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JUNE 25-27 AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Convention, Albuquerque

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AUGUST 10 Deadline for Fall *Roadrunner*

AUGUST 4-10 IFUW Triennial Conference, Perth, Australia

Fall reminder: All Branches please send yearbooks to these AAUW-NM Officers: President, *Roadrunner* Editor, Historian, Nominations Chair

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CONFERENCE June 25-27, Albuquerque

AAUW members from Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming will gather in Albuquerque June 25-27 and will interact-with and learn-from a range of speakers, workshop leaders, and each other.. We are honored to have Mary Ellen Smyth (IL), President of AAUW-Educational Foundation, Diana Campo (OK), Southwest Central Regional Director, and Leslie Henderson (FL), our Leader-on-Loan and an AAUW Director-at-Large, as speakers and as participants in the Conference.

On Friday the formal opening at 2 p.m. is followed by an all-attendee session, "Bullying: The Real Dangers," presented by Terri Peltier and Rod Smith (from Nevada), partners in an educational and behavioral consulting firm. This presentation will include interventions that parents and school staff can use to develop anti-bullying programs. ✓ Mary Ellen Smyth will speak at the dinner that evening..

Saturday begins with a plenary session featuring Leslie Henderson. Workshops follow.

Section I: ✓ Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund President Barbara Carey leads a session about the VGIF and the International Federation of University Women. ✓ "When the Going Gets Tough: Branch Governance in Troubled Times" is a workshop about alternate forms of governance. ✓ Nina Thayer, AAUW-NM membership leader and Sally Mathewson, AAUW-CO Co-President, will share ideas on board-of-directors structure change. ✓ A session on the problems of the polygamist community of Colorado City, Arizona, will feature Flora Jessop, escapee and advocate, and Buster Johnson, a member of the Mojave County Board of Supervisors. ✓ Mary Ellen Smyth and Leslie Henderson will lead a workshop on the recent AAUW-EF study "Women at Work."

Section II. ✓ "When the Going Gets Tough." will be repeated ✓ Leslie Henderson, Evelyn Cumming, and Diana Campo will facilitate discussion on rejuvenating fragile, remote branches. ✓ Colleen Durocher, professional mediator and AAUW-Taos County Branch member, will present "Meaningful Mediation," a conflict resolution training session.

Section III: ✓ Counterparts sessions. We will learn-from, share-with, and gain-insight-into a range of leadership roles in AAUW.

A tour of the National Hispanic Cultural Center and Museum, followed by dinner in the center conclude a busy Saturday. The Honorable M. Christina Armijo, Judge of United States District of New Mexico, will speak at the dinner. A 12th generation New Mexican, she was sworn into office in December, 2001, after unanimous approval by the US Senate

On Sunday morning we wind up with our state presidents' reports, a plenary session led by Mary Ellen Smyth and Leslie Henderson, "Shaping the Future with Four Generations" with Linda Conger (TX), and a lively town hall meeting.

Biographies and session particulars will be in the conference program Information on the Friday morning tours is in on the insert..

Come early to Albuquerque and stay late if you wish, but come! We eagerly look forward to the learning experience and the camaraderie!

Evelyn Cumming, ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION DIRECTOR

The 2004 AAUW-NM/TX Joint Convention: "Bridging Borders - Women in Charge, Women as Leaders..."

President's Letter

... what an awesome event! [173 registered attendees plus other members and guests, venturing in and out], There was much outreaching, networking; coordination, cooperation. We really did bridge borders by bringing together branches, cities, states, and regions. Women were in charge and all leaders were women. Our theme was fulfilled!

A colossal thank you to Las Cruces Branch, AAUW-NM host branch, which collaborated with El Paso Branch for two years to organize all the special activities, presentations, workshops, and business. Many members assisted and AAUW-NM greatly appreciates all their efforts! Several other branches participated in workshops, as well as many NM individuals. Leader-on-Loan, Carolyn Donovan, was gracious and quite informative of her work as AAUW Representative to the UN sharing her knowledge of various programs and efforts being made internationally. Regional Directors, Evelyn Cumming (Rocky Mountain) and Diana Campo (Southwest Central), assisted wherever needed, conducted a workshop, answered questions, and visited with members.

Appreciation is especially extended to: Beverly Stiles, NM Program Co-Chair, who assisted in obtaining our Leader-on-Loan and with programming; Barbara Carey, NM International Interest Liaison and VGIF President, who was our International Event speaker; Pamela Daves, NM EF Co-Chair, who spearheaded the fabulous Silent Auction for EF/LAF, arranged and assisted the EF Event, and presented in the EF Workshop; Louise Drlik and Jan Lifson-Bray, NM Co-LAF Chairs, who helped with the EF/LAF Sales Event and collaborated on the LAF Luncheon; Nina Thayer, NM Membership, who helped coordinate a Membership Workshop and membership materials table; Mary Berry, Las Cruces, who presented

AAUW conventions are the place to become energized about our organization, and the weekend I spent in El Paso with the New Mexico and Texas members was no exception. The Joint

Convention definitely involved a lot of work for the organizing committee, major time commitments by the Las Cruces and El Paso branches and faith that it would all come together as envisioned. The participants were generous with their praise, appreciation and applause for these people who donated so much of their time to putting together the convention. My special congratulations to Carol Ann Council, the AAUW-NM Board, and New Mexico branch members for doing a grand job!

Now, the next one! Rocky Mountain Region members (six states) will meet in Albuquerque in June, so

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WHAT IS THE EDUCATION COALITION ?

As Academic Coordinator of AAUW-NM, I have been working with the League of Women Voters on educational matters for several years. Collaborating with the League's education committee, the group was joined by the Alliance in Arts in Education last year. We call this

two Diversity Workshops; Carlsbad Branch (Mary Sandford) and the Las Cruces Branch (Sue Grigaliunas and Laurine LaPlanche) who presented in the Membership Workshop; Santa Fe Branch (Jean Bahr), Las Cruces Branch (Ann Palermo and Bonnie Schranz), and Grant County Branch (Adrienne Dare) for their young girls' programs workshop of "Career & Curiosities", "Girls Can", and "Expanding Your Horizons".

Here is a summary of how we stand on our AAUW-NM goals for 2003-2004. To retain and then increase membership is still in the works! Even with much individual contact and strong efforts of many branches, overall our NM membership declined, and we lost the 50-year-old San Juan County Branch. Membership continues to be a number one priority! Our state communications network is growing with the help of the internet, e-mail, our website, Association communications, *Roadrunner*, and member networking. As computer technology improves, more members are taking advantage of its offerings. Socorro and Carlsbad Branches are new additions to the AAUW-NM home page. Now we have seven branches with active pages. The educational component, an international focus, continued through programming and our convention.

The completion of our Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship Education Foundation Fund brochure was a highlight of 2003-2004. It was formulated by our EF Chairs and the Las Vegas Branch, then reviewed, edited, designed, prepared for printing, printed, and voila! It is an attractive and effective reality. Already it has been shared around the state and with all NM legislators.

As this term of my presidency draws to a close, I thank every one of you for your support and dedication to AAUW. We will continue our efforts towards our goals of education, equity and positive societal change.

Carol Ann Council, AAUW-NM PRESIDENT

A Letter from our Rocky Mountain Region Director

New Mexico members will do double duty. This is a lot to ask of people with limited spare

time, but it is doable. AAUW-NM has all this meeting planning experience that is still fresh in your minds. We will draw on this experience while we complete organizing the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference.

FYI: Association nominations season is approaching. My term as regional director will be completed in June of 2005. I know this seems like a long way away, but the nomination forms are due in the fall and potential candidates should be thinking about the possibility of standing for election to this position.

See you in June in Albuquerque. *Evelyn Cumming*

collaboration the Education Coalition.

At first our focus was on early childhood. That shifted later to the role of the fine arts in helping children learn in all areas of the curriculum. Some of us investigated the new form of assessing fine arts, eliminating the problems inherent in a standardized once-a-

year paper test.

In December, 2003, we organized a public forum to learn more about the federal mandate called No Child Left Behind. Many concerns were raised regarding its implementation in New Mexico. In attendance were members of the Department of Education (PED), as well as the Public Education Commission, school representatives including teachers, principals, superintendents, school boards; education organizations, Santa Fe arts community, city council, and a staff member from Senator Jeff Bingaman's office. A lively discussion took place.

As a follow-up, a second symposium was held at the invitation of the Institute for Education and the Arts in New Mexico as part of their Spring Overture. This was held in Santa Fe on April 2, and was funded by the Institute and the Santa Fe Community Foundation.

The idea was to seek commonalities with members actively working on education. It was always the Coalition's belief that by talking with, and listening to one another, our collective strength would grow and we could better position ourselves to work on the concerns this caring group shared. In the future we may want a core group of dedicated AAUW and League members to aid and continue in this effort. You are most welcome to join the Education Coalition. Please phone Jean Bahr at 505-983-1947 or Elizabeth Best at 505-662-4075 or e-mail Elizabethbest@cs.com.

Jean Bahr, ACADEMIC COORDINATOR

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★ FROM ONE OF OUR LOBBYISTS ★

The Legislative Education Study Committee will probably begin meeting again in early July. In September LESC will again be meeting in Santa Fe, but, during the summer, several LESC meetings are held around the state. **IF LESC SHOWS UP IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE ATTEND. SIGN IN AS AAUW AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS AN AAUW MEMBER.**

There are many rumblings from school districts around the state about the lack of funding for the mandated No Child Left Behind. **District teachers** are scheduled to get a 6% raise, but there are school budget problems. **As to higher education, tuition raises** are the pattern. TVI (Albuquerque) is raising tuition for students who live out of the TVI taxing district. New Mexico Tech is also raising tuition, but less than either UNM or NMSU. We need to keep track of New Mexico's higher education costs--we do not want students priced out of getting an education.

Terry Sleight, LOBBYIST

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✿ CHOICE TRACKING ✿

There were over 1,000,000 in the March for Women's Lives that took place on the Mall in Washington, Sunday, April 25. AAUW was involved in the march and follow-up activities.

The NM Primary is June 2. Please identify and support candidates who will safeguard women's rights. Terry Sleight, CHOICE COORDINATOR

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INTELLIGENCE FROM BRANCHES

Albuquerque. *Jan Lifson Bray*, President 292-7270

The next president of Albuquerque Branch is Mary Campbell, president of AAUW-NM 1983-1985.

Albuquerque Branch has the following Honorary Life Members: Helen Anderson, Virginia Crenshaw, Margaret Dike, Mildred Gauert, Doris Lewinson, Helen McIntyre, Louise Miller, Betty Weir. Erra Patrick, an Honorary Life member, now lives in Albuquerque. For about eight decades while she was living in the Midwest she was very active in AAUW. This delightful lady first joined AAUW in the 1920's. Erra, welcome to Albuquerque!

Carlsbad. *Mary Sandford*, President 887-1375

The Carlsbad Branch is winding down a productive 2003-2004, which marked the 75th anniversary of our branch. Founded in 1928, we are the third oldest branch in the state. Over the last three years we have had a 57% increase in membership.

At our May brunch, held at the home of Carol Parr, one of our incoming Co-Presidents, Nancy Scheer, AAUW-NM Bylaws Chair and in-coming Co-President of AAUW-NM, is speaking on "New Directions in AAUW" and we will present our 75th Anniversary Scrapbook prepared by Truth LaClair, and distribute a detailed history of Carlsbad Branch prepared by Mary Sandford.

Grant County. *Adrienne Dare*, President 388-2013

Our 12th annual Silver City Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics conference on March 6 was our most successful yet. Attending were 229 girls--over 70% 5th and 6th graders. Each girl attended 3 hands-on workshops led by role model women who use math and science in their careers.

At our March program Dr. Magdaleno Manzanarez, Associate Professor of Social Science/Political Science at WNMU spoke on "Compromising our Civil Liberties: The Patriot Act in Political Perspective."

In April Carolyn Glenn Kaye, a co-founder of the NM Pay Equity Commission gave an enlightening presentation on pay equity. After discussion, we agreed to approach Rep. Dianne Hamilton regarding our concern that the governor take the New Mexico Pay Equity Task Force Final Report seriously.

At our May annual meeting, a potluck, Jan Gunlock, a science illustrator known for her pen-and-ink and colored pencil drawings of birds, animals and plants of the southwestern U.S., explains how she approaches her subjects, the mediums she employs and shows some of her work. Jan's work has been displayed at the Smithsonian and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History. Jan has served as the artist-in-residence at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. She has provided hands-on workshops in our last two EYH conferences

Las Cruces. *Ruth Benjamin*, President 527-0204

Las Cruces Branch has now entered our 81st year.

Because of deaths and illnesses, we lost some members. However, due to the efforts of Laurine LaPlanche and Sue Grigaliunas, our Membership Co-Chairs, we recovered and now have 99 members.

Our "Girls Can" project, was a success again this year under the leadership of Lynn Mulholland and many other 48 branch members. This project, which provides "Hands

AND OTHER STATES

shared her findings in her study of the Seminole Indians. At

On" workshops to 6th grade girls, introducing them to career opportunities, is in its ninth year. Twenty-three professional women participated. The project served more than 130 girls from Dona Ana County .

Our members were active in planning the Joint NM/TX Convention. Branch members presenting workshops were Dr. Mary Berry on "Diversity," Ann Palormo and Bonnie Schranz on "Girls Can," and Laurine LaPlanche and Sue Grigaliunas on Membership.

In June, we honor our three Honorary Life Members: Nancy Baker, Audrey Winkler, and Harriett Christian. We will also install the following new officers: President, Marilyn Humphrey; Treasurer, Christine Little; and Program Co-Chairs, Elaine Jeveli and Bonnie Schranz.

Las Vegas. *Ruth Hazelton*, President 454-0185

Nancy Childs of the Las Vegas branch put together a remarkably qualified panel of folks to address what was a modest but comfortably full audience for a discussion and evaluation of current U. S. foreign policy. It took place on the campus of Highlands University on the evening of April 15. Panelists were: Robert Pearson, Amnesty International spokesperson, whose topic was Civil Liberties; Orlando Romero, columnist, who addressed the economy; and Doyle Daves, formerly a college professor, who spoke on the state of education. David Bacon, formerly a Green Party candidate, addressed environmental issues, and Carol Miller, also with the Green Party, spoke about health concerns

Nancy has volunteered her expertise in putting together these effective community forums and invites branch program chairs to consult her about steps to be taken to arrange for them in other branches. Contact her at 454-1049 or at hpchilds@cybermesa.com.

Los Alamos. *Marilyn Minshall*, Facilitator 672-3499

Los Alamos has two Honorary Life members: Marjorie Bell Chambers and Pat Harlow.

The branch has an eight member Coordinating Council--all pitch in where needed.

In the February meeting, Miriam Sagen, author of *Searching for a Mustard Seed*, spoke about "Living a Writer's Life;" in March, Lynne Dominy from Bandelier National Monument spoke about their educational and other programs; At May's "Real English Tea" and Annual Meeting Linda Aldrich speaks about her book *History of the Los Alamos Boys School*. One of the study groups, "World Culture through Foods," has explored and produced four theme dinners: Portugese, Chanukah, Meat-Filled-Pastries, and Croatian.

Santa Fe. *Patricia Jonietz*, Contact 992-0665

The March program, presented by member Ann Racuya-Robbins, was on "Women in the 21st Century." The branch "learned about [Ann's] website, the World Knowledge Bank. The latter is the culmination of her ongoing concern with giving value to the work of everyone throughout the world....Check it out yourself at www.wkbank.com...she is eager to talk to others about the World Knowledge Bank and gives an exciting program, so consider her for your branch next year"

At the April program Jessica Cattelino, former AAUW Fellow and currently at the School of American Research,

May's meeting Marcie Cate presents "Traveling and Building

with Thoughts of Disability Access.” Also in May the branch holds its annual Trash and Treasure sale, and later will have a table at the City Community Day, “with AAUW members and materials on hand to promote our branch.” *Kathy Costa, Annual Report*

Socorro *Elise Brower, President 835-1721*

Socorro Branch continues to have a busy year. Our members Nolina Bryant and Linda Gonzales have our branch website up and running, check it out! \Ftp>Welcome to the Socorro Branch of the AAUW.htm.

Our meetings have continued to stimulate: our artistic interest, Donna Nowicki gave a demonstration and hands-on workshop *Glass Beads Galore*; our physical and mental interest, Eileen Comstock, M.D. and a representative from the Socorro Mental Health office presented *The Best Years of Your Life*; and our intellectual interest, Dr. Rinita Mazumdar from UNM’s Women’s Studies department spoke to us on *Women’s Struggles in the Third World*.

Our high school scholarship winners will be announced soon (their names will be in the next *Roadrunner*). The current year finishes with our annual potluck luncheon and planning meeting for 2004-2005. *Mary Miller*

West Mesa. *Linda Robinson, President 771-1535*

At the April meeting The Honorable Judith Nakamura, Chief Judge, and The Honorable Sandra Clinton, Judge, both of the Metropolitan Court of Albuquerque, spoke on “Adjudicating Domestic Violence Cases.” At the May meeting Stacy Blackwell, publisher, tells about the trials and tribulations of starting the new regional magazine *Around 505*.

West Mesa has been holding highly successful voter registration drives. The kickoff was at the huge bookstore Bound-to-Be-Read on Academy at San Mateo, the next one at Flying Star restaurant on Rio Grande. Other announced sites include Corrales Library, SIPI, UNM, TVI, still others to be announced. Once a month branch members drive to Santa Fe for lunch and to deliver the completed forms to the Secretary of State’s office.

Desert Doings, April and May, 2004

AAUW- Montana. The state conference this May has a wide range in its workshops. Along with the customary topics, such as membership strategies, are many dealing with current social issues—for example:

- Reading About Diversity Makes a Difference: Diversity in Children’s Literature
- Reading on the Reservation
- The Human Rights Act in Montana Schools
- Transitions Conferences: Helping Women Enter or Return to College
- To ‘I Do’ or Not to ‘I Do,’ That Is the Question: Gay Marriage and Civil Unions
- Sex in the Classroom? Sex Education and Abstinence Education
- Creating Change Through Women’s Philanthropy
- Educational Access for Low Income Women....

Montana concludes the Sunday business sessions with a special event: “After working up an appetite discussing and deciding the future of AAUW-MT, delegates will adjourn to [a] **Champagne Brunch**....open to all who share AAUW’s vision and want to celebrate with us.”

Montana Treasure Stater, p.2 and 4.

AAUW-New York State. The Skaneateles Area Branch in the Finger Lakes holds a community event, “Celebrating Women in Art’....to showcase the beautiful work of local women artists and encourage local residents to support their work.” Media shown includes watercolors, oils, fabric arts, jewelry, pottery and some furniture. It has been a resounding

success with wide community support. This past year more than 500 adults and children attended. “For more information about this event and to find out how you can import it into your branch area, contact Joyce Jowaisas at jowaisas@adelphia.net or call 315-685-3789.” Jane Smith, *Focus, Winter 2004*

AAUW-North Carolina. You may recall Brevard Branch’s heroic participation in the Great Bed Race in 2001:

With the average age of the AAUW bed racer being 57+, the branch did not win, place, or show. According to Pinkie Byrd, who organized the project, “We were cut off at the starting line by Habitat for Humanity’s bed and never recovered.”

Now the Brevard Branch is tackling another kind of race: publishing an *AAUW Voter Guide* in the fall. “It will include selected federal, state, and local (Transylvania County) races, including judicial races.”

Tar Heel News, Fall 2001, p.7 and Spring 2004, p.3

AAUW-Oregon. This year Oregon has had 1,762 members (last year 1,768). Eleven of Oregon’s thirty branches showed increases in membership totals. The highest branch increase was 50%.

Betty Lowe Warren, Oregon News, Winter 2003, p.4

AAUW-Utah. The College/University chair has been contacting all the colleges and universities in the state. “In addition to bringing some new ones into AAUW corporate membership, she planned programs introducing Educational Foundation fellowship opportunities, giving some hints for filling out applications and introducing AAUW’s opportunities for students.” Several members, including Jeannette Misaka, spoke before students at three Utah universities. “There were students at all three places who expressed an interest in further participation in AAUW.”

Kathy Horvat, The Segó Lilly, Winter 2003 p.2

AAUW-Virginia. “Last July, at the president’s conference at Piedmont Virginia Community College, a workshop was presented on *Children at Risk*. Wonderful things have started to happen since then.” [A list of important steps AAUW-Virginia has taken follow.]

“Hillary Clinton brought into the American consciousness the wonderful African phrase,

‘It takes a village to raise a child.’

We are the village, these are all our children. Act now to make your voices heard in order to guarantee that, in a few years, there will be no children at risk in our village!” Theresa Merkel, *Virginia Vision, Spring 2004, p.2*

AAUW-New Mexico 2004-2005 Public Policy Program

AAUW-NM supports AAUW's mission equity for women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change. AAUW-NM supports the Association Public Policy Program. We support constitutional protection for the rights of all individuals, reproductive rights, separation of church and state, social security that is fair to women and opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education. AAUW supports the issue of "Equity in Education for Women and Girls," academic freedom, protections from censorship, and the Association position in favor of diversity. AAUW works with other organizations in support of AAUW objectives.

AAUW-NM continues to support the NM State Equal Rights Amendment. Any attempt to revoke or change that NM Constitutional Amendment will become priority for action. We believe in policies that promote justice and human rights and we recognize the need for a clean and healthful environment in an independent world.

Priorities 2004-2005

1. Support the AAUW campaign to educate and galvanize women voters, while stressing the historical importance of the 2004 Presidential election to the future of women.
2. Support a strong, adequately funded system of public education to include:
 - maintaining the integrity of the funding formula
 - supporting the issue, "Equity in Education for Women and Girls"
 - assessing the impact of local property tax initiative on the funding formula
 - monitoring the actions of the Commission on Higher Education
 - monitoring students' ability to transfer credits from two-year institutions to four-year colleges
 - supporting equitable funding for all state-supported institutions of higher education (4-year, 2-year, vocational education)
 - supporting early childhood development initiatives
 - supporting reasonable and fair capital outlay expenditures for public schools
 - supporting adequate funding for No Child Left Behind
3. Support programs to encourage women to achieve economic self-sufficiency at all ages to include:
 - fairness in compensation
 - programs that provide women with education, training, and support for success in the work force, especially women transferring from welfare to work
 - access to quality, affordable dependent care
 - legal reforms for the prevention of domestic violence
4. Support for choice in the determination of one's reproductive life.
5. Support for expansion of women's health rights.

6. Support sustainable living by promoting the protection of clean air and water in NM.
7. Support a conservation policy for equitable distribution of our limited water resources.
8. Support for campaign finance funding reform.
9. Support for civil liberties and for all efforts to preserve the rights guaranteed in the US Constitution.

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Grace Barker Wilson Award

Grace Barker Wilson was a long-time member of AAUW, an educator, a poet, and an important contributor to her community, Farmington. She was one of the first women school superintendents in the state, a founder of the Farmington Public Library and the first woman named to the New Mexico Education Hall of Fame. Education "to enable success and contribute to society" was her first priority. After her death in 1989 at the age of 99, AAUW-NM established the Grace Barker Wilson Award to recognize distinguished service to AAUW and to the community and society.

The 2004 recipient exemplifies the qualities of Grace Barker Wilson. Barbara Carey has served AAUW in many capacities and at every level. Since joining AAUW in 1963, she has held several offices in her Carlsbad branch, including two times as President. She has been President of AAUW-NM, a Rocky Mountain Regional Director, and a Cultural Representative at the Association level.

Her leadership roles in IFUW led to her positions as Vice-President and now President of the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund. Barbara has done much for the Carlsbad community. She teaches music privately. Barbara is a mentor and an inspiration to AAUW members in New Mexico. *Mary Sandford*, OUTREACH COORDINATOR

"Thank You!" from Barbara Carey

My astonishment at being chosen for the 2004 Grace Barker Wilson Award is exceeded only by my grateful thanks.

Over my 40 years as an AAUW member, the organization has provided me with some of my most significant and enduring friendships, as well as giving me training and opportunities. AAUW opened the door to international friendships and travel. Certainly the rewarding work in which I am now engaged as president of the Virginia Gildersleeve Fund can be traced to those AAUW friendships and experiences. Receiving an honor like this for participating in something that has immeasurably enriched my life is truly frosting on the cake. Thank you, my friends, from the bottom of my heart. *Barbara Carey*

Educational Foundation

It has been a pleasure to serve as your EF Chair this year! We had a wonderful Joint Convention. The weather was wonderful, our Texas Sisters were great and the content of the Convention extraordinary! The gift baskets and treasures in the Silent Auction garnered nearly \$3,000, which was split 50/50 between NM and Texas. Our portion of the monies was divided between EF's Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship and LAF. The EF dinner at the El Paso Club was a resounding success and our speaker, Leslie Halacker, certainly contributed to its success.

Pat Jonietz, Santa Fe's EF Chair and now our new state EF Chair, is already at work with plans to have a successful term as EF leader.

This year I was successful in establishing strong links with several local branches and was able to assist them with my limited knowledge. I also assisted with the creation of the Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship brochure. 2,500 have been printed and I am receiving my monies towards the Fellowship every week in my mailbox.

Santa Fe County and Grant County were the only two branches to meet and exceed their goal for EF contributions, as established by the Association. We have urged all our branches to designate, either in the memo portion of the check or in the cover letter, that their contributions go to the Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship.

In 2003, New Mexico had one Leaders Circle Donor (at least \$2,500), one Friends of the Foundation Donor (at least \$1,000) and one Equity Circle Donor (at least \$500). The contribution per member this year was \$18.67.

The Association continues to request that the branches forward contributions directly to them without reporting to the state EF chair. This has caused problems with the Named Gift and Named Unit Honorees because the Association is so tardy with the second report of branch and state contributions to EF. In case you prefer to donate electronically, please note that a recent e-mail from the Association indicated that they were also unable to report which branch or state should be given credit for an electronic donation.

To complete our new \$100,000 Corrine Wolfe International Fellowship long before the 20-year deadline, I recommend NM-EF consider some significant fund-raising events in upcoming years. I further recommend that Named Gift and Named Unit Honorees be recognized at the Summer or Fall Leadership Meeting and that our branches be permitted to name one person for each \$1,000 contribution sent to AAUW-EF.

Pamela Daves, NM-EF CO-CHAIR

♥ Give-A-Grad-A-Gift ?

Do you have a daughter, niece, grand-daughter or friend graduating this spring? Do you know a recent college graduate? Now it's easier than ever to give a recent college graduate the gift of a free one-

LAF at Work

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women in higher education seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. LAF is the nation's largest legal fund focuses solely on sex discrimination in higher education. Since 1981 LAF has helped students, faculty, and administrators challenge discriminatory practices involving sexual harassment, denial of tenure or promotion, and discrimination against women's athletic programs. And it is successful: seven out of ten cases adopted either settle or are won! Your contributions make a difference for women in higher education. You can send contributions to your branch LAF chair or to one of your AAUW-NM LAF co-chairs: *Jan Lifson-Bray*, 1129 Monte Largo Drive NE, Albuquerque NM 87123, or *Louise Drlik*, P. O. Box 8, Montezuma, NM 87731.

LAF Raffle at the Regional Conference

Would you like to take home a beautiful color photograph of Los Gollandras, matted and frames? A wonderful piece of silver jewelry from Sunfaces? A hand-sculpted statuette from Las Vegas? You'll have a chance at the Regional Conference. Tickets will be one for \$2, three for \$5. Come to the LAF table to see other surprising items.

Jan Bray, Louise Drlik, LAF CO-Chairs



The workshop "Membership Success" at the NM/TX Convention was facilitated by Nina Thayer and Linda Conger, our dynamic Membership Chairs for NM and TX. Many fantastic ideas were presented by two branches from each state. Among the ideas presented were the following:

- Get new members involved so they will remain in AAUW, emphasize the benefits to them as well as the community and the organization;
- Hospitality and communication are essential to attracting and retaining members;
- Partner a long time member with a new member for the first year to welcome and educate the incoming member;
- Programs and membership are inextricably linked. Include fun programs and *always* stress the AAUW mission at every event;
- Honor new members with ceremony and certificates, and remember the personal touch!

Nolina Bryant MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR

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year AAUW membership. As an AAUW member you may either call your branch membership chair or go directly to the AAUW web page on your computer http://www.aauw.org/member_center/progra

ms/gradgift.cfm

The only information you need to supply is the graduate's name, contact information, college/university, state, date of graduation and degree. If you are giving this online, you will also need your own membership number to sign into the Membership Center.

These free one-year memberships may also be given to all or a selected group of graduates of a local college receiving a baccalaureate or higher degree. Your branch may choose to enroll all of the graduates from the local branch college or issue an invitation, and enroll all who respond. The definition of "recent" is not strict and could be as much as 18 months after graduation. Branch and state dues are not covered. If you have questions or would like to give a graduate this gift, you may call or send me the recipients' information.

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AAUW is open to all graduates who hold the baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.