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STEM

"Why So Few?" Task Force

The AAUW Albuquerque Branch task force concerned with AAUW's report "Why So Few?" is entering its second year of existence. Last year we investigated programs available in Albuquerque that encourage K-12 girls to enter the STEM fields in which AAUW reports women are under-represented.

This year we plan to reach out to supply the adults who have an effect on these girls with the data and suggestions provided by AAUW. Our first program will be at St. Charles Borromeo School as part of their staff development in August. If you know of a group of teachers, counselors, or parents to whom you'd like to see this information presented, please see if they would be interested. Then e-mail us their contact information.

All AAUW members are invited to our meetings, usually at Christy Mae's on San Pedro from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. In August what will be August 23. For information, call Cheri Burch at 286-9674 or (preferably) e-mail ctburch@unmedu

Congratulations to Turtle Haste. Remember that in 2004 she spoke at a general meeting on her travels in central China and in 2005 to the joint meeting with West Mesa on her month in Japan on a Fulbright. Turtle, now a science teacher at James Monroe Middle School, shows her students how the topics they explore are being furthered by scientists and the students make scientific studies on their own. Turtle has been awarded an Endeavor Teaching Fellowship from NASA. The Endeavor Science Teaching Certificate Project provides live online training for K-12 educators working to earn a Certificate in STEM at Columbia University in New York.
Cheri Burch



September General Meeting Saturday, September 10 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church
10000 Candelaria Road NE

**Fall Social and
Interest Group sign-up**
Guests and prospective members
are invited.

ANTIQUES 101
Speaker: Christian Dimery
Twenty-Four Years an
Antiques Dealer in Albuquerque

:Musings of a Modern Antiques Dealer
*A succinct synopsis,
including first contact to eventual sale.
What's Hot and What's Not....
You'll Be Surprised*

Many of today's young people never saw a crank or a dial telephone, or know that even in the 1930's most of the homes in rural US were lighted by coal oil lamps. Unfamiliarity with how people used to live is a factor in whether young adults treasure and preserve antiques for their children. Mr. Dimery will also tell us about some especially memorable antiques he has encountered in the last 24 years.

Christian Dimery is 44 years old. His hometown is Norman, Oklahoma. In 1987 Mr. Dimery became the owner and operator of Morningside Antiques, recently renamed
CHRISTIAN DIMERY ANTIQUES AND ODDITIES

Antiques Show and Tell:
Members, if you wish,
bring a small favorite antique
and briefly tell us about it.

Refreshments will be served.

Calendar

GENERAL MEETINGS

Saturday, September 10, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Saturday October 1, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Asbury United Methodist Church
10000 Candelaria Road NE
David Maddow on Human Trafficking

BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, August 1

11:00-12 noon

6565 American Parkway Suite 200

Monday, August 29

Time and location TBA

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 18

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AAUW-NM Fall Workshop and LTM

Meeting hosted by West Mesa Branch

October 14-15

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September; October–November; December–
January; February–March; and April–May.

Co-Presidents' Comments

In July at the Leadership Training Meeting in Las Vegas, NM, I represented the Albuquerque Branch in accepting an "Honorable Mention" certificate awarded by National AAUW. The award, which has AAUW-NM named as the recipient, is for the "Women Across Borders" program presented in the 2010 AAUW–NM convention. The program was planned in large measure by the Albuquerque Branch and the convention was hosted by the Albuquerque Branch. Because it was an Albuquerque effort, the certificate is now ours to keep.

I am very impressed with the preparations made by our Program and Social committees for the coming year. As to our Art, Drawing, Painting, and Fabric Arts interest group, not since the early 80's have so many signed-up to go to Ghost Ranch. The Travel group has an excellent idea for the first meeting. Find out what it is on the facing page.

Ted Cooley

Greetings. There is something for everyone in the variety of Branch programs for the coming year. Hopefully, several of the mission-based programs will encourage you to become involved with one of the Branch's activities or create a new one.

Two mission-based projects are coming to fruition. In November, New Mexico will have its first \$tart\$mart presentation/training in Los Alamos. Thanks to Natalie Markin's efforts locating a sponsor in Los Alamos for local contacts and Shelley Rossbach's efforts in scheduling our trainer/presenter, this state-wide project is officially started. AAUW-NM members from several locales will also be attending this first session for training trainers. After that, we will be expanding into other locations.

Additionally, the "Why so few" STEM committee has arranged for multiple presentations to science and math teachers at in-service days. The committee will be presenting the research and encouraging teachers to alter expectations and biases about girls in STEM areas of study. I look forward to some follow-up on how teachers change their classroom behaviors in response to the research. This effort has the potential to affect all children over their learning years.

Sylvia Fink

In Memoriam: Billie Frances Hemphill, 1924 - 2011

Billie received a BS from the University of Texas in El Paso and worked with the El Paso Public Schools. After moving to Albuquerque in 1978, she worked with the New Mexico Health and Human Services, retiring in 1992. She joined AAUW in 1985 and served in several Branch positions, including Director-at- Large and Vice-President.

In Memoriam: Margaret Hopcraft Dike, 1921-2011

Margaret, known as Peggy to some, enriched the Albuquerque Branch with her knowledgeable presence and her willingness to serve. She was born in Prescott, AZ, raised in Cimarron, NM. She received a BA in 1941 and a MA in 1975 from UNM. From 1972 until her retirement, she worked as School Community Affairs Specialist for APS.

She joined AAUW in 1952 and remained an active member even while raising five children and serving PTA's, Sister Cities Foundation, and other organizations. She served as AAUW-NM president once, Albuquerque Branch president twice, and in other branch and state positions, such as legislative, counselor, and parliamentarian.

She was a parliamentary procedure expert with *Robert's Rules of Order* as her authority. We have lingering memories of her quick reactions to any member using substandard language, such as "I make a motion." Margaret's voice was always heard from the back of the room correcting, "I **MOVE**!"

Marilyn Dunn

Interest Group News

INTEREST GROUP CHAIR Marilyn Dunn 299-5487

MORNING

Art: Drawing, Painting, and Fabric Arts: 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, 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. **September 9,** Great Decisions: Sanctions and Non-proliferation, led by Olin Bray. **Chair: Jan Bray, 292-7270.**

MORNING CUISINE : 3rd Tuesdays, usually 9:30 a.m. **September 20,** 11:30 a.m. Salad Pot-Luck and Planning Meeting at the home of Ruth Bell, 3808 Erbbe NE, 294-5558. **Chair: Betty Benson, 294-1658.**

AFTERNOON

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES : 1st Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. **September 6,** Planning Meeting at the home of Claudia Poglitsch, 2310 Calle de Raphael NE, 797-4381. **Chairs: Bonnie Paine, 821-7512, and Claudia Poglitsch, 797-4381.**

CURRENT LITERATURE: 2nd Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. **September 13,** at the home of Liz Gordon, 4059 Dietz Farm Circle NW. Call Liz at 344-7842 for directions. Helen Jo Satterwhite will review *Half the Sky* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. **Chair: Elizabeth Gordon, 344-7842.**

MYSTORY: 2nd Wednesdays, 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, 1:30 p.m. **September 1,** at the home of Diane Vadnais, 3711 Ridge Point Loop, 323-1924. Program planning and discussing *Another Man's Moccasins* by Craig Johnson. **Chair: Diane Vadnais. 323-1924**

TRAVEL: 4th Mondays, 1:30 p.m. **September 26,** at the home of Pam Sharp, 9512 Tanoan Dr NE (enter Tanoan Drive gate between Ventura and Eubank), 243-1948 or sharppam@gmail.com. Program: Favorite New Mexico Destination. Each one attending will talk about five minutes about her or his favorite place in New Mexico. Feel free to bring pictures, but no projector will be available. We will also make plans for the coming year and talk about where we have been this summer. Call or e-mail hostess if you are attending. **Chair: Suzanne Weissman, 294-5626, or sweissmans@msn.com**

EVENING

EVENING CUISINE: 2nd Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. **September 8,** Pot-Luck at the home of Marianne Helgesen, six miles south of Tijeras. You will be called with your assignment. **Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

EVENING LITERATURE: 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. **September 19,** at the home of Elaine Stone, 9124 Flushing Meadows NE, 897-8506. Read *Bang the Drum Slowly* by Mark Harris. **Chair: Sheila Richmond, 856-0245.**



PLEASE SEND NOTICES OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETINGS TO MARILYN DUNN,
mdunn45191@aol.com or 8620 Northeastern NE #10, 87112 by September 14, 2011.

Public Policy News

The Legislative Health and Human Services Committee, which is chaired by Dede Feldman, met in Taos to discuss Indian health care, insurance reforms and the state's implementation of the new federal health care law.

The meeting came in the wake of the announcement that the Governor had signed on to a letter sent by seven other Republican governors asking for the repeal of the federal bill, and an earlier announcement that the administration is "modernizing" its Medicaid program via a private consultant.

Taos Pueblo Governor Nelson Cordova pleaded with the committee to put aside partisan differences and come up with a universal health care plan that would serve the population of Taos Pueblo, many of whom are sick. Cordova said when he went into members' homes, their kitchen tables were often piled high with medical bills and letters from insurance companies. He views health care as a human right and reminded the committee that the federal health bill also included a permanent re-authorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

New Mexico just received \$2.6 million for school-based health clinics, thanks to the Affordable Care Act. The assistance goes to Tierra Amarillo, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, Des Moines, and Albuquerque (UNM and the Native American Community).



Betty Walker Smith and I attended a LESC meeting mainly concerned with reforms needed to make the lottery scholarship system last longer. Several committees and studies are focused on this.



Two candidates are running for the Martin Heinrich Congressional District 1 seat and three for the U.S. Senate seat to be vacated by Senator Bingaman.

Redistricting is in the Works

The legislature expects to reconvene in September in special session to redraw Congressional, legislative, judicial, and PRC districts so that they reflect population changes since 2000.

"The task of redistricting is performed every ten years following the census. It is necessary to ensure that the population of the various political districts are nearly equal. The legislature's redistricting website (<http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/redcensus/>) contains more information on state redistricting, including concepts that are under consideration, contact information for the committee's members and its staff, and demographic and political data." Press release August 4.

This is always a contentious process and local input is needed. To sign up to speak, contact Leslie Porter at (505) 986-4600 or leslieporter@nmlegis.gov.

Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy Chair

Education News

In a news release dated July 1, the NM Public Education Department announced that school districts will protect dollars to the classroom. By making budget cuts in other departments, the overall appropriation to school districts was reduced by only 1.5% PED. Staff worked with districts to find cost savings in their budget, saving teachers' jobs and increasing classroom spending.

The STEM listserve reported that at the national convention and the National Convention for College Women Student Leaders there were workshops and discussions about STEM. The US won medals at the International STEM Competition--four gold medals at the Biology Olympiad by US team member Rebecca Shi.

At an LESC meeting I attended, the dual credit concept where students can take college courses in high school and receive credit in both places as indicated was discussed.

Betty Walker Smith, Education Chair

Media Relations News

The FCC was sued to prevent its attempt to weaken media ownership rules. A Federal appeals court overturned the decision to allow companies to own both newspapers, TV or radio stations in the same town. The court tossed out the FCC's flawed rules and upheld all other media consolidation restrictions and told the FCC to do better to support and foster diverse voices in the media. Information obtained from Free Press.

From AAUW email news: AAUW released a statement in "opposition to cuts in Social Security as part of the effort to reduce the deficit. Social Security funding is separate from the Federal Budget and does NOT contribute to the Federal deficit or debt."

From LAF@aauw.org:

"Lulu Sun, an English professor who alleged sex and race discrimination in the promotion process at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, won her case against the school. In the June 1 decision, the hearing officer ordered the promotion of Sun to full professor and awarded her lost wages of about \$154,000, as well as \$200,000 in emotional distress damages. The university will also be charged a civil penalty of \$10,000 and its administrators will be required to attend a training session on employment discrimination law. The university plans to appeal the decision."

"In a narrow 5-4 ruling the U.S. Supreme Court found in favor of Wal-Mart in the landmark case *Wal-Mart v. Dukes*. Although the high court did not rule on the merits of the case, this misguided decision prevents the women of Wal-Mart from taking on America's largest private employer as nationwide class-action group, leaving each woman to file her claim individually or perhaps in smaller groups. In its decision, the Supreme Court chose to ignore more than 40 years of established jurisprudence and severely restricted the ability of workers to fight discrimination together in class action. AAUW plans to continue to support the case going forward."

Betty Walker Smith, Media Relations Chair