



Betty Heid



October 6

**Joint Meeting  
with the  
League of Women Voters**

10:00 -12:00 Joint Meeting  
with the League of Women  
Voters on the mid-term ballot  
issues at Rockrimmon  
Library.

For all information regarding  
your voter's registration go to  
[govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com)

See page 7 for more  
information.

October 27

**Author's Day  
&  
Silent Auction**

8:30-12:00 Authors' Day and  
Silent Auction! at The  
Colorado Springs Shrine Club,  
6 S. 33rd St., Colorado  
Springs, CO 80904 RSVP by  
Monday October 22.

Elizabeth Leslie, our  
fundraising chair, and her  
team will be available to  
accept silent auction donations  
on Tuesday, Oct. 16th from  
9:00 - 9:30 am at the parking  
lot of the Adams State Bank,  
1310 Garden of the Gods  
Road. The bank is on the NW  
corner of Centennial and  
Garden of the Gods road. **See  
page 10 for more event  
information**

November 17

**Community Outreach  
Paula Munger  
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**SAVE THE DATE**  
Help sponsor a lady from the  
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The Second Annual Ladies  
Luncheon of Laughter

**See page 8 for more  
information.**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We enjoyed another outstanding program at the Welcome Coffee on Saturday. Our Public Policy Group, chaired by Anna Lopez, courageously put together the outstanding panel and program, "The 3 R's of Gun Ownership". I think we all came away with a better understanding of this complicated issue.

The Interest Groups with coordination between our Hospitality Chair, Nedra Engelson, and our Interest Group Coordinator, Pam Doane, provided enough food for between 125-130 members and guests. Thanks to the IG's generosity the meal, including all of the deviled eggs you could eat, was free. Some eggs were even sent to the police department with Chief Carey.

Vice President of Membership, Melanie Hudson, signed up 21 new members with the help of past Membership V.P., Suzanne Stahlbuhk, and Elizabeth Leslie and her committee started the collection of items for the silent auction at Authors' Day on Oct. 27.

Get ready for more great programs to come. Pip Bodkin and Sally Metzger, the Vice Presidents of Programs, have put together a great agenda for the year. Don't forget that our Saturday branch meetings are always open to the public. Bring guests!

Best to all for a great year,  
Nancy

### 2018-2019 AAUW Board

#### 2018-2019 Executive Committee/Elected Officers

President: Nancy Holt

President Elect: Kathryn Olson

Treasurer: Jeanne Howard

Secretary: Pam Maier

Vice Presidents of Community Programs: Paula Munger & Janet Friedberg

Vice President of Membership: Melanie Hudson

Vice Presidents of Programs: Pip Bodkin

Sally Metzger

#### Appointed Board Members

AAUW Funds Chair: Candy Crumb

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Interest Group Coordinator: Pam Doane

Local Scholarship Chair: Char Gagne

Public Policy Director: Anna Lopez

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### AAUW Public Policy Committee September 2018 Report

The last month has been busy preparing for the program on gun safety, and then presenting it to the members. "Rules, Rights and Responsibility: The 3R's of Gun Ownership" was an unqualified success in that it delivered what was promised - information. The audience of over 100 people was given an overview of the history of gun ownership by Dr. George Reed, that set the stage for the other panelists. Ms. Annie Oatman-Gardner, from Sen. Bennet's office, talked about the national response, and non-response, to the issue of gun violence. Chief Pete Carey was extremely informative about the affects of gun violence in police work. The fourth speaker, Ms. Helen Kamin, spoke about the grassroots movement MOMS' activities to increase gun safety and reduce the amount of gun violence.

The question of private businesses restricting, or not, the carrying of guns was clarified. The business may call police if a person refuses to leave the premises. The idea of feeling safer when you see a person carrying a gun was answered with a resounding NO! by the audience.

Mental health concerns were raised and it was agreed that more resources are required to help individuals with their issues. The consensus on teachers being armed was that they should concentrate on teaching not shooting.

Many other related topics were brought up but the major thought was that this issue is not going away and needs to be discussed and addressed by us citizens. We need to remember to vote.

Controversial issues draw a large audience and may be used to bring attention and focus on solutions. I hope that further discussions may be hosted.

Anna T. Lopez, chair

### Membership

We had a wonderful and successful September Coffee! We also welcomed and signed up new members! There are 23 new members in all for Colorado Springs AAUW. We are especially grateful for all the former Fine Arts Center Docents who have joined us. Melanie Hudson, Membership VP, is planning an October Coffee or Wine & Cheese social for all the new members in October, so please watch for a date on that!

Cay Jurgensen  
Nicole Beach  
Elizabeth (Betty) Griner  
Linda (Lynn) Whitacre  
Mary Kay Rockwell  
Nancy Winter  
Lorelei Vollmar  
Martha Dunkerton

Gail Patterson  
Beth Krasovec  
Alice Aronovitz  
Sue Neufeld  
Fran Schaeffer  
Rebecca Farley  
Judi Larson  
Margaret (Maggie) Couper

Gwen Weddington  
Janet Knox  
Audrey McGuire  
Cheryl Baeza  
Josette Jacoby  
Bonnetta Heck  
Judy DeBuse

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY: Regular membership is available to anyone holding an associate or equivalent (e.g., RN), baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified educational institution.

Melanie Hudson, AAUW Membership VP, 719-205-7639

## Local Scholarship News September 2018

Jeanne Howard, our local branch treasurer, sent checks to the accounts of our six Local Scholarship winners (\$1,200 each).

The winners: **Mikaela Montoya**, **UCCS Inclusive Early Childhood Education major**, who will be getting her CO teaching license along with an endorsement in Special Education; **Nelly Mathenge**, a 45 year old native of Kenya, mother of 4 children, majoring in Psychology and **attending UCCS this fall** to pursue a Master's degree in Counseling with an ultimate goal of working with Adolescent Youth; **Mariah Mayhugh**, a District 49 Early Colleges graduate who earned a high school diploma and 74 college credits in 4 years, **now majoring in Nursing at PPCC this fall**; **Yulia Shtanko**, an early Colleges graduate through School District 11 who concurrently graduated from high school and earned 94 college credits, **attending UCCS this fall as a junior pre-med student**; **Emily Grenier**, an **Inclusive Early Childhood Education major at UCCS**, now in her junior year along with working full time in Douglas County Schools in a preschool education program; **Stephanie Warren**, a **40 year old mother of 4**, **UCCS junior**, majoring in Business and Pre-law, with a goal of becoming a constitutional lawyer, advocating for victims and survivor of domestic violence and sexual abuse

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. 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.

**One of our former scholars, Katherine Latona, Art History and Museum curator major at UCCS**, has been awarded one of the prestigious Karen Posel scholarships at UCCS, to help fund her post graduate studies. Katherine also received a research grant through UCCS to fund a field research trip to Washington, DC to study the way in which Americans conceptualize their past and identity, spurred by the ongoing controversy involving confederate monuments. She presented her research in April at Colorado College at the Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum.

### SCRIP CARDS

Wow! You AAUW women grocery card holders and users are great! Between Kings Soopers and Safeway cards, the branch earned \$804.55 over the summer. This money is divided between Local Scholarship, the Judith Sanderson Fellowship and LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund). If you shop at either of the stores and wish to participate, I will get you a card and instructions for usage. You don't have to limit yourself to just one store. I carry both cards. What an easy way for AAUW members to contribute to these worthwhile funds with little effort. Questions?? Call me at 719-633-9917. Candy Crumb, AAUW Funds Director

## Interest Groups

Please send your input NLT October 22, 2018 for the November Issue. LFG

### Various Days in the week/month

ARTS ON THE GO! Enjoy local music and theatre with your AAUW friends. No regularly scheduled meetings. Contact: Pam Maier. Pamela.S.Maier@gmail.com Cell: 719-694-4222

BRIDGE LIGHT. Bridge dates remain the same for every month. There is another group added. Second and Fourth Friday, Third Thursday, Fourth Tuesday. C: Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com)

### Mondays

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

Oct 1, 18	Oil Well Flats Trail	Pip Bodkin/Jean Little
Oct 8, 18	Air Force Academy Trail	Peggy Dolinich
Oct 15,18	Cheyenne Mtn State Park	Yvonne Livengood
Oct 22,18	Blodgett Peak	Pan Maier
Oct 29,18	Pulpit Rock/Planning Meeting	Pip Bodkin

### Tuesdays

October 2: TECH GROUP: meeting @ 9:30 A.M. Chair: Shirlea Griswold,, [sunni773x8@outlook.com](mailto:sunni773x8@outlook.com), 719 337 2886. Hostess: Judie Werschky, 1614 Leslie Dr., email: [judiewer@aol.com](mailto:judiewer@aol.com), phone 719-632-9989. Please R.S.V.P. to Judie if you are coming or not.

October 2: VISUAL ARTS at 2:15 p.m. Tim Gill Center (315 E Costilla), **Portrait Power!** Portraits have played an outsized role in the history of art...from cave walls to selfies! Join us as we look at fabulous portraits through the ages and their powerful stories and impact. Presenter: Cindi Zenkert-Strange.

October 9 READERS POTPOURRI 1:00 p.m. C: Margaret Miller, [fergst41@yahoo.com](mailto:fergst41@yahoo.com), 719-641-4710. Book: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. Hostess Susan Theune, *RSVP* 307-620-5183, [sbtheune@gmail.com](mailto:sbtheune@gmail.com), Leader Betty Fannin, 719-258-9133, [fannin@comcast.net](mailto:fannin@comcast.net) \*\*meeting place, Cheyenne Mountain Library, 1785 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street

October 9 DINNER BOOK CLUB C: Nedra Engelson, 574-5274, [nengelson@aol.com](mailto:nengelson@aol.com), 5:45 p.m. Book: THE RADIUM GIRLS by Kate Moore. The restaurant: Olive Garden, 7815 N. Academy. To reserve a seat, please contact Judy Ashton, 785-821-2462, [wj\\_ij@hotmail.com](mailto:wj_ij@hotmail.com)

October 23 UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS): 1:00 p.m. C: Wynn Weidner, 598-5259, [wynnweidner@q.com](mailto:wynnweidner@q.com). Martha Lee, hostess.



**GREAT DECISIONS** It is time to gear up for Great Decisions discussion group for 2019 starting Tuesday, February 5. We will meet again at the Pikes Peak Library-East Location, 5550 N. Union Boulevard in the Annex Room. Below is a list of the topics for 2019. I will send you a list with a summary paragraph of each topic in a follow up email and a list of all meeting dates with the topic for each date. As well, I will let you know when to send me your check for your book. There is a 20% discount for pre-orders. If you would like to get the discount, it is important for me to know sooner than later if you will be part of the 2019 group. **TOPICS:** Refugees and Global Migration, The Middle East: Regional Disorder, Nuclear negotiations: Back to the Future?, The Rise of Populism in Europe, Decoding U.S. - China Trade, India and Its Neighbors, Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics, The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested, and State of the State Department and Diplomacy If you are interested in joining Great Decisions for 2019, please provide your email address and phone number to Jeanette Minniti at [jeanetteminniti@gmail.com](mailto:jeanetteminniti@gmail.com) or call 719-481-3230.

### Wednesdays

October 10, 1:30pm, SOUTHWEST STUDIES Location: Tim Gill Center, East Room, 315 E Costillo. Set-up: Judy Leiseth and Judy Conroy. Topic: Hauntings and Ghosts of the West. Presenter: Nancy Winston. Please RSVP: Co Chair Jean Little (209-595-5587) [wjean1@gmail.com](mailto:wjean1@gmail.com)

October 17 LUNCHEON NOVEL I 11:45 a.m. Hostess: Dianne 599-8876, Co-hostess: Rachel. Book: THE SABOTEUR by Paul Kix. Chair: Georgina Burns

October 17 LUNCHEON NOVEL TOO 12:00 p.m. Hostesses: Kathy McBride, 598-4654 [McBrik43@gmail.com](mailto:McBrik43@gmail.com) and Mary Wood, 593-7948 [gregoryandmary@gmail.com](mailto:gregoryandmary@gmail.com) Book: NEWS OF THE WORLD, by Paulette Jiles.

October 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) H: Ellie Solomon, 3203 Paseo Road. Program: Halloween exchange, Bring goodies for 15 to share. RSVP: Ellie, 630-7465, [elron3@msn.com](mailto:elron3@msn.com)

October 24 EVENING CONNECTIONS TO TOPICS, 5 PM to 7:30-8 PM. Jill Tietjen, Engineer, Colorado Hall of Fame recipient, and co-Author of "Her Story : A timeline of the Women who changed America" will present her slide presentation that was well received by our membership in April. I think that this book would make a meaningful gift for each of the women in your lives! An all inclusive buffet for \$20 per person includes the private room, tax, gratuity, buffet, one beer or glass of wine, and covers the speaker's buffet at The Warehouse Restaurant 25 West Cimmaron Street 80903. If you would like to attend, please mail a check ASAP. Please add \$3.00 for the speaker's honorarium and make the \$23.00 check out to Marilyn Feaster 10018 Palisade Ridge Drive COS, CO. 80920 to secure your seat. Space is limited!

### Thursdays

October 11 WOMEN WHO WRITE: 9:30 a.m. Chair: Melanie Hudson, 205-7639, [heartsdesire310@gmail.com](mailto:heartsdesire310@gmail.com). Please contact Melanie for location and other information.

October 11 CHAPTER & VERSE WRITING GROUP: 1:00 p.m. Chair: Janet Condit 277-7590, [jjcondit@msn.com](mailto:jjcondit@msn.com); Co-chair: Caroline Vulgamore, 520-5365, [hvulgamore@gmail.com](mailto:hvulgamore@gmail.com). Hostess: Barbara Potter, 3109 Springdowns Place, 576-3569, [bkpotter2003@yahoo.com](mailto:bkpotter2003@yahoo.com).

Every Thursday MAH JONGG: 1 p.m. Valley Hi Golf Course. Contact Susan Bydalek at 465-2707 or sbydalek@yahoo.com. Optional lunch at noon.

### Fridays

October 5, Exploring Lives and Cultures 10:00am Location: East Library, Room E1 (National Disability Employment Awareness Month) Book to be discussed: My Thirteenth Winter: A Memoir by Samantha Abeel. She was born in 1977 with a severe learning disability called dyscalculia.

October 19. 10:00 am. Mount St. Francis, an historic TB sanatorium. Optional lunch to follow nearby. C: Judie Werschky, judiewer@aol.com; P: Sister Stephanie. RSVP to facilitator Marge Zimmerman, margezimmerman01@yahoo.com.

### Saturdays

October 6 F.O.G. Saturday, at 6:00 PM, hosted by Gini and Jim Simonson. The theme will be OKTOBER FEST. Contact Gini at 481-8843 or Gini.jim@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

#### Joint Meeting with the League of Women Voters

Do you need to learn more to be ready for this election?



Colorado ballots will include six constitutional amendments referred by the legislature and an unknown number of initiatives (the Secretary of State is still working to verify signatures to qualify initiatives for the ballot). All state ballot issues will be presented (pro and con) at a joint meeting of AAUW and League of Women Voters of the Pikes Peak Region.

October 6, 2018 10:00-12:00  
Rockrimmon Library, 832 Village Center  
Drive, Colorado Springs

Everyone is welcome so feel free to bring your friends and neighbors. There is no cost for this meeting and no RSVP required. You can check that your voter registration is current (or register for the first time) at [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com)

Questions, comments, concerns about this newsletter? Please contact Laura Gross, [grosslf@msn.com](mailto:grosslf@msn.com), 719-576-2833

**Upcoming Branch Event!**

Community Outreach  
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Janet Friedberg

**SAVE THE DATE**

Help sponsor a lady from the SE and enjoy the opportunity to laugh, eat, and create new friendships together

The Second Annual Ladies Luncheon of Laughter  
catered by Cristina Steele ( a SE resident)  
Saturday, November 17, 2018  
11:00 AM -1:00 PM (ish)  
Deerfield Hills Community Center  
4290 Deerfield Hills Rd  
80916

**COST: \$18.00**

Please send your check to:

Paula Munger

1306 Wood Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

(by November 9th)

Due to limited space, first come, first served

**SPEAKERS**

Regina English (Mrs. El Paso County 2017)  
and Yolanda Avila (City Council)





## AAUW Colorado Springs Branch Annual Budget 2018-2019

AAUW – Colorado Springs Branch	
2018-2019 Budget	
Receipts	Budget
Dues (175 x \$94)	\$16,450.00
Newsletter Mailings	\$80.00
Programs	\$5,000.00
Checking/Savings Interest	\$105.00
<b>Fundraising</b>	
AAUW Funds	
Geraniums	\$800.00
Grocery Cards (Member Purchases)	\$200.00
Grocery Card Earnings	\$2,000.00
Local Scholarship	\$1,500.00
Author's Day	\$3,500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$29,645.00</b>
Withdrawal from Reserve	\$6,645.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$36,290.00</b>
Expenses	
Dues to Nat'l and State (175 x \$69)	\$12,075.00
Programs	\$5,000.00
Conventions/Workshops	\$5,000.00
Local Directory	\$470.00
Newsletter (local & State)	\$200.00
Insurance	\$550.00
Membership (flyers & programs)	\$60.00
Postage/Misc Office Costs	\$75.00
Other – Branch Activities	\$250.00
Program/Community Enrichment	\$250.00
<b>Donations</b>	
<b>AAUW Funds</b>	
Geranium Pymt to Nat'l	\$300.00
Geranium Supplier	\$500.00
Grocery Cards (Card Purchases)	\$200.00
Grocery Card Pymt to Nat'l	\$1,300.00
Local Scholarship	\$5,000.00
Author's Day	\$3,500.00
<b>Community Outreach/Involvement</b>	
Girls' STEM PRCF	\$500.00
Science Fair	\$50.00
History Day Award	\$50.00
International Women's Day	\$200.00
Other-Community Outreach	750.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$36,290.00</b>



Award-winning writer and naturalist **Mary Taylor Young** has been writing about the landscape and heritage of Colorado for 30 years. Her 17 books include *Rocky Mountain National Park: The First 100 Years* and *Land of Grass and Sky: A Naturalist's Prairie Journey*. Her *Words On Birds* column appeared in the Rocky Mountain News for 16 years. In 2012 Mary was Artist-in-Residence at Rocky Mountain National Park. In 2016, she was the commencement speaker for Colorado State University, College of Natural Sciences. The Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District named Mary the 2018 Frank Waters Award honoree for exemplary literary achievement and a canon of writing that communicates a deep understanding of the West. [www.MaryTaylorYoung.com](http://www.MaryTaylorYoung.com).



**J.D.R. Hawkins** is an award-winning author who has written for newspapers, magazines, newsletters, e-zines, and blogs. She is one of only a few female Civil War authors, and uniquely describes the front lines from a Confederate perspective. Her *Renegade Series* includes *A Beautiful Glittering Lie*, winner of the John Esten Cooke Fiction Award and the B.R.A.G. Medallion, *A Beckoning Hellfire*, which is also an award winner, and *A Rebel Among Us*, recipient of the 2017 John Esten Cooke Fiction Award. These books tell the story of a family from north Alabama who experience immeasurable pain when their lives are dramatically changed by the war. Her nonfiction book, *Horses in Gray: Famous Confederate Warhorses*, has recently been published. She is currently working on another sequel for the *Renegade Series*. Ms. Hawkins is a

member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the International Women's Writing Guild, Pikes Peak Writers, and Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers. She is also an artist and singer/songwriter. Learn more about her at <http://jdrhawkins.com>.



**Cindy Skaggs** grew up on stories of mob bosses,

horse thieves, cold-blooded killers, and the last honest man. Those mostly true stories gave her a lifelong love of storytelling that enables her writing addiction. She is the author of seven published romantic suspense novels, including *The Untouchables* trilogy and a novella for Entangled Publishing: *Untouchable*, *An Untouchable Christmas*, *Unforgettable*, and *Unstoppable*, plus the *Team Fear* series: *Live By the Team*, *Fight By The Team*, and *Survive By The Team*. She also plays the flute, makes crazy-good sculptures out of tortilla dough, and can wrangle the neurotic dog without getting mauled. Find her as **Cindy Skaggs**,

**Writer** on Facebook, **@CLSkaggs** on Twitter, or **www.CSkaggs.com** to sign up for her newsletter.

## Reservations Form

In addition to the presentations by these wonderful authors, we will enjoy a delicious catered breakfast.

**Price: \$40 per person**

**RSVP by Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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