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From the AAUW Washington Update:

For the first time in history, 200 million people are [registered to vote](#) in the United States. This landmark is a result of rigorous voter registration efforts, as more than 50 million new people have registered to vote over the last eight years.



IT'S YOUR VOTE - BE HEARD!

November AAUW-LC Branch Meeting - Learn How the World is Your Kitchen!

Saturday, Nov 12, 10 am at Peace Lutheran Church

What's new under the sun?

Find out at our **November** branch meeting, when we will welcome **Anne Patterson** who will share her personal journey from curious solar oven customer to enthusiastic user, to leader of a company - and how she intends to make a global impact.

Anne will cover the basic how-to's of cooking with the sun, the different types of solar cookers and how solar cooking is both different from - and the same as - conventional cooking methods.

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Weather permitting, we'll even get to sample the sun's wares!

Anne is CEO of Solavore, LLC, manufacturer of the Solavore Sport solar oven. As a social enterprise, the company's mission is to enlighten families in the developed world (who arguably have every means under the sun to cook their meals) to the fun and magic of solar cooking. The company, headquartered in St. Paul, MN, also

has the mission of using profits to subsidize clean-cooking technology for the 2.7 billion people in the developing world for whom wood fire is the only cooking option, with the inevitable result: lung damage. There are over 4 million deaths per year from respiratory illness in women cooking over open fires, often indoors, a figure that includes the infants on their backs and toddlers at their sides. An equally dire casualty of cooking using wood fires is loss of the world's forests, with countries like Haiti, Kenya, and Cambodia now over 95% deforested.

Bring a friend to this exciting and informative meeting starting at **10 am** in the fellowship hall of **Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave.**

From our Co-Presidents Shirley Armstrong & Ann Palormo

Greetings AAUW members!

November! The month of our unique American Thanksgiving holiday seems an appropriate time to say how thankful we are to work with YOU, all of our members, in this impressive AAUW organization!

And what a year we're already having! Our new board member, **Susan DeMar**, has laid the groundwork to start an **AAUW Student Affiliate group on the NMSU campus**, something our branch has hoped to do for years. The **kick-off meeting** to introduce students to AAUW is **Saturday, Nov 5, at 11:00 at the Conroy Honors College building** (see details elsewhere in this OMV). **We hope many of you can attend.**

Program co-chairs, **Londa Seiffert and Deanise Marta**, have planned two outstanding programs at our Sept and Oct meetings. Rorie Measure, branch member and former President, along with Terry Miller presented an excellent program on **the Children's Reading Alliance** and the excellent progress they are making with Dona Ana County families improving the chances for young children to experience success in school. You can get more information at the CRA website: childrensreadingalliance.org.

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Upcoming General Meetings & Events

Saturday, Nov 5
AAUW Student Affiliate meeting at NMSU, 11 am

Monday, Nov 7
11:45 am, St. Clair Bistro, Mesilla Luncheon for Ruth Benjamins

Tuesday, Nov 8
ELECTION DAY

Saturday, Nov 12
10 am, Peace Lutheran Church
Branch General Meeting
Program: Solar Cooking with Anne Patterson

Saturday, Dec 10
11 am - 1:30 pm
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
Picacho Hills Country Club

Early Voting in Las Cruces

Nov. 1 - 4
9 am - 5 pm;
Nov. 5
10 am - 6 pm

Dona Ana Community College

Sonoma Elementary School

We look forward to seeing many of you at the **November meeting** for a presentation by **Anne Patterson on solar cooking** and how the Solavore company is working with third-world countries to teach women how to use the sun to provide energy for cooking. **Ann is hoping for a sunny day** so we can all see this oven in action!

Thomas
Branigan
Library

Fund raising is in full swing with Beverly Chambers hard at work on our Jan 29, 2017, Sunday afternoon event at the Rio Grande Theater. Thanks to many of you who have already found local businesses and professional people to help sponsor this event. Remember, the more sponsors we get to offset the costs, the more money we will have to support Girls Can!, Tech Trek, our local scholarships to RGPI and NMSU and the great work at AAUW National. Let's all plan to get on board in some way to support this new and fun event!

Thanks!

Appreciation to
Carol Ann Council
for photographs of
Rorie Measure and
Terry Miller included
in this issue.

Another member who is going above board to help with various projects is our **new Interest Group Coordinator, Marsha Ogden**. Marsha has done a great job as our Scholarship Coordinator and continues with that role this year. She has also helped with membership this year and served on the nominating committee last year. **Kudos to Marsha!! And to all of our hard-working board members.**

Other items of note: Ann Palermo and Catherine Greenspan recently attended the AAUW-NM fall leadership meeting. **Donna Rea and Juliet Williams, Membership Co-Chairs,** are planning two **New Member Gatherings** in November.

Lastly, we want to **acknowledge our long-serving AAUW board member, past-president and dear friend, Ruth Benjamins**, who is moving later this month to Henderson, NM, to be closer to her family. We will miss her greatly and hope many of you will join us in honoring her on Nov 7. (See details in the article below.) **Wishes to all for a wonderful Thanksgiving!**

Your Co-Presidents, Ann Palermo and Shirley Armstrong

Luncheon Monday, Nov 7, to Honor Ruth Benjamins at St. Clair Bistro

A luncheon at St. Clair Bistro in Mesilla on **Monday, Nov 7 at 11:45 am** is being planned to honor **Ruth Benjamins** who will be moving to Henderson, NM later this month. Ruth, who has served our branch as President (2002-04) has held AAUW-NM offices and is our current branch Public Policy Chair. She was given the Terry Sleight Award from AAUW-NM (2013-14) in recognition of her efforts in advancing women's issues.

Ruth will be greatly missed by her many friends of AAUW-LC and

AAUW-NM. The luncheon will give many of us a chance to offer her our best wishes for a smooth transition to her new home.



Attendance at the luncheon will be limited to 40, the number the restaurant can accommodate in a single room. An overflow area may be available, but making a **reservation by Thursday, Nov 3 is advisable**. Contact Rita Stopa 522-4550, 650-2239 or email rstopa@comcast.net.

A separate email will be sent to all branch members with more specific details of the event.

First AAUW Student Affiliate Meeting at NMSU Honors College on Saturday, Nov 5

Susan DeMar, our NMSU Liaison, has been hard at work getting an **AAUW Student Affiliate group started on our local campus**, a goal we have been aspiring to for years. Susan has done all the necessary groundwork, both with NMSU and AAUW National, and she deserves kudos for her good work.

Susan has organized a **kick-off meeting for all interested female students**. We hope **many members from our branch will attend to visit with the girls, tell them about AAUW** and encourage them to join our organization.

The event will be held on **Saturday, Nov 5, 11 am, at the NMSU Conroy Honors College Reception Hall**. **Special Guest Speaker is Cassie Marrs, AAUW-NM Board College Liaison**.

If you know current NMSU students, both undergrads and graduate students, please extend a personal invitation for them to attend. **Let's share AAUW with the next generation of American leaders**.

INTEREST GROUPS

Anything Goes Book Group

Anything Goes will meet at 1:15 (a little earlier than usual) on Monday, November 14, at the home of Londa Seiffert to discuss *Still Life* by Louise Penny. We will also learn about solar cookers before the book discussion. For more information please contact Julia Bruner at julesnewmexico@gmail.com or at 522-1685.

Anything Goes Fiction Book Group

The Anything Goes Fiction group will **not meet in November**.

Daytime & Evening Bridge

The AAUW daytime bridge group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 1 - 4 pm.

10 November	Lavita Costley
8 December	TBD

The AAUW evening bridge group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:15 pm.

15 November	Carol Eggers (note: this is 3rd Tuesday!)
December	no meeting

Contact Carol Ann Council 649-8122 or kk-ca_council@msn.com

Dining Out

Dining Out will **not be meeting in November**, due to the many members who will be traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Going Places

On Thursday, **Nov 17**, Going Places is going to visit the interesting **NMSU Archives and Special Collections** for a behind the scenes tour. New department head, Dennis Daily, and archivist, Caitlin Wells, will provide an overview of the myriad collections they oversee and show us some of the more interesting and historical items they have in their 125 years of institutional and community history. The presentation will include a sharing of the AAUW items in the collections.

We will meet at **10 am at the Branson Library, 4th Floor, 1305 Frenger Mall, Rm 207. You can park on campus provided you go online and print a one-day parking permit.** Simply Google 'NMSU parking permit visitor', click the site and when there, you will see the link for one-day parking permits to print and put on your dash. Car-pooling is recommended. Lunch details will follow, most likely one of the interesting restaurants on campus or on University Ave. **Please contact Shirley Armstrong, 522-4570 or shirmike7@msn.com to reserve your spot by no later than Monday, Nov 14.**

International Dinners

Deanise Marta will host the **Nov. 19** International Dinner. The event will begin at 6 pm with the theme, "Flavors of Fall." This group will not meet in December.

New Interest Groups

Let's Speak Spanish and **Great Decisions** have been so popular that it is not possible to add new participants at this time. **Due to the nature of these activities, they are at full capacity.** Stay tuned for additional information regarding **Out and About** and **The Lunch Bunch**. We will get these up and running very soon. There was some interest in **Outdoor Adventures** and **Gardening Joys**. **If anyone is willing to help develop these**

groups, please let Marsha Ogden know.

NFL Fans

The **Pittsburgh Steelers** fan club in Las Cruces meets at K Bobs Steakhouse, 1660 S. Valley Dr. Please contact Phoebe Pierce if you'd like to join the group watching games together this month 575-524-8320 or pierce1@zianet.com.



Rorie Measure

Children's Reading Alliance Thanks AAUW

Together We are Raising Readers!

Please accept my profound gratitude to you, members of AAUW-LC, for your support of the Children's Reading Alliance. On Oct. 8, Terry

Miller and I had the pleasure of sharing with you our excitement for the work of the Children's Reading Alliance in general and the First Teacher program in particular. We are very grateful for your response. Thank you for the many offers to get involved and for your generous donations.

There is a direct connection between what CRA is doing and the historical record of AAUW. Since 1881 AAUW's advocacy for women, girls, and families has ignited societal change. Generations of women have learned how to improve the social fabric of our lives by putting idealism into action. In so many ways, our communities have become more inclusive because of this work.



Terry Miller

When I joined AAUW at the age of 30, I was a newcomer to Las Cruces. The women I met became my role models, the projects of this organization became my proving grounds, and your encouragement and support still inspire me to find my own voice in social activism. My leadership role in the Children's Reading Alliance is a direct result of experiences, encouragement and the support of all of you and this organization. Thank you.

Rorie Measure
Children's Reading Alliance, president



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One for the Girls

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Remember Then... a Class Act



Sunday
January 29th 2017
2:00 pm

**Rio Grande
Theatre**

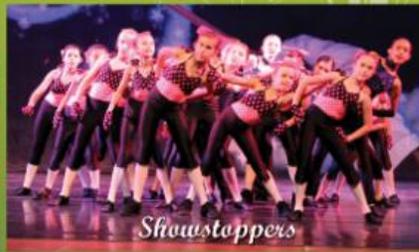
TICKETS:

riograndetheatre.com

All Tickets \$20

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lascruces-nm.aauw.net

GET YOUR TICKETS - ON SALE NOW!

Not only are we seeking a full house at the Rio Grande Theatre for the show, but **we need both individual and business sponsors** to bring us a substantial support for our scholarship awards and important programs like **Girls Can!** and **Tech Trek**.

To date, we want to recognize the generosity of the following sponsors: \$500, Burrell College of Medicine; \$250, Charles Schwab Independent Branch; \$200, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper; \$100, Gentle Care Dentistry, 4G Plumbing, First New Mexico Bank, Bite of Belgium; and in kind donations from Doña Ana Arts Council, Las Cruces Bulletin and The Emerald Isle.

More good news is that AAUW-NM has granted our branch \$200 for this project.

Do you have a business you can contact for a potential donation? Please call or email Beverly Chambers.

All Above Board

The AAUW-LC Board meets on the first Monday monthly at 9:30 am in the conference room (downstairs) at Good Samaritan on Buena Vida. The next meeting is Monday, Nov. 7. Meetings are open to all branch members. Highlights and reports of the most recent board session appear in this column or elsewhere in this issue of the OMV.

Minutes come to us compliments of Secretary Fran Plec. A pdf version of the most recently corrected and approved minutes of a previous meeting is available for your review. Click on the blue link below to see a pdf that you can read and print out, if desired.

[AAUW-LC Board Minutes August 2016](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new branch member **Rosalie (Rollie) Antupit** who joined us in August. Add her contact information below to your yearbook:

Rosalie (Rollie) Antupit
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575-522-5580 BBdoula@yahoo.com
M.A., Special Education, Manhattanville College
Purchase, NY

Sally Story

We will soon be missing former branch member Sally Story, who recently chaired the Going Places interest group. Sally will be moving to Pennsylvania this month to be close to her family. We wish her the best for her new life back east.

AAUW-LC NMSU Scholarship Winner Announced

Branch Scholarship Coordinator **Marsha Ogden** shares this announcement:

Arlene Melendez is the recipient of the AAUW-LC scholarship for the 2016/2017 academic year. The \$1,600 award will be distributed half for fall and half for spring. Arlene is a junior and is working towards a Bachelor's degree in Communications Disorders. Arlene has two children and realizes that a college degree will enable her to provide a better life for them.

Recognition of the value of a college education runs in the family, as her spouse is also attending NMSU. Upon graduation, Arlene plans to work with adults and children with speech delays.

She says she would also like to assist those who have specific communication or swallowing problems as the result of a stroke. We congratulate Arlene for her decision to resume her education. There is every reason to believe that her success will continue.

Graduate Women International

[Graduate Women International](#) (GWI) reaffirmed commitment to the rights of indigenous girls and women with its latest oral statement submitted to the 33rd session of the Human Rights Council. The statement reinforced GWI's position on education as

a precondition to the prevention of violence against indigenous women and girls; strengthening their knowledge of and access to justice systems.

Women Graduates - USA

Our branch international liaison **Carol Ann Council** invites us to view the **Women Graduates-USA Virtual Annual Meeting** held Oct 15. **Click on the link below.** You will need to enter some basic information to have access to the recording, but you do not need any user name or password.

<http://cc.readytalk.com/play?id=6bqzs8>.

2017 Girls Can! Update - Get Involved!

Girls Can! Coordinator Ann McCullough reports that she will be in touch with every member of our branch asking how you would like to participate with Girls Can! 2017 on **Saturday, March 11 at the East Mesa Campus of DACC!** It's a very exciting move, and we will need everyone's help.

There are options of working on committees ahead of time, working the day of Girls Can!, or even contributing a small donation if you cannot volunteer this year. Everyone can participate in some way.

The **Workshop Committee** will meet soon to evaluate last year's workshops and select workshop leaders to invite back and possibly add new ones. We will be more limited in the number of workshops we can offer because classrooms have already been reserved for us by the college. It will be an opportunity for both girls and their parents to experience what it would be like to attend college! **Lani Berstein** reviewed last year's evaluations from the girls and facilitators and created a spreadsheet for the committee's use. Thanks, Laini!

If you have a suggestion for a new workshop, just email the potential presenter's contact information to Ann, along with their topic and idea of how they will engage the girls in an activity.

Mary Rita Chapman has reported that El Paso Electric is donating \$250 to Girls Can! this next year. Thanks, Mary Rita, for making this request! Thanks, everyone, for your terrific help!



AAUW-LC Branch member Susan DeMar receiving her award from the Roberts family on Oct 19 as she was named outstanding staff member at New Mexico State University.



Thinking of You...

Well wishes go to **Mary Rita Chapman** undergoing tests and treatments. Please know that our hearts are constantly with you.

We are also sending wishes for a smooth recovery for Konrad Council, husband of **Carol Ann Council**. Konrad recently had successful quadruple by-pass surgery.

**Of Note... AAUW Gives Back to Those Who
Have Given Support to Our Programs and Projects**

Attend this important Soroptimist Event!

SAVE THE DATE



Soroptimist of Las Cruces present our
5th ANNUAL TURKEY TROT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

Prizes for best Individual and Group costumes

8:30am Start 10K/5K

8:00am Start 1 mi.

Race begins & ends
on the Plaza in
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* t-shirts available for early registrants only, register by November 5, 2016

Registration opens in October

Register at: raceadventuresunlimited.com

More information at: silcnm.org

This would be a good time to support our AAUW Scholarship or any of your favorite NMSU programs...Giving Tuesday, Nov 29.

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