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*February Meeting and Luncheon
with West Mesa Branch
Saturday, February 12*

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Pappadeaux Seafood Restaurant
5011 Pan American Freeway NE
(south of Jefferson, right on Office)

MENU:

Pappadeaux Salad, Bread,
Ginger Salmon or Grilled Chicken Breast or
Pasta Mardi Gras, Beverage \$21.00

PROGRAM:

The Crime of Human Trafficking

Information about the crime of human trafficking, its history and current efforts of the federal government in prosecution and victim services, as well as the commonalities of social impact and trauma of human trafficking and domestic abuse.

SPEAKERS:

*The Honorable Judge Alisa A. Hatfield
Ms. Debra Ramirez*

The Honorable Judge Hatfield graduated from the State University of New York and Hofstra School of Law. She worked as a prosecutor, a public defender, and in private practice in family law until joining the Bernalillo County 2nd Judicial District Court as a Domestic Violence Special Commissioner in 1999. In 2010, she was appointed the Domestic Violence District Court Judge.

Ms. Debra Ramirez has been a lawyer for over 25 years, graduating from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. She has worked for victims of domestic abuse in private practice, on state and national policy, and managing the New Mexico Domestic Violence LEGAL HELPLINE. In 2001 she began working for the 2nd Judicial District Court as a Domestic Violence Special Commissioner. She worked for the Chief Justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court (2007-2009), then again to work as a Domestic Violence Special Commissioner.

Deadlines: Reservations February 8.
Cancellations February 10.

Questions? Contact Antje Muir, 821-7966
or antjehuep1@msn.com.

*March General Meeting
Saturday, March 5*

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Asbury Methodist Church
10000 Candelaria Rd NE

Honoring Our Past

A Celebration of
Albuquerque Branch History
with Special Recognition of our
Honorary Life Members and the



Spring Book Fair

PROGRAM

"The Mission and
Accomplishments
of the Albuquerque Branch"
a DVD featuring interviews
and
"Historical Glimpses,"
told in person by members



Refreshments will be Served.
Visit with Old and New Friends.
Stock up on books.

Please contact Antje Muir at 821-7966 or
antjehuep1@msn.com if you have very old
photographs, newspaper articles, yearbooks
and/or other AAUW articles of interest, that
can be displayed at the celebration.



Spring BOOK Fair

As a fund-raising event,
the March General Meeting
will host the Spring Book Fair.



Please bring lots of books to
the February meeting. If you
bring books to the March meeting, please
arrive 15 minutes earlier. If you wish
your donations picked up, please call me.
Marianne Helgesen, AAUW Funds Chair
286-8956

Calendar

General Meetings

Saturday, February 12, 11:30-2:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Board Meetings

Monday, February 7

Monday, March 7

11:45 a.m. New Mexico Commission
on the Status of Women

300 San Mateo Blvd. NE #101

AAUW Day at the Legislature,

Monday, February 14

April-May Newsletter deadline:

March 10 Editor: Pat Freeman, 254-1304

"Why So Few?" Meetings

February 22 and March 22

5:30 p.m. Christy Mae's on San Pedro.
Please let Cheri Burch, Chair, know if you
will attend, 286-9674.

Yearbook:

Updates

Nancy Barrett Jones Honorary Life Member

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

Co-President's Comments

Our February and March general meetings appear to be excellent programs that you won't want to miss. HOWEVER, larger concerns are present with the opening of the New Mexico legislature. Legislation that AAUW has supported for generations is being attacked by those who apparently think women are incapable of looking after their own lives!

The AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting in Santa Fe on Sunday, February 13, will include training for those going to the legislature the next day to lobby for AAUW positions. Details are on page 8 in the *Winter Roadrunner*, accessible at AAUW-NM.org under "newsletter."

Our own Jan Bray, president of LWV-CNM, says a complete list of legislators is in the LWVNM.org. Write your legislators if you cannot lobby in person. E-mail me to find out how to contact legislators who were on the House Appropriations Committee and Finance Committee last year.

The governor is requesting *defunding* (closing out) the Commission on the Status of Women which AAUW supported in the NM Legislature for years before it was established. All these concerns-and more- are important.

This legislative session ends March 18.

Ted Cooley

January 15 Branch Meeting and Social

I was delighted to speak to members and prospective members and to see old friends and make new ones. First, I told a little about my background and how I became the AAUW-NM co-president with Mary Sandford. I described the role of AAUW-NM which supports Branch activities, encourages "cross-pollination" between Branches, acts as a "conduit" between National AAUW and the Branches, and functions in other ways, such as:

Giving a state level voice to our opinions at the Roundhouse (through the Lobby Corps);
Sponsoring statewide programs, such as Start Smart and the scholarships to NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders);
Organizing workshops and an annual convention which all members are encouraged to attend;
Recognizing special achievements through the awards programs; and
Encouraging Branch activities through the mini-grant program.

Our group discussed the upcoming legislative session, the challenges facing our state, and the Leadership Team meeting in Santa Fe on February 13, followed by AAUW Legislative Day in the Roundhouse on February 14 (encouraging Branch members to participate).

We discussed the fact that the New Mexico Governor is proposing to de-fund (destroy? what is the right word here?) the Commission on the Status of Women and that AAUW participated in its founding. We also talked about how much fun and educational the state and national conventions are.

I thank the Branch and Program Vice-President Antje Muir for inviting me and for giving me the orchid plant and Pat Freeman for holding the gathering in her home. If you have comments or questions, please contact me at 980-8955 or at shelrossbach@aol.com. Shelley Rossbach, Co-President AAUW-NM

The Hispanic Education Report

This report was required by the Hispanic Education Act passed by the legislature in 2010. The findings of the first report (recently published) include:

New Mexico PreK programs are highly effective with Hispanic preschool children;
The achievement gap is pronounced and clearly visible in reading and mathematics at all grade levels of K-12;
Across a period of six years, the gap widens and narrows by very little;
The generation gap greatly affects the economic and social welfare of our state, especially with the dramatically growing number of Hispanic students;
Community colleges hold great promise for Hispanic students after high school; most students need at least six years to graduate from four-year institutions, regardless of ethnicity;

Programs such as UNM's BA/MD are highly successful in recruiting, enrolling and supporting Hispanic students from across the state into the medical field.

Betty Walker Smith, Education Chair

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. **February 11**, Great Decisions- Responding to the Financial Crisis, led by Jan Bray. **March 11**, The Caucuses, led by Marilyn Dunn. **Chair: Jan Bray, 292-7270.**

MORNING CUISINE: 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. **February 15** hostess Betty Benson, 7909 Hendrix Ave NE, 294-1658. **March 15**, hostess Carol Johnson, 1617 Valdez Dr. NE, 332-3521. **Chair: Carolyn Kaye, 323-5288.**

AFTERNOON

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: 1st Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. **February 1**, Antique Baking Tools, at the home of Claudia Poglitsch, 2310 Calle de Rafael NE, 797-4371 **March 1**, Laundry Items, historical overview by Bonnie Paine, at the home of Trudi Handleman, 11428 Pine Top Lane NE, 293-0235. Bring items for Show and Tell. **Chair: Mary Campbell, 265-9365.**

CURRENT LITERATURE: 2nd Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. **February 8** at the home of Janet Sauter, 5201 Roma NE (Manzano del Sol), 883-9551. Register at the lobby desk and ask where the meeting is located. Liz Gordon will review *The Last Town on Earth*, by Thomas Mullen. **March 8**, at the home of JoAnn Mercer, 7112 Ottawa Rd. NE, 268-8001. JoAnn will review *The Women Jefferson Loved* by Virginia Scharf. **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. **February 3**, Diane Vадnais, hostess. 3711 Ridge Point Loop. NE, 323-1924, reading *Body to Die For* by G.A. McKavett. **March 3**, hostess Betty Benson, 7909 Hendrix NE, 294-1658, reading *The Bone Garden*, by Tess Gerritsen. **Chair: JoAnn Mercer, 268-8001.**

TRAVEL: 4th Mondays at 1:30 p.m. **February 28**, at the home of Ellen Evans, 2500 Cornell NE, 265-5229. Ellen will present a program on Patagonia, Santiago, and perhaps Buenos Aires. Please let hostess know if you will attend. **March 28**, hostess Antje Muir, 7305 Golden Glow Way NE, 821-7966, will present a program on her recent trip to Lebanon. Call hostess for instructions to gated community. **Chair: Suzanne Weissman, 294-5626, sweissmans@msn.com.**

EVENING

EVENING CUISINE: 2nd Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. February 10, at 5:30, hostess Enid Sorenson, 1412 Somervell NE, 294-7217. **March 10**, at the home of Kathryn Ritterbush, 9211 Haines NE, 298-4010. Cuisine of Peru and guest speaker, Todd Ritterbush, on his recent trip to Peru and his collection of Peruvian textiles. **Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.**

EVENING LITERATURE DISCUSSION: 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m. **February 21**, hostess Jan Maclay, 2150 Black Willow Dr NE, 857-9910, reading *Outliers: the Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell. **March 21**, reading *Of Human Bondage* by W. Somerset Maugham. Call chair for location. **Chair: Sheila Richmond, 856-0245.**



PLEASE SEND NOTICES OF APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS TO MARILYN DUNN,
mdunn45191@aol.com or 8620 Northeastern NE #10, 87112 by March 5, 2011.

Our Public Policy Chair in Action

Dixie Trebbe comes from four generations of college-educated women, many of whom belonged to AAUW. In December, 2004, Corrine Howard took Dixie to an AAUW party. Dixie joined AAUW Albuquerque and West Mesa branches in January, 2005.

She had been active as a political volunteer in Iowa and had wanted to become active in public policy. New Mexico's AAUW's gave her the opportunity. Lobbying in Santa Fe with Corrine, Jan Bray, Betty Walker Smith, and Carolyn Kaye got her started in Public Policy and the Lobby Corps.

Dixie, born in St. Louis, Missouri, lived in or near Council Bluffs, Iowa, 1942-1981. She worked in southwest Iowa and in Omaha, Nebraska. After her children grew up, she earned a BS at the University of Nebraska, majoring in Criminal Justice.

From 1981-1995 (when she retired) she worked in Dallas County, Texas, as an Adult Probation Officer.

Dixie has served as Public Policy and Choice Chair for AAUW-NM for four years and as Public Policy chair for Albuquerque Branch for four years.

Her work keeping "on top of" the bills of interest to AAUW begins in the summer when she looks up the Legislature on the internet and keeps track of the meetings of the Interim committees. She researches bills of interest to AAUW, takes notes on them, and compares them. Because we can't do them all, she selects the best bills from each group of AAUW interest to work on.

She talks to members of the legislative committees about whether a bill will go to the legislature, if it would be different, and whether it is likely the bill will be stopped or pass.

She tracks AAUW stands on different issues both state and national. When the legislature is in session, she attends every day possible. She observes that New Mexico legislators work hard, stay as late as midnight even if they have to be back at 8 a.m. the next morning.

Dixie's motto: "Failure to Plan is Planning to Fail!"

Recently, when Dixie reviewed 30 web sites, she found the following seemed "to represent news that tries to tell the truth."

<http://www.democracyfornewmexico.com/>
<http://www.nmpolitics.net/index/>
<http://www.opencongress.org/>
<http://www.politifact.com/>
<http://www.newsmax.com/>
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/>
<http://www.mediamatters.org/>

Dues Our **\$85.00** covers dues to the Association (**\$49.00--\$46.00** of that is tax-deductible), AAUW-NM, and Albuquerque Branch. New members joining Jan. 1 to March 1 pay half-dues for the rest of the fiscal year. 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.