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The Newsletter of West Mesa Branch, AAUW

May 2011

From the President

Saturday, May 14, 2011, will be our last branch gathering for this AAUW year. Before we all get busy with our summer activities, please plan to join us at Joe's Pasta House, 3201 Southern Boulevard in Rio Rancho, at noon for their always popular Italian buffet. Cost is \$12, which includes iced tea, tax, and tip. Please RSVP to Marj Wyckoff at 349-3121 by Thursday, May 12. My husband, Bob Klenner will present a program on the history and operation of the Cumbres and Toltec Railroad. Believe me, he knows a lot about this topic! Bob is a lifelong rail fan, a member of the Friends of the Cumbres and Toltec, and has worked many hours cataloging photographs for the Friends, and also as a docent in the summer for tourist excursions on the C&T. Please invite any guests who would enjoy this presentation.

Mary Browne, Mimi Salinger, Bonnie Rutherford, Dixie Trebbe and I had a great time at the State AAUW convention in Silver City on April 15-17. Congratulations to Mary Browne, who is the new AAUW-New Mexico Funds Chair. Also, you may not know that Bonnie Rutherford is the State Historian. Along with Dixie Trebbe, who is this year's recipient of the Terry Sleight Award and our Lobby Corps Leader, our West Mesa Branch is well represented at the state level.

Saturday's speakers included Roxanne Lara, a lawyer and AAUW member from Carlsbad, who is one of only 100 women selected nationwide to participate in *Vision 2020*, a national program from Drexel University with corporate sponsorship, which seeks to make significant advances for women and girls in the next few years. Roxanne's project will be to expand a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program done by her local branch statewide. For more information, see www.drexel.edu/vision2020

We also heard an excellent presentation by Dr. Andresse St. Rose, who is a senior researcher for National AAUW and one of the authors of the recent AAUW publication *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*. I have a copy of the report, and will be glad to loan it to interested readers. You can also read more about it in the *Outlook* magazine and online at www.AAUW.org. Dr. Andresse mentioned a test from Harvard designed to detect bias, which finds it even in people who are sure they aren't biased. You can take the test yourself at <https://implicit.harvard.edu>.

Next year our state convention will be in Las Cruces. I plan not to miss it.

You recently received your ballot in the mail for National officers and board members. After our reorganization a couple of years ago, we no longer have delegates to vote for them at convention. Now we have One Member, One Vote, so the voice of every member can be heard. Be sure to vote! Mail your paper ballot by the May 31 deadline, or you may vote online until 9 pm on June 17.

The summer state leadership team meeting will be July 23 in Las Vegas, NM. I am planning to go and will be happy to provide a ride for any members who would like to attend. Our own West Mesa Branch will be hosting the fall state leadership team meeting on October 15.

Cheryl 307-9118

CALENDAR

Branch Meeting **May 14 at Joe's Pasta House, 3201 Southern Boulevard at 12 noon. RSVP to Marg Wyckoff at 349-3121 by Thursday, May 12.**

INTEREST GROUPS

NOBLE READERS will meet at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 25 at the OASIS, 4940 Corrales Road. The books to be discussed are listed below.

The Secret Diaries of Charlotte Bronte by Syrie James
Traveling with Pomegranates by Sue Monk Kidd

GREAT DECISIONS will meet on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 pm. at Fairwinds in Rio Rancho. Call Laura Stokes at 328-1767 for detail

DINE AROUND The May Dine Around will be on Sunday, May 15th, 6pm, at Mimi Salinger and Bob Long's'. Please give Mimi a call at 897-7906 to tell her you're coming and what you'll bring to the potluck.

BRIDGE

BRIDGE TIPS will meet at 1 p.m. on:

May 5 Bob Long

Contact Jana at 892-1831 for more information.
Bridge Tips goal is to be able to communicate better with any player.

PARTY BRIDGE: Party Bridge meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. at the host's home. Please call the host if you would like to play.

May 12 - Marianne Gardner--892-5971

May 26 - Merry Sisneros—890-1406

*Keep up-to-date on state and other branch activities by visiting www.aauw-nm.org
For national news, see www.aauw.org*

West Mesa Branch



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Dues are Due! IMPORTANT NOTICE - this is the only notice you get that Dues are due now! Cut out the form on the next page and pay now or put with your bills to pay by June 15. – Mimi Salinger

Mail your check for \$ 72.00

(or, if you are a dual member, \$12 branch dues only) payable to: AAUW, West Mesa
with the form below, to:

Mimi Salinger, Treasurer
211 Valle Vista Rd
Corrales, NM 87048



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Degrees Earned

In What Field?

From What College or University?

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