



**Colorado Springs Branch of AAUW
Newsletter
September 2014**

Location:

The Masonic Center
1150 Panorama Drive
Colorado Spgs, CO 80904

Time:

9:30-10:00 Registration
10:00-10:30 Breakfast,
Coffee & Mingle
10:30-10:45 Welcome,
Intro to AAUW –
Mission and overview
10:45-12:00 Interest groups
presentations & mingling

Menu:

Finger foods provided by
AAUW members; coffee,
tea, and water courtesy of
the Masonic Center

Cost: \$10.00 (guests and
prospective members free)
Checks made to “AAUW.”

Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, Sept. 10th

Please send your check to:

Jann Nance
5930 Spurwood Dr.
CSC 80918
(719) 5286443

*Please let Jann know the
name of your guest.*

**Saturday, September 13, 2014
AAUW 2014 WELCOME
COFFEE**



Once again we will kick off the new season with our annual Welcome Coffee to be held at the Masonic Center. With everyone together in one large room, we hope to increase contact and interaction among members and guests. Our focus this year will be our Interest Groups, with someone from each group giving a brief overview of what their group does.

This is the perfect time for all existing members to focus on their social groups and circle of friends to recruit potential new members. Ask them to attend. It doesn't cost them anything and they can check things out for themselves, meet other members, and munch away.

We had a great turn-out last year – let's outdo ourselves this year!

NOTE: 2014-2015 Directories will be available!

AAUW President's Message

As our AAUW year gets started, I am honored to serve as president of our Colorado Springs Branch. Our branch is a strong branch with many accomplished and thoughtful women. I encourage all members to get involved in ways that will be meaningful for you.

This year we have two goals that will guide our work:

-To explore ways to provide balance in our focus of providing interesting and meaningful programs/social time with addressing the mission of AAUW and public policy issues.

-To find ways to collaborate/partner with other women's organizations in the Pikes Peak region to plan events including International Women's Day on March 7, 2015 that address and celebrate women's issues.

Thanks to the Program Committee led by Jann Nance and Caryl Schrab, we again have an exciting list of speakers for our branch meetings. Remember that all branch meetings are open to guests, including husbands. We encourage all members to attend branch meetings and to become involved in one or more interest groups. Try out a new one this year!

Our Authors' Day is November 15 at The Pinery. Thanks to the Authors' Day Committee for its active involvement in selecting authors and in planning ways to publicize the event. Publicity is coming out soon!

Thanks to all members who have paid their dues. This year we will have to watch expenses very closely in order to ensure that we end the year in the black.

Be sure to read Cara Koch's Public Policy Report. She is already hard at work planning events this year that will address issues relevant to women and girls in our state and in our community.

I look forward to an exciting, worthwhile year with everyone!

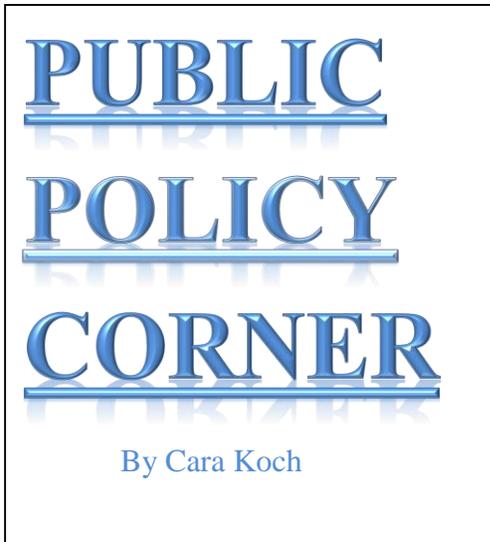
Judy Casey

Note from membership

Goals for the national and local branch are again to recruit and retain members. Do you have a friend who would be interested in doing her part to move forward equity for women and girls? Think about how far the roles of women have changed in the past half century. We do not want to lose ground and we don't want to stand still. Bring your friend to a branch meeting so she can learn about what we are doing in the community.

Remember your first day of school or the first day of a new job? How uncomfortable it was not knowing anyone? I'll bet you remember the very first person who befriended you. Let's try to make everyone feel welcome, especially those new members. Even if they are not new members, you can get to know them. We have a variety of interest groups. Find out what their interests are and connect them with someone who is also interested in that group. Let's all go out of our way to make our branch the "friendliest AAUW branch" in the state.

Lois Boschee, VP Membership



TWO AREAS OF FOCUS FOR 2014/15

The Public Policy Interest Group has chosen two major areas of focus this year:

Early Childhood

There is currently a child care crisis in Colorado, with only 46% of the children under 6 years who need child care having licensed space available to them. The average annual cost of full time infant care in a center in El Paso County is \$12,736. Because child care is so critical to the economic self-sufficiency of women, we decided this is a top priority issue for AAUW.

Our Colorado Springs AAUW Branch is partnering with the Pikes Peak Early Childhood Council (**Alliance For Kids**), **Pikes Peak United Way**, **EPIC** (Executives Partnering to Invest In Children) and **Pikes Peak Library District** to participate in the national Public Engagement Campaign about the importance of Early Childhood and the future of our nation. We expect that other organizations will be joining the effort as well.

As part of this effort, Colorado Springs AAUW has been selected as the lead agency to sponsor a pre-screening launch of the documentary, *The Raising of America*, which will be airing on PBS sometime this winter. Watch for the Launch date to be announced.

Several members of the Public Policy Interest Group attended the July 15th Women's Foundation presentation of their current research project addressing the high cost of childcare in Colorado. Read the report at <http://www.qualistar.org/child-care-cost.html>

Privatization of Public Education

Members of the Public Policy group who are on the Program Committee are working on the January Program, which will feature a documentary entitled *Rise Above The Mark*, which brings to light some of the challenges to public education.

Voted Ed/Ballot Issues

With the election coming up, the Public Policy Committee will be partnering with the **League of Women Voters** to sponsor a public presentation about issues that will be on the ballot. It will be held on **October 6 from 9:30 am to noon at the East Library Community Room.**

We are also stressing the importance of voting in ALL elections, including non-presidential ones. Unfortunately, a small fraction of the electorate has determined election outcomes in recent elections when it is not a presidential election year. NOTE: Voter registration can be done online at www.GoVoteColorado.com.

BECOME A TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST!



become a "Two-Minute Activist" and receive e-action alerts to raise your powerful voice on issues that affect equity for women and girls. Fast, free, and open to everyone (not just AAUW members)!

To sign up, go to <http://aauw-co.aauw.net/advocacy/>. Scroll down to the AAUW Action Network logo and click on it.

Welcome new members



Dee Holman

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Dee is a retired dentist who began her studies in Colorado Springs (Colorado College, BA in English and pre-dental, 1970). She went on to Kansas City, MO, to complete dental school in 1983 at the University of Missouri. In 2010, she earned an MLS/ESOL in liberal studies/English as a second language at Fort Hays Kansas State University. Her spare time is spent at the food bank, Holy Cross Community Garden and Fellow Man International. Besides her membership in AAUW, Dee belongs to P.E.O., Rotary International, Lion's Club, AGD, S.A.I.D., and AFS.

While living in Kansas City in the 70's, she was a member of AAUW. Her interests groups of choice include crafts, dining, games, hiking, history, reading and writing. Gardening seems to be a high priority and she would be willing to serve on a hospitality committee.

Linda F. McIlnay

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Linda earned a BS in elementary education (1965) at Lock Haven University in Lock Haven, PA. In 1969, she earned her master of education at Temple University in Philadelphia and returned to school to earn an associate degree in computer science from Pikes Peak Community College in 1982. She is retired from a career in

elementary education and computer software specialist.

Linda is a former member of AAUW of Colorado Springs (1996-2005) and most recently belonged to the AAUW in Aurora, CO and returned back to the Springs this summer. While in Denver, she volunteered at the food bank, elementary school tutor, and various church activities. Linda works for the goals of AAUW by helping raise money for scholarships, battling gender discrimination, and other public policies.

Interests groups include theater arts, hiking, history, wine and dine, reading, and writing.

Janel Moreno

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Janel is an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner earning her BSN in nursing at University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME, in 1994. She completed her MSN In 2003 at University of Northern Florida in Jacksonville. Janel spends her spare time volunteering with Triathlons and sorority alumnae philanthropies and belongs to Alpha Xi Delta Alumnae, Panhellenic Alumnae, and to the American Society of Pain Management Nurses.

She is interested in crafts, current affairs, dining, history, and reading, and would consider serving on a hospitality or scholarship committee.

Megan K. Olsen

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Megan earned both her BA and MA at UCCS completing her BA in English in 2001 and her MA in curriculum/instruction in 2005. She is employed by Pikes Peak Community College and is a member of the Writers Guild of America. Megan's mom is a current member of AAUW of Colorado Springs. The interests groups that she would like to become involved with are current affairs, hiking, history, reading and writing.

2014-2015 Budget

Receipts	Budget
Dues (175 x \$80)	\$14,100.00
Programs (7x \$952)	\$6,664.00
Ckg/Savings Interest	\$40.00
Fundraising	
AAUW Funds	
Geraniums	\$800.00
Grocery Cards (Mbr Purchases)	\$1,000.00
Grocery Card Earnings	\$1,800.00
Local Scholarship	\$1,800.00
Authors' Day	\$5,000.00
Withdrawal from Reserve	\$5,190.00
Refunds	\$50.00
Total Income	\$36,444.00

Expenses	
Dues to Nat'l and State (175 x \$59)	\$10,325.00
Programs (7 x \$952)	\$6,664.00
Conventions/Workshops	\$6,270.00
Local Directory	\$400.00
Newsletter (local & State)	\$300.00
Insurance	\$825.00
Membership	\$60.00
Web Site	\$0.00
Postage/Misc Office Costs	\$150.00
Donations	
AAUW Funds	
Geranium Pmt to Nat'l	\$300.00
Geranium Supplier	\$500.00
Grocery Cards (Card Purchases)	\$1,000.00
Grocery Card Pmt to Nat'l	\$1,350.00
Local Scholarship	\$3,000.00
Author's Day	\$4,000.00
Community Outreach/Involvement	
Girls' STEM PPCF	\$500.00
Science Fair	\$50.00
History Day Award	\$50.00
International Womens' Day	\$200.00
Other	\$500.00
	\$36,444.00

If you have not paid your dues for the 2014-2015 year, this is the last newsletter you will receive.

The new Directories will be available at the September 13th Branch Meeting.

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. Branch dues cover the cost of our branch such as the Directory, website, postage and office supplies, insurance, and community outreach to include the Girl's STEM program, Science Fair, History Day Award, and international Women's Day.

For the past two years, our expenses have been greater than our receipts causing us to withdraw money from the Reserve (see item in Blue in budget).

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.



SEPTEMBER



Monday: HARDY HIKERS: C: Charla Dowds, 574-7568

- 1 Labor Day – No hike
- 8 Hike Spruce Mountain. Call Gini Simonson/Jo Weilbrenner, 481-8843
- 15 Hike Barksdale Trail (Florissant Nat'l Monument). Call Charla Dowds, 574-7568
- 22 Hike Intemann Trail. Call Marilyn Hanlon/Pam Doane, 599-0623
- 29 Hike Mueller State Park. Call Jo Weilbrenner, 487-1875

Tuesday:

- 2 COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP: 9:30 am, Co-C: Susan Sommerfield, 390-2955, gg04nrkm@juno.com and Shirlea Griswold, 337-2886, beadart878@yahoo.com. H: Barbara Dieter, 2024 Sommerset Dr., 598-2131, dieterwb@Comcast.net. Please call hostess and let her know if you are or are not coming to the meeting.
- 9 POTPOURRI BOOK GROUP: 1:00 p.m. C: Sharon Malek, 210-355-6852, sharonmalek@yahoo.com. B: *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner, led by Sharon Malek.
DINNER BOOK CLUB: C: Kay Atteberry, 599-3187, kayatteberry@aol.com
Dinner at 5:45 p.m. at Silver Pond, 5670 N. Academy, 594-9343. Book: *Who Owns the Ice House* by Clifton Taulbert (also a Pikes Peak Reads selection) Rsvp Kay Atteberry, 599-3187 or kayatteberry@aol.com
- 23 UFO'S (UNFINISHED OBJECTS): 1:00 p.m. C: Wynn Weidner, 598-5259, wynnweidner@q.com. H: Kay Atteberry, 907 Dirksland, 599-3187, kayatteberry@aol.com.

Wednesday:

- AMIABLE AMBLERS: C: Linda Shane, 355-9287, lindershane@gmail.com.
- 3 Meet at Bon Shopping Center at 10:00 a.m. Group will decide which direction to walk (about 90-120 minutes) and decide on lunch. No hike leader.
- 24 Hike Manitou Lake. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the W. Colorado Safeway. Lunch in Woodland Park. Call Kay Atteberry, 599-3187, kayatteberry@aol.com.
- 10 SOUTHWEST STUDIES: 2:00 p.m. C: Jean Reynolds, 598-1784. jreyno1932@aol.com. H: Karen Mendenhall, 10055 Raptor Loop, Peyton, 495-0678, karenm52@q.com. Presenter: Martha Lee on *Waite Phillips*.
- 18 LUNCHEON NOVEL I: 11:45 a.m. Co-chairs: Georgina Burns, 598-7773 & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228. Location and DL TBD. Book: *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson.
LUNCHEON NOVEL TOO: 12:00 p.m. C: Pam Doane, 598-24425, pamdoane@q.com. H: Diana Ruth, 9 Woodman Court, 599-4087. Co-H: Pat Doyle, 473-8108, patdoyle@mac.com. B: *The Bully Pulpit* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Leader: Pat Doyle.
- 24 CHOCOLATE LOVERS: 9:45 am Co-Chairs: Ellie Solomon - 630-7465, elron3@msn.com & Sally Mathewson - 473-0228, mathewson3@juno.com.
Field trip to Denver. We will be starting at the Serendipity Tea House, 5610 S. Curtis, Littleton, for a talk by a chocolate therapist and then lunch. This is followed by The Chocolate Therapist shop, 2560 W. Main, Littleton. We can make an optional stop at Traders Joe's on the way home. Meet at the south side of parking lot at Sear's Auto, Chapel Hills, to carpool at 9:45. Please RSVP to Leslye Meyer, 632-0228, leslyemeyer222@gmail.com.

Thursday:

- 4 **WOMEN WHO WRITE:** 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. C: Phyllis Sperber, 434-1813, p.sperber@comcast.net. H: Phyllis Sperber, 35 Golf Gate Lane. All day Writing Retreat with salad by committee luncheon. Please call Jeanne Marsh at 590-7237 or jmarsh@pcisys.net to let them know you're coming.
- 11 **THURSDAY BRIDGE GROUP:** 10:00 a.m. H: Barbara Kafka, 2011 Devon St., 574-0506, franticfrancis@msn.com. AAUW members interested in becoming bridge substitutes call Peggy Wimberly at 598-8017 or email to pwimb659@comcast.net.
MAH JONGG: 1 p.m., Patty Jewett Club House. Contact Susan Bydalek at 465-2707 or sbydalek@yahoo.com.
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Friday:

- 5 **EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES:** 10:00 a.m., East Library, Conference Room II, C: Jan McKenzie, 597-7161, janzie18@msn.com (National Hispanic Heritage Month) B: *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros
- 19 **LOCAL HISTORY:** 8:30 a.m. C: Anna Ahern, 635-3439. aavillasierra@aol.com. H: Darlene Aspedon, 471-7192. Program: The History of Guffey, an old mining town with lots of character. Speaker: Betty Royce, the first deputy sheriff of Park County. RSVP to Darlene. She'll provide details of the day's plan and lunch.



Local History visiting Ute Prayer Tree



Hardy Hikers



Luncheon Novel Too - English Luncheon

COLORADO SPRINGS AAUW BRANCH

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Prospective Members: Lois Boschee, 3975 Riviera Grove #101, 80922, 388-8557
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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.

AAUW Mission:

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

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