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Newsletter

October General Meeting
Saturday, October 2
2:00–4:00 p.m.

Asbury Methodist Church
10000 Candelaria Rd NE

Refreshments will be served.
Friends and prospective members
are most welcome.

What to Do
When You Don't Know
What to Do
about Long Term Care

Speaker: Janice Louise Long
Author of *Dying the Right Way*

Janice Louise Long holds a bachelor's degree in nuclear medicine and an MBA. She has worked in clinical medicine, research and development, as a technical representative, in marketing, as a statistician, and in systems management for a worldwide health care system.

She is passionate about using updated knowledge to achieve improvement in the field of health care.

She applied her extensive experience in health care in caring for her parents in their remaining years.

November General Meeting
Saturday, November 13
2:00–4:00 p.m.

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10000 Candelaria Rd NE

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are most welcome.

Traditional Religion and
Modernism: A Focus on
Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Speaker: Eleanor Cooley

This program will help us develop a greater
understanding of a major aspect of
international relations.

Eleanor Cooley has taught for 24 years for UNM Continuing Education. She has developed 13 different classes including World Religions, Women in the World Religious, Old and New Testament, and Mystical Tradition of the Western Regions. She is currently teaching a course in Eastern Religions (India, China, Tibet, and Japan).

Eleanor holds a BA from NMSU and an MA from the University of Kansas in Religious Studies with a specialty in Historical Theology. Eleanor is a member of this Branch, a Life member of AAUW, and a daughter of the late Evelyn Kelly, a member of AAUW for many years.

Calendar

General Meetings

Saturday, October 2, 2–4 p.m.
and

Saturday November 13, 2–4 p.m.
Asbury United Methodist Church
10000 Candelaria Rd NE

Board Meetings

Monday, October 4, 11:45 a.m.

Monday, November 1, 11:45 a.m.
New Mexico Commission on the
Status of Women
1300 San Mateo Blvd. NE #101

December-January

Newsletter deadline: November 15

Editor: Pat Freeman, 254-1304

Welcome New Member

Sharon Diamond 994-9523

2650 Putt Ct SE, Rio Rancho 87124

Sara Ellis 265-9356

2123 Madeira Dr NE, 87110

B. Joan Goodman 934-0514

6144 Katson NE, 87109

Changes of Address

Kathryn Yates

8301 Palomas NE #325 87109

Priscilla Thompson

P.O. Box 1484, Ruidoso, NM 88355
505-257-7490

Silent Auction

at Our December Lunch

Please bring appropriate items—and it can be all kinds of things—that you don't need anymore. All kinds of baked goods, jams and other goodies also will be highly appreciated. Just be there 15 minutes before our lunch and please try to pre-price your items.

Thank you, from the LAF chair,
Marianne Helgesen

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Co-President's Comments

We had a very good meeting on September 11th. The excellent program was given by our very own Cheri Burch, chair of the committee organizing the STEM activities for the Branch. Attendance was good. Members got to meet a new member who was present and there were several renewals.

I believe we are off to a good year in a number of respects. Sign-ups for interest groups were good, visiting among old friends was excellent, and there are a number of prospective members. The enthusiasm of the meeting was great to see. I am looking forward to the rest of the year and the interaction with AAUW-NM and national AAUW as well as working this our co-president Sylvia Fink.
Ted Cooley

Why So Few?

AAUW's *Why So Few* analyzes and documents contributing conditions to the fact that so few girls are in the STEM fields. Girls believe they have *lower intelligence* and in *stereotypes* of their own inferiority. Girls have *low self-assessment* of their abilities and believe they have *lower spatial skills*. In addition, they encounter *implicit bias* as well as *workplace bias*.

Consequently, it is important for *all* of us to do what we can to dispel the prejudices and low expectations of girls. It is important for us to make evident our conviction that math and science *are* potential fields of success for girls and that we don't inhibit their success by hanging on to archaic attitudes from previous generations that severely restricted girls' options to a very small number of careers.

Why So Few reports that girls need encouragement from the people around them to persist and succeed in math and science. Their supporters can be family, friends, teachers, counselors, or even the media, but, if negative, each of these can hinder girls' success. All of these allies are important to effect a difference in girls' lives, to give them the options that math and science excellence offer and the confidence that success in these fields engenders. What can we do to change our girls' environment?

As grandparents, great-aunts, neighbors, or friends, we can each talk to the young girls we know about math and science. We can encourage confidence and persistence whether they feel capable or not, assuring them that they can improve their skills by working at developing them. And never let them "off the hook" in math and science. Make sure they understand, as is said in the "Apollo 13" movie, "Failure is not an option." Is there a girl in your life whom you can help?

What can we do for the girls we know are "out there," but we don't know personally—residents of our community? Our group will be investigating what other organizations are doing. We will look for ways in which we can make the biggest difference. It is a bandwagon and there's lots of room for you to join us even if you cannot be available to attend our meetings. Come along! We can all make a difference!
Cheri Burch

Why So Few? ABQ Task Force 4th Tuesday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m.
Christy Mae's Restaurant, 1400 San Pedro Drive NE
(Between Menaul and Lomas, south of the overpass.)
RSVP Cheri Burch, 296-9674, ctburch@unm.edu,
so we can get a table to seat everyone.

At this meeting we will begin hearing from sponsors of current programs designed to encourage enthusiasm for math and science in the children and youth of Albuquerque, starting with programs that are designed specifically for girls. Even if you don't plan to join us, please send any suggestions you might have about contacts for STEM programs for our girls.

Interest Group News

INTEREST GROUP CHAIR Marilyn Dunn 299-5487

MORNING

ART: DRAWING, PAINTING, AND FABRIC ARTS: Most Fridays, from 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: 2nd Fridays, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Jan and Olin Bray, 7041 Prairie Ct, NE. **October 8**, Great Decisions: Europe's 'far east,' discussion led by Mary Campbell. **November 12**, Great Decisions: Halting Atrocities in Kenya, Jan Bray, discussion leader. **Chair: Jan Bray, 292-7270.**

MORNING CUISINE: 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. **October 19.** Call the chair for details. **November 16**, to be announced. Call the chair for details. **Chair: Carolyn Kaye, 323-5288.**

AFTERNOON

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: 1st Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. **October 5**, at the home of Jan Bray, 7041 Prairie Ct, NE, 292-7270. Topic: Silver Plate. **November 2**, Afternoon Tea (wear a hat). Hostess: Bonnie Paine, 5416 Candlewood Court NE, 821-7512, assisted by Claudia Poglitsch. **Chair: Mary Campbell, 265-9365.**

CURRENT LITERATURE: 2nd Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. **October 12**, at the home of Helen Anderson, 3712 La Hacienda Place NE, 256-1403, Nancy Jones co-hostess. Ann Carden reviews *The Spanish Bow* by Andromeda Romano-Lax. **November 9**, hostess Helen Jo Satterwhite, 3609-D Moon NE, 299-9165. Address is north of Madison Middle School. Parking on east side of Moon St. Rosemary Mitchell, co-hostess. Program to be announced at the October meeting or call chair. **Chair: Ann Carden, 884-8211.**

MY STORY: 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Are you interested in putting your story on paper? For more information, please contact **Chair: Louise Miller, 255-7768.**

Mystery: 1st Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. **October 7**, hostess Joan Lowe, #9 Casa Hermosa NE, 296-0367. (Off Nakomis two blocks north of Lomas) Read *The Third Deadly Sin* by Lawrence Sanders. **November 4**. Hostess JoAnn Mercer, 7112 Ottawa NE, 268-8001. Read *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear. Please call hostess if attending. **Chair: JoAnn Mercer, 268-8001.**

TRAVEL: 4th Mondays at 1:30 p.m. **October 25**, at the home of Antje Muir, 7305 Golden Glow Way NE, 821-7966, or antjehuep1@msn.com. Program: Ted Cooley will discuss a trip to New Hampshire, Maine, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. Please call hostess if you are attending and for gate instructions. **November 22**, program and location will be announced at the October meeting, or call chair. **Chair: Suzanne Weissman, 294-5626, sweissmans@msn.com.**

EVENING

EVENING CUISINE: 2nd Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. **October**—We are invited to a party!. Antje Muir, 821-7966, will contact you with instructions. **November 11**, hostess Janet Matwiyoff, 9504 Pebble Beach Drive NE, 821-0418, assisted by Chris Hill. **Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

EVENING LITERATURE: 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m. **October 18**, at the home of Sheila Richmond, 70 Pinon Hill Pl. NE, 856-0245. Topic: *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. **November 15**, contact the chair for meeting address. Reading: *The Help* by Kathryn Stickett. **Chair: Sheila Richmond, 856-0245.**

AAUW TRAVELING LIBRARY

We're half-way through our year already.

Please renew by December 7.

Send your check for \$20 to Sheila D. Richmond,
70 Pinon Hill NE, 87122.

Phone 856-0245; cell 505-280-8904

FAX 856-0247; e-mail SDRich111@comcast.net

If you would like to help with selection of books for the next year, **please get reviews to me by December 7**, or take them to the Current Literature meeting on that day.



PLEASE SEND NOTICES OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY MEETINGS TO MARILYN DUNN,
mdunn45191@aol.com or 8620 Northeastern NE #10, 87112 by November 10, 2010.

Public Policy Update

As soon as the Senate returns to Washington, it will (taking its own sweet time) be voting on the Paycheck Fairness Act. If you haven't contacted your Senator, please so do now. Udall has already announced in favor of it.

Next to go though Congress is a bill to cut Social Security benefits. Please ask them NOT to cut Social Security benefits—it would seriously harm all those affected, especially seniors. I think the bill is to start with the House of Representatives and then go to the Senate. It's never too early to let them know how you feel

In New Mexico we will definitely have a problem with education, health care, social services, conservation, but we don't now how to approach them until we know with whom we will be working and we won't know that until after the election.

Remember this is the 90th anniversary of women having the right to vote. Whether you vote early (by mail it costs \$1.05 to mail it back) or go to the polls, PLEASE VOTE and show that you appreciate the privilege. Dixie Trebbe

Spring Book Fair

We plan to have a Spring Book Fair to benefit LAF. Please accumulate and bring in books for this fair. You can bring the books to General Meetings and I will store them until the fair. This way we should have a good book fair with lots of books. Thank you, Marianne Helgesen, LAF Chair

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**Please send Newsletter material to Pat Freeman.
Thanks for the assistance of Marilyn Dunn,
Sandy Alden, and Eleanor and Ted Cooley.**

*Please report your change of address,
phone, email address and/or any
prospective members to Marilyn Dunn.*