



## ORGAN MOUNTAIN VIEWS

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*Founded in 1923, AAUW's Mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.*

*Your editor hopes you have an awesome summer...  
this is the last OMV until late August.  
(Contact me, [Judy McGuire](#), for information about advertising next year)*



### Come, Celebrate our Successes

**Reminder:** Come celebrate with us on **Tuesday, June 4** at the **Sunset Grill** from 5:00-7:00 pm (1274 Golf Club Road) Cost is **\$15** each. Send your check, payable to AAUW LC, to PO Box 1081, Las Cruces, 88004 **ASAP**. Also, if you have not paid your dues for next year, bring a check for **\$97** and give it to Christine Long, Treasurer.

### From our President: Christa Slaton

Kudos to **Kathie Davis** and her phenomenal team that made the state AAUW convention a huge success. Every detail from the agenda, our Historian's display, the presentations from "women of the past", the morning treats, the luncheon, the banquet dinner, the hosts for our visitors, and the facilities were all exceptional and contributed to a meaningful and memorable event. I am so appreciative of the "Can Do" and collaborative nature of our members. In addition to receiving many accolades from members across the state, we were able to reap approximately \$1,400 profit to share



between the state and our branch. The convention also raised \$1,020 to contribute the national AAUW unrestricted funds. In addition, our branch received an award for the greatest % increase in membership.

Kathie's team for the convention included: **Rita Stopa** and **Denise Marta** (banquet and hotel arrangements); **LaJune Smith** (luncheon); **Carol Ann Council** and **Maryln Zahler** (registration); and **Rorie Measure** (research and preparation of historical figure presenters).

At the May 7 General Meeting, the following officers were elected:

Co-President – **Laura Bemis** (2-year term)

(Continuing Co-President – **Christa Slaton**)

Co-Vice Presidents for Programs: **Anne Hubbell** (2-year term) and **Linda Bennett** (1-year term)

Co-Vice Presidents for Membership: **Deanise Marta** (2-year term) and **Kimberly York** (1-year term)

Secretary – **Maggie Reynolds** (2-year term)

Huge thanks to the Nominating Committee: **Rita Stopa** (Chair), **Deanise Marta**, and **LaJune Smith** for consulting and cajoling several members and recommending this great slate of women to serve our branch.

The Board has also approved the following appointed positions:

Past President – **Carol Ann Council**

Academic Chair – **Kathie Davis**

Public Policy Chair – **Cheryl Wilson**

Communications Chair – **Judy McGuire**

Social Media Coordinator – **Lydia Hammond**

Website Manager – **Rebecca Galves**

Courtesy Secretary and Yearbook Editor – **Judy McGuire**

*Organ Mountain Views* Editor – **Judy McGuire**

Financial Review Coordinator – **Carol Ann Council**

Parliamentarian – **Kay Brilliant**

Please let me know if you have interest in serving in other roles in our branch.

Email me at [slatocd@ad.nmsu.edu](mailto:slatocd@ad.nmsu.edu) At the annual business meeting, we also approved the 2019-20 budget, which was presented by **Christine Long**.

Please join us at Sunset Grill on **June 4<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. We will celebrate our very successful year, thank our outgoing officers and install new officers. I am excited about the coming year as we celebrate the ratification of the **19<sup>th</sup> Amendment** to grant women suffrage throughout the nation. Let's look forward to the new year building on the state convention theme: "**Celebrating the XIX Amendment and Demanding Our Worth!**"



## 2019 Convention Highlights

Our awesome actresses represented historical female figures with notable accomplishments, all led by Rorie Measure

Shirley Armstrong  
as Shirley Chisholm



Mimi Roddy as  
Rosalind Franklin  
PhD.



Daria Ringo and  
Marsha Hokkanen  
presented Clara  
Belle Williams



Kathie Davis as  
Olive Gilbert and  
Donna Yargosz as  
Adelina Otero-  
Warren



State Rep. and LC  
branch member,  
Joanne Ferrary  
updated us on the  
many legislative  
achievements for  
women and girls  
during the recent Legislative session.

70 members  
were greeted in  
the morning at  
NMSU by MaryIn  
Zahler, Marsha  
Ogden and  
Marsha Hokkanen.



Dr. Eileen VanWie  
provided us with an  
overview of the many  
resources available to  
us as we prepare to  
celebrate the XIX  
Amendment to the US  
Constitution.



The Convention  
was capped off with  
a wonderful  
banquet at The  
Double Eagle in  
Mesilla. Nearly 60 women attended.  
Some brought their husbands!

## Archives Display at the Convention - A Shared Project



Being the AAUW-LC branch Historian for the past year has proven anything but dreary! For many, the concept of anything 'historical' conjures up reactions of "boring", "tedious" and "uninteresting". When asked to do an archive display for the AAUW-NM state convention, even I wondered how it would go but assumed it could be easily accomplished by a couple visits to our collection at the NMSU Branson Library. Oh, how wrong I was!

What an eye-opening experience it was to discover the quantity of materials in archives, stored there by branch members throughout the last **96** years (our branch was formed in **1923** – the first in New Mexico) for safekeeping. The items and information we found there were extremely interesting – enough so to entice eight visits by myself and the following additional sleuths: **Ruth Jaure, Anne Hubbell, Fran Plec, Laura Bemis, Kay Brilliant, and Deanise Marta.**

After gathering information and artifacts, we spent several hours organizing our finds onto posters and items for our display table. Lending their artistic talent to this process were **Mary Borer, Ruth Jaure, Mimi Roddy, Londa Seiffert, and Kay Brilliant.** Finally, helping with the display itself were **Julia Bruner, Kay Brilliant, Fran Plec, Mimi Roddy and Anne Chase.** A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped with the process! Shirley Armstrong



## Help Mobilize a Million

**Mobilize a Million** is AAUW's strategy to help increase the number of women who successfully negotiate the salaries they deserve. The hope is that each member will view **Work Smart Online** at [salary.aauw.org](http://salary.aauw.org) the 90-minute salary negotiation workshop. Then, encourage **20** friends, coworkers, and family members to watch and learn from it, too. This project was funded by a \$500,000 grant from Coca Cola. AAUW targets 100,000 to take the online course by end of August 2019.

## Interest Groups



**Going Places** enjoyed a trip to *Custom House* museum in Deming in May. (Fran Plec, Rita Worrell, Rorie Measure, LaVita Costley, Dia Musante, Gita Nelson. (Shirley Armstrong, photographer)

### Anything Goes Book Group

Anything Goes will meet at 1:30 pm on Monday, June 10th at the home of **Rollie Antupit** to discuss *Chilbury Ladies Choir* by Jennifer Ryan. For more information, please contact **Julia Bruner** at 522-1685 or at [julesnewmexico@gmail.com](mailto:julesnewmexico@gmail.com). We will also meet at 1:30 pm on Monday, July 8, at the home of **Earlene Brookshear** to discuss *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid. And again on Monday, August 12 at 1:30 pm to discuss *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue. Host to be determined.

### Anything Goes Fiction Book Group

Anything Goes Fiction Book Group will be discussing *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche Monday, June 24th at 1:30 pm at the home of **Dia Musante**. We are also meeting July 22 at **Linda Bennett's** home to review *Paris in the Present Tense* and on Aug 26 at **Rita Worrell's** home to review *Between Our Worlds*. If you are not already involved with our group but would like to be included in this discussion, please contact Kay Williams at [kwilliams48@msn.com](mailto:kwilliams48@msn.com) or 575-521-9279

### Daytime & Evening 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.

June 13 Jo Ann Vincent  
July 11 Maryln Zahler  
Aug 8 Jo Bloom  
Sept 12 Paula Bennett

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

May 28 Rita Worrell  
June 25 Mary Ann Willson  
July 23 Shirley Armstrong  
Aug 27 Paula Bennett  
Sept 24 Ann Wheeler Kaiser

For questions or if you are interested in joining a Bridge group, contact **Carol Ann Council** at 522-3313 or [kk-ca\\_council@msn.com](mailto:kk-ca_council@msn.com)

### Going Places

On June 20, the Going Places Group will visit the museums of Las Cruces. We will meet at the Branigan Cultural Center at 10:00 am and from there continue on to the Las Cruces Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature and Science. Lunch will follow at the new Amador Grill at 12:00 noon, located at 302 South Main Street. You may join us for lunch if you do not wish to tour the museums. Please RSVP to **Rita Worrell** at 571-4363 or [ritaworrell@gmail.com](mailto:ritaworrell@gmail.com) by Friday, June 14 if you are interested.

### Chinese Mahjong

Have you always been curious about the ancient game of Mahjong? Have you always wanted to learn to play? Summer is an excellent time to explore this fascinating game. We meet weekly on Wednesday at the home of **Rita Worrell** from 3-5 pm. Instruction is available and all necessary game equipment is supplied. Call or email Rita Worrell at 575-571-4363 or [ritaworrell@gmail.com](mailto:ritaworrell@gmail.com) for further information.

**NOTE: Great Decisions, International Gourmet, Dining Out and Spanish classes will NOT meet during the summer (also, there will not be a Spanish 1 class next year)**

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### **To Join an Interest Group:**

If you want to join an Interest Group, contact the specific group's coordinator (see your Yearbook). Some groups are "full" but you can always get on a waiting list.

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## Membership



### **Give a Grad a Gift**

**\$0** That's how much it costs to give AAUW membership to the recent college grads in your life.

Go to [aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift](http://aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift) to fill out the form online.

You have two years from graduation to give as many National memberships as you want for grads with an undergraduate degree. You can even give this gift to an entire class if you have all the names and information.

### Shape the Future Membership

Any one who joins AAUW LC at a sponsored event before March 15, receives 1/2 off for National, State and Branch Dues. "Shape the Future" members pay **\$48.50**. In addition, AAUW LC can earn additional "Shape the Future" memberships. This year, with 11 STF members, we earned three:

**Rorie Measure**, Winner of the May 7th Drawing

**Kimberly York**, new member extraordinaire, our professional photographer

**Dr. Monica Torres**, President of DACC, who has coordinated resources at DACC to make Girls Can! such a success.

### New Member (STF)

**Dr. Monica Torres**

1005 N. Armijo, LC 88005

575-640-2878, [mftorres2008@gmail.com](mailto:mftorres2008@gmail.com)

Ph.D. American Studies, UNM

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIP!

**The 2019-20 dues are \$97.**

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

State \$18

LC Branch \$20

**Total: \$97**

**NOTE! Current and new members who wish their names and contact information to be included in the 2019-20 Yearbook must pay their dues no later than June 30, 2019.**

**Online Renewal:** You are no longer required to log-in into the AAUW Member Services Database or know your membership number. **You should have received an e-invoice** including a *link* which will take you directly through the renewal process. **Remember to click on Branch Membership.** Your payment should be **\$97**. Follow the prompts and you are done! Any questions, contact Laura Bemis at [lkbemis@gmail.com](mailto:lkbemis@gmail.com).

**Renewal by U.S. Mail:** Send your check for **\$97** payable to AAUW-Las Cruces Branch, PO Box 1081, Las Cruces, NM 88004-1081.

## All Above Board



Your elected and appointed **Board of Directors** meets monthly on the 1st Monday from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Peace Lutheran Church. **All members** are welcome to attend. This is a good way to find out how AAUW as an organization operates. Note: The next Board meeting will be **Aug 26th** (first Monday in September is a holiday)

## 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.

75% of our members open the [Constant Contact](#) email with the OMV. Nearly 20% click on a link to email or a document. 36 emails have been sent this year via [Constant Contact](#), our publishing vendor. If you think you are not getting email or the OMV, check your SPAM folder and label this mail as "not spam".

[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"*)

## Equal Pay for Women

Remember to contact our NM Congressional Senators to support **S 270**, the **Paycheck Fairness Act**:

**Heinrich, Martin** - (D - NM)

Class I

303 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

(202) 224-5521

Contact: [www.heinrich.senate.gov](http://www.heinrich.senate.gov)

**Udall, Tom** - (D - NM)

Class II

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(202) 224-6621

Contact: [www.tomudall.senate.gov](http://www.tomudall.senate.gov)

## Honors for Christina Little

From time to time, the Mayor honors a member of our community who has made a positive impact in the Las Cruces area. Recently, he recognized **Christina** for her significant efforts to help Las Cruces' social services providers. For her selfless efforts, she is presented with the "**Mayor's Distinguished Service Award.**" Christina moved to Las Cruces in 2000, with a newly minted master's degree in Public Administration and stern instructions from her major professor to use her degree. She took the admonishment seriously. She said, "I will make a difference." And she did. Among her other service accomplishments, her Interagency Council (with its monthly seminars and 600+ member listserv) recently passed its 15th anniversary. She has been a very active



member of the League of Women Voters since 1974, and was State League President from 2002 to 2003. She has served on the local and state AAUW boards, with responsibilities ranging from treasurer, newsletter editor, and Public Policy Chair

## Donate Your Plastic Bottle caps



**Carol Ann Council** is collecting **plastic bottle caps** (any kind) for cancer. One of Carol Ann's employees takes them to St. Genevieve's Church where an individual from Mexico comes once a month to collect them. He takes them back to Mexico where the funds from the caps are used for **cancer projects** – dialysis, prostheses, treatments, etc. This is an on-going project. Carol Ann is willing to collect the caps from members at any AAUW function. You may contact Carol Ann at [kk-ca\\_council@msn.com](mailto:kk-ca_council@msn.com) or 522-3313. Please keep up this kind work.....this collection has no end (at this time).

**Happy Spring!!**

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**REMINDER Please check your listing in the current Yearbook and notify Laura Bemis of any corrections at [lkbemis@gmail.com](mailto:lkbemis@gmail.com)**



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

Please contact Judy McGuire by text or 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" (*click **on the** email address as a direct link to your email provider*)

## **Of note.....**



The OMV editor was notified of a recent death of an AAUW Past President. **Bonnie Short** (Bonnie Cramer) President, 1959-1961 passed away around March 2 at age 92. She had been residing at the Good Samaritan Society for 12 years and was remembered for being active in the NEA throughout her extensive teaching career. A donation was made in her memory to the *NMSU Foundation AAUW Scholarship for Women*.



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### [Comments and questions](#)

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Thank you for reading



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