



## ORGAN MOUNTAIN VIEWS

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### AAUW-LC BRANCH TO TOUR BURRELL COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AT JAN 13 MEETING

**2018 will begin with a wonderful opportunity** for branch members and guests to learn about an important new educational institution in our community. January's general meeting will take place at the new **Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine**.

**We will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan 13, in Room 160 at the College.** When you enter the lobby, you'll be directed to our room. After a short business meeting we will hear "What Is Osteopathic Medicine?" and then be taken on a tour of the facility by Jeff Harris, Assistant Vice-President for Administration and CIO.

To get to Burrell from University, turn on Triviiz (right if you're coming from the west and left if you're coming from the east) and then right on Arrowhead to Wells, then turn right on Wells. You'll be able to see the College before your turn onto Wells.

Burrell was one of our sponsors a year ago for the AAUW-LC *One for*

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[AAUW National website](#)

the Girls fundraiser at the Rio Grande Theatre.

Bring a friend!

## From our Co-Presidents Beverly Chambers & Christa Slaton

Dear AAUW-LC Members,

We hope your holidays were all that you wanted them to be and you are now enjoying the quiet.

At the beginning of 2018 we have many things to be grateful about: our health, our families and our friendships. We are grateful for all of those things, but especially to have the privilege of working with all of you who have given so freely of your time to AAUW. Volunteering is what makes this organization great.

Many thanks to members who have stepped up without hesitation to fill vacancies on the local and state levels. **Martha Mitchell** is the new NMSU Student Organization Liaison. She will be assisted by **Marianne Barnes**. **Judy McGuire** is the new Fundraising Chair for 2018 Tech Trek NM.

**Christa Slaton** has agreed to fulfill Donna Rea's term as Co-President. Christa holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Tennessee-Nashville and a Masters and Doctoral degree in Political Science from the University of Hawaii and will be an asset to our Board. Please extend your congratulations to her at our general meeting.



Some of you have shown interest in participating in a community program that involves high school young ladies. You can show your support for another local organization that has supported our Girls Can! program for many years. The NEW **"Dream It, Be It" Co-Sponsored Outreach program presented by the Las Cruces Soroptimist International Organization will**

**be held on Saturday, January 20 at Doña Ana Community College - East Mesa Campus from 8 am - 4 pm.** To volunteer, contact Julia Bruner at [julesnewmexico@gmail.com](mailto:julesnewmexico@gmail.com) or Londa Seiffert at [londarenae@gmail.com](mailto:londarenae@gmail.com). For more information, **click** on this link to go to the Soroptimist website <http://silcnm.org/events/>. Look under the *Events* menu at the top of the page.

On Dec. 14, 2017, **Beverly Chambers, Marianne Barnes and Martha Mitchell** met with the NMSU Employee Council. Information presented to the university group included an overview of AAUW-LC, including the mission of AAUW, the scholarships AAUW-LC provides to NMSU students, as well as initiatives such as Girls Can!, Tech Trek

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### EDITOR'S COMMENT

Is there something you would like to see in the OMV? Please let me know - submit your suggestion by the middle of any month to make the deadline for the following issue of the newsletter.

### Call for OMV EDITOR for 2018-19

It's not a secret that I will be moving to Michigan some time during the year. The branch is looking for someone who likes to write, and who is interested in learning how to use the Constant Contact online program to create issues of the OMV, September - June annually. It's actually a lot

and the collaboration with Soroptimist Las Cruces for "2018 Dream It Be It" Discussion turned to the NMSU AAUW Student Organization and the importance of mentoring women in college as well as providing places where women can meet to establish connections, develop friendships and perhaps have group gatherings. Also mentioned was a desire to increase AAUW-LC membership by NMSU staff and faculty.

**Happy New Year!**

*Beverly Chambers & Christa Slaton  
AAUW-LC Co-Presidents*

of fun and much easier than it may appear! Honest!

Contact me, Beverly or Christa if you are that person, or people (Co-editors would work great)!

Cheers!

Bonnie Schranz

## INTEREST GROUPS

### Anything Goes Book Group

Sixteen book lovers meet on the **2nd Monday each month at 1:30pm** to discuss one of a wide variety of reading selections for this year. New members are always welcome. On **Jan. 8** we will meet at Marsha Hokkanen's home to discuss The Oregon Trail by Rinker Buck.

**Contact:** Julia Bruner 522-1685 or julesnewmexico@gmail.com

### Anything Goes Fiction Book Group

We meet on the **4th Monday of each month at 1:30pm** at different homes. Our group has grown to 13 this year, so please be sure to RSVP when each hostess sends an email notice for our next meeting, especially when bringing a guest. Our **Jan. 29** meeting will be at Kay Williams' home to discuss Abraham Verghese's Cutting for Stone.

**Contact:** Kay Williams 521-9279 or kwilliams48@msn.com

### Daytime & Evening Bridge

The AAUW-LC day-time bridge group meets on the **3rd Thursday each month from 1:00pm to approximately 4:00** in homes:

11 Jan	Carol Ann Council
8 Feb	Jo Bloom

The AAUW-LC evening bridge group meets **the 4th Tuesday each month at 7:15pm** in homes:

23 Jan	Carol Ann Council
27 Feb	TBA

**Contact:** Carol Ann Council 522-3313 or kk-ca\_council@msn.com

### Great Decisions

The first of our eight meetings will be held on **Jan. 22 at 2:30pm** in the Roadrunner Room at Branigan Library. Members eagerly awaiting their books can expect them shortly. The books provide background for the topics of discussion during the coming year.

**Contact:** Marsha Ogden 532-5466 marshaogden@yahoo.com

### Laugh & Learn Spanish

Spanish 1 and II are in full swing classes are in full swing and meet

### Upcoming General Meetings & Events

Saturday, Jan 13  
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine Tour  
10 am - on site

Sat., Feb 10  
Location TBA  
"Understanding the Risk Factors for Cardiovascular Disease"  
MountainView Hospital Staff

Saturday, March 10  
8 am - noon  
GIRLS CAN!  
Doña Ana Community College, East Mesa Campus

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every Wednesday.

**Contact:** Donna Yargosz 312-2145 or yargoszdonna@yahoo.com

### **Dining Out**

We will meet at **1:00pm on Thurs., Jan. 25 at Aqua Reef** located at 141 N. Roadrunner Pkwy. This is an opportunity to get to know other members in a relaxed setting. Please confirm your attendance with Cathy Quinones by Wed. evening, Jan 24 so we can let the restaurant know the number to expect.

**Contact:** Cathy Quinones 526-2454 quinonesc@aol.com

### **Going Places**

Fifteen of us shared an early December outing to the historic Pelham House for a leisurely lunch. Despite the frosty day, the beautiful decorations and delicious fare along with lively conversation warmed us and made for a most enjoyable outing. We are trying a bi-monthly schedule this year so our next outing will be held in February. Ann Kaiser will coordinate a visit to the Farm & Ranch Museum on Thursday morning, **Feb. 15**. Details will be in the February OMV.

**Contact:** Shirley Armstrong 522-4570 or shirmike7@msn.com

### **International Gourmet**

Shirley Armstrong is hosting the **Jan. 27** dinner at her home. Rorie Measure is working on a Middle Eastern menu and other details. The group will meet at 6:00 pm.

**Contact:** Beverly Chambers 405-0052 or flagbab@mac.com.

## **All Above Board**

*Board meetings are open to all members and begin at 9:30 a.m. The board will meet next on Monday, Jan 8 for a regular board meeting in the Conference room downstairs at Good Samaritan. They will meet again on Monday, Jan 15 at 9:30 a.m. for a special session to discuss our branch possibly becoming a 501 (c)(3).*

**MEMBERSHIP** - reported by Membership Co-VPs Marsha Hokkanen and Kay Williams

The Las Cruces branch continues to grow! Five new members joined us at the close of 2017, and already there is a promise of several others joining us this month. Check out the following membership incentive and think of friends you might invite to add to our expanding organization.

### **Shape the Future of AAUW Half-Year Offer**

A half-year membership is offered from January 1 through March 15. Dues for National AAUW are reduced to \$12.25. Dues for state and branch are \$9 and \$10 respectively. Guests joining at our January or February 2018 general meetings will pay ½ yr. dues for only \$31.25. When our branch recruits 2 new members at a public event, we earn 1 FREE membership.

A half-year membership will need to be converted to full membership by June 30, 2018.



## **TWO CORRECTIONS Membership data**

The correct phone number of new member **Patricia (Pat) Spivey** is 210-347-9871.

The correct address of new member **Lynne Lord** is 4873 Sonoran Ave.

Please add these corrections to your yearbook.

## **2017 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

Thank you to all who participated in our Community Service Project of the Holiday Store at Sierra Middle School. Many AAUW members generously donated items and we had a well-stocked store. Special thanks to **Londa Seiffert** who organized the project for the branch and to **Martha Mitchell** who was there all five days talking with kids and wrapping gifts for them to give to their families. Thanks also to wrappers **Kathy Cooke, Kay Williams and Joe, Shirley Armstrong, Christa Slaton, and Julia Bruner.**



The gifts beneath the tree at the Double Eagle Restaurant are some of those donated by branch members for the Sierra School Holiday Store.

## **GIRLS CAN!**

Keep **Saturday, March 10** on your calendar for **Girls Can! 2018**. The event will be held again this year from 8 am - noon at the East Mesa Campus of Doña Ana Community College. This Career Exploration Workshop is a signature project for our branch. Contact Ann McCullough to offer your assistance before or during this year's event!

## **Holiday Tea was a Highly Proper Success!**







## Thinking of You...

Please contact Judy McGuire by phone or email (judymcguire2@gmail) when you hear of another AAUW-LC sister who would appreciate a card from AAUW-LC to cheer her up, provide sympathy, offer congratulations or get well.



## Of Note...

**Rorie Measure shares this information with us -  
An Interesting Play Coming Up at the Black Box Theater:**

***Photograph 51*** is the title of an upcoming play at the Black Box Theater, located at 430 N. Main in the Downtown Mall. Written by Anna Ziegler, and presented by No Strings Theatre Company, the show is directed by Artistic Director, Ceil Herman. It tells the story of **Rosalind Franklin** and her significant contributions to the understanding of DNA. Her achievements were largely unrecognized in her lifetime.

A review from the *Seattle Times* describes the play:  
"In Ziegler's taut yet graceful script... Franklin's passion for science...shines through, as does the agility of her inquiring mind. "Photograph 51" neatly coils a scientific detective story around a rumination on how sexism, personality, and morality can impact collaboration and creativity. It honors Franklin by painting her as a complete person... and by evoking the thrills and risks of scientific pursuit itself."

### **Show Times:**

Fridays, January 26, February 2 and February 9 at 8:00 pm  
Saturdays. January 27, February 3, and February 10 at 8:00 pm

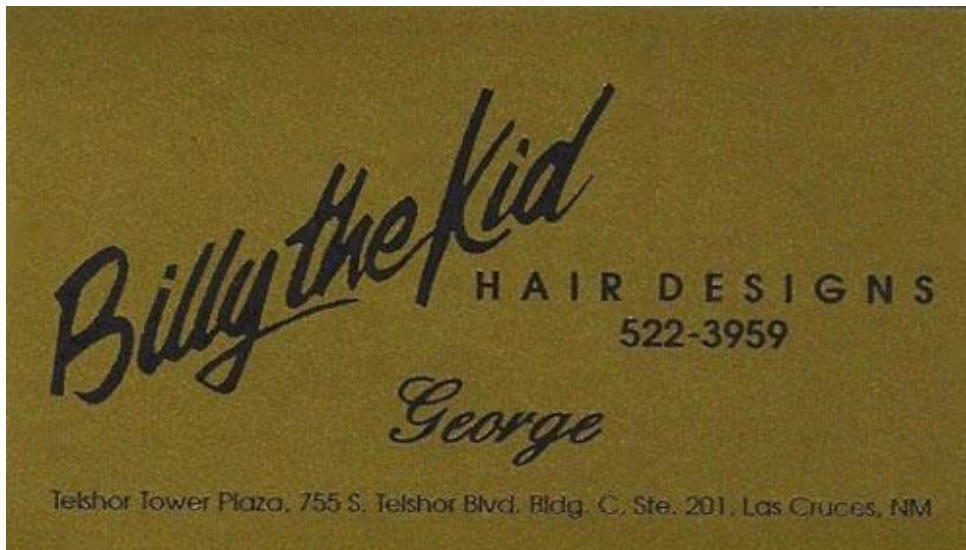


Sundays, February 4 and February 11 at 2:30 pm  
Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 pm

**This next note is taken from the AAUW Washington Update -**

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary announced that its 2017 Word of the Year is '**feminism.**' The announcement noted that online searches for the word increased dramatically this year, driven by current events, entertainment media, and politics.

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