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April General Meeting
Saturday, April 2
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monte Vista Christian Church
3501 Campus Blvd NE

*"STEM" (Science Technology,
Engineering and Math),
an AAUW Task Force Program
Presented by Cheri Burch and Panel ists.*

"Why So Few?" is designed to encourage girls to enter STEM fields, to provide them with opportunities to interact with young women who have already made that choice, to explain and demonstrate why math and science are fun, and why they can choose STEM careers.

There are several such programs in our area. Representatives of programs particularly focused on encouraging girls to pursue math and science careers will talk about experiences and opportunities in these fields and provide young female role models who have already made that academic and career decision.

Organizations on the panel will include:
Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails
New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering (Expanding Your Horizons)
YWCA GUTS y Girls

Monte Vista Christian Church is between Central and Lomas, between Carlisle and Monte Vista Blvd.

TO GET THERE FROM CARLISLE:
at Lomas, south four blocks to Campus, or,
at Central, one block north to Campus.
West on Campus two blocks to Berkeley,
north on Berkeley and into the church
parking lot on your left.

TO LEAVE: south on Berkeley, right on Campus to the stoplight at Monte Vista, then right to Lomas at Carlisle, or left to Central at Girard.

May General Meeting
Saturday, May 7
12:00-2:00 p.m.

Monte Vista Christian Church
3501 Campus Blvd NE

*Presidents Luncheon,
Election and Installation of Officers,
and Spring Book Fair*

PROGRAM
Travelogue by AAUW Member
Suzanne Weissman

*"Iceland, Belfast, Outer Hebrides,
and Shetland Islands"*

A TRAVELOGUE THAT WILL DISCUSS
THE TROUBLES IN NORTHERN IRELAND,
THE ICELANDIC SAGAS, THE ORIGINAL GEYSER,
AND THE WORLD'S OLDEST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Please Bring a Potluck Dish to
Serve 3-5 Persons or
Make a Donation of \$10.00
to Benefit AAUW Funds

Questions? Please contact Antje Muir
at 821-7966 or antjehuep1@msncom

For directions to the church, please refer to
the April program announcement at left

**Spring More Books
Book Fair**

To benefit AAUW Funds, the
May General Meeting will again
host the Spring Book Fair.

Please bring your books
to the meeting.
Questions? Please call
Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956



Calendar

General Meetings

Saturday, April 2, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
May 7, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Board Meetings

Monday: April 4, May 2, June 6
11:45 a.m. New Mexico Commission
on the Status of Women
300 San Mateo Blvd. NE #101

Newsletter deadline: August 1

Editor: Pat Freeman, 254-1304

AAUW-NM Convention

April 15-17, in Silver City, NM.
For registration forms and programs,
see the Spring *Roadrunner*.

AAUW Convention

June 16-19, in Washington, D.C.

Nominations to the Branch Board

Program Vice Pres. –
Social Vice Pres. – Antje Muir
Treasurer -- Shirley Ash
Newsletter-- Pat Freeman
Media Chair -- Betty W. Smith
Nominations Chair --
Member-at-Large – To be nominated from
the floor

Terry Sleight Memorial Award

Each year AAUW-NM presents the Terry Sleight Memorial Award to a member or group of members who have advanced women's issues in a significant way. This year's award went to our own **Dixie Trebbe**.

AAUW Scholarships to Three Outstanding Women

The AAUW Las Vegas (NM) Branch has awarded scholarships totaling \$2,500 to women who are outstanding nontraditional students at Highlands University.

Jeannette Urdiales, 61, will graduate in May from the School of Social Work's one-of-a-kind bilingual/bicultural graduate program. She raised four children as a single mother.

Rachell Pitrucha, 34, is a senior majoring in geology and a single mother of three.

Hope Martinez, 26, a Navajo from Church Rock, plans to pursue a master's at Highlands and become a clinical psychologist with the Indian Health Service.

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

Co-Presidents' Comments

We had an excellent March General Meeting, April looks to be equally good. I am proud of Cheri Burch's work on "Why so Few," encouraging girls to pursue careers in science, engineering, and math. My co-president, Sylvia, will certainly be sharing on the \$tart \$mart as it develops.

We are coming to the close of a good year for the Branch, with even more possibilities for next year. Please renew your memberships as soon as possible to give us a head start on next year. Dues are payable beginning April 1.

My very deep thanks to Dixie Trebbe on her work with the legislature and for carrying our concerns on behalf of AAUW issues. She is doing an amazing job at a difficult time.
Ted Cooley

AAUW has signed an amicus "friend of the court" brief in support of the plaintiffs in *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores*. Thirty-four women's and civil rights groups have signed the brief. As added background, in *Getting Even: Why Women Don't Get Paid Like Men -- and What To Do About It*, by Evelyn Murphy [305.42 Murphy, in the local public libraries] there is a brief history of pay and promotion cases. Many of these are settled out of court by large corporations rather than let them go to court and set a precedent that would require them to either pay better wages to women or to promote more women. While reading this, I discovered that Wal-Mart had the highest percentage of cases listed and that almost all had been settled out of court.

"In 2001, female employees at Wal-Mart filed a class action sex discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart Stores in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. The lawsuit alleges that female employees of Wal-Mart are denied advancement and training opportunities, paid less than men for the same or comparable work, steered to lower wage departments, subjected to a sexually hostile work environment and retaliated against when they attempt to address sex discrimination.

On December 6, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to decide whether 1.5 million female employees of Wal-Mart can pursue job discrimination claims in one suit or whether they'll have to split up and file against individual stores. The case—the largest employment class-action suit in the nation's history—will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on March 29, 2011. In addition to signing the amicus brief, AAUW is providing financial support, issued press releases, and will attend the hearing." *
Sylvia Fink

* Source: www.aauw.org/act/laf/cases/DukesWalMart.cfm

Historic Vote-- First Time in AAUW ! One Member One Vote

Now all AAUW members (whether or not they attend the convention) can vote on candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors, and on business such as bylaws amendments, resolutions, and the Public Policy Program.

A member may vote by mailed paper ballot, on-line electronic ballot, or in-person electronic ballot at the convention. The schedule is as follows:

- April 15. Paper ballots with member number and a pin number mailed to all members
- May 1. Electronic voting begins
- May 31. Mailed paper ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. EST
- June 17. Electronic voting ends at 9 p.m. EST online or on site at the convention

In Memoriam: Virginia Crenshaw

AAUW Member since 1943. Inspirational and tireless leader. Associate Professor of Nursing at Vanderbilt in the 1950's. In 1961 she became the second Dean of the UNM College of Nursing. Twice delegate to the White House Conference on Aging held every decade. Named one of the "Top 100 Leaders" by the Vanderbilt School of Nursing. Known for her expertise in gerontology. Chair of Senior Citizen's Advisory Board of Bernalillo County, also of Health Systems Agency Sub Area Advisory Council. Professor Emeritus of UNM College of Nursing. New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award recipient.

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.

Great Decisions:

April 8, Making Sense of Multi-lateralism.

May 13, The Horn of Africa, led by Roberta and Tom Wellems. **Chair: Jan Bray, 292-7270.**

MORNING CUISINE: 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m..

April 19, at the home of Shirley Abbott, 1716 Luthy Place NE, 291-8147.

May 17, To be announced. Group members will be called. **Chair: Carolyn Kaye, 323-5288.**

AFTERNOON

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: 1st Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.

April 5, Field trip to Antique Malls, Susan Brand, guest leader. Group members will be called with details.

May 3, at the home of Claudia Poglitsch, 2310 Calle de Rafael NE, 797-4381. Topic: Antique Baking Tools. **Chair: Mary Campbell, 265-9365.**

CURRENT LITERATURE: 2nd Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

April 12, Hostess, Ann Carden, 6704 Loftus Ave NE, 884-8211; co-hostess, Liz Gordon. Discussion of the past year traveling library books, led by Meg Wentz.

May 10, Hostess, Rosemary Mitchell, 1400 Hertz Dr. SE, 266-1962, co-hostess, Sheila Richmond. Book sale and member suggestions for books for summer reading. **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 READERS: 1st Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

April 7, Hostess, Sally Kelley, 6200 Eubank NE, #1611, 271-4951. *Murder on Monday*, by Ann Purser, or any other in her "Day of the Week" series.

May 5, Hostess, Joan Lowe, #9 Casa Hermosa, NE, 296-0367. Read *The Keepsake*, by Tess Gerritsen.

Chair: JoAnn Mercer, 268-8001.

TRAVEL: 4th Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

April 18 (one week early), Field trip to see the Native American art and artifact collection at the home of Bill and Mary Halsey, 769 Sagebrush Drive, Corrales. We will meet at 1:25 at Smith's, corner of Paseo del Norte and Wyoming Blvd, and will carpool to Corrales. Please let Helen Satterwhite, 299-9165, or okhjalb@q.com know if you are coming and if you are willing to drive. Maps will be provided for those who drive.

May 23, at the home of Shirley Abbott, 1716 Luthy Place NE, 291-8147, tsabbott@msn.com. Program: "Prague – the City of History". Please let hostess know if you can attend. **Chair: Suzanne Weissman, 294-5626,** or sweissmans@msn.com

EVENING

EVENING CUISINE: 2nd Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

April 14, at the home of Mary Strohacker, 5014 Glenwood Hills NE, 293-1705.

May 14, Saturday, with Marianne Helgesen, six miles south of Tijeras, 286-8956. Potluck. You will be assigned a recipe. **Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

EVENING LITERATURE: 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

April 18, Reading *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. Call chair for location.

May 16, Reading *Lies My Teacher Told Me* by James Loewen. Hostess Mary Strohacker, 5014 Glenwood Hills NE, 293-1705. On **June 20** there will be a potluck and book exchange at the home of Jan Burrows, 12420 Del Rey NE, 828-9878.

Chair: Sheila Richmond, 856-0245.



PLEASE SEND NOTICES OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER MEETINGS TO MARILYN DUNN,
mdunn45191@aol.com or 8620 Northeastern NE #10, 87112 by July 26, 2011.

2011 Legislative Session

Not much to report about the legislature. Here are the stats as of March 14th. Bills introduced: 1,576. Passed the first House: 600. Passed the second House 34. Sent to the Governor: 1 bill. Signed by the Governor: 1 bill.

The Governor has tried to cut off funding for the Commission on the Status of Women and so far we have beat it. She replaced the whole Commission board, which politically speaking, she had the right to do. She has given her board until July to get the Commission closed down.

There will probably be a lawsuit since this is a commission by law, so there is a question as to her legal right to get rid of it. I will let you know when the board will meet. We want bodies to show up at the meetings. They have already threatened the contracts of those who show up and say the wrong thing. You won't be allowed to talk, but your being there will tell them that the public is observing and hearing them.

The Governor replaced the New Mexico Labor Relations Board and New Mexico may be in line for the same action that Wisconsin had. It is not clear whether she had the legal right to do this. By the next newsletter issue, it will all be over.

Remember, precinct, county, and state political meetings start in March for one party and go until fall for the other party, so get in line and back your beliefs.

Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy Chair

Spring into Action Again at the Spring Book Fair!

Thank you for your generous donations to the Spring Book Fair. We sold a lot of books and received donations- and raised \$225 for AAUW Funds.

We are rolling the sale over to our May meeting to give you another chance to buy wonderful books at a very reduced price—and please bring more books! Thank you.

Marianne Helgesen
AAUW Funds Chair

Dues paid after April 1st, 2011, take your membership through June 30, 2012.

The \$85.00 covers national, state, and branch dues, of which \$46 is tax-deductible. Paid Life members pay state and branch dues of \$36. Questions? Contact Shirley Ash, 856-5852

Please send Newsletter material to Pat Freeman. Thanks for the assistance to Marilyn Dunn and Ted Cooley.

Please report a new address, e-mail, or phone and any prospective member to Marilyn Dunn.