



## Views from the Presidents



Once again the program and social committee planned and led a successful fall open house. Many thanks to everyone involved especially Janet Matwiyoff who allowed the use of her beautiful home and garden patio. It was wonderful to see everyone who attended help to get the new year off to a great start. If you were unable to attend, please don't hesitate to contact the interest group chairs of the groups for which you are interested in participating. They'll be happy to have you as a member.

A very special thank you to Cindy Wise, her daughter Angela and to Marilyn Dunn for their work on the new Directory. This project involves a lot of collating, editing and proofreading. Also thank you to our Treasurer, Geri Saunders who compiled the list of members and who has been handling dues payments from members. Those paid members attending the open house received their copy of the Directory, and they will again be distributed at the October general meeting. Following that meeting, the remainder of the copies will be mailed to members. This is being done to save on postage. If you need your copy earlier but will not be attending the meeting in October, please contact Cindy Wise to make arrangements to pick it up from her. Otherwise, you should receive it by US mail in mid-October.

Balloons will soon be filling the sky and with them will come many events for you to get involved in. We hope that you can attend our October general meeting that promises an interesting program. In addition, we will present the proposed budget for you to approve.

Las Vegas, NM will be the site of the AAUW-NM fall workshop, and we hope that you will take advantage of that opportunity as well. All members are always welcome to attend these AAUW-NM meetings. Details were in the most recent *Roadrunner*. If you did not receive a copy, please let us know so that we can get you the information and, of course to add you to that mailing list.

As everyone by now realizes, it is election season. Whatever your political beliefs, please be sure to become informed of the issues and most importantly make sure to vote. There will be numerous forums and debates that can help you become familiar with issues and candidates so that you can make an informed decision. If you are not sure if you will be able to vote on Election Day, make sure to take advantage of absentee and early voting options. Also, please encourage people you know to exercise this important right, which especially for women, was hard fought for by previous women so that you could vote.

~ Diane and Ted

### AAUW Albuquerque Branch **October General Meeting**

**Thursday, October 2**

**Asbury Methodist Church 10000 Candelaria, NE, east of Eubank**

**5:30 Potluck Dinner**

Bring your favorite dish or dessert for 6 with a serving utensil, or pay \$6 (If you plan to pay, please leave a message for Suzanne Weissman at 294-5626 or [sweissmans@msn.com](mailto:sweissmans@msn.com))

**6:30 Announcements and introduction of guests & new members**

**6:45 Program: The Honorable Geraldine E. Rivera**

**How Civil Court Could Touch YOU**



**7:30 Adjourn**

## Branch News

October General Meeting Judge Geraldine E. Rivera will speak to us about the New Mexico civil courts. Judge Rivera began her judicial career in the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court in 1995. In 1997 she was appointed by the Governor to the Second Judicial District Court in Albuquerque as a children's court judge. Judge Rivera implemented programs to improve case management in the juvenile justice system and began the Juvenile Drug Court to provide treatment for non-violent offenders in lieu of incarceration. Since 2003 she has presided over the civil division of the District Court. Judge Rivera is a 1986 graduate of UNM Law School, where she was Survey Editor of the UNM Law Review in 1984-86. She is the recipient of the New Mexico State Bar's 2002 *Outstanding Judicial Service Award* and the 2003 *Light of Hope for Albuquerque's Children Award*. A native of Albuquerque, Judge Rivera is active in numerous legal, civic, and charitable organizations.

The AAUW CNM Student Group has been chartered as a student group at Central New Mexico Community College. Due to recruiting efforts by the West Mesa Branch and Julie Draper (the Albuquerque Branch Student Affiliate) we have over 45 interested students. The first meeting will be held on October 2nd at noon at the CNM main campus Student Services Center. The second meeting and Political Lobby training will be held on October 15th at the student services center at 5:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Wise at [wisefp@msn.com](mailto:wisefp@msn.com) or 296-3618.

The Third Thursday Group will meet again in the lounge at Mykonos Restaurant, in the Mountain Run Shopping Center on October 16 at 5:00 PM. Come for social time and interesting discussions, while having some refreshments or stay on for dinner. All AAUW members and their guests are most welcome. For details and to let us know to look for you, please call Antje Muir at: 821-7966

Judicial Election Forum AAUW Albuquerque is co-sponsoring a forum with the League of Women Voters. Candidates for Bernalillo County judgeships up for election, either for retention or with opposition, have been invited. AAUW will provide light refreshments and have an information table. Please call Antje Muir, Suzanne Weissman, Diane Scholfield, or Ted Cooley if you can assist. And please attend to show your support for this event and to be informed. Wednesday, October 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the UNM Law School, Stanford entrance, Bondermant Lecture Hall.

Next branch board meeting will be Monday, October 6, at the Commission on the Status of Women Board Room. Social and brown bag lunch at 11:45 AM with meeting beginning at noon. All branch members are welcome.

Public Policy Dixie Trebbe reports that she will be sending out e-mails on candidates and topics before the election. Those on her list have probably received some already. If you haven't, let Dixie know to add you to her list.

A little under the weather: Betty Benson, Johanna Dawson, and Mary Ann Fisher. We are thinking of you. Hope you feel better soon!

## With Sympathy

To *Helen Anderson* on the loss of her husband *Henry Anderson*  
To *Carleen Lazzell* on the loss of her husband *Rue Lazzell*  
To the family and friends of *Betty K. Weir*,  
honorary life member and active branch member for 62 years



## Calendar    October 2008

- October 2                    General branch meeting
- October 2                    CNM Student Group
- October 6                    Branch board meeting
- October 16                  Third Thursday Group
- October 18                  AAUW West Mesa branch meeting: Talk on  
Chamber Music at the home of Corrine Howard, 210 Camino Sin Nombre, Corrales. 11:30
- October 22                  Judicial Election Forum

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## October 2008    Interest Group News

Marilyn Dunn  
Interest Group Chair  
299-5487

### MORNING MEETINGS

**Art: Drawing, Painting and Fabric Arts:** Meet most Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., or any hours in between, at Monte Vista Christian Church, to do individual art projects and enjoy fellowship of others interested in art. To learn more, please call **Chair: Chris Hill, 828-3926.**

**International Relations:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays, 10:00 a.m. October 10th at the home of Jan and Olin Bray , 7041 Prairie Ct, NE. Great Decisions topic, China, led by Mary Campbell. **Chair: Jan Lifson Bray, 292-7270.**

**Morning Cuisine :** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays usually at 9:30 a.m. October 21st a.m. at the home of Chris Hill, 7912 William Moyers, NE, 828-3926. **Chair: Carol Johnson, 332-3521.**

### AFTERNOON MEETINGS

**Antiques and Collectibles:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 1 p.m. October 7th at the home of Trudi Handleman, 11428 Pine Top Lane, NE, 293-0235. Program by Marilyn Dunn: Collecting Phonograph Records – Copy them, Sell them – What do we do with them? Bring favorite record covers for Show and Tell. **Chair: Mary Campbell, 265-9365 , Co-Chair: Marilyn Klett, 884-8354.**

**Current Literature:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.. October 14th at the home of Ann Carden, 6704 Loftus, NE, 884-8211. Ann will review *Merle's Door* by Ted Kerasote. **Chair: Meg Wente, 299-5274.**

**My Story:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Are you interested in putting your life's story on paper? For more information please contact **Chair: Louise Miler, 255-7768.**

**Afternoon Mystery Group:** First Thursday at 1:30 p.m. October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Marilyn Dunn, 8620 Northeastern, NE, #10, 299-5487. Book to be discussed: *Mallory's Oracle* by Carol O'Connell. **Chair: Diane Vadnais, 323-1924.**

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### **EVENING MEETINGS**

**Evening Cuisine:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 p.m. October 9th at the home of Antje Muir, 7305 Golden Glow, NE, 821-7966. Fondue recipes. **Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

**Evening Literature Discussion:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:30 p.m. October 20<sup>th</sup>. Book to be discussed: *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. For information on meeting place, please call **Chair: Sheila Richmond, 856-0245.**

**Travel Group** – 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m. For information please call **Chair: Ellen Evans, 265-5229.**

### **VARIABLE SCHEDULES**

**Couples Gourmet:** The group meets at member's homes to enjoy a gourmet meal prepared by all of us. Gatherings will be scheduled throughout the year. New couples welcome. **Chair: Janet Ford, 292-7821.**

*Please send notices of your November meetings to Marge Barcheck, [m.barcheck@gmail.com](mailto:m.barcheck@gmail.com) or 921 Purple Aster Dr., Bernalillo, NM 87004 by October 13, 2008.*



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