

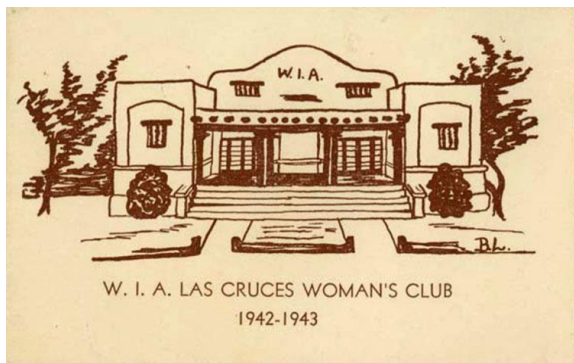


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LOTS OF ACTION PLANNED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 10 GENERAL MEETING 6 pm - WIA building on Reymond St., LC



Please join us for our next AAUW general meeting on **Tuesday, May 10 at 6 p.m.** We will meet at the historic WIA building, 340 N. Reymond, across the street from the Pioneer Woman's Park in downtown Las

Cruces. This building was originally owned by the GFWC Progress Club, as many of us learned during our panel discussion during the April general meeting.

It is vitally important that we have a good turnout for this meeting, as we will elect officers for the coming year and need a quorum of our membership. To encourage your attendance, we will also have an exciting program, as well as snacks and beverages for everyone to share. This is also a wonderful time to bring a guest to discover what a great organization we are.

Our presenter for the evening is **Dr. Robert Wood, head of the Kinesiology and Dance department at NMSU**, accompanied by some of his students. This is a follow-up to our January 2015 meeting, and Dr. Wood will present the latest research on falls and what we can do to prevent them, including some gentle exercise intended to increase stability and flexibility, both necessary components in improving balance and preventing falls.

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Dr. Robert Wood's January 2015 program that demonstrated ways to improve movement and prevent falls was so popular we invited him back, and we will have a chance to learn more from him on May 10 - Don't miss this opportunity!

PLEASE WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHING!!!!!!

We hope to see you all on May 10 for a fun and informative evening!

From our Co-Presidents

Shirey Armstrong & Mary Rita Chapman

May Greetings AAUW!

Can you believe another AAUW year is nearly over? Summer is around the corner with vacations and a break from the 'school-year' routine! At least we hope that is the case for most of you. Our AAUW year has been a good one - we'll recap the highlights in our June letter - but for now, a few things to think about in May.

May Meeting & New Officers: At the May general meeting we have a **short business meeting to elect our new officers and approve our budget for the 2016-2017 year.** The officers who will be installed at our June 7 social meeting are:

**Co-President - Ann Palormo
Co-Program VP - Londa Seiffert
Co-Membership VP - Donna Rea
Treasurer - Mimi Roddy**

We need a quorum - one quarter of our 108 members, or 27 of you - to vote at our May 10 meeting, but we hope **MANY** of you will want to attend to learn some good tips for staying flexible, balanced and generally healthy and in shape from our program presenters, Dr. Robert Wood and students of the NMSU Kinesiology Department.

Upcoming General Meetings & Events

Tuesday, May 10
6 pm **ANNUAL MEETING**
*Election of Officers
Adoption of Budget for 2015-16
"Aging Gracefully"
NMSU Kinesiology

Tuesday, June 7
6 pm at the residence of
Mary Rita Chapman
End of Year Potluck

The Time to Renew AAUW Membership 2016-17 Dues is NOW!

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.

Annual AAUW-Las Cruces dues are \$87 including:

National	\$49
State	\$18
Branch	\$20

1) **To renew online: Go to www.aauw.org** Once logged in, scroll to the bottom of any page and click **MEMBER TOOLS**, then click **MEMBER SERVICES**

Please note that the **May meeting is different in several ways - day, time AND location.** We will meet in a special and historic location for women, the WIA building across from Pioneer Park, on **Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. AND we will have snacks,** something that is not allowed at Branigan Library.



Moving back to April, **we acknowledge member, Marsha Hokkanen, and her efforts to have proclamations publicizing national Equal Pay Day** read at the Doña Ana County Commission meeting on April 12 (the actual Equal Pay Day) and at the Las Cruces City Council meeting on April 18. Thanks to Marsha, and to the members who attended those meetings with her. Just to be sure you all know, ***Equal Pay Day is the date in the current year when women earn as much as men did by December 31 of the previous year.*** In the last decade our nation has made hardly any progress in changing this disgraceful situation - this year for example, **women only moved up from 78% to 79% of men's earnings.**

Now, **looking forward to June and Tech Trek.** We want to **thank all of you who have supported Tech Trek with generous financial contributions!** The plans and program are in place but as you saw in the notice that went out, **we need Student Counselors and Dorm Moms.** If you know anyone (yourselves included) who might be interested in spending one week (or a few days) in June, the 19th through the 25th, in Socorro, please contact Mary Rita.

One last thing - It's that time to **renew our AAUW memberships.** Thanks to those of you who have already paid your dues. If you haven't done so, it's easy: Either send or give a check to our treasurer, Donna Rea, or **simply renew online from your home.** AAUW is a wonderful organization and we are grateful for your support!

For now, enjoy the cool nights and the beautiful flowers and we look forward to seeing you at the May 10 EVENING meeting!

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).

Please renew your membership no later than July 15 so that you will be listed in the 2016-17 branch yearbook.

Read the AAUW-NM Spring 2016 Roadrunner!

[Click Here to get a pdf of the latest issue of the Roadrunner](#)

INTEREST GROUPS

Anything Goes Book Group

Anything Goes Book Group will meet at 1:30 on **Monday, May 9**, at the home of Londa Seiffert. We will discuss *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande and *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. For more information, please contact Julia Bruner at 522-1685 or julesnewmexico@gmail.com.

Anything Goes Fiction Book Group

The Anything Goes Fiction Book group will discuss *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin on Monday, May 23 at the home of Kay Williams. Contact Kay at 521-9279.

*To open and print a list of upcoming titles and hostesses, June through October 2016, click on the link below:

[Click Here for Anything Goes Fiction Book Group_ Oct 2016](#)

Daytime & Evening Bridge

The AAUW day-time bridge group meets on the **2nd Thursday of each month** at 1 pm to approximately 4 pm.

12 May Jo Ann Vincent
9 June Carol Ann Council

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

24 May Mary Berry

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

Dining Out

Everyone is welcome for Dining Out. Mark your calendars because on **Tuesday, May 17**, we'll be going to **Tiffany's**, 755 S. Telshor Blvd. for Greek food at **5:30 p.m.** If you will contact Cathy Quinones at quinonesc@aol.com to let her know if you want to join us, then she can give the restaurant a "heads up" as to how many to expect. Let her know by Monday evening before the event. We especially welcome our new members to get to know one another in a casual setting. Guests - including spouses - are always welcome.

May Going Places TBA

Plans have not yet been finalized for the **Thursday, May 19** excursion of Going Places. Information should be available the second week in May. An email about it will go out to members when details have been determined.

International Dinners

The **May 7** meeting of the International Dinners group will be at the home of Suzy Ostrem. This month's theme is Greek.

Opera

Members interested in attending the Santa Fe Opera this July or August will meet soon to decide which opera we want to attend. The choices are The Girl of the Golden West, Don Giovanni, Romeo et Juliette, Capriccio and Vanessa. If you might be interested in attending and haven't yet expressed your interest, please contact me soon. Spouses and friends are welcome too. Contact Ann McCullough 524-2601 or email girlscanlascruces@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark **Tuesday, June 7** on your calendar for the branch's annual **end-of-year potluck**, to be held at **6 pm** at the home of Mary Rita Chapman. Start your summer with fine food and wonderful conversation!



**June 19 - 25 at NM Tech
Socorro, NM**

TECH TREK UPDATE:

Six weeks to go and I don't know who is more excited - the 60 eighth grade girls or the Steering Committee getting everything ready!

Thanks to the **\$1,300 donated to Tech Trek - NM from the Las Cruces Fundraiser last fall**, our branch will be able to provide the backpacks, journals, lanyards and badges for the girls. We will also organize everything that will be given to the girls (SWAG) which includes these items, t-shirts, water bottles, pens and some other small items I hope to get from local merchants (I could use some ideas on this one!) and bring them to NM Tech in Socorro for the camp.

Thanks for the responses to our request for staff at the camp. We found a Health Aide (from Las Vegas, NM) and a **dorm monitor from Las Cruces - possibly two**. But we are **still looking for student counselors, age 18 and over, to work for the week of June 18-25**.

In early June I will be providing more opportunities to get involved with Tech Trek. Look for more info in next month's OMV.

- Mary Rita Chapman

**LAS CRUCES WOMEN'S CLUBS
MAKE MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS**



Representatives of four Las Cruces Women's organizations gave an impressive presentation at the April AAUW-LC general meeting. Missions, accomplishments and collaborative efforts were discussed by panelists (l. - r.) Esther Devall, Soroptimist International; Rebecca Courtney, Sally Harper, Progress Club; Gwen Hanson, League of Women Voters; Valerie Redington, Progress Club; and Mary Rita Chapman, AAUW-Las Cruces.

All Above Board



AAUW-LC member and Doña Ana County Manager Julia Brown (center), Co-Presidents Mary Rita Chapman and Shirley Armstrong, and Co-Program VP Ann Palormo display the 2016 Women's History Month Proclamation.

The AAUW-LC Board meets on the first Monday monthly at 9:30 am in the meeting room at the Picacho Hills Country Club. The next meeting is Monday, May 2. 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, February 2016](#)

2015-16 FUNDRAISER REPORT

Look at What We Did!!! AND Guess What We Need???

Did:

Thanks to our **fund raising efforts in 2015-2016** (Did someone mention our outstanding Fund Raising Chair, **Beverly Chambers!!**) our Las Cruces AAUW branch was able to donate \$4,352 as follows:

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| • National AAUW Funds (general) | \$750 |
| • National AAUW LAF (legal aid fund) | \$ 750 |
| • Branch Projects-Tech Trek | \$1,300 |
| • Branch Projects-Girls Can! | \$552 |
| • NMSU Endowment (Principal) | \$500 |
| • NMSU Honors College Scholarship | \$500 |

Need:

We have filled our 2016-2017 board positions with one important exception: We need a **Fund Raising Chair!** We have an experienced committee in place and some super new ideas for raising funds, but we need someone to take the lead. We know **many of you are capable** of this one-time task, so **PLEASE STEP FORWARD!!! The branch will be forever grateful!** Contact Shirley Armstrong or Mary Rita Chapman.

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new members **Catherine Greenspan** and **Marlene Zwibel** who joined the branch in April. Their contact information follows:

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Marlene Zwibel

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575-521-3465

zwibel@comcast.net

BS, Nursing, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

Changes in current Yearbook information:

Add **Londa Siefert's** email:

londarenae@gmail.com

Change **Roberta Shelton's address** to:
6748 Via Campestre, Las Cruces

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GIRLS CAN!

One more time, thanks to everyone who helped make Girls Can! 2016 a big success! We are already in the planning stages for next year. The School Contact Team has met for an evaluation/planning session, and the committee chairs of the annual program will be meeting soon to discuss the successes and how the event could be made even better. If you have ideas you would like to put into the planning process, please contact me by email, phone or coffee at Le Rendez-Vous. Thanks, Ann McCullough 524-2601 or girlsscanlascruces@gmail.com

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INTERNATIONAL

Graduate Women International (GWI) - formerly International Federation of University Women (IFUW) - is holding its Triennial Conference, Aug 24-26 in Cape Town, South Africa. There is a call for Seminal Papers/Workshops/Poster Presentations on any of the four conference themes:

- Managing Complexity in education
- New technologies & their impact on secondary, tertiary and continuing education
- Human Rights and education - from teenager to adult in education and active life
- Access to education for girls and women

Topics being presented at this international conference address many of the same concerns we have here in the USA:

- Basic Education
- Leadership Development
- Cyber Bullying
- Women and Entrepreneurship
- Don't forget the boys as we achieve better access for girls
- Using technology to make quality education affordable

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**Images below are taken from a video included in the online
April 23 AAUW Washington Update.**

Here's the new plan for the \$20, \$10 and \$5 bills



Attend the AAUW 8-State Rocky Mountain Regional Conference

Plans are well underway for a wonderful opportunity for AAUW members from eight western states to meet in **Albuquerque, July 15 - 17** for exciting interactions on the event's program **WOMEN COUNT!**

COMING SOON!!!

You will receive more details in a special edition of the AAUW-NM Roadrunner

Of Note -

It's time for the annual spring concert of the Mesilla Valley Chorale, which includes AAUW-LC members Susan DeMar, Nancy Carlson and Bonnie Schranz. This year you're guaranteed to "Love That Music" in a concert that includes some old favorites, a jazzy "Wade in the Water," and swinging Gershwin show tunes..perfect Sunday afternoon fare.

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