



Make Reservations Now for Dec 14 Cocktail Party and Silent Auction for AAUW Funds



Plan now to attend our traditionally festive December party, with some new twists to make this year's event even more special!

This year, a **Cocktail Party starting at 3 p.m. on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec 14** will be held at **Picacho Hills Country Club**. The new format will give members and their guests a greater opportunity to mix and mingle and will offer a variety of tempting finger foods and beverages. **The cost is \$15 per person**. A cash bar will also be available. Your partners and guests are most welcome to join us for what promises to be a wonderful time.

The deadline for reservations is Friday, Dec 1.

Please make **checks payable to AAUW-Las Cruces** and **mail your reservation payment to:**

AAUW Treasurer Donna Rea, 1232 Regency Ct., Las Cruces, NM 88007
or mail to AAUW-Las Cruces, PO Box 6572, Las Cruces, NM 88006-6572



**Silent Auction at Party - All Proceeds Will Benefit
AAUW Funds, AAUW-LC NMSU Scholarship and Girls Can!**

A Silent Auction of lovely items donated by our members will be held at the party as one of two fund raising efforts for this year. **We need your help as a member who will donate something for the auction, a member who will purchase something at the auction, or both!** What an excellent opportunity this will be to purchase a perfect holiday gift (maybe even for yourself!)

Items for donation should have a **value of \$25 or above**. Choose items that are new or "gently used" that would appeal to our members and guests. These might include artworks, both wall pieces or sculptures or ceramics, or a woven or fiber piece, curios and decorative pieces, or attractive coffee table picture books. Another possibility is a donation of theater or symphony tickets, a restaurant gift certificate, or an invitation to a dinner party you will host at your home. Think of something you would like to win, and that will be the perfect item for donation! Remember, your generosity is for a very good cause.

A committee organizing the Silent Auction will be chaired by Gale Kaufman. If you would like to help with this portion of our December event or need more information, please contact her at 575-373-1438 or email, gck_51@yahoo.com.

Items for the Silent Auction can be delivered to Gale or to Donna Rea, or you can bring them to the November General Meeting at the Amador Hotel (see article below).

Additional details about the Silent Auction will be available following the November meeting.



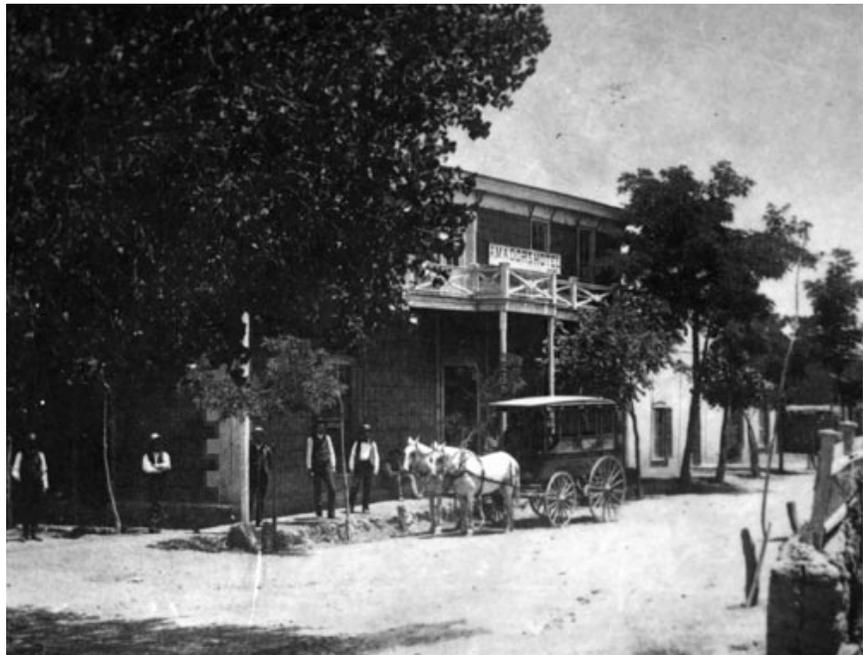
TOUR THE HISTORIC AMADOR HOTEL AT BRANCH MEETING SATURDAY, NOV 9, 10 AM

**Deborah Dennis will lead the tour when we meet
at the Amador Hotel, 180 W. Amador, Las Cruces**

A special treat is in store when we attend the next Las Cruces Branch General Meeting on **Saturday, Nov 9, at 10 a.m. when Dr. Deb Dennis will lead us on a tour of the historic Amador Hotel.** It is the oldest building in downtown Las Cruces, surviving calamities from the Great Flood of 1875 to urban renewal in the 1960s. It served Las Cruces in a variety of ways but, first and foremost, this unique, beloved hotel provided the finest accommodations in the region. After being an integral part of daily activity in Las Cruces for more than 130 years, the Amador fell silent in 2006 when County staff moved into the new Government Center on Motel Blvd. At the urging of the Dona Ana Historical Society and other concerned citizens, the City of Las Cruces acquired the property. The nonprofit Amador Hotel Foundation, Inc. was founded to preserve and restore the historic hotel to its territorial glory as a cultural and historic icon and maintain the essence of its history for today and tomorrow. In partnership with the City, the Foundation is adapting the Amador as a small event center, museum, restaurant and bar. The Amador will serve as the gateway and social center to a revitalized Downtown Las Cruces as it becomes the social destination once again for the community to gather and interact.



Dr. Deborah Dennis



The Amador Hotel in the 1890s

Dr. Dennis developed a love of history as a child growing up in Venezuela. She earned two degrees in Anthropology: a BA from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and a MA from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. After working in Mexico, Arizona, and throughout New Mexico, health problems caused her to make a career detour in 1977.

Dennis arrived at NMSU during the 1979 Fall semester as the Associate Director of Financial Aid. Three years later she was promoted into Counseling and Student Development where she became the Director of Student Development responsible for a variety of departments including Veterans Affairs, the NMSU Women's Center, the Office of Judicial Affairs, New Student Programs, national standardized testing, and services for students with disabilities. During these years, she became a student in the Department of Educational Management and Development, earning her doctorate in 1988.

Upon her retirement from NMSU, Dr. Dennis returned to her love for archaeology with Human Systems Research, Inc., the oldest, private nonprofit in the state of New Mexico, conducting anthropological research, preservation, and public education. She has served as Executive Director for 18 years. Additionally, she is a founding member of the Amador Hotel Foundation, Inc. and currently serves as the vice president of the board. She enjoys providing tours of the historic Amador and sharing the hidden surprises that have been uncovered during its restoration.

The meeting is open to the public, and guests are welcome. **The tour is free, but a small contribution towards the restoration of the hotel would be appreciated.**

You can visit the **Amador Hotel website** by clicking on this link:

http://www.las-cruces.org/code/history_exhibit/LearnMore/cityBegAmador.html

From Our President Bonnie Eisenberg:

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**Nov 9 General Meeting and Dec
Party**
Branch & NMSU Win Grant



Our Tech Trek Planning Team (l. - r.) Ann Palormo, Ann McCullough, Becca Galves, Bonnie Eisenberg and Mary Rita Chapman

Planning Underway for Major Branch Projects

DEAR FRIENDS,

Fall is proving to be a very busy time for our branch. Planning and fundraising is well underway for both Girls Can! Career Exploration Conference and for the Tech Trek Summer Camp. Interest groups are meeting and the book groups and Going Places will soon be making plans for their 2014 activities, so it's time to start thinking about what you would like to read and places you might like to explore. And, of course, fall is football season, so our NFL interest groups are in full swing. If you haven't already, join an interest group to have fun and meet new people.

At the **Fall Leadership Team** meeting last month, there was a lot of discussion about how AAUW-NM can best promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education and careers for New Mexico girls. Our branch's success at bringing the **Tech Trek Summer Camp** to New Mexico fits perfectly into that goal, and much support was expressed by other branches and our state officers. AAUW-NM voted to appoint a state-wide STEM coordinator and an allocation of **\$1,000 for the Tech Trek summer camp in Las Cruces**. Branches in other parts of the state agreed to help with outreach to schools and local media and to raise funds to sponsor girls from their area to attend the camp. The camp will be open to girls from throughout New Mexico, and we intend to make sure there is geographical, ethnic, racial, and socio-economic diversity.

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Upcoming General Meetings & Events

Saturday, Nov 9 - 10 am
Amador Hotel
Historic Hotel Tour

Saturday, Dec 14 - 3 pm
Picacho Hills Country Club
HOLIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY

Saturday, Jan 11, 2014 - 10 am
Branigan Library Roadrunner Rm
Rosa Burmeister, Opportunities for Women, DACC programs

Saturday, Feb 8 - 10 am
Good Samaritan Auditorium
League of Women Voters:
Chris Little, Vicki Simons & Jane Carter
Research on Las Cruces area
Affordable Housing

Saturday, March 8 - 8 am - noon
Lynn Middle School
GIRLS CAN! Career Conference
AAUW and Community
Professional Women

Tuesday, April 8 - 6 pm
Branigan Library Roadrunner Rm
Krysten Aguilar, La Semilla Food Center
Food for Border Communities

Tuesday, May 13 - 6 pm
Branigan Library Roadrunner Rm
Lyla Jordan - A Tour of the Seychelles Islands

Tuesday, June 3
END OF YEAR PARTY
Location and Time TBD

Girls Can! received a big boost last month when the **Las Cruces Soroptimists gave us a \$500 contribution to support the program.** Their members also plan to help out on the day of the conference as they did last year. Most of the presenters for Girls Can! are lined up already, and we are working on ways to improve our outreach to schools and parents to increase student participation, which has been slipping in the past few years. To that end, a **strategy meeting will be held in early November**, so anyone with ideas or willingness to help should contact me ASAP to get involved with the most worthwhile activity.

Bonnie Eisenberg

INTEREST GROUPS

Downtown Art Ramble interest Group

Due to varying gallery closing times for Friday afternoons, (ranging from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.), it is currently not possible to schedule gallery walks on Friday evenings, except through requests for special appointments with the individual galleries. This change applies to the current opening schedules. Therefore, it is recommended we communicate further regarding another day (Saturday afternoons) when a tour to desired openings may be possible.

Your interest and thoughts are important to making this opportunity available for gallery walks. Please call or e-mail Denyse Johnson your ideas. 575-522-4618 or email sourcefinearts@earthlink.net.

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ANYTHING GOES BOOK GROUP

The group will meet on **Monday, Nov 11** at Shirley Armstrong's home to discuss *The Hare With Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance* by Edmund de Waal. We meet at 1:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Julia Bruner at julesnewmexico@gmail.com or 522-1685.

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ANYTHING GOES 2 - FICTION BOOK GROUP

Fourth Monday, 1:30 pm - Contact: Lori LaPlanche at laplanche45@comcast.net, 575-523-7574.

Next meeting: **Nov. 25**. Hostess: Shari Glassman. RSVP: smaxgem@centurylink.net. For discussion: *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. The group warmly invites additional members to join us for lively discussions of our favorite fiction selections.

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DAYTIME BRIDGE - Second Thursday, 1 - 4 pm.

Contact: Carol Ann Council at 522-3313, email kkca_council@msn.com.

Hostess for up & coming game:

Nov 14 - Chris Little

Dec 12 - TBA

EVENING BRIDGE - Fourth Tuesday, 7:15 pm.

AAUW'S MISSION

The mission of AAUW is to **advance equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.**

AAUW Scrapbooker Needed!

We would very much like to begin keeping a scrapbook for our branch, to contain newspaper articles about our branch members and our events, as well as photos and memorabilia.

If you have scrapbooking experience and would like to help get this project started, please contact Bonnie Eisenberg mizbons@comcast.net.

Our New Branch Website

Development continues on the AAUW LC Branch website. Look for it to expand as the year goes on, giving us a strong presence on the web.

To access it, click on this link:

<http://lascruces-nm.aauw.net/>

You can invite a friend to read the OMV to learn more about us and what we do.

Forward this issue to a friend by clicking on the **Forward this email** link at the bottom of the newsletter.

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Do you have an article, photograph or other information you would like to share with

Contact: Carol Ann Council, 522-3313, email kk-ca_council@msn.com.

Hostess for up & coming game:

Oct 22 - Mary Berry

Nov 26 - Mary Ann Willson

Dec - No Meeting

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GOING PLACES

Meets monthly on the third Thursday morning. Guests are always welcome. The next meeting date is **Thursday, Nov 21** - Details on this month's excursion are still developing and will be announced in an email to you in early November.

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INTERNATIONAL DINNERS

The International Dinner group is being hosted this month by Shirley Armstrong on **Saturday, Nov 16**. The dinner's theme is Silver Anniversary, in honor of two group member couples celebrating that milestone this fall. Contact Jo Tice Bloom for more information at jobloom@comcast.net or 382-0722.

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DINING OUT

We'll be dining out at **Pho Dong**, a relatively new Vietnamese restaurant in Las Cruces at 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, Nov 19**. It is located at 504 E. Amador at the intersection with Mesquite Street. If you would like to join us, email Cathy Quinones at quinonesc@aol.com by Monday evening, Nov 18 so we can let them know how many people to plan for. As always, we encourage you to bring guests and spouses.

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NFL FANS

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

The **Steelers** November games are **Sunday, Nov 3**, vs. the Patriots, at 2:25 pm; **Sunday, Nov. 10**, vs. the Bills, at 11 a.m.; **Sunday, Nov. 17** vs. the Lions at 11 a.m.; and **Sunday, Nov 24**, vs. the Browns at 11 a.m. The Steelers also play Thanksgiving Day at 6:30 pm vs. the Ravens, but **we will not be meeting on Thanksgiving**. The Steelers Fan Club in Las Cruces meets at Farley's Bar and Grill, 3499 Foothills. Phoebe Pierce, phone 524-8320, cell 520-6913, or email pierce1@zianet.com. **Bears** fans will meet on **Sunday, Nov. 24** at De La Vegas Pecan Grill for the 11 a.m. game vs. the St. Louis Cardinals. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Fran Plec, fplec@comcast.net or phone 202-5459.

All fans and guests are welcome to join the group. RSVP by Friday before the game so a place may be held for you to watch.

AAUW members?

Send it by email to bonnie.schranz@gmail.com.



New branch member Elaine Hampton offered fascinating information about her recent book, ***Anay's Will to Learn: A Woman's Education in the Shadow of the Maquiladora*** and signed copies of the book for members at the October general meeting. Elaine's book can be purchased locally at COAS, from online book sellers and also from her website:

www.ElaineHampton.com.

ALL ABOVE BOARD

This column reflects actions and issues brought up at the most recent AAUW-LC Board session. Information comes from Board members and from the minutes recorded by our secretary, Fran Plec. Members are welcome to attend Board meetings. For a schedule, see your 2013-14 Yearbook. The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, Nov 4, 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has passed the 100 mark! This month welcome new members **Sylvia Bizzell, Charlene Blair and Rebecca (Becca) Galves.**

Sylvia Bizzell resides at 10022 Catalonia Ct., LC 88007 and can be reached at 575-993-0133. Her email is sbizzell2@me.com.

She earned a MA degree in Spanish and French from The Colorado College, Santa Clara, CA.

Charlene Blair, who holds a MA in Spanish from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, lives at 3510 Midnight Ridge Dr. LC 88011. Contact her at 575-636-2620 or (cell) 412-551-2094. Email cagblair@hotmail.com.

Becca Galves was on board to partner with our branch as the NMSU component of grant application writing and winning the national AAUW Tech Trek grant before she even officially

became an AAUW member. She earned an MBA in geography and business from New Mexico State University. She resides at 855 Cedardale Dr., LC 88005. Call her at 575-639-1022 and email rgalves@nmsu.edu.

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CHILDREN'S READING FOUNDATION

Rorie Measure submitted this information:

Your volunteer help is needed to paste translations in children's books. Contact Rorie Measure 522-4804
rmeasure@gmail.com

Book Drive before Christmas!

This time of year CRF-DAC receives requests from schools and reputable agencies that serve the poor asking for children's books in time for the holidays. Currently, our supply of books is painfully low. We seek contributions of books (new or gently used) appropriate for children through young adults. We can use adult titles, as well, for Books on Buses. All contributions will be joyfully accepted.

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INTERNATIONAL

Our International Liaison

Carol Ann Council submitted the following:

Women from sixty-one countries are now affiliated with the **International Federation of University Women (IFUW)**, soon to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2019. Most of these countries were represented at the 31st Triennial Conference in Istanbul this past August. **Women Graduates-USA (WG-USA)** had about 25 members in attendance.



Twelve resolutions were passed, including two offered by WG-USA:

1. The use of unarmed civilian peacekeeping (UCP) as one strategy for implementing the UNSC (United Nations Security Council) resolutions on women, peace, and security.
2. The negative impacts of globalization on women in the developing world. Two other proposals added emphasis to the WG-USA resolution on trafficking that passed three years ago in Mexico City.

OF NOTE...

From the AAUW national website:

THIS IS ABOUT US!!!

Tech Trek Camps Are Expanding! Congratulations to our three new Tech Trek pilot sites: the University of Alabama, Huntsville; **New Mexico State University;** and Tillamook Bay Community College, Oregon. Check out this new Tech Trek video and learn how your support of Tech Trek inspires future scientists, engineers, computer programmers, and more.

DEFINITELY Click on the link below!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldHrqdn290M&feature=youtu.be>

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Senate Women Worked Across Party Lines to Reopen Government

Even though their gender represents only 20% of the Senate, it was a **bipartisan group of female senators who led the effort to end the government shutdown.** Multiple reports, including praise from some of their male colleagues, credit Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), and Patty Murray (D-WA) with shaping the negotiations and working across party lines to address ideological concerns in settling the issue.

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Have you read something that you think would be of interest to our members? Send it to bonnie.schranz@gmail.com and note that it is for OF NOTE.

READ THE AAUW-NM ROADRUNNER

The Roadrunner, the newsletter of the New Mexico State AAUW, is available for you to read and download in pdf format on the AAUW-NM website. Click on the following link:

<http://aauw-nm.aauw.net/files/2013/06/RoadrunnerSummer2013.pdf>

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