



## ORGAN MOUNTAIN VIEWS

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### SEE YOU AT GIRLS CAN! 2017 Doña Ana Community College, East Mesa Saturday, March 11

# Girls Can!



Lots of work, energy and love have gone into the preparation for Girls Can! 2017, to be held for the first time on the campus of Doña Ana Community College (DACC) on Saturday, March 11.

Girls who attend the event will have exciting career exploration opportunities participating in three different workshops. They'll be served a wonderful breakfast, hear an inspiring opening message and get to meet and interact with other 6th graders from across the county.

**This year we celebrate 23 years of Girls Can!**

**Rorie Measure**, coordinator of the **Parents' Workshop**, and **Dr. Renay Scott**, President of Dona Ana Community College, have put together an amazing group of presenters for the Parents' Workshop. Depending on which

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**Info coming in April OMV.**

Upcoming General Meetings & Events

March 8  
International Women's Day

Saturday, March 11  
GIRLS CAN!  
8 am - noon at DACC

language the parents feel more comfortable using, they may choose between two different sessions, one in Spanish or one in English. Both

groups will discuss (1) Navigating the education system for learning beyond high school, (2) Tips on social media use, and (3) Health communications between parents and adolescent girls. Following the workshops, all of the parents will be invited to tour the DACC East Mesa Campus facilities.

[Tuesday, April 4](#)  
EQUAL PAY DAY

AAUW "Start Smart"  
Workshop at NMSU  
AAUW-NM Co-President  
Sylvia Fink, Facilitator

**Volunteers at Girls Can! are asked to assemble at 7:30 am in the Commons area in the Student Services Building at DACC unless otherwise requested by our volunteer coordinator, Londa Seiffert.**

[Saturday, April 8](#)  
general meeting 10 am  
location TBD  
"What Exactly is 'Women's  
Studies'?"  
Dr. Patricia Wojhan, NMSU  
Interim Director of  
Interdisciplinary Studies

Thanks for everyone's help! See you March 11 for a very special day!

[To see this year's Girls Can! brochure, click here!](#)

## From our Co-Presidents Shirley Armstrong & Donna Rea

### Greetings AAUW and Happy Spring!

In March 2017, we begin daylight savings time (Mar 12) and we celebrate St. Patrick's Day (Mar 17) and the first day of spring (Mar 20). For AAUW-LC, **March is also the time for our 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Girls Can!**

**Ann McCullough** and her team have been busy for months laying the groundwork for some exciting changes highlighted by **a new venue, the East Mesa Campus of Doña Ana Community College**, and by presenting the **parents' workshops in both English and Spanish**. Girls Can! is a morning of fun for everyone - our sixth graders, the presenters AND the volunteers! **Various community groups provide volunteers** to help with the morning, which affords us the opportunity as we greet and thank these women to invite them to join our organization. Membership brochures will be available.

Spring is a time of **new beginnings** and our **nominating committee composed of Julia Bruner, Lynn Mulholland and Carol Ann Council** is working on a roster of new officers for 2017-2018. We will announce the slate in April and vote on the officers at our May meeting. **Board participation** is a great way to learn more about AAUW, to help our local branch, to meet more members and to form close friendships. We urge you to check the officer list in your yearbook and if you have questions about or interest in any board position, please let us know. (A link to the **updated list of current officers** is in the sidebar of this newsletter).

**Board members' time expenditure** depends on the nature of their task. **Beverly Chambers, our fund-raising chair for the past two years**, is gratefully less active now after her stellar January 29 event that raised more funds than any year to date. Look elsewhere in the OMV to see the exact amount and Beverly's summary. We extend **BIG KUDOS to Beverly, her assistant, Kathy Cooke, and ALL who helped in many ways for a job well done**. Two goals in addition to raising funds, 1) involving more community members in our fund raising and 2) increasing publicity about AAUW, were surely achieved!

**All our board members contribute to a smooth-running organization.** You are familiar with those who participate in general meetings but with others, you see the results of their efforts but may not know the face behind the product. All email notifications are sent by our **Communications Chair, Lori LaPlanche**, and our monthly **OMV arrives courtesy of editor, Bonnie Schranz**. Even further behind the scenes is **By-Laws chair, Marsha Hokkonen**, who is working on the unglamorous but required national by-laws update. These women and our other board members keep the wheels turning and we appreciate each of them.

**Looking forward**, we have two events to add to your calendars: **Start Smart at NMSU on April 4** and **Tech Trek in Socorro, June 18-24**. **Susan DeMar, NMSU liaison**, has done the groundwork for Start Smart, and **Rebecca Galves, new STEM chair**, is coordinating our Tech Trek involvement. Further details on both events are in this and upcoming OMVs.

**A BIG Thank You** to all our board for all you do! **We are grateful!**

- Donna Rea & Shirley Armstrong, Co-presidents

## INTEREST GROUPS

### Anything Goes Book Group

The Anything Goes Book Group will meet at 1:30 pm on **Monday, March 13** in the home of Carol Eggers to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. For more information please contact Julia Bruner at [julesnewmexico@gmail.com](mailto:julesnewmexico@gmail.com) or at 522-1685.

### Anything Goes Fiction Book Group

Anything Goes Fiction Book Group meets Monday, March 27 at 1:30 pm at the home of Roberta Shelton to discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredric Backman. Contact Roberta if you'd like to join us. 206-963-1070 or [mshel@aol.com](mailto:mshel@aol.com).

This group will meet next on **April 24** in the home of Judy McGuire to discuss *Catfish and Mandela* by Andrew X. Pham. **This is a change in the previously announced April reading selection.** According to Judy, this book isn't nearly as long as *Saigon* and has more humor and delight, lending itself well to our reading pleasure!

### Daytime & Evening Bridge

The AAUW daytime bridge group meets on the **second Thursday of each month** at 1 pm to approximately 4 pm.

9 March	Mary Berry
13 April	TBA
11 May	Carol Ann Council

**The AAUW evening bridge group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:15pm.**

28 February	Lavita Costley
28 March	Mary Berry
25 April	Mary Ann Willson

Contact Carol Ann Council 649-8122 or [kk-ca\\_council@msn.com](mailto:kk-ca_council@msn.com).

### **Dining Out**

Dining Out will meet next at Josefina's Gate restaurant in Mesilla for lunch on **Thursday, March 23** at 1 pm. Depending on the weather, we may be able to eat outside on the patio. If you have not been there before, you are in for a treat. You are always welcome to bring a spouse or friend with you. Let Cathy Quinones know by the day before if you want to be included so we can give the restaurant a head count. 993-9528 or [quinonesc@aol.com](mailto:quinonesc@aol.com).

### **Going Places**

On **Tuesday, March 21**, let's carpool to the **EL Paso Museum of Archaeology** for a 10 am tour of main exhibits and outside garden. Lunch to follow. If weather allows, we might be seeing the poppies blooming on Transmountain Road.

**RSVP** by calling Kathi Barit 575-640-4257 (no texting) or email [katherinebarit@gmail.com](mailto:katherinebarit@gmail.com) by March 17 so I can arrange transportation carpooling groups.

### **\*Special notice for April 18 Going Places event:**

A special presentation about drones is being offered to us at **Holloman Air Force Base**. Anyone interested in participating in this tour **MUST** submit certain personal information to me **no later than March 17** so that I can provide it for Base Security. Email to [katherinebarit@gmail.com](mailto:katherinebarit@gmail.com)

### **Information required for each participant:**

- \*full legal name
- \*SSN
- \*place of birth
- \*dob
- \*citizenship

### **International Gourmet**

The international Gourmet group meets monthly.. For more information about the group, contact Deanise Marta [dxmarta@msn.com](mailto:dxmarta@msn.com) or Jo Bloom [jotbloom@comcast.net](mailto:jotbloom@comcast.net).

**'ONE FOR THE GIRLS' WAS ONE GREAT SUCCESS!  
2017 Branch Fundraiser Raised \$5,903  
for AAUW Programs!**



Remember Then - a Class Act was the headliner of the ONE FOR THE GIRLS show at the Rio Grande Theater on Jan 29 which brought funding for AAUW-LC programs, as well as brought notice to the general public about our organization and the good things we do for our community.



The Michele Dance Academy Showstoppers and Hip Hop kids (below) were joined by the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet to offer a charming Act 2 to the afternoon's production.





Beverly Chambers, our remarkable producer of the show, was ably assisted by Kathy Cooke and other AAUW members serving in various capacities in offering a memorable afternoon to all who attended. A special thank you goes to branch member Carrie Hamblen, our MC for ONE FOR THE GIRLS, and Kathleen Albers, Doña Ana Arts Council Executive Director, and the Rio Grande Theater staff.



**SUPPORT OUR LOCAL 'ONE FOR THE GIRLS' SPONSORS!**



## All Above Board

**The AAUW-LC Board will NOT meet in March, due to Girls Can! They will meet next on Monday, April 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference room of Good Samaritan. Board meetings are open to all members.**

## TECH TREK NM 2017



**AAUW-NM State CO-PRESIDENT HELENA WHYTE visited the Las Cruces branch at February's general meeting, where she took the opportunity to share her enthusiasm for Tech Trek, coming to New Mexico Tech in Socorro June 18-24. She also attended the memorial for Mary Rita Chapman, with whom she had worked as a state officer and Tech Trek committee member.**

**Special guests at the February general meeting were (l.-r.) Alejandra Bahena and Viviana Alcantar, Doña Ana County students who**

**attended Tech Trek 2016.** It was exciting for us to hear about their experiences. Viviana said that she always knew she was very good at math, but until she attended Tech Trek, she "had no clue" about what she might do in the future. Today she has a goal and a network of good friends from across the state with whom she maintains contact. Alejandra also has her future in mind: work as a CSI technician for the FBI. She told us, "Tech Trek inspired me. It's not just about science. It's also about having friends and getting along."

**AAUW's Tech Trek camps have been proven to make a real difference in encouraging girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). AAUW Las Cruces is proud to serve a critical role in bringing this opportunity to NM girls.** AAUW-LC volunteers will be conducting interviews and reading essays throughout March, in order to assist the state committee in making final participant selections.

**It's not too late to make a contribution to Tech Trek NM 2017.** More dollars equal more girls who can be invited to participate in this life changing camp. To donate, write a check to Tech Trek NM and send a check to AAUW-LC, PO Box 6572, LC, NM 88006.

### **AAUW NATIONAL START SMART WORKSHOP APRIL 4 at NMSU**



Plans are well underway for the first **Start Smart Workshop** for women students at **NMSU on Tuesday, April 4**, and it's very exciting to be able to offer the program here on national **Equal Pay Day**. **The workshop will be facilitated by AAUW-NM Co-President Sylvia Fink** and held at the University's Corbett Center from 5:30 - 7 pm. The program, presented on campuses across the country, provides information necessary for successful salary negotiations for women accepting their first position.

Groundwork for the NMSU Start Smart event was initiated by branch **NMSU Liaison Susan DeMar** and Co-Presidents **Shirley Armstrong, Donna Rea** and the late **Ann Palermo**, with financial support from **Sylvia Fink** and our branch. Members of the AAUW NMSU Affiliate are actively involved in recruiting student participants for Start Smart. Look for more details in the April OMV.

### **Women Graduates-USA**

On Jan 31, the Board of Women Graduates-USA released this statement in their newsletter, *The Flame*:

"(Our) goal is to create a positive impact on the economic, social and political issues affecting women and girls globally, and our organization fundamentally supports safe access to education for women and girls impacted by war and conflict." They further offered a plea to national leaders to "use good judgement and sound logic, rather than fear tactics, and to continue to build positive global connections that lead to understanding and world peace."

2017 AAUW NATIONAL  
**ELECTION**  
one member, one vote

## AAUW NATIONAL ELECTIONS - Vote April 17 - June 15 Julia Brown is Candidate for AAUW National Chair

It's an election year for AAUW National, and each of us will have the opportunity to cast a ballot to elect the 2017 - 2019 AAUW National Chair, Vice Chair and Board of Directors.

Voting can be done **online** or by **traditional paper ballot**. You can request a paper ballot starting April 3. Online voting will begin April 17.

Election information with bios of all of the candidates, including Las Cruces branch member Julia Brown, a candidate for National Chair, is available in the **current issue of the AAUW Outlook magazine** you should have received in the mail recently. **More details and help with voting will be coming in the April issue of the OMV.**

## Branch Learned Heart Health Can Extend Your Life



A Valentine to members of the branch in February was a general meeting program devoted to information about maintaining heart health presented by experts from **Mountainview Medical Regional Center** (l. - r.) **Chelsie Carter, R.N., BSN, Chest Pain Coordinator** and **Erin Martin, R.N., BSN, Stroke Coordinator**. They were joined in the presentation by **Terry Hewitt, Community Relations and Program Manager for Senior Circle**. Their combined "Focus on Wellness" gave us valuable information and advice for maintaining wellbeing for ourselves and those we love.

## We Remember LaDonna Gammell

We are saddened to inform you of the death of **LaDonna Gammell**, a member of AAUW-LC since 2003, when she and her husband, Dr. Gerald Gammell, retired here from Minneapolis, MN. LaDonna was born on Nov 2, 1936, in Chicago and died Feb 1, 2017. She obtained her B.A. in Social Work with an emphasis on child welfare from the University of Minnesota and worked at an adoption agency while in CA for her husband's internship and then as a civilian Department of the Army stenographer for the surgery department while in Japan for two years of her husband's military service.

Upon returning to the upper midwest, LaDonna worked as a mother and homemaker caring for their three adopted children. She became interested in political science and took several classes, which led to employment with a political pollster and her support of various causes of concern to her. She is survived by her husband, children and grandchildren, several whom were with her in her final hours.

Dr. Gammell has suggested that any memorials given in LaDonna's name be used for our AAUW-LC Girls Can! program.

## Of Note...

*Celebrating Play the Recorder Month*

The Rio Grande Recorder Chapter  
of the American Recorder Society

### ***Recorders in Concert***

Sunday March 12  
2:00 p.m.

Good Samaritan Activity Center Auditorium,  
3011 Buena Vida Cir, Las Cruces, NM

Free and open to the public

*Enjoy a variety of early music performances by members of the Rio Grande Chapter of the American Recorder Society. Chapter members perform on a variety of recorders and viols with emphasis on music of the 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> century.*

For more information [www.rgrecorders.org](http://www.rgrecorders.org)  
email [info@rgrecorders.org](mailto:info@rgrecorders.org)

**Branch member Carol Ann Council** invites us to attend a wonderful afternoon of medieval music presented by the Rio Grande Chapter of the National Recorder Society, of which she is a member. See the flyer (left) for details.

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