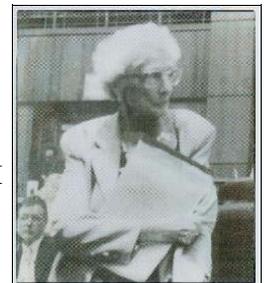
The women from around the state will meet with lawmakers and encourage them to vote in favor of legislation to improve education and child care and to address domestic violence and other women's issues.

Hopefully during the next Legislative session, the press will recognize the importance of "women's issues" for the entire population of New Mexico, and let people know more about our valuable contributions.

Corrine Wolfe (cont.)

How do we raise the additional \$2,220 a year to meet the minimum goal of funding this fellowship?

The simplest way to fund the Corrine Wolfe Fellowship is with a serious, dedicated legacy campaign to commit future contributions to reach our goal. If half of the AAUW-NM members, or 250 women, pledged \$500 over 10 years as a legacy to Corrine Wolfe, we would more than meet the original goal.



Corrine Wolfe
1912-1997

Corrine Wolfe lived her entire life helping the disadvantaged. This fellowship in her name will provide educational opportunities for women throughout the world, and greatly advance the mission of AAUW. Please help us meet this challenge.

Patricia Jonietz (plj001@earthlink.net), EF Chair

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LEGISLATIVE DAY ACTIVITIES PROMOTE AAUW'S MISSION

Legislative Day on January 30 brought many AAUW-NM members to Santa Fe to lobby for issues related to our mission. On the evening of January 29, Dolores Halls and Marion Isidoro, Public Policy Co-chairs, together with several other members, presented a training session on how to lobby our state legislators. These women also prepared position papers on issues such as health care reform, election reform, increase in the minimum wage, and several education issues. Members from the Albuquerque, West Mesa, Los Alamos, and Las Vegas branches tracked our legislative priorities for 2006 and obtained the applicable bill numbers. This group also assembled information packets containing names and locations of legislators, bill titles and bill numbers, and legislation details for distribution to our Legislative Day lobbyists.



Paul Stokes addresses the lobbying training session

We were fortunate to have Paul Stokes as our featured speaker during the training. He spoke about election fraud and presented many disturbing facts about how voting machines can be programmed to produce incorrect results. Mr. Stokes recommended that all voting machines be required to produce a paper record.

On the morning of January 30, more than twenty members and "lobbyists for a day" met in the governor's reception area for a final briefing on effective methods of delivering our message, even if we weren't able to speak to our legislators directly. The morning activities were followed by lunch at local restaurant owned, operated, and staffed by women. After lunch,

many members returned to the Capitol to continue attending committee meetings and lobbying their legislators.

AAUW-NM Legislative Day was informative for both legislators and members. We feel we were effective in promoting our issues to our elected representatives. We invite all members to attend the 2007 Legislative Day and witness our government in action.



AAUW-NM members review lobbying materials before meeting with legislators.

Dolores Halls (dhalls@nmsu.edu)
Marion Isidoro (risidoro@aol.com)
Public Policy Co-chairs

Believe in New Mexico Girls 2006 April 7 and 8, 2006 In Albuquerque!

Last year's was the very first **Believe in New Mexico Girls** Conference. The conference was so successful that it is being held again this year. The conference is sponsored by the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women and the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

At our Winter Leadership Team Meeting, AAUW-NM voted to donate \$100 to help sponsor several girls at the conference. If any branches wish to donate to this event, please contact:

Kathi Brown (Kathi.Brown@state.nm.us)
NM Commission on the Status of Women
300 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Suite 101
Albuquerque, NM 87108
505-222-6600 or 1-800-432-9168; Fax: 505-222-6611

For more information:
www.state.nm.us/womenscommission
www.yearofthegirl.com



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PROPOSED STATE BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Two amendments to the state bylaws have been proposed and authorized by Association. The vote on the proposals will be taken at the State Convention in April. All delegates to the convention should consult with their membership to prepare for the vote.

1. Delete the office of Legal Advocacy Fund Chair, effective July 1, 2006.

Duties to be transferred to the Educational Foundation Chair. The proposed amendments are as follows. Information to be deleted is shown in *italics*.

Art. VII, Section 1. *Elected officers*. The officers of the state shall be elected at the State Convention by the voting delegates according to the following schedule:

* * *

b. In odd-numbered years:

* * *

(6) *Legal Advocacy Fund Chair*

Art. VIII, Section 1. *Duties of officers*

k. *Legal Advocacy Fund Chair. The legal advocacy fund chair shall be responsible for the collection and custody of the Legal Advocacy Funds.*

(And re-letter remaining subsections)

2. Allow electronic voting by the board of directors and by the executive committee between regularly scheduled meetings.

Amendments to take effect immediately upon vote of approval. The proposed amendments are as follows. New material is underlined; material to be deleted is shown in *italics*.

Art. X, Section 4. *Written or Electronic Vote*.

In the interim between meetings of the state Board, a written and/or electronic vote may be taken at the request of the President on any question submitted in writing, including e-mail transmission, to each Board member. Voting shall close by a time specified in the writing, 10 days after the question has been submitted. The vote shall be returned to the President (or her representative named in the writing). If a majority of the Board shall vote on a question so submitted, the vote shall be counted by the President who shall announce the outcome of the vote, and the vote shall have the same effect as if cast at a meeting of the Board. A report of all such actions shall be made at and included in the minutes of the next regular Board meeting.

Art. XI, Section 4. *Written or Electronic Vote*.

In the interim between meetings of the Executive Committee, a written and/or electronic vote may be taken at the request of the President on any question submitted in writing, including e-mail transmission, to each Committee member. Voting shall close by a time specified in the writing, 10 days after the question has been submitted. The vote shall be returned to the President (or her representative named in the writing). If a majority of the Committee shall vote on a question so submitted sent to the members of the Board, the vote shall be counted by the President who shall announce the outcome of the vote, and the vote shall have the same effect as if cast at a meeting of the Committee. A report of all such actions shall be made at and included in the minutes of the next regular Board meeting.

Association has rejected a proposal to add graduate students to the membership category of student affiliates. This is their response:

Unfortunately, you cannot give student affiliate status to graduate students. Once a person has received a bachelor's degree, they must become a full member. Through the years the question has been put to the convention delegates several times with regard to reduced dues for graduate students, seniors, etc. It has always failed, primarily because it has been noted that other groups of members have financial difficulties from time to time, not just graduate students and seniors. Some branches have addressed this by subsidizing dues for those who are having difficulty paying the full dues, or even waiving branch dues for them, but full national dues must be paid. So, I'm sorry, but this proposed amendment cannot go forward.

Lin Robinson (lbr47@earthlink.net), Bylaws Chair

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Membership Challenge

Membership is the heart and soul of AAUW. AAUW-NM has asked each and every member to ask another eligible person to join in our effort to improve educational opportunities for all women and children. If you recruit a new member you will receive our unique lapel pin that says *AAUW-NM Proud Member* and your branch gets increased diversity, participation, and creativity. Each branch that increases membership this fiscal year will receive an award and recognition at the April State Convention. Our goal is a 10% increase statewide. **Branch treasurers note:** In order to receive credit for your membership efforts, AAUW-NM dues (\$12/member and \$5/student) must be received by April 1. Send to Virginia Spruiell, 918 N. Alameda St., Carlsbad, NM 88220.

Membership Successes

Both Santa Fe and Las Cruces branches held successful January membership events. Las Cruces held a packed Saturday morning coffee and received seven new members, while Santa Fe held a Saturday afternoon event and added six new members. **Congratulations to Membership Co-chairs, Rebecca Dukes and Ruth Kelly of Las Cruces and Stephanie Coonley and Gayle Johnson of Santa Fe.** What a great idea to try a January recruitment event. You gals rock!

The branch with the largest membership increase compared to this time last year is Las Vegas who has eight more members this January than last. A very special and enthusiastic welcome goes out to the nine student members of the Las Vegas branch. Keep up the great work Las Vegas!

Give a Grad a Gift

Remember that as an AAUW member you may give a one-year free AAUW membership to anyone who receives an Associate degree (including nursing and business school degrees), Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate degree this spring. The gift should be made within a year of graduation. The information required is minimal and the form is available on the web site at www.aauw.org (click Member Center) or from your branch or state membership chairs. Take advantage of this great opportunity to introduce your sister, daughter, niece, or granddaughter to the power of AAUW.

Please contact us for membership materials, pins, or information.

Nolina 505 838-7191 (nolina@nmt.edu)

Nina 505 662-6835 (gnthayer@cybermesa.com)

Nina Thayer (email address above), Membership Co-chair

ACADEMIC REPORT

The Smaller Learning Communities Initiative of the U.S. Department of Education has funded thirteen high schools in New Mexico. This appears to be a project that AAUW should support, as research shows that creation of these smaller school-within-schools leads to greater student achievement and a narrowing of the achievement gap. The restructuring of schools also improves the rigor of the high school curriculum. Many students who currently graduate are not prepared for college and require remedial courses. This is a significant problem that needs to be addressed.

Other Academic Issues

- AAUW continues to oppose the implementation of any school voucher program.
- AAUW supports funding for programs to increase cultural sensitivity and provide methods to decrease the incidences of bullying and sexual harassment in the schools. We also support funding for advanced placement and pre-advanced placement courses for minority and rural students, all of whom are under-represented in these courses.

Ruth Benjamins (benj@zianet.com), Academic Co-chair

NOMINATIONS REPORT

The following AAUW-NM members have agreed to serve for the 2006-2008 term. The election will take place at the State Convention in April in Carlsbad.

- Co-Presidents
Nancy Scheer, Santa Fe
Nina Thayer, Los Alamos
- Membership
Nolina Bryant, West Mesa
- Academic Co-Coordinator
Jean Bahr, Santa Fe
Ruth Benjamins, Las Cruces
- Media Coordinator
Betty Walker Smith, Albuquerque
- Educational Foundation Chair
Patricia Jonietz, Santa Fe
in conjunction with Louise Drlik, Las Vegas, LAF chair

*Marilyn Dunn (mdunn45191@aol.com)
Nominations Committee Chair*

NEWS FROM OUR BRANCHES

Grant County Branch, Adrienne Dare, President

Our 14th *Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics* conference was held on Saturday, February 25. We targeted 300 girls in fifth through tenth grades from four surrounding counties. The key ingredient was small, hands-on workshops by role model women in careers which require math and science. Each girl attended three of these fun workshops.

Our February 13 program was a relaxing reprieve from our EYH preparations. Jan McWilliams, a first-grade teacher, spoke about her month in Brazil as part of a Fulbright-Hayes Award through New Mexico State University. Jan documented her travels through Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina, including a trip far, far up the Amazon, with lots of photographs. It was a fascinating evening as she described what the study group learned about the Brazilian government's approach to education, including in the upper reaches of the rain forest.

Our March meeting will be a fun dinner event where we can relax after all our hard work on preparing for EYH. In April, we will hold a tea for sixth grade girls.

Las Cruces Branch, Marilyn Humphrey, President

The Las Cruces Branch is absolutely bursting with activity. On January 15 we took a theater trip to El Paso to see the play *The Fantastiks*. The AAUW El Paso Branch joined us for lunch and the play. We raised over \$500 for our scholarship fund.

We had a very successful membership coffee on Saturday morning, January 28, in the home of Susan Grigaliunas. The enthusiasm created by Membership Co-chairs Rebecca Dukes and Ruth Kelly brought in six new members plus one new member prior to this gathering. We NOW have over 100 members! NMSU representative and past state president Mary Berry presented an overall view of AAUW legislative and equity issues confronting young women today. Special Interest Group Chairs told of various activities that allow much interaction for all of our members.

Your Roadrunner Editor, Deanise Marta, coordinated the *Girls Can* event on March 4 at Lynn Middle School. This program introduces sixth grade girls to the many and varied fields of endeavor in which women can excel. These include math, science, engineering, financial planning, and medicine. Women from these and many other fields presented workshops to encourage the girls to follow their dreams and become the leaders of tomorrow.

In April, we will hold a joint meeting in Las Cruces with the El Paso branch for a salad and dessert potluck.

Las Vegas Branch, Karyl Lyne, President

We have finished filing for incorporation and have received our Certificate of Incorporation from the Public Regulatory Commission (PRC) of the State of New Mexico. We have also filed our first report with the PRC. Thanks to Pam Daves for her work on these matters. And thanks to both Pam and Louise Drlik for their work on our revised bylaws. The bylaws have been approved and are being used as a model for other branches.

We are exploring possibilities for obtaining liability insurance for our branch. We would appreciate information from other branches on how they have handled this issue. We are also encouraging all of our members to become voter registration agents so we can all register people for future elections. We will have a voter registration table at our upcoming Scholarship Fund Book sale.

Nancy Childs, who has successfully planned and executed more than 20 public forums in Las Vegas over the years, will present a workshop on public forums at our April meeting. She will cover all aspects of conducting a forum, from deciding on the forum theme and who the speakers should be, through finding a space, promoting the event, controlling the crowd, and conducting follow-up. Nancy is also preparing packets of supporting materials for each meeting attendee.

Our branch is considering a new direction for next year. We would like to identify women in our community who, for whatever reasons, did not go to college after high school. We would then try to encourage and empower them to continue with their education. The national AAUW theme of Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security is beckoning us to do this work.

MORE BRANCH NEWS

Los Alamos Branch, reports submitted by Natalie Markin and Marilyn Minshall

The job of facilitator is being rotated among the board members for this program year.

Our program year began with our annual fall brunch and kick-off meeting in September. At our November meeting, Cas Mason, Ph.D., shared her experiences teaching English to Russian graduate students at an English language camp in Russia during the summer of 2005. She assisted 64 students from throughout Russia in improving their English skills for the presentation of their scientific research.

In January, we co-sponsored the annual NM Legislative Preview with the League of Women Voters. Rep. Jeanette Wallace and Sen. Richard Martinez both presented overviews of the 2006 Legislative session. Mary Pat Kramer, Los Alamos County Clerk, spoke on legislative action proposed by the Interim Committee on Election Reform. The Legislative Council Service established this legislative action committee, and about half of its members are not legislators. The committee is proposing new language for the huge election reform bill that passed in the 2005 session. This bill left many issues unresolved, such as those concerning recounts, audits, and voter identification. Other speakers were Jeanne Basset of the NM Public Interest Research Group, who discussed predatory lending practices in New Mexico, and Craig O'Hare of the NM Minerals and Natural Resources Department, who discussed the proposed solar tax credit. Our branch received a public policy mini-grant to help defray the costs of this meeting.

Our February meeting included a presentation on self-defense by Kurt Whyte, owner of T.A.S.K. (Travel and Safety Knowledge), a martial arts and security business. The inspiration for this meeting was the incidence of a rape by an intruder at the Los Alamos High School last fall. In March we will participate in a tea and EF fundraiser with the Santa Fe and Las Vegas branches. Our April meeting will have Kaye Fitz presenting a talk on historical women. Our program year will end in May with our annual Spring Membership Tea and a talk about the current show at the Santa Fe Museum of Fine Arts.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please submit information about your branch to Deanise Marta, dxmarta@msn.com.
Let's try to have every branch represented in the next Roadrunner!

CAN YOU SEE JANE?

In 2005, the actress Geena Davis joined with the non-profit group Dads and Daughters (DADs) to form See Jane, an program dedicated to balancing the number of male and female characters in children's television and movie programming. While watching programs with her own young children, Ms. Davis began noticing the unbalanced ratio of male to female characters. She estimated the ratio at 3- or 4-to-1, and noticed that the one female character always seemed very stereotyped. She began to question the message we were sending to our children: that boys' stories are more interesting and significant, and that girls are peripheral and act "girlie."*

Through See Jane, Davis commissioned a study to examine gender equity in children's programming. This study, called *Where the Girls Aren't*, found that in 101 of the top-grossing G-rated films:

- There are three male characters for every one female character
- Fewer than one in three (28 percent) of the speaking characters, both real and animated, are female
- Fewer than one in five (17 percent) of the characters in crowd scenes are female.

Please visit the See Jane website (www.seejane.org) for additional information on this study, the Dads and Daughters program, and the See Jane program. These are important participants in the cause of advancing media equality for women and girls.



The See Jane logo, designed by Geena Davis

* This Information was condensed from an article in USA Weekend, a Saturday newspaper insert.

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June 9-11, 2006

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Casper, Wyoming

Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming

Program

Friday, June 9

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Registration

Optional Activities:

9:00 a.m.-Noon--National Historic Trails, Fort Caspar Museum

8:00 a.m.-Noon. -- Golf, Three Crowns Golf Course

2:00 p.m. -- Conference Begins

- Opening Ceremony and Introductions
- Legal Advocacy Fund Speaker

3:30 p.m. -- Break

3:45 p.m. -- State Meetings

6:00 p.m. Celebrating Our Achievements

- 6:00 p.m.--Cash Bar
- 6:30 p.m.--Dinner
- 7:30 p.m.--Recognition of State, Branch and Member Achievements
- Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund Panel -- Barbara Carey and Evelyn Cumming

Saturday, June 10

6:30 a.m.--Educational Foundation Run/Walk/Sleep In

8 a.m.--Healthy Start Breakfast

8:30 a.m.--Welcome & Introductions

8:45 a.m.--AAUW Membership Development

10:15 a.m.--Break

10:30 a.m.--Workshops (Choose one)

- Effective Implementation of Public Policy
- Girl on Girl Bullying
- Pay Equity
- Empowering Branch Leadership

12:00--Noon Educational Foundation Luncheon. Speaker, Mary Ellen Smyth, past president, AAUW EF/LAF

2:00 p.m. Workshops (Choose one)

- Effective Implementation of Public Policy
- Pay Equity
- Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund
- Girl on Girl Bullying

Saturday (continued)

3:30 Break/Networking/Fundraising/Displays

6:00 p.m. -- AAUW 125th Anniversary Celebration

- 6:00 p.m. -- Cash Bar
- 6:30 p.m. -- Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. -- Wyoming First Lady Nancy Freudenthal, Dramatizations of Marie Curie and other notable women by the Painted Past Productions

Sunday, June 11

8:00 a.m.--Nondenominational religious service

8:30 a.m.--Breakfast Buffet, State Presidents' Reports and Town Hall Meeting

10:30 a.m.--Call to the 2007 Association Convention and Closing

Travel Information

Casper, Wyoming is easily accessible by air via Delta through Salt Lake City or via United Air Lines through Denver. Both flights take about 1 hour from these hub cities. Casper is located on Interstate 25.

Lodging Information

The Holiday Inn is the Conference hotel. Rooms are \$65 a night single or double, plus 8% tax. Make your reservations directly with the hotel by May 15 to guarantee this room rate. 1-877-576-8636.

Weather Information

June usually is cool in Casper. Plan to wear layers and bring a wind breaker, socks and shoes to keep your feet warm.

Other Conference Information

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Name: _____

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Please enter the amount beside each tour, meal and activity selected.

\$ _____ Full Conference Registration \$45 received by May 15; \$50 after May 15.

\$ _____ One-day Registration \$35 received by May 15; \$40 later

Friday 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tours

Please pre-register to help us plan transportation. Deduct \$10 from the tour fee if you will be providing your own transportation.

\$ _____ National Historic Trails Interpretive Center, Ft. Caspar, \$18

\$ _____ Three Crowns Golf Course, includes cart, \$57

\$ _____ Friday Evening Recognition Banquet, \$25. Indicate entrée choice: Chicken Roast Pork Loin Vegetarian

\$ _____ Saturday Educational Foundation Run/Walk/Sleep In, \$20*

\$ _____ Saturday Healthy Start breakfast \$9

\$ _____ Saturday Educational Foundation Luncheon, \$15

\$ _____ Saturday Celebrating AAUW 125th Anniversary, \$25

Indicate entrée choice: Prime Rib Chicken Grilled Salmon Vegetarian

\$ _____ Sunday Buffet Breakfast, \$12

\$ _____ Total. Please make check payable to AAUW Rocky Mountain Conference.

*\$10 is a tax deductible gift to the AAUW Foundation

Indicate special dietary or other accommodations needed:

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