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ANNUAL AAUW-LC BRANCH END OF YEAR MEETING & SOCIAL EVENT IS TUESDAY, JUNE 5

Our final meeting of the year is actually a **PARTY!**

We'll meet at 5 pm on Tuesday, June 5, at the Sunset Grill (1274 Golf Club Road). We'll have **installation of officers** and a brief report from Kay Brilliant about the **roundtable discussion groups** and then enjoy chicken skewers, veggies, meatballs, fruit and drinks. A cash bar will also be available.

THE Cost for this event is \$13. Please send your payment to AAUW-LC, P.O. Box 1081, Las Cruces, NM 88004-1081 by June 1.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIP!

Renewal of your AAUW annual membership for 2018-19 is now open!

After an almost ten-year hiatus, AAUW National voted to increase National membership dues by \$10, therefore:

The 2018-19 dues are \$97.

National \$59 (\$56 of the national dues are tax deductible)

State \$18

LC Branch \$20

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NOTE! Current and new members who wish their names and contact information to be included in the 2018-19 Yearbook must pay their dues no later than June 30, 2018.

We definitely encourage members to pay on-line. An invoice with specific instructions was emailed to all current members who have not yet renewed.

However, you may also renew in any of the following two ways:

1) send a check to AAUW PO Box 1081, Las Cruces, NM 88004-1081

2) give your check directly to Christine Long

2) pay online <http://www.aauw.org/member-tools/>
Log on with your AAUW ID and password.

From our President Christa Slaton

As we wrap up another successful year for our chapter, I'd like to offer a huge thank you to each of you for your unwavering commitment to AAUW's mission "to advance equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research." Special thanks to our OMV newsletter editor, **Bonnie Schranz**, who is relocating to Michigan to be near family. She has been the tie that binds us monthly and will be missed deeply by our branch.

Last month **Beverly Chambers, Carol Ann Council, Christine Long, Kathie Davis and I** attended the annual state convention that was hosted by the Carlsbad branch. The theme of the conference was "Back to the Future: Connecting Our Past to Our Future." It featured an afternoon session with college and high school students as well as long-serving members of AAUW, including Las Cruces member Carol Ann Council. It was uplifting to hear the stories of where we have been, how far we have come, and the impact we have had on young women, who will have doors open and opportunities that many of us could only dream about in our youth.

The selection of officers took place at the business meeting. Local chapter members **Beverly Chambers was elected Co-President and I was elected to succeed Carol Ann Council as Finance Chair. Kathie Davis, chairing our state annual meeting in Las Cruces next year**, gathered many good ideas from members across the state. She welcomes your input and your volunteerism as we host this event.

At our Las Cruces annual business meeting in May we elected new officers. Elected officers for 2018-19 are Christa Slaton, Co-President; Julia Bruner and Marsha Ogden as Co-Program

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Upcoming
General
Meetings &
Events

Tues., June 5
5 pm
ANNUAL SOCIAL
EVENT &
MEETING
AT THE SUNSET
GRILL
SEE YOU THERE!

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Chairs; Fran Plec as Secretary; Marsha Hokkanen and Laura Bemis as Co-Membership Chairs; and Christine Long as Treasurer. Shirley Armstrong will continue to serve as Immediate Past President on the Board.

Appointed positions will be approved by the Board as we move into the new year. **Beverly Chambers resigned as Co-President of our branch shortly after her selection as the Co-President of the AAUW-NM. She brought a wealth of experience to our branch and recruited enormous talent to our Board and leadership. We thank her for her service to our mission.**

Please join us for the annual social event and installation of new officers. It will be held at the Sunset Grill on Tuesday, June 5 at 5 pm. Cost is \$13 and reservations need to be made by June 1. See details in opening story of this issue.

Warm regards,

Christa Slaton

All Above Board

**Board meetings are open to all members.
Minutes come to us compliments of Secretary Fran Plec.**



Among those who represented AAUW-LC at the 2018 AAUE-NM State Convention were Christa Slaton (far left) and Kathie Davis (far right). Christa was installed as incoming AAUW State Finance Officer. Kathie Davis is Chair of the upcoming 2019 AAUW-NM State Convention, which will be held next spring in Las Cruces.



A stellar group of AAUW-NM Presidents past, current and future at the recent Sate Convention. Pictured from Las Cruces at the far left of the group are Past President Carol Ann Council and incoming President Beverly Chambers.

MEMBERSHIP

2018 - 19 BRANCH MEMBERSHIP & YEARBOOK REMINDER!

As the new Branch yearbook is underway, this is a reminder to all members to submit any changes in your listing (name, address, email address, phone numbers, or other data to be listed) ASAP to Marsha Hokkanen mlhokkanen@hotmail.com. Marsha will crosscheck your info with National AAUW, then send it on to Judy McGuire, Yearbook Editor.

It's AAUW-LC Membership Renewal Month!

Pay Dues by June 30 to Confirm Listing in 2018-19 Yearbook!

Free National Memberships were awarded at the Annual Meeting to:

Rita Worrell Top new member recruiter
 Anne McCullough Girls Can! Chair Extraordinaire
 Fran Plec Secretarial and editorial excellence
 Dr. Anne Hubbell NMSU professor specializing in Communications

Welcome to our new Member as of May 8
Anne Hubbell

From Ann McCullough, retiring GIRLS CAN! Coordinator

I am honored to receive a free membership for my work as Girls Can! coordinator for four years. Thanks to everyone who worked with me. I know we made a difference in a lot of girls' lives. It was the best job I ever had! - Ann McCullough

WOMEN GRADUATES-USA - 100 Years in 2019!

In 2019, GWI will turn one hundred years old, and while it has changed over the years, what has not changed is the founders' vision. It is for this reason that the **theme chosen for our 100th Anniversary celebrations is Peace through Education**. The 2019 Conference will be held in Geneva, Switzerland July 25 - 29.

The theme honors the vision of our founding mothers, Virginia Gildersleeve, Caroline Spurgeon and Rose Sidgwick. These three met in New York in 1918 to discuss the idea of an association of university trained women who might make a contribution to better understanding between nations and so help to prevent another catastrophe such as the World War, which had just ended. Key aims were to encourage women to play a greater role in bringing people together for better understanding of one another, education and international affairs.

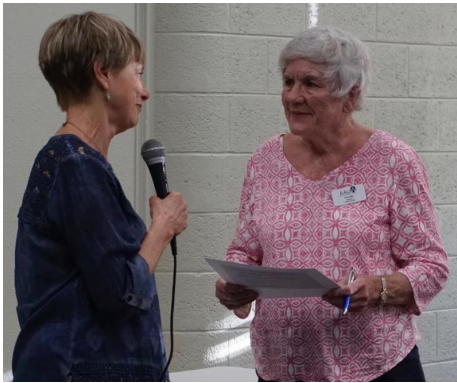
The first conference of the association was held in London in 1920, and eight national associations were affiliated to the new international movement. Geneva (which was also the venue for the 5th conference in 1929) has been chosen because it is home to the second largest United Nations Office and the GWI Headquarters.

[Visit www.graduatewomen.org.](http://www.graduatewomen.org)



AAUW National Board Chair Julia Brown, a member of the Las Cruces Branch, spoke to our members about the ongoing chance for all of us to vote for adoption of amendments to the National Bylaws. Members have received information about the amendments and the process of voting in earlier branch emails. For additional information, visit www.aauw.org

May AAUW- LC Branch Annual Meeting



Among those recognized at the May Annual Meeting were (top to bottom, l - r) **Freddie Finkner**, Honorary Life Member; **Rita Worrell**, fantastic member recruiter; **Fran Plec**, amazing branch secretary; **Bonnie Schranz**, OMV editor 2013 - present; **Anne Hubbell**, newest branch member; and our program presenter for the evening, **Las Cruces Police Department Community Liaison Officer Aaron Glymph**.

THANK YOU BEVERLY CHAMBERS!



THANK YOU, BEVERLY CHAMBERS, who recently retired as branch Co-President and took on the office of AAUW-NM State Co-President. Beverly was honored at the recent branch general meeting.

INTEREST GROUPS

Anything Goes Book Group

The group will discuss *The Winter of Our Discontent* by John Steinbeck on June 11.

For more information about joining this lively and interesting group, please contact Julia Bruner at julesnewmexico@gmail.com or at 522-1685.

Selections for the balance of the year are:

Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon July 9
All the Single Ladies by Rebecca Traister August 13
America's First Daughter by Stephany Dray & Laura

Kamole September 10

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate October 8
Bear Town by Frederik Bachman November 12
 Holiday Luncheon and Book Selection December 10
Dessa Rose by Sherley Anne Williams January 14, 2019

Anything Goes Fiction Book Group

Anything Goes Fiction Book Group will meet at 1:30 pm on Monday, June 25, at the home of Lynne Lorde to discuss *The Feast of the Goat* by Mario Vargas Llosa. Please contact Kay Williams @kwilliams48msn.com if you are interested and not already a part of the group. Group members, please send Kay an email with a short synopsis of a book you have read for our group to consider. We will select books to discuss for the rest of the year.

Daytime & Evening Bridge Summer Schedule

The AAUW Daytime Bridge Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1 pm to approximately 4 pm.

14 June	Rita Worrell
12 July	Shirley Armstrong
9 August	Jo Bloom
13 Sept.	Rae Gunderson

The AAUW Evening Bridge Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:15 pm.

26 June	Rita Worrell
25 July	Lavita Costley
28 August	Carol Eggers
25 Sept.	Shirley Armstrong

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

Majong

Rita Worrell will be hosting the oriental Mah Jong group on Wednesday afternoons at 3:00 pm. This schedule will continue throughout the summer. It is a great time for anyone new to learn and join the group as some members will be traveling throughout the summer. Contact ritaworrell@gmail.com to learn more about joining this group.

Going Places

Join us for a retreat from the heat on June 21. We will travel to Cloudcroft where we have reservations for lunch at Rebecca's Restaurant at the Lodge. There will be leisure time to browse the shops or just enjoy the cooler temperatures. We had hoped to go cherry picking, but due to a storm early in the season this is not expected to be a good year for cherries. However there may be some available for us to stop and buy at a roadside stand.

We will meet to carpool at the Walmart parking lot on Rinconada at 9:30. Look for us in the northern end of the parking lot near the gas station. If you wish to just meet us for lunch, our reservation is at noon time. Please reserve your spot by phoning Rita Worrell at 571-4363 or emailing ritaworrell@gmail.com by Tuesday, June 19.



THINKING OF YOU...

Please contact **Judy McGuire** by phone or email judymcguire2@gmail.com 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...GOODBYE!

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME BE YOUR EDITOR OF THE ORGAN MOUNTAIN VIEWS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS!

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE FOR THE 2017-18 SEASON. THE NEXT ISSUE WILL COME TO YOU AT THE END OF AUGUST AND WILL BE A SEPTEMBER ISSUE TO KICK OFF 2018-19. THE NEW EDITOR IS KATHIE DAVIS, AND I PROMISE YOU SHE WILL BE AWESOME!

I WILL BE IN MICHIGAN (REALLY! MOUNTAIN LIONS AND TIGERS AND SNOW, OH, MY!)) AND I WILL KEEP IN TOUCH BECAUSE I'M KEEPING MYSELF ON THE OMV MAILING LIST!

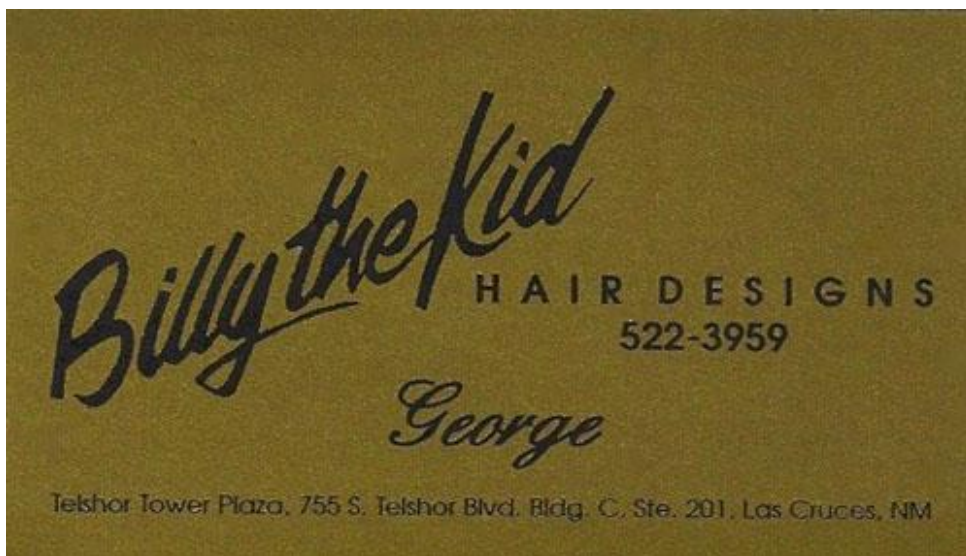
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Over and out!

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