



January 11 Branch Meeting Highlights Opportunities for Women at DACC

Start your new year learning the good news about "Opportunities for Women at Doña Ana Community College" when our guest speaker will be **Rosa M. De La Torre-Burmeister**. We will meet on **Saturday, Jan 11 at 10 am** in the Roadrunner Room of the Branigan Memorial Library.

Rosa De La Torre-Burmeister is Director of Career Services for the College, providing direction, supervision and leadership for the office. A native of the City of Juarez, Mexico, she holds a Master of Arts Degree in Educational Management and Development from New Mexico State University and has over 20 years combined experience in academia and industry.

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Upcoming General Meetings & Events

Saturday, Jan 11, 2014 - 10 am
Branigan Library
Roadrunner Room
Rosa De La Torre-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



Rosa De La Torre-Burmeister

Previous appointments include Academic Advisor for traditional, international, Adult Basic Education, and area vocational students; Marketing Communications and Reports/Layout Specialist in industry, academia, and overseas; Training & Development Coordinator within the Business & Training Operations Unit at the University of Missouri in Columbia; and Assistant Director of The Family Business Center (FBC) at Elizabethtown College, PA, where she worked with several family businesses including M&M Mars, High Industries, Lobar Inc., Wolfgang Candy.

Additionally she has lived and worked at the University of Malawi in Zomba, Africa, and has travelled extensively, including Belize, Costa Rica, London, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Iowa, Pennsylvania, New York, and Missouri.

The program proves to be an interesting opportunity to learn how our local community college is expanding services to women in our area. Bring a guest!

from our President Bonnie Eisenberg -

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year. This year promises to be very exciting for our branch, especially with the addition of the Tech Trek Summer Camp project. As always, there will be many opportunities for our members to make a difference in our community and to give back to our organization which has done so much to enrich our own lives, as well as helping empower women across the country.

I am looking for someone in our branch who would like to work with me for the next two months organizing the Girls Can! Conference this year, with an eye to taking it over in the future. The process is very well organized and the

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

AAUW'S MISSION

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

Estate Planning Conference for Women Starting Feb 5 at NMSU

An Estate Planning conference, exclusively for women, will be held on four consecutive Wednesday mornings, beginning Feb 5, at PSL Anderson Hall, NMSU. There is no charge but space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Participants are asked to attend all four sessions.

The four-part series is led by 13 prominent financial planners who volunteer their time. The curriculum offers the fundamentals of financial and estate planning, including Wills and Trusts, Asset Protection, Taxes, Charitable Giving, Elder

responsibilities spread out over a number of teams, so the job is really coordination. This event is very important to our branch, but, after six years, this is going to be my last year of being the coordinator.

And speaking of events important to our branch, I would like to give a big thank you to Marsha Hokkanen for organizing the Holiday party, and to Donna Rea, Gale Kaufman, Kay Brilliant, Ieva Rasmussen, Candis Stern and everyone who helped with the silent auction by soliciting items, donating items, purchasing items, etc. I know it was a lot of work, but it was very successful and the funds raised will be put to good use.

One last note, the AAUW-New Mexico quarterly newsletter, *The Roadrunner*, was recently sent to all members. I hope you will take a few minutes to read it and keep up with all that is happening in the state. Of special note is the lobbying day, scheduled for January 27. Members of branches across the state gather in Santa Fe for a day of talking to legislators about issues of concern to women. Information on how to get involved is in the newsletter. You can also access it by clicking on the link at the bottom of this page.

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Cocktail Party Silent Auction Earns \$1,535 for LC Branch Funds

Thank you to all the AAUW members who came to the Holiday Cocktail Party and Silent Auction held at the Picacho Hills Country Club on Dec. 14. This festive holiday fun-and-fund-raiser resulted in \$1,535 for our branch and will benefit the AAUW Funds, the AAUW-LC NMSU Scholarship and the Girls Can! program.

More than 70 people attended the holiday event. Members, many decked in Christmas finery, brought their spouses, guests and potential new members. People had the option of heavy hors d'oeuvres, a variety of beverages, and a wide selection of tasty cookies and sweets.

Auction items ranged from art work, jewelry, gift certificates and house décor - to fabric wall hangings and hand-crafted art wear. Some were personal items members donated; other items were acquired by members for the auction. A total of 46 items were donated.

The two-hour event was a terrific opportunity to meet new

Law, Money Management and much more. The final session will include a fun graduation celebration luncheon for participants and speakers.

This special program is offered as a community service for area women with support from Dr. Tammie Campos, NMSU Alumni Association; Debbie Widger, NMSU Foundation; Glenn Davis, Scott Hulse PC.

To Register, contact: Nohemi Perez, NMSUF Special Events Coordinator, 575-646-1106; or nohemip@nmsu.edu.

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 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.

The 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/>

**You can invite a friend
to read the OMV
to learn more about us**

people, enjoy mingling with members and their spouses, and sample holiday fare. And of course, the event raised much-needed dollars for AAUW!

Many thanks to Program Co-Chair Marsha Hokkanen for planning the cocktail party event and to the Silent Auction Committee of Gale Kaufman, chair; Kay Brilliant, Donna Rea, Ieva Rasmussen and Candis Stern.



Those who attended the AAUW Holiday Cocktail Party had time to browse and purchase valuable items donated for the Silent Auction.



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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.

INTEREST GROUPS

ANYTHING GOES BOOK GROUP

Anything Goes Book Group will meet at 1:30 pm on **Monday, January 13**, at the home of Denise Newton. We will discuss *A Long, Long Way* by Sebastian Barry. For more information, please contact Julia Bruner at 522-1685 or julesnewmexico@gmail.com.

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ANYTHING GOES FICTION BOOK GROUP

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

Next meeting: **Jan. 27**. Hostess: Bonnie Eisenberg. RSVP: mizbons@comcast.net For discussion: *Midnight Come Again* by Dana Stabenow. Please bring 2-3 choices of book titles that you have already read. We will vote for 6-8 books for the 2014 reading list. The group warmly invites additional members to join us for lively discussions of our favorite fiction selections.

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ART RAMBLE

Denyse Johnson will be inside the entrance of the Branigan Cultural Center in the Las Cruces downtown mall at 5 pm on **Friday, Jan. 3** to meet with anyone interested in viewing the Abraham Lincoln Exhibition opening that evening from 5 - 7 pm. Civil War era music will be played during the Ramble. Two additional exhibits relating to the period will be held during this Lincoln exhibition. To contact Denyse, call 522-4618 or email sourcefinearts@earthlink.net.

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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:

Jan	9	Sharon Wooden
Feb	13	Lavita Costley

EVENING BRIDGE - Fourth Tuesday, 7:15 pm.

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

Hostess for up & coming games:

Jan	28	Mary Berry
Feb	2	Lavita Costley

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GOING PLACES -

Join us on **Thursday, Jan 16** for a tour of San Albino, the Catholic church in Mesilla that received basilica status a couple of years ago. Meet at San Albino at 10 a.m. Lunch to follow at the Paisano Cafe on the Mercado. RSVP by Monday, Jan 13 to Shari Glassman, 253-861-6758

or smaxgem@centurylink.net. Guests are always welcome.



On Dec. 19, "Going Places" met at Savoy de Mesilla for 2014 trip planning and holiday lunch cheer. This is Sally Story receiving her delectable dessert, a fruit creme brulee served in this beautiful dry ice presentation. We just had to have her photo taken as everyone "oohed and aahed," as you can imagine!

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INTERNATIONAL DINNERS

International Dinner group will meet on **Jan 25** at the home of Mary Rita Chapman for an Irish Feast organized by Ann Palormo. Recipes will be sent out next week so that members can make choices of what to prepare. Contact Ann if you will be attending 644-4277 or apalormo@nmsu.edu.

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DINING OUT

By popular demand, the Dining Out event for **Tuesday, Jan. 21** will be at Savoy restaurant on Avenida de Mesilla next to Lulu's at 5:30 p.m. Bring a guest or spouse. To give the restaurant an idea of how many to expect, let Cathy Quinones know by Monday evening, the night before, if you plan on attending at 526-2454 or quinonesc@aol.com.

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NFL FANS

We are coming to the end of the regular NFL season and who will continue in the play offs has not been decided. We will keep AAUW members informed of any meetings of the NFL Interest Groups in January. Coming in February is, of course, the Super Bowl!

Any questions - contact Phoebe Pierce, phone 524-8320, cell 520-6913, or e-mail pierce1@zianet.com.

A Fond Farewell...

The Las Cruces branch bids a fond farewell to member **Lynette Schurdevin**, who has accepted a position as Library Director in Rio Rancho, NM and is moving there this month. Lynette has been an active member of our branch, helping to organize the membership brunch last September and also the breakfast for Girls Can! She will be greatly missed, but our loss will be a gain for the Albuquerque branch. We wish her all the best in her new adventure.



All Above Board

The AAUW-LC Board did not meet in December, but below are items reported by President Bonnie Eisenberg prior to the Jan 6 board session. The Board will meet next on Monday, Feb. 3 at 9:30 am at the home of Bonnie Eisenberg. Board meetings are open to all members.

Girls Can!

Schools Outreach Coordinator, Rita Stopa and Bonnie Eisenberg met with the LCPS superintendent's office staff in November to discuss ways to improve outreach to parents. They promised support for the conference, assistance in outreach to counselors and parents, registration form distribution to all schools, and a notice of the conference on the school district's website. Needless to say, a very successful meeting.

Volunteer Sign-ups will begin at the January branch

general meeting. Volunteers will be needed to distribute registration materials to the schools in Las Cruces and south county, prepare goody bags, serve breakfast, assist with registration, and to serve as monitors and workshop facilitators. If you would like to be a part of Girls Can!, please sign up at the January or February general meetings, or **contact Rita Stopa.**

Tech Trek

Planning for the Tech Trek Summer Camp is going well. Information about this program has gone out to the media and to middle schools throughout New Mexico. Seventh-grade science, math and technology teachers are being asked to nominate promising students to attend. Nomination will be accepted through Feb 14. Those nominated will then be asked to submit an application, followed by an interview to select campers and alternates. The camp will host at least 35 girls, more if adequate funds can be raised. Many thanks to **Rebecca Galves** and **Mary Rita Chapman** for taking on the bulk of the work of organizing this project and to **Ann McCullough** for taking on the huge task of fundraising.

OF NOTE...

To begin 2014, contemplate some inspiring words about AAUW from our National President Patricia Fae Ho:

"What is it about AAUW that has kept us going for more than a century? Why does our public policy engage activists from all walks of life, age groups, and political perspectives? Why are we able to grow not only in numbers but also in scope? I firmly believe that the indomitable will and the spirit of collaboration among us form the backbone of our triumphs."

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/2013/12/Winter2014Roadrunner.pdf>

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