

## Colorado Springs Branch hosts the Colorado State Convention April 28-29

**Plan to make the 2017 AAUW Colorado State Convention a mini vacation.** Come early or stay over on Saturday night and enjoy the culture and wealth of attractions in Colorado Springs.



We begin Friday afternoon with a tour of the Fine Arts Center ([www.csfineartscenter.org](http://www.csfineartscenter.org)), an outstanding arts venue which draws people from all over the west. Now a property of Colorado College the museum focuses on artists of the west. You have to see the **Dale Chihuly Blue Sapphire chandelier**. Our docent led tour begins at 1:30 with plenty of time after to check into the Antlers before the official events. The tour is \$10.00 and is listed with payment information on your convention registration form.

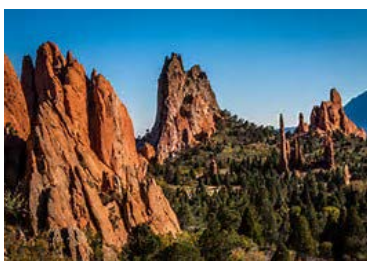
The Dale Street Bistro, 115 East Dale Street is down the street from the museum and you may make lunch reservations on your own prior to the tour. Contact the Bistro at 719-578-9898 or online at [www.dalestreetbistro/coloradosprings](http://www.dalestreetbistro/coloradosprings).

**Walk or take the hotel shuttle the four short blocks from the hotel to the Pioneers Museum ([www.cspm.org](http://www.cspm.org)) for our evening reception.**

The municipal museum of Colorado Springs, located in the former El Paso County Courthouse (1903), portrays the history and culture of the Pikes Peak Region in exhibits emphasizing the unique character of this uncommon Front Range Community.

Anyone remember Michelle's? Come share in wine and hors d'oeuvres and tour the magnificent rooms and historic displays.

Following Saturday's dynamic AAUW convention, stay over another night at the Antlers then, on Sunday hike Garden of the Gods, tour the Olympic Training Center, visit more museums, or have brunch at the Broadmoor.



Garden of the Gods



US Olympic Center



Broadmoor Hotel

# **AAUW COLORADO 2017 STATE CONVENTION**

## **Tentative Program Schedule**

**April 28-29, 2017**

### **“The Next Four Years: Full Steam Ahead”**

**Hosted by the Colorado Springs Branch**

**Antlers Hotel, 4 S. Cascade Avenue Colorado Springs, CO 80903**

#### **Friday**

- 1:30 p.m. Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center Tour
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. State Executive Committee Meeting – Antlers Hotel, President’s Suite
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration
- 5:30 p.m. Reception and Museum Tour, Pioneer Museum, 215 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

#### **Saturday**

#### **Antlers Hotel, Summit III Ballroom**

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Registration
- 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. State Board Meeting
- 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Welcome
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Dr. Jill Tiefenthaler, President, Colorado College
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Mark Hopkins, Interim CEO, AAUW National
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Jean Dubofsky, First Woman Colorado Supreme Court Justice
- 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch, Award Ceremony, Speaker  
12:00 noon – 12:15 p.m. – Set up for lunch  
12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Lunch Buffet  
12:30 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. – Kathleen Fitzpatrick, STEM Speaker  
12:50 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. – Award Ceremony  
1:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. - Break
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Mark Hopkins, Interim CEO, AAUW National
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. State Annual Business Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Closing

**Jill Tiefenthaler** became Colorado College's 13th president on July 1, 2011. President Tiefenthaler worked to realize the potential of the college's pioneering Block Plan, and to enhance the college's distinctive place of learning here in the southwest, supporting an engaged and globally connected academic community as well as to embody our regional and historical identity. She has moved to diversify the increasingly selective student body, faculty, and staff; to bring distinguished scholars, artists, and innovators as visitors to campus; and to develop a Campus Master Plan. The five years under her leadership have been the most successful fundraising stretch in CC's history.



Jill is a leading scholar in the field of the economics of higher education, and is also regularly called on to speak about the value of the liberal arts. Her essay on the economic challenges for liberal arts colleges appears in "Remaking College: Innovation and the Liberal Arts" (Johns Hopkins University Press, October 2013), and she has offered her expertise on this issue in numerous presentations across the country. As professor of economics at the college, she regularly teaches a class in the department of economics.

After receiving her Ph.D. in economics from Duke University, she joined the faculty of Colgate University in 1991, also serving as department chair, associate dean of the faculty, and senior adviser to the president. She also served as provost and professor of economics at Wake Forest University interdisciplinary research and collaboration, and integrating the university's undergraduate and graduate business schools.

Jill is originally from Iowa, where she grew up on a farm and worked for her family's popcorn business before attending Saint Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana. She is married to a research professor in economics at Colorado College. They have two teenaged children.



**Mark Hopkins** is interim chief executive officer of AAUW. He was appointed to this position by the Board of Directors upon the retirement of the former CEO on July 29, 2016. Mark will manage all AAUW activities and programs while the search is underway for the next CEO.

Prior to taking this position, Mark was chief strategy officer of AAUW and had responsibility for marketing, media and public relations, online content and social media, as well as all revenue generation, including membership and fundraising, strategic alliance and collaboration development, and strategic planning with the other

AAUW executive staff members, among other duties. He will continue to manage the majority of these responsibilities as interim CEO.

With more than 25 years of experience working for and with nonprofit organizations, Mark has been an executive with the American Lung Association, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and USO World Headquarters. As a consultant in his own practice, he has worked with Target Corporation, Estee Lauder Companies, Nike, JP Morgan Chase and Company, World Medical Center, and several others on innovation development, strategic alliance and business development projects, as well as strategic philanthropic efforts.

**Jean Dubofsky** is an attorney who has represented litigants in state and federal courts -- primarily appellate courts -- in constitutional, tort, workers' compensation, commercial, criminal, civil rights, and family law cases.



Jean served as a justice on the Colorado Supreme Court from 1979 until 1987, the first woman appointed to the court. She was lead counsel for the plaintiffs in the successful constitutional challenge to Amendment 2 to the Colorado Constitution; the case, *Romer v. Evans*, is the first time - 1996 - that the United States Supreme Court recognized gay rights.

Awards she has received include the ABA Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, the ACLU Carle Whitehead Memorial Award for "exceptional commitment and dedication to civil liberties and the state of Colorado," and the Boulder Daily Camera Lifetime Achievement Pacesetters Award. Jean was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in 2008.

She has served on the boards of Bell Policy Center, the Colorado Center for Law and Policy, Rocky Mountain Wild and Boulder Community Hospital. Jean is a 1967 graduate of Harvard Law School and a 1964 graduate of Stanford University.

She is married and has two sons and two young grandsons. Another grandchild is due in May.

*Appealing for Justice*, by Sue Casey, is a riveting behind-the-scenes legal drama and an intimate and powerful portrait of Jean Dubofsky's journey of justice. Copies of this new book will be on sale during our luncheon for a special price of \$20.



**Kathleen Fitzpatrick** is the Program Manager for the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE). In this role, Kathleen assists a national team of equity professionals that build educators' capacity to implement effective solutions for increasing student access, educational equity and workforce diversity.

Kathleen's passion has always been in promoting the STEM message for the next generation. In addition to her role at NAPE, Kathleen is Executive Director for the Southern Colorado Girls' STEM Initiative (SCGSI), a regional organization that supports 400 middle school girls in exploring careers in STEM. Kathleen has conducted extensive research and is a sought-after speaker on the topic of Girls in STEM, including gender equity in the classroom.

Kathleen sits on the leadership board for the statewide, Colorado Collaborative for Girls in STEM (CoCoSTEM) as well as other statewide and local STEM initiatives. Previously, Kathleen contributed at the Center for STEM Education (CSTEME) at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS), directing the programs that supported the longitudinal research on what attracts and retains students in STEM. Kathleen also is instructor on Entrepreneurship for the Bachelor of Innovation TM program at UCCS.

Prior to joining academia, Kathleen worked in industry as an engineering consultant and as the process engineering manager for Hewlett Packard's Colorado Springs site, being the first woman engineer on the production floor. Kathleen was part of the first class of women at Claremont McKenna (Men's) College graduating with a B.A. in Management Engineering. She also received a B.S. and M.S. in Industrial Engineering from Stanford University.

**Registration for AAUW Colorado State Convention 2017**  
**Hosted by AAUW Colorado Springs**  
**April 28-29, 2017**

**Hotel Information:**  
**Antlers Hotel, 4 S. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903**

Reservations must be made **individually** with the **Antlers Hotel, Phone: (719) 955-5600; FAX: (719) 955-0259; [www.antlers.com](http://www.antlers.com)** as soon as possible to reserve a standard room at the **AAUW group rate of \$139.00**. Overnight parking (\$10), taxes, and other fees are not included in the base rate. Day parking is free. Breakfast is not included; the restaurant is open at 6:30 a.m. The deadline to receive this special offer is **12 noon on March 29, 2017. AAUW will not guarantee reservations after noon on that date.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW Branch or Branches (also list your current AAUW offices, if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:** Guest? ☐ 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee? ☐ Currently Attending College ☐

Special accommodations, dietary restrictions, or assistance needed? \_\_\_\_\_

Colorado Springs Branch Members Register for \$25	\$25 _____
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<b>Registration Fee (before April 18)</b>	<b>\$50 _____</b>
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<b>Registration Fee (after April 18)</b>	<b>\$60 _____</b>
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<b>Non-AAUW Member</b>	<b>\$60 _____</b>
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<b>Friday Tour of Fine Arts Center</b>	<b>\$10 _____</b>
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<b>Friday Reception – Heavy Hors d'oeuvres</b>	<b>\$15 _____</b>
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**Pioneers Museum, 215 S Tejon St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903**

Dinner on your own; many choices in downtown Colorado Springs

<b>Saturday Lunch – Southwest Chicken Salad</b> (chicken omitted for vegetarians)	<b>\$27 _____</b>
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**Includes Water, Coffee and Tea, Dessert**

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
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➤ **To pay by check (payable to AAUW Colorado)**

Send completed registration to: **Bev Dare, 12846 West Iliff Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80228**

➤ **To register online and credit card payment by PayPal: [aauw-co.aauw.net](http://aauw-co.aauw.net)**

**REGISTER BY APRIL 18, 2017 – ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 21, 2017**

*Please let us know if you don't want to be photographed*

Branch Meeting Saturday, May 20, 2017



SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

11:00 am - 1:30 pm

The Antlers Hotel

4 South Cascade Avenue 80903

\$27.00

Plated lunch will include soup or salad, entree, dessert, rolls, butter, iced or hot tea and coffee. Dietary restrictions will be honored.

Underground parking fee will be validated ~ just remember to bring your ticket!

Make reservations by May 13<sup>th</sup>

Make reservations on PayPal at  
[www.coloradosprings-co.aauw.net](http://www.coloradosprings-co.aauw.net)  
or send check to:

Jeanne Marsh  
850 Timber Valley Rd.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80919  
719-590-7237



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AAUW Spring 2017

Daylight savings time speaks of longer days and more sunshine. Daffodils are popping out of the ground. Spring is around the corner. Even though we Coloradoans keep winter coats and mittens handy until mid-June, in March we envision planting seeds and weeding gardens. In AAUW we also plant and envision in the fall as we anticipate our local branch will bloom and grow throughout the year. One knows that without a strong root and ample care and water, the tree withers. "The seed is not visible when you plant the root, but it is there when you reap the fruit."

My thoughts whirl around to the rapid movement of time. Weeks become months and years spiral to decades. Do we AAUW members celebrate the women who paved the way for us in the past and helped us find our voices? Are we advancing our mission and offering leadership for the younger women to reach their potential and fulfill their passion as leaders for tomorrow?

Let's continue to ask the questions. Why did you initially join AAUW? Why do you continue to be a member? Are you making a difference? Picture our Colorado Springs branch in 10 years? 20 years? 50 years? How deep are our roots?

Together everyone accomplishes more. TEAM. I am buying memberships to AAUW for my granddaughters. I believe in our mission.

Mission Statement: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

*Phyllis Sperber*

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### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CONVENTION?**

We encourage our members to volunteer on Friday evening at the Pioneers Museum or on Saturday at the Convention. Watch for communication with details about volunteering for serving as hostesses, registration staff, or in other capacities.

**There will be more details forthcoming — watch for the opportunities to help!**



## Please Welcome our New Members

### Judy Ashton

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Degree: BS (Sociology & Elementry Ed)

California State Univ., Long Beach

Interest: Reading & Writing, Crafts, Hiking, Music, Tennis

Committee: Hospitality

**Judy** is a retired Third Grade School Teacher. She is an active volunteer with her Pastoral Care Team at Church and sings in the Choir at First Presbyterian.

### Katherine Tapia-Griego

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Degrees: BA (Education & Social Studies)

Western State Univ., Gunnison, CO

MA (Special Education) UCCS

Interests: Current Affairs, Dining, Hiking, Reading, Public Policy

Committees: Community, Scholarship

**Kathy** has recently retired from a career as a Teacher, Principal and Executive Director of K-12. She also belongs to the Colorado Association of School Executives, Lady Dems, American School of School Administrators and the Apostolic Intercessors Network.

### Margaret (Peggy) Dolinich

(Spouse: Scott Brantley)

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Degree: BS (Recreation & Parks) Penn State Univ., University Park, PA

Interests: Current Affairs, Dining, Hiking, Public Policy, Travel

Committees: Community, Program, Public Policy

**Peggy** has recently retired from working in the National Park Service.

### Ines Dolz-Blackburn

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Degrees: BA/MA (Spanish Literature & Philosophy) Univ. of Chile, Santiago  
PhD (Spanish Literature & Language) Univ. of Colorado, Boulder

Interests: Reading, Art, Theatre

**Ines** is a retired Professor Emeritus from UCCS. She was creator and coordinator of the Re-entry Women's Program at UCCS and a member of the Board at Colorado Endowment for the Humanities. She continues to be involved with these organizations and helps with Spanish Interpreting for Health Professionals.

### Karen H. Briggs

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Degrees: BA (Psychology) Brown Univ., Providence, RI

MBA (Accounting) UCCS

Interests: Current Affairs, History, Public Policy, Technology

Committees: Hospitality, Scholarship

**Karen** has been a member since Nov. 2016. However, her contact information had not been posted. Karen is a retired Financial Manager from HP/Agilent/Avago. She actively volunteers with the HP Colorado Federal Credit Union Board, Junior League of Colorado Springs, Colorado State Education Committee, the UCCS Business Alumni Committee, and JASNA.

### Katheryn Olson ( Spouse: Tyrone/Ty)

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Degree: BS (Textile Design/Marketing & Business Admin.) Mankato State Univ., Minnesota

Interests: Hiking, History, Reading

Committee: Hospitality

**Kathy** is a retired teacher, retail manger and realtor. She volunteers as a Master Docent at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and she is active with the Chapter GV P.E.O.



### Changed Contact Information:

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Jean Wheeler [jeanwheeler012@gmail.com](mailto:jeanwheeler012@gmail.com)

## Local Scholarships

Our local scholarships committee is at work reviewing applications for our 2017 AAUW Colorado Springs Local Scholarship awards. The due date for the five-part application (fact sheet, personal statement, grade transcript, letter of recommendation, and estimated family contribution form, FAFSA) is due to our committee March 30<sup>th</sup>. During April our Local Scholarships committee, Joann Oh, Margaret Baptist, Linda McIlnay, Sally Metzger, and Charlotte Gagne, will read the applications and grade them according to a rubric that incorporates academic excellence, financial needs, personal statement, and recommendation letter.

The committee will make its decision for the final 5 award recipients and notify the winners by May 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope that each of you can attend the Scholarship banquet at Patty Jewett Clubhouse on May 20<sup>th</sup> to honor these bright, striving women and tell them a bit of your own story, major, and professional career. Over the years, these informal conversations have provided networking opportunities for our scholarship winners and relationships have been forged. More than you realize, you are models to these women, all of whom are still on the paths to careers that you have walked before them.

It is thanks to the generous donation of our members, through Author's Day, book sales, and scholarship contributions, that we are able to offer these scholarship funds. When you send in your AAUW dues, many of you add a small or large contribution to Local Scholarships to help us continue our meaningful mission to help local women achieve a higher education. I thank you and our winners thank you for all of your past contributions.

*Charlotte Gagne*, Local Scholarships Chair

### Names Honored Nominations

Have you noticed a certain member who does so much for our branch, above and beyond her job description? Please nominate her for the Names Honored recognition.

Each year one branch member is recognized as an outstanding branch member. The selection can be difficult because we have so many active members who are willing to participate and accept leadership roles.

The selection criteria are:

**Primary consideration**-service to our branch

**Secondary consideration**-service at the state and/or national level

Additional **considerations**-community, professional, and cultural activities

Please send nominations by April 15th to Paula Munger at [pjdmunger@aol.com](mailto:pjdmunger@aol.com)

The award will be presented at the May Scholarship luncheon.

## Everything That's Old is News Again.

What more appropriate time to enjoy this article, submitted by Wynn Weidner, than now with a local convention coming up.

If anyone has something to submit be it an AAUW experience, report or history of an interest group, please submit it to me for our fellow members to enjoy. Remember that we are celebrating our Colorado Springs Branch's 100 years in existence. That's A LOT of memories, stories and recollections. If you're reluctant to write it down, call me and I'll be sure that it gets written.

Enjoy the article, Eunice Ciaccio, 719-465-2911, [euninco.11@comcast.net](mailto:euninco.11@comcast.net).



### REGIONAL CONFERENCE: PHOENIX, 1996

Candy Crumb, Judy Sanderson and I, Wynn Weidner, were en route to Phoenix for Regional Conference. Candy, Judy and Brenda Wolfe had decided that they would help me attend – despite my broken leg now in a walking cast and using crutches. So, three of us breezed through the airport (pre-9/11, TSA, Security) as Candy pushed me in the wheelchair and Judy trotted alongside carrying the crutches.

Brenda, Candy's daughter, met us at Sky Harbor with a rented car as she had preceded us for business. Our terminal parade was a repeat, in reverse, of our departure from Colorado Springs.

On the first morning, early, I awoke and found that Judy was not in her bed. Instead, she was out on the balcony, smoking a cigarette. (Now the balconies were all the same, across the front of the motel but were more decorative than functional as they were approximately four feet wide by six feet long and had no chairs or table.) I hobbled out to join Judy, and we enjoyed early morning overlooking the desert. But then it was time to go in and get dressed for Conference.

The sliding glass door to the room would not open! Despite both of our efforts, it would not budge.

Looking over the balcony, I spied a man leaving the front lobby and called out: "Sir!" "Yoo-hoo, oh sir, hello, yoo-hoo" and finally had his attention. He turned toward us and I said, "Sir, we are locked out of our room – 217 – the door is jammed."

He waved, said that he would report it and reentered the motel.

We waited, the sun was rising now, and it was turning quite warm. The crutches and I leaned against the wall. The man returned.

"Did you take the chain off the door?"

"Judy, did you take the chain off the door?"

"No, Wynn, did you?"

"No sir, we didn't."

This will take longer, was his evaluation, returning to the lobby.

By now, it was hot ... desert hot. Judy lit another cigarette.

"Don't faint, don't faint," I kept thinking. After all, how much space did my five foot ten height require on that little balcony ... and where would Judy stand if I did go over?

After indeed, a "longer time", we noticed movement in our room. Two little Hispanic men (and this is not stereotyping – they were little men) came into the room and began to work on the door.

Finally, one slid it open and – with a huge grin on his face – gleefully said, "Too far to Yump, hey?"

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Of course, there is more to this little story. As we started inside, one of us looked up and said, Oh!"

Directly above us, dressed, groomed and leaning over their balcony with coffee in hands stood Candy and Brenda. They had been watching without a sound, or word of encouragement, or advice! Thus, when Judy and I were finally dressed and entered the dining room, we were greeted with much laughter and hand clapping ... the story was already circulating!

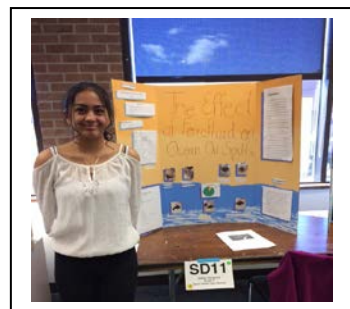
There is nothing like going to Regional Conference, seeing old friends, and providing the laughter for the weekend.

### **Pikes Peak Regional Science Fair**

For once, the Fair did not conflict with a Branch meeting; so on a sunny February Saturday, Pauleta Terven and I witnessed the invention of a doggy elevator that does not require a human to lift the dog in; a new finger tool that allows you to eat Cheetos without getting orange (patent pending!!); a probiotic that removes previously-ingested nitrates from foods and smoke that can harm you; and a tomography tool for detecting tumors. The Colorado Springs Branch once again awarded two female scientists for their efforts at the Pikes Regional Science Fair. AAUW recognized participants at both the senior high and middle school levels. Award winners were Diya Suri of Monument Academy and Esther Domanas, a freshman at Sand Creek High School. The winners each received a \$20 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.

Miss Suri's experiment, entitled "We can gain from the rain", studied the production of electrical current from falling water. She has visited her grandparents in India during the monsoon season when they frequently experience power outages. She thought that using the rain to generate current would be useful. She constructed three variations of a water wheel to determine what structure would produce the most power. When the variation that she thought would prove most effective turned out to be least useful, she had to confront the common scientific dilemma of explaining unexpected results. That examination led to a stronger understanding of the principle involved.

In "The effect of ferrofluid on ocean oil spills", Miss Domanas attempted to use magnets to remove oil from water by a method which inserts ferromagnetic fluid into the oil slick. She made her own ferro fluid from scratch and used common ceramic magnets to make the oil-water separation. She learned that stronger magnets, such as those made from rare earth components would need to be investigated in the future for more efficient separation. The implications are important to protecting the environment from man-made petrochemical disasters. Esther Domanas pictured at right.



The Science Fair remains a crucial outlet for young ladies to demonstrate their science capabilities and garner confidence and recognition. There were only 19 total female participants (all categories) in the high school division, but this was 70% of the participants! For the middle school, of the roughly 120 projects, it was split 50-50 for the young ladies. When the top three awards from both divisions were given, two of them went to girls! A special thanks to Pauleta for helping me judge all these projects.

---Brenda Wolfe, Science Fair Chair

## We've Come a Long Way, Baby

During the time of World War I, Margaret Sanger and two of her friends created a program to help women in Brooklyn take some control over their lives. They started a clinic for birth control (now Planned Parenthood) which resulted in the arrest of these ladies for distributing obscene materials.

This got me wondering what sort of birth control methods would have been available during the early 1900s. Other than rhythm and withdrawal, there wasn't much. But what I discovered was very interesting. There were spermicidal jellies and female condoms. The jellies contained some pretty terrifying ingredients and their effectiveness was dubious. The first IUD was introduced in 1909, but supplies were limited and unaffordable for most in the boroughs of New York.

As early as the mid-1500s, there were male condoms but they were mainly for the prevention of STDs. The first reference to a vasectomy was 1775.

As part of a public health program, Title X was passed in 1970 providing subsidies for low income women access to birth control. It still remains a controversial struggle.

In case anyone is interested, there is a small museum of birth control at Case Western University in Cleveland. I plan to put a visit there on my bucket list.

*Lois Boschee* for Public Policy

## NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

On March 3 the usual triumvirate of AAUW members (Susan Bydalek, Janet Condit, and Judie Werschky) examined the junior exhibits for National History Day at Colorado College. The theme was "Taking a Stand." We were pleased that this year many more of the middle school projects featured women who exemplified the theme, which is one of our criteria. We wrote two notes of encouragement to participants and awarded two \$25 prizes to our choice of winners. All of our honorees were female, but that is not a criterion. Apparently boys don't choose "girly" topics.

Opal Mosbarger was the winner in the individual category. Her title was "Taking a Stand for Individuals: Eleanor Roosevelt." Her exhibit featured an aesthetically pleasing background of wallpapers of the period, a creative use of envelopes containing supporting information, and the use of technology to light the display. Opal attends the Banning Lewis Ranch Academy where her teacher is Judith Gaughan.

Victoria Aguilar and Gabbie Gonzales were the winners in the group category. Their exhibit featured the Women's Rights Movement. The information was shown in eye-catching red, white, and blue. There was plenty of supporting documentation, and they provided white space for clarity. Victoria and Gabbie attend Divine Redeemer Catholic School and are taught by Fran Clay.

It is our goal to make AAUW's presence and mission known to our community and to encourage research by middle school students.

New card from Safeway!! I have new reloadable cards. These cards could be used as good Easter gifts. Let me know if you would like one(s).

We received a check from Kings do be divided between LAF, Funds, and Local Scholarship.

I am starting to plan for the upcoming geranium sales in early May. Stay tuned for E-blasts for specifics.

Thanks to all members who continue to use your reloadable Kings and Safeway cards for groceries and gas.

*Candy Crumb* 633-9917

## Public Policy Day

The Colorado Springs branch was well represented at the AAUW CO State Public Policy Day held in early February. Eight of our members attended and encouraged everyone to come on down to COS for State convention next month. Following so closely on the heels of the Women's March, it was motivating to hear and share all our sister's stories. The program also compelled us to keep fighting the good fight for women's equity. Keep bombarding our legislators with calls - even if it seems useless.

I'm looking for anyone who would like to join me for UNHappy Hour on April 4th to un-celebrate Equal Pay day. Any thoughts on where we can go to get 20% off what a man pays? Drop me an email

Brenda [bjwolfe15@gmail.com](mailto:bjwolfe15@gmail.com)



Brenda Wolfe, Lindy Conter, Georgina Burns, Lois Boschee, Sally Mathewson, Phyllis Sperber, and Candy Crumb. Not pictured - Amy Blackwell

## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Do you want to make a difference in our community?? The Area Agency on Aging (part of the Pikes Peak Council of Governments) is looking for volunteers to serve on their Senior Medicare Patrol. Put your experience and skills to work by learning how to spot Medicare scams or errors and educate and empower other consumers. Medicare is complicated. What may be seem like an error to the beneficiary may simply be a misunderstanding about benefits. But, Medicare fraud is also big business for criminals – to the tune of up to \$58 billion lost annually. How do volunteers help stop fraud? Give some time to make group presentations, distribute information at senior health fairs, or help recruit other volunteer candidates. If interested, please contact Pamela Haugard at [phaugard@ppacg.org](mailto:phaugard@ppacg.org)





# APRIL



- Monday:** HARDY HIKERS: C: Pip Bodkin, 206-427-2444
- 3 Hike Stratton Open Space. Call Jean Olsen, 634-3508 or Yvonne Livengood, 576-1474
  - 10 Hike Mt. Herman Trails. Call Jana Burr, 598-1448
  - 17 Hike Bear Creek. Call Jean Olsen, 634-3508
  - 24 Hike Buckhorn Mountain Call Suzanne Stahlbuhk, 714-420-5314
- Tuesday:**
- 4 TECHNOLOGY: 9:30 a.m. C: Peggy Wimberly, 598-8017, [pwimb659@comcast.net](mailto:pwimb659@comcast.net). Hostess: Barbara Kafka, 2011 Devon St. 80909. 574-0506, [franticfrancis@msn.com](mailto:franticfrancis@msn.com).
  - 11 READERS' POTPOURRI: 1:00 pm, C: Jan McKenzie, [janzie18@msn.com](mailto:janzie18@msn.com). 597-7161. B: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. H: Jean Danforth, DL Eunice Ciaccio. Please RSVP.
- DINNER BOOK CLUB: C: Martha Lee, 594-9039, [mleewest@live.com](mailto:mleewest@live.com). Meet at 5:45 at Black Bear Diner on Garden of the Gods. H: Dixie Gordon, 685-1113, [dixie1@q.com](mailto:dixie1@q.com). B: *American Nations* by Colin Woodard.
- 25 MORNING GLORY READERS BOOK CLUB: 10:00. C: Gini Simonson, 481-8843. Book *Winter Garden* by Kristen Hannah. Hosted by Sally Metzger, 61 Woodbridge Dr. Phone 579-0259. Please RSVP to the Hostess.
- BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com).
- UFO'S (UNFINISHED OBJECTS): 1:00 p.m. C: Wynn Weidner, 598-5259, [wynnweidner@q.com](mailto:wynnweidner@q.com). Hostess: Wynn Weidner, 1614 Westmoreland Rd. RSVP to Wynn.
- Wednesday:**
- AMIABLE AMBLERS: C: Linda Shane, 355-9287, [lindershane@gmail.com](mailto:lindershane@gmail.com).
- 5 Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Monument Valley Park, Fontanero Parking Lot. From Nevada go west on Fontanero, you will run directly into the parking lot. Contact Evelyn Hurr, 576-5096, [evhurr@yahoo.com](mailto:evhurr@yahoo.com).
  - 12 Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Bon Shopping Center, 2200-2300 N. Wahsatch. Meet at south end of the parking lot. Contact Eunice Ciaccio, 465-2911, [eunico.11@comcast.net](mailto:eunico.11@comcast.net).
  - 19 Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Sinton Trailhead. Contact Charla Dowds, 574-7568, [d49\\_cdowds@yahoo.com](mailto:d49_cdowds@yahoo.com).
  - 26 Canon City River Walk. Meet at 9:00 at Sears Southgate to carpool. Lunch at Maison Coffee Shop. Contact Evelyn 576-5096, [evhurr@yahoo.com](mailto:evhurr@yahoo.com) or Jeanne Howard, 465-3444, [jdhoward@prodigy.net](mailto:jdhoward@prodigy.net).
  - 12 SOUTHWEST STUDIES: 1:30 p.m. Chair, Eunice Ciaccio, 719-465-2911, [eunico.11@comcast.net](mailto:eunico.11@comcast.net). Location Tim Gill Center for Public Media, 315 E. Costilla St. CS 80903. Hostesses: Bev Goodall and Shirley Kielcheski. Topic: *Petroglyphs* presented by Barbara Potter.
  - 19 AFTERNOON READERS: C: Jan Zellmer, 576-9086h, 314-5789, [janzellmer@yahoo.com](mailto:janzellmer@yahoo.com). Hostess & Leader: Mary Carley. Book: *Ashley's War* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon.



**Wednesday (continued):**

- 19 LUNCHEON NOVEL I: 11:45 a.m. Co-chairs: Georgina Burns, 598-7773 & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228. Hostess: Leslye, 632-3344. Co-hostess Ellie Book: *I STILL DREAM ABOUT YOU* by Fannie Flagg. D.L. Ellie
- LUNCHEON NOVEL, TOO: 12:00 noon. C: Jan Gregg, 330-9566. [idyllpines@comcast.net](mailto:idyllpines@comcast.net). Hostess: Phyllis Sperber, 35 Golf Gate Ln, 434-1813. Co-H: Jan Gregg, [idyllpines@comcast.net](mailto:idyllpines@comcast.net), 330-9566. B: *The Sound of Gravel* by Ruth Wariner. DL: Phyllis.
- 26 CHOCOLATE LOVERS: 11:30 a.m. Co-chairs: Ellie Solomon – 630-7465, [elron3@msn.com](mailto:elron3@msn.com) & Sally Mathewson - 473-0228, [mathewson3@juno.com](mailto:mathewson3@juno.com) Lunch at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, University Village, 5150 N Nevada Ave. RSVP to Ellie Solomon, [elron3@msn.com](mailto:elron3@msn.com), 630-7465

**Thursday:**

- 6 WOMEN WHO WRITE: 9:30 a.m. C: Janet Condit, 277-7590, [jjcondit@msn.com](mailto:jjcondit@msn.com). Hostess Chris Edgar, 2018 Flintlock Terrace E., 598-4634, [cholmedgar@gmail.com](mailto:cholmedgar@gmail.com). Refreshments: Joann Oh. Facilitator: Irmgard von der Gathen. RSVP to Chris.
- 6,13,20,27 MAH JONGG: 1 p.m. Valley Hi Golf Course. Contact Susan Bydalek at 465-2707 or [sbydalek@yahoo.com](mailto:sbydalek@yahoo.com). Optional lunch at noon.

**Friday:**

- 7 EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Meeting at East Library, Room E1. Co-chairs: Eunice Ciaccio, 465-2911, [eunico.11@comcast.net](mailto:eunico.11@comcast.net) & Janet Friedberg, 596-1846, [janetfriedberg@comcast.net](mailto:janetfriedberg@comcast.net). (Sexual Assault Awareness Month) Book: *The Sacrifice* by Joyce Carol Oates
- 14 BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com)
- 21 LOCAL HISTORY: 10 a.m. C: Judie Werschky, 632-9989, or [judiewer@aol.com](mailto:judiewer@aol.com). Pioneers Museum. Leah Davis Witherow, curator, will present a PowerPoint program on the Story of Us, the museum's current special exhibit. We'll get the inside story on why she made the selections to represent the history of Colorado Springs. Optional lunch at Seeds Community Cafe, 103 E. Pikes Peak. RSVP to Judie: [judiewer@aol.com](mailto:judiewer@aol.com) or 632-9989 by Wednesday, April 19.
- 28 BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com)

**Saturday**

- 22 FOG (FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE): Get back to Nature and Celebrate Earth Day at 6:00 pm at the home of Bruce and Dixie Ann Gordon at 3475 Cedar Heights Drive. Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Tea, and Coffee with Natural Goodies and Healthy Foods. Call Dixie at 685-1113 or [dixieg1@q.com](mailto:dixieg1@q.com) for reservations. Hope to see all and enjoy the evening celebrating Earth Day.

The Amiable Amblers take a hiking break on a beautiful February day.





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**Monday:** HARDY HIKERS: C: Pip Bodkin, 206-427-2444

- 1 Hike Pulpit Rock & Planning Meeting. Call Judy Leiseth 264-1538 or Pip Bodkin
- 8 Hike Santa Fe Trail Call Jeanette Minniti, 481-3230
- 15 Hike Dawson Butte Call Linda McIlroy 573-7184
- 22 Hike Spruce Mountain Call Michele Strub, 481-0408
- 29 No Hike - Holiday

**Tuesday:**

- 2 TECHNOLOGY: 11:30 AM. Chair: Peggy Wimberly, 598-8017, [pwimb659@comcast.net](mailto:pwimb659@comcast.net). Luncheon at Edelweiss Restaurant, 34 E. Ramona Ave. Peggy will notify you when reservations are needed.
- 9 READERS' POTPOURRI: Noon\*, C: Jan McKenzie, 597-7161, [janzie18@msn.com](mailto:janzie18@msn.com). Book selections and salad luncheon. H: Jan McKenzie. Please RSVP.  
\*Please note time change.
- DINNER BOOK CLUB: C: Martha Lee, 594-9039, [mleewest@live.com](mailto:mleewest@live.com) Meet at Roccas, 3602 Maizeland Road, 574-1426. H: Dee Holman. Book: *The Gatekeeper, Missy LeHand FDR and the Untold Story of the Partnership that defined a Presidency* by Kathryn Smith.
- 23 BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com).  
MORNING GLORY READERS BOOK CLUB: 10:00. C: Gini Simonson, 481-8843  
Book *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Hosted by Paula Munger, 1306 Wood Ave. Phone 203-6991. Please RSVP to the hostess.  
UFO'S (UNFINISHED OBJECTS): 1:00 p.m. C: Wynn Weidner, 598-5259, [wynnweidner@q.com](mailto:wynnweidner@q.com). Hostess: Jean Little, 12602 Handles Peak Way (Peyton), 494-1000, [wjean1@gmail.com](mailto:wjean1@gmail.com). RSVP to hostess or Wynn.

**Wednesday:**

- AMIABLE AMBLERS: C: Linda Shane, 355-9287, [lindershane@gmail.com](mailto:lindershane@gmail.com).
- 3 Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Monument Valley Park, Fontanero Parking Lot. From Nevada go west on Fontanero, you will run directly into the parking lot. Contact Evelyn Hurr, 576-5096, [evhurr@yahoo.com](mailto:evhurr@yahoo.com).
- 10 Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Bon Shopping Center, 2200-2300 N. Wahsatch. Meet at south end of the parking lot. Contact Eunice Ciaccio, 465-2911, [eunico.11@comcast.net](mailto:eunico.11@comcast.net).
- 17 Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Sinton Trailhead. Contact Charla Dowds, 574-7568, [d49\\_cdowds@yahoo.com](mailto:d49_cdowds@yahoo.com).
- 24 Hike Section 16 in Black Forest. Call Eunice Ciaccio at 465-2911 or [eunico.11@comcast.net](mailto:eunico.11@comcast.net).
- 31 No hike scheduled
- 10 SOUTHWEST STUDIES: 1:30 p.m. Chair: Eunice Ciaccio, 465-2911, [eunico.11@comcast.net](mailto:eunico.11@comcast.net). Location: Tim Gill Center for Public Media, 315 E. Costilla St. Hostesses: Sherri Bristol and Nancy Holt. Topic: Final Planning and Details for the Trip to Albuquerque and Acoma, New Mexico. Presenters: Planning Committee - Shirley Kielcheski, Martha Lee, June Hallenbeck, Nancy Holt.

**Wednesday (continued):**

- 17 LUNCHEON NOVEL I: 11:45 a.m. Co-chairs: Georgina Burns, 598-7773 & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228. Hostess: Dixie, 685-1113. Book: NEVER NEVER by James Patterson and Candice Fox. D.L. Sally

LUNCHEON NOVEL, TOO: 12:00 noon. C: Jan Gregg, 330-9566, [idyllpines@comcast.net](mailto:idyllpines@comcast.net). Hostess and DL: Pam Doane, 2600 Northridge Dr., 598-2442. Co-H. Jan Gregg, 330-9566, [idyllpines@comcast.net](mailto:idyllpines@comcast.net). B: *An American Plague* by Jim Murphy.

AFTERNOON READERS: 1:30 p.m. C: Jan Zellmer, 576-9086h, 314-5789c, [janzellmer@yahoo.com](mailto:janzellmer@yahoo.com). Hostess & Leader: Michele Strub. Book: *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande.

- 24 CHOCOLATE LOVERS: 1:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Ellie Solomon, 630-7465, [elron3@msn.com](mailto:elron3@msn.com) & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228, [mathewson3@juno.com](mailto:mathewson3@juno.com). Meet for tea and pastry at Boonzaager's Bakery, 610 E. Fillmore. RSVP to Leslye Meyer, [leslyemeyer222@gmail.com](mailto:leslyemeyer222@gmail.com), 632-3344.

**Thursday:**

- 4 WOMEN WHO WRITE: 9:30 a.m. C: Janet Condit, 277-7590, [jjcondit@msn.com](mailto:jjcondit@msn.com). Hostess and Refreshments: Dixie Gordon, 3475 Cedar Heights Dr., 685-1113, [dixieg1@q.com](mailto:dixieg1@q.com). Facilitator: Judith McKay. Please RSVP to Dixie.

- 4,11,18,25 MAH JONGG: 1 p.m. Valley Hi Golf Course. Contact Susan Bydalek at 465-2707 or [sbydalek@yahoo.com](mailto:sbydalek@yahoo.com). Optional lunch at noon.

**Friday:**

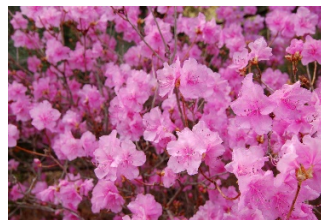
- 5 EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Meeting at the East Library, Room E1. Co-chairs: Eunice Ciaccio, 465-2911, [eunico.11@comcast.net](mailto:eunico.11@comcast.net) and Janet Friedberg, 596-1846, [janetfriedberg@comcast.net](mailto:janetfriedberg@comcast.net). (Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month) Book: *Jane* by Patricia Park

- 12 BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com)

- 19 LOCAL HISTORY: 10:00 a.m. C: Judie Werschky, 632-9989, [judiewer@aol.com](mailto:judiewer@aol.com), Gill Center, 103 E. Costilla. Christine Hall will portray the amazing Isabella Bird, world traveler in the 1880s and author of *A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains*. Optional lunch at Blank Canvas, Wahsatch at Colorado. C: Judy Casey; H: Darlene Aspedon. RSVP by Wed., May 17 to Darlene 471-7192 or [jdcasey1@centurylink.net](mailto:jdcasey1@centurylink.net)

FOG (FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE): 6-8 pm. Memorial Day will be around the corner so Red, White and Blue will be our theme colors in honor of our fallen military. The event will be held at Pam and Dave Maier's home in the Peregrine neighborhood, 3365 Blodgett Drive CS, CO 80919. If you have a loved one's favorite appetizer or dessert in memory of them, please share it with us. I hope we can hear about special people in your life so their contributions continue to be passed along. My mom, Syble Morton, will be remembered by my sharing her delicious lemon bars from her handwritten recipe. Please RSVP by email, [psmaier@q.com](mailto:psmaier@q.com), phone or text at 719 694-4222. Thirty will be our maximum number of guests. Hope to enjoy your company that evening!

- 26 BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com).



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