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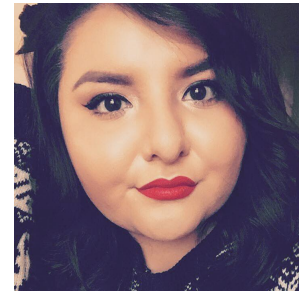
October 2019



*The Organ Mountain Views has a brand new look....hope you like it!*

### AAUW LC October meeting

You won't want to miss our October general meeting on Saturday, October 13 at Peace Lutheran Church. Come at 9:30 for socializing and the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. **Alexis Ramirez** will speak to us about why *Alzheimer's disease in a women's issue*. (***Please note a change in the schedule as this was previously scheduled for November.***) She will also be ready to answer your questions.



**Alexis** provides programs and services for the *Alzheimer's Association Southern Region of New Mexico*. Alexis is a native New Mexican and has worked in the non-profit community in Las Cruces as a Cancer Outreach & Research Assistant and Program Manager for the last four years. She received a BA in Public Health from New Mexico State University with a focus in community health, outreach, and cancer research. The experience gave her a deep appreciation for how non-profits seek to improve the quality of life for our region; one program at a time.

### From our President: Christa Slaton

In September we had an enthusiastic gathering of AAUW-LC members for our first general meeting of the 2018-19 year. We were fortunate to have **Julia Brown**, Chair of the National AAUW Board and member of our branch, provide us with information on AAUW's strategic plan and policy goals for the coming year.

In addition to our monthly general meetings, we have several *interest groups* meeting each month. There were sign-up sheets at the first meeting, but members are welcome to join throughout the year by contacting the specific interest group

coordinator.

Our Public Policy Chair, **Cheryl Wilson**, has joined the Doña Ana County Election Advisory Council, whose goal is to increase voter registration and participation in the 2018 elections. They are seeking volunteers to educate and engage 350 high school voters from across the city on October 9th. Tasks for volunteers include everything from tours of the County Government Building, crowd control, and general organizational tasks that day. If you'd like to help with this event, "Celebrating Democracy in Doña Ana County," please contact **Barb Records**, 521-3175 or [barbrecords@aol.com](mailto:barbrecords@aol.com).

**Kathie Davis**, Chair of the 2019 state convention, reminded us that 2019 is the centennial anniversary of Congressional passage of the **19<sup>th</sup> Amendment** to guarantee women's suffrage. Although the amendment was not ratified until 1920, we will begin a year-long centennial celebration of that important step towards advancing "gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy". As we approach the 2018 mid-term elections, we need to appreciate that women now vote in higher percentages than men and we play key roles advancing democracy. A special feature of the state convention to be held April 26-28, 2019 in Las Cruces is the showing of the film ***Iron Jawed Angels***. It will remind us to remember those who struggled for gender equity more than 100 years ago and the price they personally paid to help our lives be better. It is an inspiring film to motivate us when we continue to fight for pay equity and equal opportunity for girls and women.

Our branch has so many opportunities for meaningful engagement. We welcome your participation and your input regarding other activities to support our mission. Contact me with your ideas at [slatocd@nmsu.edu](mailto:slatocd@nmsu.edu)

AAUW's state focus statement is: "Empowering Women to change their Lives." I'd like to add: **"Yes, We Can!"**



## Volunteering...

article by Kay Brilliant.

Volunteer organizations are fueled by energy created by their members.

In the absence of paid staff, all the "work" is shared by the organization's membership. Volunteering takes many forms. Some members like to be organized and be in the mix of things; others prefer to take on less demanding tasks; and even others want to pitch in when all the planning and details are hammered out.

No matter to what degree you want to "work", all members are welcome and needed to get the mission and vision of the organization manifested. Volunteers bring energy and ideas to the organization as well as their own experiences. This mixture provides the fuel to complete a goal.

All volunteers provide talent, time and treasures to membership driven organizations. Therefore, whether you "just show up" to do a one-time task, or jump into the organizing of a big project, you bring what is needed!

AAUW-Las Cruces has plenty of opportunities. Attending a community meeting, working at an event or at the membership table, joining the school contact team for GIRLS CAN!, or making a phone call to a legislator about an important issue related to women and girls, YOU are a very important part of this branch. You are appreciated for all you bring

to AAUW and to its very important Goals and Mission.

Find out what you can do to help. Watch for sign up opportunities at each membership meeting. *Thank you for all you do!*

## Interest Groups



**We are in need of an Interest Group Coordinator** (become familiar with each **Interest Group** and provide updates to the Newsletter editor. Suggest new Interest Groups to Board). Contact Christa Slaton if interested.

### Anything Goes Book Group

Anything Goes Book Club will meet at 1:30 on Monday, October 8 to discuss *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie. We will meet at the home of Marsha Ogden. For more information please contact Julia Bruner at 522-1685 or [julesnewmexico@gmail.com](mailto:julesnewmexico@gmail.com)

### Anything Goes Fiction Book Group

This book group will meet Monday, October 22, 1:30 pm at the home of Lynne Lord to discuss *Hummingbird's Daughter* by Luis Alberto Urea. Contact Kay Williams at 521-9279 or [kwilliams48@msn.com](mailto:kwilliams48@msn.com) for more information.

### Bridge Schedule

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

Oct 11 - Mary Berry  
Nov 8 - Jo Bloom  
Dec 13 - Jo Bloom

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

Oct 23 - Ann Wheeler Kaiser  
Nov 27 - Mary Berry  
Dec Merry Christmas

For additional information, contact Carol Ann Council at 522-3313 or [kk\\_ca-council@msn.com](mailto:kk_ca-council@msn.com)

### Great Decisions

The Great Decisions group will meet on Monday, October 22, at Roadrunner Room, Branigan Library. Discussion of *South Africa's Fragile Democracy* begins at 2:30 pm. For additional information or questions, please contact **Marsha Ogden** at 532-5466 or [marshaogden@yahoo.com](mailto:marshaogden@yahoo.com).

### Dining Out

Dining Out will meet for lunch at **Bite of Belgium**, 741 N. Alameda on Thursday, October 25 at 1:00 pm. Bring a friend if you wish. Contact **Cathy Quinones** at 993-9528 or [quinonesc@aol.com](mailto:quinonesc@aol.com) by the day before if you wish to attend so we can let the restaurant know how many are coming.

### Going Places

Join us on October 18 when we visit historic *Monticello, NM*. We will tour a unique farm that produces balsamic vinegar described as "liquid gold" and taste some with our lunch there. Afterward, there is the opportunity to tour the Geronimo Springs Museum and/or shop at the unique 303 Gallery in Truth or Consequences. We have 7 spots remaining. Meeting point and other tour information will be emailed to participants. Call or Email Linda Bennett for further information or to sign-up at 443-404-1349 or [LK.Bennett@yahoo.com](mailto:LK.Bennett@yahoo.com)

### International Gourmet

The AAUW International Dinner Group will meet on Saturday, October 13 at the home of Beverly Chambers. Please contact Beverly at 405-0052 or [flagbab@mac.com](mailto:flagbab@mac.com) for the time and the availability of seating. Contact Denise Marta for additional information.

### 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 and we are always glad to share our love of the game with others. For more information, contact Rita at 571-4363 or [ritaworrell@gmail.com](mailto:ritaworrell@gmail.com)

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### Yearbook errata....

#### **Please correct your Yearbook (changes in bold)**

1. AAUW-NM Convention location is **to be determined** (p.10)
2. "Dining Out" meets the 4th **Thursday**, (not Tuesday). (p.12)
3. "International Gourmet" contact is **Denise Marta**. (p.13)
4. Linda Bennett's address is **5179** Picuris Ct. (p. 16)
5. New email for Kathie Davis: [kadkathryn@gmail.com](mailto:kadkathryn@gmail.com) (p. 18)
6. Christa Slaton's street name is **Camino** Escondida. (p. 25)

## All Above Board



**Board meetings are open to all members and are generally held on the first Monday of each month at 9:30 am, Peace Lutheran Church.**

The AAUW-LC Board of Directors is charged with managing the affairs of the Corporation according to NM Law, AAUW, and our Branch Bylaws (approved by AAUW-LC members). The Board also oversees fundraising, expenditures and other financial matters according to a budget approved by AAUW-LC members. Eight Board members are elected by membership for 2-year rotating terms and five members are appointed by the President for one-year terms.

## Membership Information



#### **Members Recruiting New Members**

Many thanks are extended to our members who help us get the word out about AAUW-

Las Cruces. Last year most of our new members were recruited by branch members who invited guests to general meetings, book clubs and other branch activities. Thank you so much for your help!

### **Volunteers for Our Membership Team**

We are looking for volunteers who might be interested in our Membership Team. This could involve things like greeting members and guests, helping with name tags, following up with new members or helping us plan informal meet-ups for members to get together. If you are interested, contact **Marsha Hokkanen**, [mlhokkanen@hotmail.com](mailto:mlhokkanen@hotmail.com), or **Laura Bemis**, [lkbemis@gmail.com](mailto:lkbemis@gmail.com)

### **Welcome to our New Members:**

#### **Allie Williams**

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#### **Colleen Caulfield**

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PhD., Nursing, Educational Psychology  
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## **Communications**

Many of the comments from the **Roundtable** discussions last Spring focused on Communication with membership. In addition to the Organ Mountain Views, "OMV", we maintain a Website and Facebook page. Also, from time to time you will receive an email from either **Christa Slaton**, our President or **Kathy Cooke**, our Email Coordinator.

You will find direct links to the Las Cruces, NM and National AAUW websites at end of the newsletter.

[AAUW LC 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"*)

Emails from "**Constant Contact**" contain important updates and information, be sure to read them.



### **Thinking of you.....**

Please contact Judy McGuire by phone (575-932-9905) or email: [judymcguire2@gmail.com](mailto: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".



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#### Of Note.....

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, have an **article** to publish or would like to see other changes, please also contact Judy McGuire at:

[judymcguire2@gmail.com](mailto:judymcguire2@gmail.com)

Thank you for reading



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