



# AAUW ALBUQUERQUE BRANCH

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Newsletter

Joint meeting with the  
West Mesa Branch  
Saturday, February 13  
12:00 p.m.

Chef Jim White's Café at the  
"Design Center " 4801 Alameda NE  
[ NW corner of Alameda and Jefferson  
park in either the front or the back ]

Menu: Caesar Salad; Pasta Primavera with  
Chicken in Creamy Parmesan Sauce;  
Chocolate or Carrot Cake; Tea, Coffee, or Soda  
Cost: \$ 15.00

"Historic Courthouses of  
New Mexico"  
Presented by  
Carleen Lazell, Ph.D.

Carleen has been a member of AAUW  
for more than 30 years.

An architectural and cultural historian,  
she received her Ph. D. from UNM.

She was formerly associate editor of  
"New Mexico Architecture Magazine"  
and currently serves as editor of "La  
Cronica," official publication of the  
Historical Society of New Mexico.

Her doctoral dissertation about the  
19<sup>th</sup> century courthouses in New  
Mexico and her masters' thesis about  
the early buildings at UNM reflect her  
interest in public architecture. She  
has taught graduate classes on the  
history of Southwestern architecture  
at UNM.

March General Meeting  
Saturday, March 6  
2-4 p.m.

Asbury Methodist Church  
1000 Candelaria Rd NE  
(Announcements, refreshments and  
social time prior to the program)

Emile Nakhleh, Ph.D.  
"A Necessary Engagement:  
Reinventing  
America's Relations with  
the Muslim World"

Dr. Nakhleh, author of many books  
and other publications, retired in  
2006 from the U.S. government  
where he was a senior analyst and  
director of political Islam analysis  
globally and of regional analysis in  
the Middle East.

He joined the Central Intelligence  
Agency as a Scholar in Residence  
in September of 1991. Prior to his  
government service, he was a  
Professor of Political Science and  
International Studies at Mount St.  
Mary's University in Maryland  
where he taught for 26 years.  
He holds a Ph. D. from Georgetown  
University in International Relations.

He will focus on his book, "A  
Necessary Engagement" and  
highlight current developments as  
they pertain to US Middle-East  
relations.

## CALENDAR

### General Meetings

Saturday, February 13, 12 noon

Chef Jim White's Café

Saturday, March 6, 2-4 p.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church

### Board Meetings

Monday, February 8, 11:45 a.m.

Monday, March 1, 11:45 a.m.

New Mexico Commission on the  
Status of Women

1300 San Mateo Blvd. NE #101

April-May Newsletter Deadline

March 10

Editor: Pat Freeman, 254-1304

Welcome! New members

Nancy Hemry-Botts

Linda Jung

Sandra Alden

### Yearbook

#### Additions

Hemry-Botts, Nancy 897-6305

10 Link St. NW 87120

BA San Jose State Univ (CA)

MA State Univ of New York

Jung, Linda 797-4260

7608 Mariposa Pl. NE 87109

BSN Dominican College (TX)

MSN Texas Woman's Univ

Alden Sandra 268-2844

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## Celebrate Action Network Successes in 2009! <sup>1</sup>

... The growing power and reach of AAUW's Action Network can claim some impressive achievements. Just consider that over the past year, together, we have:

- Regained ground in the fight for pay equity by successfully advocating for the enactment of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, signed into law by President Obama on January 28, 2009. . . .
- Celebrated at the White House after more than a decade of work to expand protections for victims of hate crimes with the successful enactment of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act.
- Successfully supported Justice Sonia Sotomayor's confirmation to the U.S. Supreme Court, and celebrated this historic achievement for all women.
- Convinced the House to take the first critical step towards strengthening and updating the Equal Pay Act with the successful passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act, and increased the number of cosponsors in the Senate to more than ever before.
- Tackled the issue of college affordability with our support for the House-passed Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, one of the single largest investments in higher education ever.
- Ensured successful inclusion of AAUW's top priorities in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, including investments in higher education, school construction and modernization, and direct appropriations to states and localities to support critical services.
- Advocated for coverage of maternity care and preventative care, an end to gender rating, and other protections in the largest health care overhaul in 40 years. Advocates also fought and rallied against the anti-choice amendments on Capitol Hill and across the country.
- Ensured that a longtime champion for working women and their families has a seat at President Obama's cabinet table with the confirmation of Hilda Solis as Secretary of Labor.
- Convinced the House to support work-life balance policies with the passage of the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act. Advocates also supported extending coverage of the Family and Medical Leave Act to flight attendants who had been previously excluded from the law's protections, and we celebrated the extensions enactment in December.
- Advocated to keep our nation healthy by expanding support for paid sick days for American workers via the Healthy Families Act and the Pandemic Protection for Workers, Families, and Businesses Act....
- Supported the Obama Administration's actions to repeal the Global Gag rule and rescind harmful Bush administration regulations that would severely limit women's access to reproductive health and family planning services. . . .
- Moved us closer to writing women back into history with the House passage and Senate introduction of the National Women's History Museum Act.
- Provided ideas for action through AAUW's policy recommendations on the supports working women and their families need to thrive in a changing workforce, in reaction to the release of The Shriver Report—A Woman's Nation Changes Everything. . . .
- Opposed continued funding for private and religious school vouchers in our nation's capital that fly in the face of our nation's commitment to civil rights and public education, and made progress toward an appropriate end to the voucher program. . . .
- Supported Rep. Edward J. Markey's (D-MA) investigation to protect AAUW's good name and grassroots strength against astroturfing activities. . . .
- Put a face to our voice with approximately 1,800 visits to members of Congress by the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps. . . .
- Sponsored five congressional briefings on Capitol Hill, focusing on such as pay equity, Title IX, women's participation in science, technology, engineering, and math fields, and paid parental leave.
- Held members of Congress accountable for their votes using the AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record.
- Action Network members thanked their elected officials who voted with AAUW on priority issues and expressed their disappointment to those officials who did not support our mission. . . .

<sup>1</sup> For the list in full, see <http://aauw.org> Two Minute Activist

# Interest Group News

INTEREST GROUP CHAIR Marilyn Dunn 299-5487

## MORNING

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. at the home of Jan and Olin Bray, 7041 Prairie Ct, NE. February 12 and March 12. Chair: Jan Lifson Bray, 292-7270.

MORNING CUISINE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, at 9:30 a.m. February 16 at the home of Carolyn Kaye, 409 Ridge, NE. March 16 at the home of Betty Benson, 7090 Hendrix, NE, 294-1658. Chair: Carolyn Kaye, 323-5288.

## AFTERNOON

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. February 2 at the home of Katherine Yates, 4610 Eubank, NE, #615, 323-6061. Topic: Music Boxes. March 2 at the home of Roberta Welles, 13 Ridge Road, Placitas, 867-3701 with the topic: Time Pieces. Bring show and tell items. Chair: Mary Campbell, 265-9365, Co-Chair: Marilyn Klett, 884-8354.

CURRENT LITERATURE: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. February 9 at the home of Janet Sauter, 7201 Prospect Pl, NE (Woodmark) with Rosemary Mitchell as co-hostess. Nancy Jones will give the book review. March 9 at the home of JoAnn Mercer, 7112 Ottawa Rd, NE, 268-8001. JoAnn will review American Lion, a biography of Andrew Jackson by Jon Meacham. Chair: Ann Carden, 884-8211.

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 Miller, 255-7768.

AFTERNOON MYSTERY: First Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. February 4 at the home of Suzanne Weissman, 3900 Calle Castano, NE. Book to be discussed: Death at Victoria Dock by Kerry Greenwood. Call 294-5626 if coming. March 4 for more information, please contact Chair: JoAnn Mercer, 268-8001.

TRAVEL: Usually 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Please note: February 15 at the home of Ellen Evans, 1500 Cornell, NE, 265-5229 or ellenw@the-evans.org. Ellen will present: "Wild Southern Africa." March 22 at the home of Eleanor Stevens, 9004 Liberty Dr., NE, eleanorstevens@webtv.net or 797-9851. Ellie will present "Living in the US Virgin Islands." For either meeting, please let hostess know if you plan to attend. Chair: Suzanne Weissman, sweissmans@msn.com, 294-5626.

## EVENING

EVENING CUISINE: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. February 11 at the home of Suzanne Weissman, 3900 Calle Castano, NE, 294-5626. March 11 at the home of Carolyn Kaye, 409 Ridge Circle, NE, 323-5288. Chair: Marianne Helgesen, 286-8956.

EVENING LITERATURE DISCUSSION: 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:30 p.m. February 15 at the home of Jo Margaret Farris, 9303 Topanga Ct, NE, 797-2279. Book for discussion: Blood and Thunder by Hampton Sides. March 15 at the home of Jan Maclay, 2150 Black Willow Dr, NE, 857-9910. Book for discussion: The Hour I First Believed by Wally Lamb. Chair: Sheila Richmond, 856-0245.

## VARIABLE SCHEDULES

COUPLES GOURMET: The group meets at members' homes to enjoy a gourmet meal prepared by all of us. Gatherings are scheduled throughout the year. New couples welcome. Call for information. Chair: Janet Ford, 292-7821.

PLEASE SEND NOTICES OF YOUR APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS TO MARGE BARCHECK, m.barcheck@gmail.com or 921 Purple Aster Dr., Bernalillo, NM 87004 by March 4, 2010.

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### NOBEL PRIZE WON BY AAUW MEMBER

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded to AAUW member Dr. Carolyn Greider and her colleagues Elizabeth Blackburn and Jack Szostak of the Johns Hopkins Institute for Basic Biomedical Sciences.

## *President's Comments*

At our December meeting at Seasons Rotisserie Grill, there was an excellent violin performance by Jo Margaret Farris and a successful silent auction--\$257 was raised, \$47 of that by the Couple's Cuisine group. Proceeds go to the Corrine Wolfe International Scholarship Fund. The January friendship tea at Sandy Alden's home was a real social time enriched by members learning more about the amazingly varied backgrounds of other AAUW members.

The February Board meeting has been moved to the 8<sup>th</sup> so it won't conflict with AAUW Day at the Legislature, February 1<sup>st</sup> when AAUW members spend the morning lobbying legislators in Santa Fe. Plans for the AAUW-NM Convention and Symposium here in April are well underway. Also look forward to attending the Rocky Mountain Regional Convention in Aurora, CO, June 11-13. I encourage you to attend all AAUW gatherings.

Ted Cooley

## *Contact Your Senators*

This year it is important to contact your New Mexico senators about bills. The House of Representatives usually goes along with our priorities and they are up for reelection this year.

Because senators aren't up for reelection, some senators may figure that by the time they are up for reelection voters will have forgotten they stalled legislation. A bill representatives have gotten passed by the House can be stalled in the Senate – and nothing happens.

Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy

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***Dues* Our \$85.00 covers dues to the Association (\$49.00), AAUW-NM, and Albuquerque Branch. For those paid on-or-after April 1, 2009, \$46.00 of the \$49.00 is tax-deductible. Shirley Ash, 856-5852**

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

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