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November General Meeting

On **Saturday, November 10**, a *Prevention Educator* from **La Piñon Children's Advocacy Center** will discuss the various services offered. Their mission is to provide comprehensive services related to sexual violence and child abuse to individuals, families and the community. They offer a 24-hour victim crisis line, outpatient counseling, community education, professional training, and *Kid Talk* - a warm talk-line for children 17 and under.

La Piñon believes that by offering unconditional support, information and a safe environment for change, the person who has been sexually assaulted can take steps to regain control of their life and make the transition from victim to survivor.

La Piñon began delivering services in July 1992.

Come at 9:30 am if you'd like to socialize and the meeting will begin at 10:00. As usual, we will be at **Peace Lutheran Church** at 1701 Missouri.

A TRADITIONAL NEW MEXICO HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

Join your AAUW-LC friends for a wonderful beginning to the holiday season. We will be celebrating on **December 8 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm**.

La Sala, at Josephina's Old



Gate in Mesilla provides the perfect venue to gather in a unique New Mexico atmosphere. Tamales, quesadillas, antipasto skewer, plus corn and black bean salsa and hot cider are on the menu. Beer and wine is available for purchase. Please remit \$24.00 to **Christine Long** no later than November 30 to reserve your seat! Make checks payable to AAUW Las Cruces and mail to PO Box 1081, Las Cruces, NM 88004-1081. (Questions? Contact Julia Bruner or Marsha Ogden)

From our President: Christa Slaton

I am pleased to announce that **Maryln Zahler** has agreed to serve as our branch's fundraising chair for 2018-19. Our fundraising goal for this year is \$5,000 and Maryln is seeking AAUW-LC members to serve on a committee with her to determine and implement strategies to meet our goal. At our October meeting Maryln was recognized for her 50 years of membership in AAUW. We are blessed to have such a dedicated member of our branch.

At our most recent Board meeting, we approved a proposal to allocate \$700 of our budget to national AAUW projects. \$300 will go to the Legal Advocacy Fund to support legal action taken on behalf of promoting equity for women and girls. \$200 was allocated to the International Development Fund to bring international students to our country to study. An additional \$200 was designated for International Project Grants. It is a tribute to the generosity of our members that we not only support our local residents, but that our reach is also national and international.

At our last spring meeting this year we approved a revision to our **bylaws**. At the time, we had not received feedback from the state's compliance officers to assure that our terminology was consistent with the recent changes at state and national level. This summer we received that input and thanks very much to **Judy McGuire** those changes have been incorporated and approved by the Board. Proposed Bylaws will be sent to members for vote at the November General meeting on November 10, 2018. Click here to access the proposed [Bylaws](#).

Three of our members were honored at the Girl Scouts' "Women of Distinction" luncheon in September – **Carol Ann Council, Rorie Measure, and Christina Little**. AAUW members and guests purchased six tables, each seating 8 people, at the luncheon!!! Our branch also set up a table with AAUW literature and membership forms at the event. Our presence was noticed as we helped honor all the awardees.

Carol Ann Council, Kathie Davis, Beverly Chambers, and I will be attending the Leadership Team Meeting in Las Vegas, NM this month. In addition to discovering what other branches are doing around the state to achieve our mission "*to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy*," Kathie will be making a presentation on the **state convention to be held in Las Cruces April 26-28, 2019**. We are eager to have a great representation of our members throughout New Mexico at the convention, which will be packed with inspiring workshops and enriching interaction with members across the state.

Our branch will partner with Sierra Middle School again this year to provide a holiday market for students to choose gifts for the family members. Teachers at the school and our members donate items—new or gently used—that students select as gifts for their parents and siblings. Items that are particularly popular:

(for males) are hand tools, ball caps, T-shirts, mugs, socks, and items with team logos; (for females) potholders, mitts, towels, spoon rests, lotions and soaps; and (for young siblings) all sorts of toys games, and stuffed animals. In addition to donating items, our members volunteer time to wrap gifts that students select. It truly is an uplifting experience. Members are asked to bring gift donations to the November general meeting. Volunteer wrappers will be needed at the school. Details to follow.

It is truly exciting to belong to such an active and supportive AAUW branch and to see our membership grow at each general meeting. Thank each of you for your value to achieving our mission, *Christa*.

SAVE THE DATES !!

December 8,, 2018 at Josephine's Old Gate for Holiday Celebration and gift wrapping for Sierra Middle School donations. (\$24.00 each, see details above)

March 9, 2019 at Dona Ana Community College! This will be 25 YEARS of AAUW Las Cruces Branch providing a career exploration conference for all 6th grade girls in Dona Ana County! Be a part of our anniversary! Contact **Londa Seiffert** or **Kay Brilliant** to volunteer or for more details!

April 27, 2019 Dine and Wine at the Double Eagle Banquet Room. Doors open at 6:00 pm. All members and guests are welcome! Tickets will be \$42.00. Enjoy great company and connect with other AAUW members from around the state who are gathered for the State AAUW Convention. More information to come later.

Interest Groups



We are still seeking an *Interest Group Coordinator*. Contact Christa for more information (slatocd@nmsu.edu)

Anything Goes Book Group

Anything Goes book group will meet at 1:30 pm on Monday, November 12, at Londa Seiffert's home to discuss *Bear Town* by Frederik Bachman. For more information, please contact Julia at julesnewmexico@gmail.com or at 522-1685.

Anything Goes Fiction Book Group

Anything Goes Fiction Book Group will meet at 1:30 pm Monday, November 19 at the home of Gita Nelson to discuss *The Earth of Mankind* by Pramaedya Ananta Toer. Please email Gita, our hostess, at nelsongdw123@yahoo.com if you are interested and not already a part of the group.

For December we will share in a potluck with the other AAUW book group and choose our books for 2019. Group members, please send Kay an email with a short synopsis of ONE book you have read for our group to consider for 2019.

Daytime & Evening Bridge Schedule

Daytime Bridge

The AAUW day-time bridge group meets on the **2nd Thursday** of each month at 1:00 pm to approximately 4:00 pm.

Nov 08 Jo Bloom

Dec 13 Jo Bloom

Evening Bridge

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

Nov 27 Mary Berry

Dec Merry Christmas

Contact **Carol Ann Council** for more information at kk-ca_council@msn.com or 522-3313

Great Decisions

Great Decisions discussion group will meet on November 26 at 2:30 pm in the Roadrunner Room at Branigan Library. The topic to be discussed is **Global Health Issues**. Contact Marsha Ogden at marshaogden@yahoo.com or 532-5466 for additional information.

Dining Out

Since our usual day falls on **Thanksgiving**....enjoy your family and Thanksgiving Day/Evening. December will be our annual Christmas gathering...more to follow.

Chinese Mahjong

Meets **every Wednesday** from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the home of Rita Worrell. Newcomers are welcome. It is not a difficult game to learn!!! Contact Rita at ritaworrell@gmail.com or 571-4363.

International Dining to be held at Sunset Grill on Saturday, November 10 at 6:00 pm. For more details, or RSVP by Nov. 3 to Rita Stopa: 522-4550 or rstopa@comcast.net (Please see email from Christa Slaton a few days ago)



VOTE November 6

American Women won the right to vote August 20, 1920. Exercise your right and VOTE: either early on or on the day. This year, your vote might be more important than ever!

All Above Board



Our Branch *Board of Directors* meets monthly, generally on the 1st Monday of the month. All members are welcome. Meetings are at Peace Lutheran Church

beginning at 9:30 am. Minutes come to us compliments of Fan Plec, Secretary. The approved October minutes will be available in the December newsletter due to the timing of the November board meeting.

Your Talent and Intelligence have not gone unnoticed!

Kathie Davis and Rorie Measure are looking for a few smart, **serious** and brave women to **research** and reenact prominent as well as over-looked women in history. We seek a troupe of historical actors to work together to create a 30-45 minute program for the State AAUW convention in April.

To learn more, please plan to attend an exploratory session on Saturday, Dec 1 at 11:00 am in Sugie's Diner, back room. (340 North Main Street). Contact Kathie at 639-0311 or kadkathryn@gmail.com or Rorie at 522-4804 or rmeasure@gmail.com

We applaud you already!!!

Membership



Three new members have joined since the October Organ Mountain Views. Please welcome them and add the information below to your Yearbook.

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Communications

[AAUW Website](#) is maintained by **Becca Galves**. Contact her for comments or questions or additions. (click on link above: "AAUW Website")

A [Facebook](#) Page for AAUW LC is maintained by **Lydia Hammond**. Be sure to like our page so you will get updates. (click on link above: "Facebook")

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Beverly Stiles, past president (1983-1985) and Life Member on the recent loss of her husband.



Thinking of you.....

Please contact **Judy McGuire** by phone (575-932-9905) 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 condolences, offer congratulations or "get well"

Of note.....



Corrections and changes to Yearbook:

1. New email address for Kathie Davis: kadkathryn@gmail.com
2. Correct spelling for **Maryln** Zahler (pg 28)
3. Correct address for Linda Bennett: **5179 Picuris Ct.** (pg 16)

Just released from AAUW on October 23

The **Fall 2018 edition** of The *Simple Truth About the Pay Gap Research* and *AAUW Work Smart* online is available for the AAUW membership and the general public at AAUW.org. (The link will take you to the article on the pay gap research.) Click here for [Work Smart](#).



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Comments and questions

If you wish to advertise in our newsletter, please contact Judy McGuire by email. The cost is \$50/year. If you have suggestions for our newsletter or would like to see other changes, please also contact Judy McGuire at:
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Thank you for reading



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