

Colorado Springs Branch of AAUW Newsletter September 2016

AAUW 2016 WELCOME COFFEE Saturday, September 24

Location:

Colorado Springs Shrine Club 6 South 33rd Street Colorado Springs, 80904

Time:

9:30 Registration & Breakfast

10:00 Welcome Intro and GUEST SPEAKERS

11:00-12:00 Interest Groups Mingle

Cost: FREE for Everyone

Menu:

Finger foods, coffee, tea, and water provided by AAUW members

RSVP: Not Mandatory, but to help with planning, please RSVP to:

Judy Casey, jdcasey1@centurylink.net

Innovations in Aging; Age-Friendly City of Colorado Springs Presented by

Jan Martin and Claire Anderson



Bring guests and Members we have lost, but not forgotten.

Once again we will kick off the new season with our annual Welcome Coffee. In response to our member survey, we have chosen a topic of public interest.

We will have tables set up with all our Interest Groups' Leaders. A hand out will be provided with a brief overview about each group and their meeting times. Everyone will then have a chance for questions, visit the group leaders and sign-up.

2016-2017 Directories will be available

BRING FRIENDS! MEET NEW PEOPLE!

IT'S FREE!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Picture a knobby kneed, starched and scrubbed five year old waiting by the front window for a glimpse of the older neighborhood children. Today I would walk to school for my first day. A new year. A new beginning.

Fall brings school bells, football season, leaves of gold, and, yes, a new beginning for AAAU. Time passes.

As we anticipate the Welcome Coffee on September 24th, we reminisce about our AAUW year in review. Topical programs included *Raising of America* and *Human Trafficking*. We honored five deserving women with scholarships for higher education. 36 new members joined our branch. We recognize and praise Nedra Engelson for her devoted leadership as president.

I feel I am back to my first day of school waiting by the front window. I am humbled by the depth of experience and expertise surrounding me and eager for the New Year. Recently I attended the State Convention in Loveland and the Regional Conference in Albuquerque. I am thankful for our State President Amy Blackwell and her willingness to guide me. We in Colorado Springs boast the largest branch in the state and our interest groups are amazing in scope and attendance. Our mission and vision lead us to support others in the advancement of leadership and education for all women.

Nationally in this school year AAUW will fund over \$3.7 million for over 230 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations. Our focus on STEM, Title IX, gender equity, case support and our presence and involvement at the United Nations and in Washington D.C. deserve many accolades.

What can we do in Colorado Springs to advance our mission? Our vision? The future of all women? We not only reach out to the college age women here in our city but to all women. I challenge each of us to invite a friend to the Welcome Coffee. Bring a friend to an interest group. We belong to a great organization. Let's share our present successes and together choose even higher goals.

I am honored to serve as your new president. Thank you.

Phyllis Sperber

From the Author's Day committee.

Just a reminder that <u>Author's Day this year will be November 5th.</u> We are soliciting items for the silent auction from our wonderful members which total close to 200.

Last year's auction brought in close to \$3000 for scholarships. We would like to try for the same outcome.

We have been promised some very nice items so far which have included paintings, a quilt, jewelry, theatre tickets, gift cards, wine, gift certificates for lunch, dinner and a movie and others, books, hiking poles, pickleball paddles and more.

If you would like to donate a very nice item for the auction, you can bring it to me at the welcome coffee on September 24th. Please list the item, its value and an email or contact number for the person or business donating the item. Don't hesitate to ask for a gift card to a restaurant you frequent or the place where you change your oil. Think outside of the box.

If you aren't able to come to Author's Day, donations to the scholarship fund are always appreciated. Contact the treasurer Frieda Dunlap, ffdunlap@hotmail.com, about donating.

If you have any questions or want me to pick up an item, don't hesitate to contact me, Jean Olsen, olsen.meyer@gmail.com or 719-634-3508.

Thank you all for supporting local women's scholarships.

Jean Olsen, Silent Auction Coordinator

Co-Community Vice Presidents (Judy Casey and Pauleta Terven) challenge you to get involved this year!

One of our goals for this year is to enhance relationships between the branch and College and University Student Groups at UCCS and Colorado College. We would also like to work with Colorado Technical University and PPCC to establish branches. If you have a particular interest in any of these institutions, please contact Judy (jdcasey1@centurylink.net). Exactly what these "enhanced relationships" might look needs to be developed, and your input could be very useful.

Colorado Springs Branch members have supported many outreach efforts in previous years:

Southern CO Girls STEM Initiative—Monday, November 28 this year

Voter education efforts with League of Women Voters of the Pikes Peak Region

International Women's Day Celebration in March

Prizes for local students at History Day and Science Fair

Southern Colorado Human Trafficking Task Force seminar—September 17 at Coronado High School

Local scholarships for UCCS and PPCC students

Participation in programs of Women's Foundation of CO, Pikes Peak Women, and Educating Children of Color

Let Pauleta (<u>pauletat@aol.com</u>) know if you are interested in participating in any of these activities. Calls for volunteers for specific events will also appear in future newsletters or e-blasts.

We suspect that this list is incomplete; many members actively support other organizations whose missions complement AAUW's goals. One of our goals is to increase our outreach by sharing information about mission-related activities being held by these other entities. If you are a member of a group sponsoring an activity that promotes advancement of women, please share that information with Lois Boschee (Public Policy) or one of us (Judy or Pauleta).



PUBLIC POLICY

There has been a bit of a buzz in AAUW about Title IX lately. If you are like me, you know a little about it but it seems like it was long ago that it was REALLY in the news. In fact, this legislation was passed in 1972 and applies to all educational programs or activities that receive federal funding. Perhaps all you former teachers know a lot about it but I will refresh your memories.

Title IX prohibits discrimination in the following areas:

- Recruitment, admissions, and housing
- Career planning and technical education
- Pregnancy, parenting and/or marriage
- Areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)
- Sexual harassment and assault
- Comparable facilities and access to course offerings
- Financial assistance
- Student health services and insurance benefits
- Harassment based on gender identification
- Athletics

President Nixon signed it into law. That's it in a nutshell. Passage of Title IX has certainly changed life for our children and grandchildren.

Lois Boschee for Public Policy



Everything That's Old is News Again.

The following Archival news was submitted by Judie Werschky, and it harks back to the 1930's - and the early efforts that were initiated to support young women even then. And a note to remind us that we've evolved with regard to our own gender identity. It's always fun to look back and reflect on our progress.



"In the mid-1930s our Branch discussed implementing a program based on one in the Denver area. The program selected involved Hispanic girls from Arvada High School, who would offer academic help and positive social interaction to at-risk Hispanic girls, at Arvada Middle School. The five, or six, older girls would receive \$10 for each session attended; the ten to fifteen, middle school students, \$5. Hopefully, the program, which the girls named "Las Amigas," would be expanded to other schools in the future. No feedback on whether it was implemented.

In the 30's Branch meetings were held on Wednesday afternoons in Palmer Hall at CC. Speaker was usually a male faculty member. Our members were referred to as, for instance, Mrs. John Doe."

Local Scholarships

Frieda Dunlap, our local branch treasurer, has sent checks to PPCC and UCCS to the accounts of our five Local Scholarship winners (\$1,000 each).

The winners: **Summer South**, UCCS nursing student, single parent of two young children and Iraq war veteran; **Theresa Klinitski**, UCCS Business Marketing in the Bachelor of Innovation Degree, who has already proven herself as a Falcon District 49 home school consultant and liaison; **Beverly Brown**, PPCC, Outdoor Recreation Leadership. Beverly is a single mother of two middle schoolers who hopes to work with PTSD clients using outdoor recreation therapy; **Michelle Ihlefeldt**, PPCC, Accounting, who will be transferring to Regis University after completing a few more units at PPCC. Michelle was also a national qualifier at a Phi Beta Lama Business Club where she represented PPCC and the state of Colorado in the Accounting Principles event; **Mary Oketunmbi**, PPCC Nursing, a recent immigrant to the United States from Nigeria in 2012, who works full time at a nursing home to support herself, her parents and siblings. Each one of these scholarship recipients is on an extremely limited financial budget and doing what it takes to make their way to a college degree. Their stories are humbling when we consider the extreme sacrifices each of them is making to go back to school without someone else paying the bills.

Each of our scholarship recipients has written to thank us for our May luncheon, our financial assistance, and recognitions of their achievements. **Beverly Brown** wrote to tell us how much our acknowledgement of her academic efforts has meant to her at a time when she has struggled to juggle family responsibilities, financial challenges, and time constraints. Our support to her has meant so much and she has shared her success with her mother who lives in another state.

Joanne Yeshulas, scholarship recipient in 2015, who works full time as a prison guard at Canon City and is raising two teenagers as a single parent, wrote to inform us that she has made the transition to UCCS from PPCC and been able to take two more classes: one class in Humanities, with a grade of A, and another very challenging course in Anatomy and Physiology with a grade of B+--all this while working full-time, traveling from Colorado Springs to Canon City for her prison job, and raising two teens. She wanted us to know that she has made the transition from PPCC to UCCS and taking classes as she can in terms of time and money. Without these scholarship funds, it becomes financially impossible to pay for the cost of tuition and books when one is a single parent working full time to support a family.

This brings us to our very important job of major fundraising for Local Scholarships and educational event for our local branch: Author's Day on Sat., November 5th at the Doubletree Inn on Lake Avenue, Colorado Springs. We have five fabulous authors this year to share their writing success with our members. The cost is \$60 and our profits go to support these very deserving students from our community. We hope each of you will make a strong effort to attend and bring a friend. If you cannot attend, consider making a donation to the Local Scholarships fund as these students need our financial support. A gift of \$20.00 or \$30.00 is the equivalent of the profit we would make from your \$60 ticket price to the event and adds to our receipts so that we may again award five \$1,000 scholarships in 2017.

2016-2017 Colorado Springs AAUW Budget	
Receipts	Budget
Dues (175 x \$80)	\$14,000.00
Newsletter Mailings	\$100.00
Programs (7x \$700)	\$4,900.00
Ckg/Savings Interest	\$80.00
State Convention	\$2,500.00
Fundraising	
AAUW Funds	
Geraniums	\$800.00
Grocery Cards (Mbr Purchases)	\$300.00
Grocery Card Earnings	\$1,300.00
Local Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Author's Day	\$5,000.00
Withdrawal from Reserve	\$7,513.00
Total Income	\$37,493.00
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Expenses	
Dues to Nat'l and State (175 x \$59)	\$10,325.00
Programs (7 x \$700)	\$4,900.00
Conventions/Workshops	\$5,000.00
State Convention	\$2,500.00
Local Directory	\$400.00
Newsletter (local & State)	\$200.00
Insurance	\$833.00
Membership(flyers & programs)	\$60.00
Postage/Misc Office Costs	\$75.00
Public Policy Requirements	\$250.00
Donations	
AAUW Funds	
Geranium Pmt to Nat'l	\$300.00
Geranium Supplier	\$500.00
Grocery Cards (Card Purchases)	\$300.00
Grocery Card Pmt to Nat'l	\$1,300.00
Local Scholarship	\$5,000.00
Author's Day	\$3,500.00
Other	\$500.00
Community Outreach/Involvement	
Girls' STEM PPCF	\$500.00
Science Fair	\$50.00
History Day Award	\$50.00
Human Trafficking	\$500.00
International Womens' Day	\$200.00
Other	\$250.00
Total Expenses	\$37,493.00

Thanks to all for renewal of your annual dues and contributions to AAUW National programs.

Out of each annual dues payment of \$80.00, \$49.00 goes to AAUW-National, \$10.00 goes to AAUW-State, and \$21.00 stays in our Colorado Springs Branch.

Your branch dues cover the cost of our branch Directory, website, postage and office supplies, insurance, and more importantly our commitment to community outreach to include the Girl's STEM program, Science Fair, History Day Award, Human Trafficking and International Women's Day. It also covers our Public Policy area that enables us to reach and engage on the many issues that impact women.

If you have not paid your dues for the 2016-2017 year, this is the last newsletter you will receive.

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail (USPS) and have not included \$10.00 mailing costs with your dues, future editions will be delivered by email.

The new Directories will be available at the 24th September Branch Event



Please welcome our New Members from June and July:

Deborah Brewer

PO Box 60039, Colorado Springs, CO 80960

Phone: 201-1883

E-Mail: deborahlbrewer@gmail.com

Degree: BA (Liberal Studies)

Thomas Edison State College,

Deborah also volunteers with Pikes Peak

Writers and the Drama Lab.

Jana Burr (referred by Jean Little)

1225 Hans Brinker Ln., CS, CO 80907 H) 598-1448

C) 201-8072

Email: jkbmtb@comcast.net

Degree: BA (Mathematics & Economics)

Univ. of Colorado, Boulder

Jana is retired from Information Technology for Natural Gas Pipeline.

Carol Lory (spouse: Don)

3319 Springridge Circle, CS, CO 80906

C) 719-237-2969

Email: smileygurl48@gmail.com

Degrees: BS (Education-Elementary) Univ.

of Wisconsin, Osh Kosh

MA (Special Education) Univ. of

Phoenix, Colorado Springs

Lorv is retired and is active in the Women's Golf Assoc. and the Continental Women's Golf League.

Sharon Rice (previous member) 2574 Marston Heights, CS 90920

H) 278-0981 C) 290-6426

Email: srice43@comcast.net

Degrees: BA (Education) Univ. of Wyoming MA (Education) Univ. of Colorado

EdD (Leadership and Organ.) Nova

SE Univ.

Sharon is a retired teacher and Administrator from Academy School District 20. She taught and supervised student teachers at UCCS. Sharon is an active Board Member with the Women's Educational Society of Colorado College and with Curiosity Unlimited at UCCS. She is also a docent at the Fine Arts Center.

Linda Sherwin (referred by Lois & Eunice)

2523 Elite Terrace, CS, CO 80920

Phone: 635-3191

Email: Lsherwin01@earthlink.net

Degrees: BS (Education) Univ. of Wisconsin

Stout, Menomonie

MA Ed. (E-learning/Structural Design) Univ. of Phoenix, AZ

Linda is retired instructor and policy writer. She is President of her HOA and volunteers

with the E-learning guild.

MEMBRSHIP RENEWAL

Members who did not renew by August 16 will not appear in the directory. Interest group leaders will be notified to drop un-paid members if dues are not paid by the Welcome Coffee on September 24th.



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

5 No Hike (Labor Day)

Hike Section 16 to waterfall. Call Nona Hentschel, 310-1592

19 Fall Hike. Call Charla Dowds, 574-7568 / Pauleta Terven

26 Hike Cripple Creek. Call Jeanette Minniti, 964-8333

Tuesday:

6 <u>TECHNOLOGY</u>: 9:30 a.m. C: Peggy Wimberly, 598-8017, <u>pwimb659@comcast.net</u>. Hostess: Peggy Wimberly, 4811 Castledown Rd.

13 <u>READERS' POTPOURRI:</u> 1:00 pm, C: Jan McKenzie, 597-7161, janzie18@msn.com. <u>B</u>: *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson, H: Jeanne Marsh. Please RSVP.

<u>DINNER BOOK CLUB:</u> C: Martha Lee, 594-9039, <u>mleewest@live.com</u>. Dinner at Hotel Elegante at 5:45. Book: *The Truth According to Us* by Annie Barrows. Call Martha Lee at 594-9039 or email at <u>mleewest@live.com</u> for reservation.

- 27 <u>UFO'S (UNFINISHED OBJECTS)</u>: 1:00 p.m. C: Wynn Weidner, 598-5259, <u>wynnweidner@q.com.</u> Hostess: Susan Wright, 11985 Sunset Crater Dr. (Peyton), 393-5045, <u>wrightsearchj@gmail.com</u>.
- MORNING GLORY BOOK CLUB: Book choosing meeting at 10:00 a.m. Call Paula Munger at 337-3575 if you would like to join us or for more information.
 - 27 BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, loisbos68@gmail.com.

Wednesday:

AMIABLE AMBLERS: C: Linda Shane, 355-9287, lindershane@gmail.com.

- Meet at 9:00 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.
- Meet at 9:00 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.
- 21 Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sinton Trailhead. Contact Charla Dowds, 574-7568, d49_cdowds@yahoo.com.
- 28 Hike Bear Creek Park. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Regional Office. Contact Helena Schafer, 527-9754.
- 14 <u>SOUTHWEST STUDIES</u>: 1:30 p.m. Chair: Eunice Ciaccio, 465-2911, <u>euninco.11@comcast.net</u>. East Library Annex Room. Hostesses: Janet Friedberg and Vickie Collier. Topic: History of Albuquerque. Presenter: Vivian McWhorter.
- LUNCHEON NOVEL I: 11:45 a.m. Co-chairs: Georgina Burns, 598-7773 & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228. Hostess: Ellie (630-7465). Co-hostess: Sally. Book: *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Huber Ferrante. D.L. Ilene

<u>LUNCHEON NOVEL, TOO:</u> 12:00 noon. C: Jan Gregg, 330-9566. <u>idyllpines@comcast.net</u>. Hostess: Diana Ruth, 9 Woodman Ct, 599-4087, <u>Druth2000@aol.com</u>. Co-H: Jeanne Marsh, 590-7237, <u>jmarsh@pcisys.net</u>. B: *Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan. DL: Diana.

Wednesday (continued):

- 21 <u>AFTERNOON READERS</u>: 1:30 p.m. C: Jan Zellmer, 576-9086h, 314-5789c, janzellmer@yahoo.com. Hostess & Leader: Joan Zales, 1611 N. Cascade Ave., 633-3033, joanzales@aol.com. Book: *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner
- 28 <u>CHOCOLATE LOVERS:</u> 11:30 a.m. Co-Chairs: Ellie Solomon 630-7465, <u>elron3@msn.com</u> & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228, <u>mathewson3@juno.com</u>. Program: We will meet for lunch at Wades Café, 3504 N. Academy Blvd. We will then go to Radiantly Raw Chocolate, 3312 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, to hear about their chocolate products. Please RSVP to Sally Mathewson, <u>mathewson3@juno.com</u>, 473-0228.

Thursday:

- 1 <u>WOMEN WHO WRITE</u>: 9:30 a.m. C: Janet Condit, 277-7590, jjcondit@msn.com. Hostess and Refreshments: Joyce Calamia, 2715 Fawn Grove Ct., 576-3245, joycec1@mac.com. . Facilitator: Jeanne Marsh. Please RSVP to Joyce.
 - MAH JONGG: 1 p.m. Valley Hi Golf Course. Contact Susan Bydalek at 465-2707 or sbydalek@yahoo.com. Optional lunch at noon.
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Friday:

- 2 <u>EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES</u>: 10:00 a.m. 12 noon. Meeting at East Library, Co-chairs: Eunice Ciaccio, 465-2911, <u>eunico.11@comcast.net</u> & Janet Friedberg, 596-1846, <u>janetfriedberg@comcast.net</u>. . Book Selections (National Hispanic Heritage Month): *The Ones I Bring With Me* by Carol Spaulding-Kruse and Kelsey Lepperd OR *Border Insecurity: Why Big Money, Fences and Drones Aren't Making Us Safer* by Sylvia Longmire.
- 9 <u>BRIDGE LITE:</u> Contact Lois Boschee, <u>loisbos68@gmail.com</u>
- 16 LOCAL HISTORY: 10 a.m. C & H: Judie Werschky, judiewer@aol.com or 632-9989. History of Shamrock Ranch by owner David Wismer. This beautiful old ranch once stretched from the Santa Fe railroad track to Hwy 83 and included today's Fox Run Park. RSVP to Judie for directions and reservation for optional lunch at Flying Horse Clubhouse.
- 23 BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, loisbos68@gmail.com.

Saturday:

FOG (FRIENDS OF the GRAPES) will be held at the Linda & Jack McIlnay home. Movie Night is the theme. We have limited space for the event, 18 people maximum. If more people than 18 respond, I'll keep a waiting list. If you will attend, please email mlfmcilnay@comcast.net, and indicate how many people will be attending. Please also email me your favorite movie actor or actress and we will have people guess that name. Bone up on your movie trivia, a movie quiz may happen.

Please bring an appetizer to share and a beverage. We will have popcorn, soda, boxes of candy, plates, cups, napkins, and plastic utensils. If you need directions to our home, also email me that request and I'll send directions. Hope you can join us.

COLORADO SPRINGS AAUW BRANCH

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Address/Directory Changes: June Hallenbeck, 115 Dolomite Dr., 80919, 598-2979 junehallenbeck@comcast.net .

Prospective Members: Suzanne Stahlbuhk, 2985 Mt. Herman Rd., Monument, CO, 80132, 714-420-5314, sstahlbuhk@gmail.com.

Newsletter: Deadline is **September 17** for the **October/November** newsletter. Send interest group notices and news item to June Hallenbeck, 115 Dolomite Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80919, or junehallenbeck@comcast.net.

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

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