



Lya Jordan will take us on a tour of the Seychelles Islands at May 13 meeting

Branigan Library Roadrunner Room

**Join us at 5:30 pm for Appetizers and Conversation!
Our program will begin at 6 pm**

Spring awakens the urge to travel in us all. Be ready to be delighted by a program presented by **Lya Jordan**, who will take us on a journey to the **Seychelles Islands**. She will share history and photographs of Bird, Mahe and La Digue Islands when we meet on **Tuesday, May 13 at 6 pm in the Roadrunner Room of the Branigan Library**. Arrive at **5:30 pm** to enjoy appetizers and conversation with members and guests.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 3
END OF YEAR PARTY
at the home of Donna Rea
Time TBA

DON't MISS THIS!!!



**YOUR INVITATION TO VIEW
GIRLRISING
on MAY 31
and LUNCHEON DISCUSSION
TO FOLLOW**

An Invitation flyer is attached for a special screening of the acclaimed film *GirlRising* which proves that the power of education can change a girl - and the world!

This private screening for Las Cruces AAUW members and friend is courtesy of Charles Schwab & Co. The screening will be held at the Charles Schwab Independent Branch in Las Cruces and will be hosted by (new) AAUW member Jackie Mitchell Edwards on Saturday, May 31 at 10 am. Seating is limited - RSVPs are required. Full information is on the flyer.

Click on this link:

[INVITATION TO VIEW GIRLRISING](#)

AAUW'S MISSION

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

**Renew your AAUW
membership
for 2014-15**

You can renew online or by

Lya Jordan was born and grew up in the Seychelles Islands and is a descendant of French pirates who settled there. She married in the Seychelles and came to live in the United States in 1968. She has made many trips to her homeland and even raised her family there for four years.



Jordan studied at New Mexico State University, earning degrees in accounting and foreign languages. Her children are now grown, and she works as an accountant and has a consulting business. She enjoys long walks with her husband Jay and two little dogs, Voltaire and Gauguin, cooking gourmet meals for her friends, reading and enjoying life in general.

We are sure to enjoy this trip to an exotic place with a native-born tour guide! Why not bring a guest along?

Election of New Officers at May Meeting

In addition to the interesting program described above, the May general meeting is our official "annual membership meeting" at which time we will be electing new officers. A quorum of 26 is needed for this election and the adoption of the budget for 2014-15 to take place, so please attend if at all possible. The board has decided to make a few changes in the officer terms to accommodate job-sharing and promote continuity for President and Vice President positions.

The proposed slate of new officers is:

- Co-President: Bonnie Eisenberg 2014-2015
- Co-President: Mary Rita Chapman 2014-2016
- Co-VP programs: Marsha Hokkanen 2014-2015
- Co-VP programs: Ann Palormo 2014-2016
- Treasurer: Donna Rea 2014-2016

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting. Self nominations are allowed.



MAY UPDATE from Becca Galves

Tech Trek Las Cruces is so grateful for the wonderful gifts from AAUW members throughout the state. The generosity of time, input, ideas, interviewing candidates, money, energy, and so much more... has been awe-inspiring! Many, many thanks!

The Selection Committee spent six very difficult hours creating the final list of young women who will receive an invitation to join Tech Trek this summer. As a direct result of donations that have been submitted by many of you, plus the Las Cruces Chapter, members throughout the state, and the state AAUW, **the committee is able to invite 52 young women to participate, surpassing the original goal of 50.** This is wonderful news and the Committee is very excited about the increase.

The next steps for Tech Trek Las Cruces will be to finalize volunteers, dorm parents, workshop presenters, healthcare aid, and Professional Women's Night participants. We hope you will consider joining this incredible program through one (or more!) of these positions, and share your expertise and knowing ways, while having a fun and exciting week with 52 young women from throughout New Mexico. All questions and gentle considerations are welcome to be considered!

Even though we have surpassed our original fundraising goal, **we are still accepting donations that could be used to supplement the teachers' pay and additional activities for the girls.**

For more information, please contact Rebecca Galves, rgalves@cs.nmsu.edu, or (575)646-3728.

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writing a check. For details, go to the MEMBERSHIP section of the ALL ABOVE BOARD column in this issue of the OMV.

To view a **WONDERFUL AAUW** video about membership recruitment, just click on the link below:

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/power-of-membership-recruitment-video/#.U16Kewdy4Fo.email>

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Check Out Our Branch Website

There's a lot to see on our branch website. If you've never seen it - take a look!

Mary Rita Chapman is our webmistress.

Our website now also includes pdf versions of the OMV to download if you've lost your email version.

To access it, click on this link:

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

Read AAUW's New Strategic Plan

On February 23, the National AAUW Board of Directors approved a new Strategic Plan to fulfill our mission. You can read the full document online at www.aauw.org

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

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From Our President Bonnie Eisenberg

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

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



Six members of the Las Cruces branch spent the weekend in historic Las Vegas, NM at the AAUW state convention. The Las Vegas branch did an outstanding job and we had a most enjoyable, informative and inspiring two days. (photo: l.- r., front, Julia Brown, Bonnie Eisenberg; back, Carol Ann Council, Ruth Benjamins, Marsha Hokkanen and Mary Rita Chapman.)

The convention was held at the Victorian Plaza Hotel and we also visited United World College campus and were entertained by wonderful student musicians from China and Africa. The program focus was on the recently passed New Mexico Fair Pay for Women Act, which was passed largely due to the lobbying efforts of Rev. Holly Beaumont, our keynote speaker. This is a cutting-edge piece of equity legislation that puts New Mexico at the forefront of the campaign for equal pay, and we plan to have a program about it at one of our meetings next year.

Another outstanding feature of the conference was the way they implemented their theme of "Celebrating our Living History" by having branch members dress up as various women from Las Vegas history and tell their stories at various points during the convention. The program also included an excellent presentation on what the Association is doing these days, next year's national convention in San Diego, and marketing your branch. We were very inspired by all we learned, so you can expect to see some innovative new approaches coming to our branch soon.

Despite the loud music coming from the hotel bar (several of us had rooms right above the bar) we had a really fantastic time and I cannot encourage you enough to take advantage of these really fun and informative travel opportunities to participate in AAUW-NM and to meet other AAUW members throughout the state. Next year the convention will be in Santa Fe.

But the most important thing to come out of the convention for us locally is that our branch volunteered to host the Fall Workshop and Leadership Team Meeting in October. So a task force will be organized very soon to begin planning for that one-day event. And, speaking of advance planning for the fall, we intend to kick off the year with another membership brunch, so a planning team will be forming soon to work on organizing that over the summer, as well as a team to plan the fundraiser for December. **So many opportunities for you to get involved and contribute to the branch!**

INTEREST GROUPS

Request to Interest Groups:

Several Interest Groups agreed to collect voluntary donations for our NMSU scholarship fund at group meetings (usually \$1 per person). Please remember to put out a basket for donations at your meetings and forward what is collected to Treasurer Donna Rea to help our scholarship funds grow.

ANYTHING GOES BOOK GROUP

Anything Goes Book Group will meet on **Monday, May 12** at Nancy Carlson's home to discuss *Invictus: Nelson Mandela and the Name that Made a Nation* by John Carlin. For more information, please contact Julia Bruner at 522-1685 or julesnewmexico@gmail.com. Like to read ahead? Here are some plans for future group discussions:

June 9 - *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey at Fran Plec's home.

July 14 - *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery at Shirley Armstrong's home.

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ANYTHING GOES 2 FICTION BOOK GROUP

Monday, May 19 to discuss *The Gold Finch* by Donna Tartt at the home of Kay Williams. Contact Kay at 521-9279 or kwilliams48@msn.com. The group warmly invites additional members to join us for lively discussions of our favorite fiction selections.

For those who like to plan (and read) ahead, upcoming 2014 selections not yet assigned a specific month include:

The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert (1880- early 1900's, a Philadelphia female botanist); *Midwife of Venice* by Roberta Rich.

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ART RAMBLE

For AAUW members and guests, the May Ramble on **Friday May 2** offers a wide variety of exhibits, by artists working in various mediums illustrating techniques and creativity at every venue. The Las Cruces Museum of Art will be exhibiting Las Cruces High School Senior Artists on Friday evening with a last chance to see the show on Saturday afternoon. Across the corridor, The Branigan Cultural Center is hosting two new exhibits. ANCESTRAL WISDOM is a series of paintings in oil and acrylic based on the Aztec cultural background of the artist Cornia Gabaldon. A second exhibit will focus on international approaches to the subject of the Madonna and Virgin Mother in images by various cultures, part of a collection of small works by a group of artists focused on these religious icons.

The Quillin-Stephans Gallery is presenting Rhoda Winters paintings along with Segmented Wood Turnings by Les Fairchild. The Gallery is at 317 N Main Street and features works in fiber. An opening reception will be held the evening of the Ramble.

For those who would like to "ramble together," please meet outside the **Branigan Cultural Center at 5 p.m.** to walk and view these interesting exhibitions. Other galleries in the downtown area will offer additional delights to the eye. For more info, contact Denyse Johnson 522-4618.

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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 games:

May 8 Mary Berry

June 12 Ruth Benjamins

EVENING BRIDGE - Fourth Tuesday, 7:15 pm.

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

Hostess for up & coming game:

May 27 Shirley Armstrong

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GOING PLACES

On **Thursday, May 15**, join us as we tour the Living Harvest Bakery and the Three Questions Coffee Shop in the Mimbres Valley near Silver City. Lunch will be followed by a tour of the bakery. Meet at the Fairacres Post Office on Picacho Avenue at 9:45 a.m. to carpool to Silver City. RSVP by Tuesday, May 13 to Shari Glassman, smaxgem@centurylink.net or 253-861-6758. (On the way up, we should have time for a look into the Santa Rita copper mine, as well.) Guests are always welcome, and new members are particularly encouraged to attend. Bring along a shopping bag for bread, coffee, or pastries to take home.

Look ahead to these upcoming GOING PLACES excursions!

June 19: Tour the Hubbard Museum of the West, near Ruidoso Downs. Lunch in Ruidoso.

No excursions, July and August

Sept 18: Tour and have lunch at the Pelham House outside of Hatch, built in 1851, which offers catering, weddings, wine tastings and more.

October: TBA

Nov 20: Tour the new Natural History Museum on the downtown mall. Lunch at Zeffiro's or the Main Street Bistro.

Dec 18: 2015 planning luncheon.

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INTERNATIONAL DINNERS

The International Dinners group will celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the home of Suzy and Doug Ostrem on May 10.

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DINING OUT

We'll be dining out at **Main Street Bistro Ale House**, 139 N. Main St., Las Cruces on **Tuesday, May 20** at 5:30 p.m. It is under new ownership and has an attractive menu for dining. Please join us and let Cathy Quinones know by the evening before if you are planning to attend (quinonesc@aol.com) so we can give a count to the restaurant. Guests welcome.

Eating on the Border...La Semilla serves up both good food and great information



Krysten Aguilar explained the many projects undertaken by La Semilla Food Center to bring healthy locally grown food to Border communities at April's general meeting of the Branch.



Krysten Aguilar and Rebecca Wiggins-Reinhard have their "green thumbs" actively involved in expanding opportunities for better nutrition - from farming and Farmers Markets to school gardens and education outreach.

The mission of La Semilla Food Center is **Learn, Grow, Inspire.**

Click on this link to visit their website:

<http://www.lasemillafoodcenter.org>

All Above Board

This column reports actions and ideas from the most recent AAUW-LC Board meeting, as submitted by Board members and in the minutes of the meeting taken by Secretary Fran Plec. The Board will meet next on Monday, May 5 at 9:30 am at the home of Bonnie Eisenberg. Board meetings are open to all members.

Membership

This month we welcome **Jackie Mitchell Edwards** back to AAUW. Add her information to your yearbook:
Jackie Mitchell Edwards

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575-520-0330 jackie.edwards@schwab.com
BA Public and International Policy, Princeton University
New York University Law School

Our 2013 membership count was 103 and three additional members have joined in 2014.

Christina Little

Christina Little and her husband William will be moving in June to the Good Samaritan Village apartments off Telshor Blvd. Her phone number and email address will remain the same and her new physical address will be listed in the 2014-15 branch yearbook.

Renew Your AAUW Membership for 2014-2015

It's time to renew your AAUW membership. As an AAUW member whose branch participates in the Membership Payment Program (MPP), you will be paying all of your dues - branch, state, and national - at once.

There are two ways to renew your membership.

1) To renew online: Go to www.aauw.org
Click LOGIN at the top of the page. Enter your MEMBER ID and PASSWORD. If you do not have a password, register

here first: https://svc.aauw.org/recore/inc/register_wp.asp

Once logged in, scroll to the bottom of any page and click MEMBER TOOLS, then click MEMBER SERVICES DATABASE. Select RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP and pay with your credit card!

2) **To renew by check:** * Note: **payable to AAUW**, not AAUW-Las Cruces.

Mail checks to:

Donna Rea, Treasurer
AAUW Las Cruces
Box 6572
Las Cruces, NM 88006

AAUW National Individual Membership dues are \$49; \$46 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution and \$3 is not (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c) (4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities).

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Scholarship

Our local AAUW branch makes two scholarship awards in the spring of each year: one to an NMSU student and one to a graduating senior at Rio Grande Preparatory Institute (formerly San Andres High School). Our scholarship committee, **Cheryl Tom-Nelson, Nancy Carlson, and Katrin Sumpter**, is currently reviewing NMSU applicants and will make a recommendation next month. The RGPI award will be presented in mid-May.

Please consider making a charitable donation to our NMSU Scholarship Fund.

Mail the check to:

**NMSU Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 3590
Las Cruces, NM 88003**

**Note "977700" to apply your donation to earnings and directly increase the amount of our scholarship.*

GIRLS CAN!

Bonnie Eisenberg reported that a "post-mortem" meeting was held to review the recent Girls Can! event. One recommendation was to ask the Soroptimists to handle the breakfast entirely. She also announced that **Ann McCullough has agreed to take over as Girls Can! coordinator.**

Regarding the Girls Can! budget, even if every school asks for bus dollars, there will still be a surplus of approximately \$100. Financially the program is in good shape

NCCWSL 2014

NMSU Liaison Ann Palormo reported that there are no candidates for NCCWSL from New Mexico. Of the \$1,500 that had been budgeted by AAUW-NM for three girls to attend, \$1,200 was sent to national to support NCCWSL scholarships.

Regional Convention June 6 - 8, Reno, NV

AAUW members, supporters, friends, and neighbors from

around the Rocky Mountain West will be gathering in June for a regional conference in Reno, NV. This event will feature speakers and authors addressing the theme, "The Western Woman." Workshops and presentations facilitated by AAUW staff and members are also planned. We will cap off the weekend with a very special keynote address from AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho.

*We have money in the LC branch budget if someone wants to attend.

If we want to continue participating, it will be New Mexico's turn to host in two years.

Children's Reading Foundation Seeks Volunteers

Children's Reading Foundation seeks volunteers for summer READ UP activities around the county. Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs in June, July and August, If you would like to read aloud to groups of children, sort books for giving, or can help distribute books to various sites please contact Jan Reed. She is scheduling training sessions soon. Jan Reed can be reached at jgreed31@msn.com or phone 373-0197

If you prefer to work at home at your own pace, you might like to cut and paste translations into books. This work goes on at various times throughout the year. Contact **Rorie Measure** at rmeasure@gmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL:

At the UNCSW Conference-

The right to education for women of all ages is fundamental to IFUW's (International Federation of University Women) and WG's (Women Graduates) mission. In early March, at the UN Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) in New York, Canada and the US joined forces to present a session focused on the promises and problems of providing schooling for Afghan girls after a decade of war in that country. This program was a follow-up to the UNCSW presentation and offered members an opportunity to ask questions and get involved and learn of the heavy investment already made in that country.

The 2014 International Federation of University Women's (IFUW) International Fellowships and Grants Competition is now open only for PhD candidates who would use the award for postgraduate research, study, or training to be undertaken within the period of Jan. 1, 2015 to March 15, 2016.

Proposals must demonstrate relevance to IFUW's mission policy as described on the IFUW website,

<http://www.ifuw.org/what-we-do/policy-advocacy>

To receive an award, the applicant must work in a country other than that in which the applicant was educated or habitually resides.

If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have her contact Carol Ann Concil: kk-ca_council@msn.com.

OF NOTE...

Lynn Alford, Nancy Carlson and Bonnie Schranz invite you to spend a delightful musical Sunday afternoon on May 4!



GIVE GRANDE ON MAY 6!



Rorie Measure shares this information on behalf of the **Children's Reading Foundation:**

The Children's Reading Foundation has been invited to participate in "Give Grande", a statewide fundraiser created by the Community Foundation Coalition of New Mexico. This event will take place on Tuesday, May 6. There's no function to attend and you can participate at any time throughout the day by clicking your mouse.

A contribution to the CRF on this day will help support our programs-- Books on City Buses, Reading Buddies at elementary schools, The First Teacher parent engagement program, Books for Babies, The Dolly Parton Imagination Library and our many book giveaway events.

All you have to do on May 6th is:

- * Log on to www.GiveGrandeNM.org
 - * Locate Southwest--our designated area* Locate our name-- Children's Reading Foundation of Dona Ana or type in our name
 - * Click on our name and make your contribution
- Your constant support of the CRF from the very beginning has enabled us to grow and thrive. We are grateful to you for that.

Thinking of You...



Get well wishes go to Ann Palormo who is currently in re-hab after falling while playing frisbee and breaking her leg in three places. She expects to be home again soon.

Thanks to our Supporter



Kathleen J. Cordova, D.D.S.
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The AAUW-NM ROADRUNNER



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