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

AAUW LC General Meeting November 9 at Peace Lutheran Church

Socializing starts at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m.

Our speaker will be **Marci Dickerson**, owner of The Dickerson Group which includes Dickerson Catering, The Game, The Game Extra Innings, Dickerson Event Management and SSI (Sport Skills Institute).



Marci will speak to us about **Revolution 120**, a charity she founded to meet needs in the Las Cruces area which were not being met. **Revolution 120** utilizes "pay it forward" gifts to have greater community impact and foster a community culture of serving others.

From our Co Presidents: Christa Slaton & Laura Bemis

Our branch has begun the 2019-20 year with many activities and opportunities for

our members to be engaged in advancing our mission "to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy." We are very happy to announce members who have accepted leadership positions: **Sherry Eichorn** has assumed the role of Secretary; **Jacque Schur** has agreed to take on the role of PR/Media Coordinator and **Deanise Marta** has taken on the responsibility of Social Media Coordinator. Many thanks to them for serving our branch in important roles.

For members who are on Facebook, please visit and like our page at www.facebook.com/AAUWLasCruces We have had a lot of traffic recently as we have added more photos and information about our events. Encourage your friends to "Like" us also.

This entire year we will be celebrating the centennial of the passage and ratification of the **19th Amendment** that granted women the right to vote nationwide. In August our branch joined the **2020 Suffrage Alliance**, which was convened by the League of Women Voters, and recently we created a branch **Task Force** to help plan collaborative activities for February 22, 2020 at the downtown Plaza and on April 22, 2020 celebration at the Farm and Ranch Museum. The alliance's goals are to:

- communicate the history of suffrage and constitutional amendments related to voting rights from diverse and inclusive perspectives
- connect the history to current voting activities
- take action to empower voters (especially related to gender equity and public safety)
- promote/expand our democracy
- build leadership capacity

If you have interest in joining the **Task Force** or in planning any other activities to advance the goals of the alliance, please contact us.

Several of our members have volunteered to serve on our **Planning and Goals Group** to help us establish branch goals for the next two years. This will be a 3-hour meeting to be held on November 1st from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Community Action Agency, 3880 Foothills Rd. (just across the street from Calichis) Again, we welcome any members who wish to be a part of the planning committee.

We are attending the Leadership Team Meeting in Albuquerque October 25-26 and we will keep you posted on activities of branches across the state.



December 7th Holiday Lunch

Join us for a holiday lunch at **Josephina's Old Café** in Mesilla on Saturday December 7th from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per person; payable in advance. Deadline for reservations is November 20th. Space is limited. Please notify **Linda Bennett** if you wish to make a

reservation. Payments may be mailed to Linda at 5179 Picuris Ct., Las Cruces, NM 88011. Contact Linda at 443-404-1349 or by email at

lk.bennett@yahoo.com.

Task Force Formed

The Branch has formed a Task Force of members interested in helping plan activities and events for the *100th Anniversary* of the **19th Amendment** in 2020.

Members will meet via email and occasional meetings to implement ideas to bring focus to this historic event and to work with a collaboration of groups working on community-wide programs. Two community-wide events have been planned by the **2020 Suffrage Centennial Collaborative** - a 'Rally & Walk' for February and an educational and celebratory event for August. Contact **Christa Slaton** or **Laura Bemis** if you would like to participate in this Task Force.



Remember to Vote November 5



For information on Early Voting until Nov 2, click here: [Early Voting](#)

Interest Groups



Anything Goes Book Group

On Monday, November 11 the group will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the home of **Londa Seiffert** to discuss "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas.

Contact: Anne Chase

(see article below about 20-Year Anniversary Celebration)

Anything Goes Fiction Book Group

The group will meet on Monday, November 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of **Susan Schmugge** to discuss "Clock Dance" by Anne Tyler.

Contact: Kay Williams

NOTE: Both book groups will meet together December 9 for their annual **Holiday Luncheon** potluck and to determine the reading lists for 2020. Details in the December OMV.

Daytime & Evening Bridge Schedule

Daytime Bridge Meets at members homes the 2nd Thursday each month from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. On November 14, we will be at the home of **Shirley Armstrong**.

Evening Bridge meets at members homes the 4th Tuesday each month (except December) at 7:15 p.m. On November 26, We will be at the home of **Rita Worrell**.

Contact: Carol Ann Council

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet on November 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the Roadrunner Room at Branigan Library. **Rollie Antuput** will be the moderator for the discussion topic, State of Diplomacy. Please contact **Marsha Ogden**, 575-532-5466 if you desire additional information. If you are interested in joining Great Decisions next year, also contact **Marsha Ogden**.

Laugh and Learn Spanish Spanish IV continues to meet Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. Spanish II continues to meet Fridays at noon at **Donna Yargosz**' home.

Contact: Donna Yargosz

International Dining The group will meet Saturday, November 16 at the Sunset Grill in Sonoma Ranch. Last year's event was so successful we decided to do it again! This dinner will be open to all members and their spouses /significant others. There will be several menu selections, which you will need to select in advance, and a no-host bar. For additional information, or to sign up, please contact **Rita Stopa** at rstopa@comcast.net or 575-650-2239.

Contact: Deanise Marta for general inquiries regarding International Dining

Going Places

There are no planned outings for November or December.

Chinese Mahjong We meet weekly on Wednesday at the home of **Rita Worrell** from 3-5 p.m. Instruction is available and all necessary game equipment is supplied. Call or email Rita at 575-571-4363 or ritaworrell@gmail.com for further information.

Want to know more about an Interest Group?

Contact the named "**contact**" for each Interest Group described above. Interest groups offer an opportunity to get to know other AAUW LC members in a more relaxed and informal environment. All are welcome.

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**SAVE THE DATE & VOLUNTEER to be a
part of **GIRLS CAN! 2020** to be held
SATURDAY MORNING MARCH 7, 2020 at
DACC East Mesa Campus!**

We need your help in various capacities before **Girls Can!** as well as at the day of the event. You can volunteer to be a part of the School Contact Team, Registration Team, or Food Team before the event, OR you can volunteer for a couple of hours OR the whole morning the day of the event to do various jobs (bus greeters, goody bags, t-shirts, food, workshop facilitators (assisting the presenters, registration, and escorts). Lots of fun to be had by all at this energizing community event!



Please contact **Kay Williams** if you are interested in joining the School Contact Team: kwilliams48@msn.com
For other volunteer opportunities contact **Londa Seiffert** (londarenae@gmail.com) or **Kay Brilliant** (kay.brilliant@gmail.com) your Girls Can! Coordinators
Or sign up at one of our future meetings. You'll be hearing more about the exciting lineup of career exploration workshops for this year's **Girls Can!** soon!



All Above Board

Your elected and appointed **Board of Directors** meets monthly on the 1st Monday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. All members are welcome to attend. This is a good way to find out how AAUW as an organization operates.

Membership

New Member Information Correction: Correct email for **Sharron Stadsvold** psstads@yahoo.com

Yearbook Correction:

Correct email for **Barbara Myers** is bymyers@msn.com (page 23)

Correct email for **Virginia Yribia**: virginiayribia1939@gmail.com Correct phone number is: 720-217-7575 (page 29)



To all the members of AAUW- Las Cruces:
Hello and good morning ladies
From **Ana Garcia Escalante**

"First of all I would like to thank you once again for giving me the opportunity to attend such an amazing, inspiring, and life changing experience. I cannot thank you enough for being able to get to know incredible women, who are changing the world because of everything they do. Seeing women empowered and inspired by other women gives you the energy and the courage to continue doing what we are all fighting for. Getting to hear the experiences from women who had changed the industry they work in, or proving to others what women are really capable of, makes you want to do more and makes you feel unstoppable!! I could continue talking about how this conference (*National Conference for College Women Student Leaders*) made me feel, but it is very hard to put in words that kind of experience. This was a conference that not only has impact on your personal life, it helps in many different ways in your education and future career. I knew that at the conference there would be different schools and employment opportunities, but never thought about the level that was going to be. There were excellent opportunities for graduate schools, scholarships available, unbelievable opportunities for summer internships, and so much more. Just as an example, there was an opportunity for a summer class in Spain, all experiences paid!!!

I believe that these kind of opportunities do not come our way that easily, that is why I would like to ask for your help to give this opportunity to more students. Specially those getting into their Senior Year, or who are about to graduate and

looking for employment opportunities."

****Editor's note:** Ana was scheduled to speak at our October meeting but had family issues and sent this note instead. AAUW LC funded her travel expenses with a grant.

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Communications

Many of the comments from the **Roundtable** discussions last year 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 **Laura Bemis** or **Christa Slaton**, our Co-Presidents or **Kathy Cooke**, our Email coordinator.

[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 **Deanise Marta**. Be sure to "like" our page so you will get updates. (*click on link above: "Facebook"*)

AAUW Work Smart online



Reminder: It is our goal for every branch member to view the Work Smart salary negotiation workshop online by our November meeting. It takes less than two hours to complete the whole workshop, which you can do in small doses. You'll learn about the pay gap and about the language and tools women can use to close that gap by being more successful in salary negotiations. Go to salary.aauw.org and start now if you haven't already!



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" (*click **on the** email address as a direct link to your email provider*)

Of note.....



Anything Goes book group, an AAUW-LC interest Group, celebrated it's 20-year anniversary with a small party at our October meeting. **Marie Reilly** (*center on photo*), our founder and able moderato for most of those years, was feted as we enjoyed cake and members shared memories in her honor. The gathering was hosted by **Lori LaPlanche** and guests included **Kay Nation** (*left on photo and another founding member of AG*) and Co-

President, **Laura Bemis**, and her sister, Phyllis. (Christa Slaton, our other Co-President, was out of town.)



Happy Thanksgiving from your OMV editor.....

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