



January 26

Branch Luncheon

CANCELLED

Cybersecurity in Education
and the Workforce

Due to unforeseen
circumstances the branch
luncheon on cybersecurity is
cancelled.

There will be no branch
luncheon this month.

If you have questions please
contact:

Phone: 405-880-1277

Email: njholt11@hotmail.com.

February 15

**February AAUW Branch
Meeting**

Jessy Randall Presents "What
Is a Book?" Tour of Tutt
Library immediately following.

Saturday, February 16 at 1:00

Tutt Library of Colorado
College, 1021 N Cascade

Cost: Free

Space is limited, so first come,
first served.

Please rsvp to
cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com

See page 8 for more
information.

February 2

SAVE THE DATE!

**AAUW Colorado Public Policy
Day: "Diversity, Equity,
Inclusion: Engaging Members
for Action"**

February 2, 8:30 a.m.-2:30
p.m., Holiday Inn Denver
Lakewood, Lakewood CO.

Keynote by Dr. Nita Mosby
Tyler, Chief Catalyst &
Founder of The Equity Project,
LLC

Lobby Corps Report on State
Legislation

See page 2 for more info.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new year is full of promise. It is a time to set goals for the future and reflect on the past. Our AAUW Branch works on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30, so our year is only half over. The first half of our year has more than met expectations because of the hard work of our members and the board.

It is disappointing that we had to cancel the January branch meeting with the National Cybersecurity Center as our program, but there are many wonderful branch programs scheduled for the rest of the year. The details of the February 16th meeting at the Tutt Library on the Colorado College Campus are in this newsletter.

We want to welcome our new Public Policy Director Audrey McGuire.

February 2, is the State Public Policy meeting at the Holiday Inn in Lakewood. Go to the State website aauw-co.aauw.net for the details and registration. The cost is \$45.00 and the deadline is Monday, January 28th. We are putting together some car pools, so please contact me if you are interested in carpooling or have any other questions about this event. My email is njholt11@hotmail.com. Call or text me at 405-880-1277.

Best wishes in the New Year,
Nancy

2018-2019 AAUW Board

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Vice Presidents of Programs: Pip Bodkin

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Southwest Studies Holiday Party

SW Studies women arrived at Posada del Sol clubhouse, hosted by Jan Zellmer, resident of the community, greeted at the door, given a fancy nametag, directed to the tree to place their exchange gifts and then to the bar. Tended by Salinda Kuzma and Frieda Dunlap, they were offered their choice of "Western Mules" aka Moscow Mules, sarsaparilla, ginger beer or water.

Once they received their drinks, they turned to join the group where Nancy Winston had transformed the rooms into a Western Holiday setting. The magic of the West emerged with bandana table covers, antique western hardware; horseshoes, wagon wheel, saddle, antique hardware. Attendees dressed up in festive western attire, gathered in circles, and animated conversations filled every available space in the room. Jean Little laid out a spread fit for a chuck wagon gathering, catered by Rudy's Barbeque.

Following lunch, we gathered around the tree and exchanged/stole an amazing array of Western Christmas gifts. The biggest hits of the exchange were the two Cowboy Nutcrackers brought by two different members, each stolen until they were "retired". Holiday cheer and AAUW camaraderie and good cheer in anticipation of our Wild West: From a Woman's Perspective theme for the upcoming year.



A Huge Branch Thank You! [From Elizabeth Leslie](#)

As 2018 comes to the end, I want to let everybody know how thankful and grateful I am for each of you! The Silent Auction on Author's Day sent the strong message that the Branch is truly dedicated to supporting women with scholarship money for their education! The Silent Auction and Door Prizes yielded \$4337 this year and featured 82 items, donated by our members or contacts of our members, including the door prizes. We sold all but a few items.

Thank you to every member, all the Interest Groups, the Author's Day committee and each contributor. The sale included experiences, fine art, Country Club amenities and hand-made items, and nearly everybody could find something!

A special thank you to Eunice, Lois, Pip, Jean, Frieda, Ginger and Kathryn Leslie for being on the Fundraising Committee! I really appreciate your time and talents that led to our success!

It is clear we are all dedicated to extending a hand up to the women in Colorado Springs through our Scholarship Fund. I have such gratitude for all the effort of time and money each of you put forth for our new record high for the Branch! Happy New Year!

New Interest Group - History of Jazz

When: 2nd Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. (except Jan. 2019)

Dates: 1/15, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14 (5-months)

Location: Piano Warehouse, 120 W. Cucharras St.
January 15th, Penrose Library (downtown), the Penrose Aspen room.
February 12, The Tim Gill Center, our PBS Branch.

Leader: Dr. Abe Minzer

AAUW contact: Kathy Olson, kathrynlolson@msn.com (for reservations)

Textbook: "Jazz" by Scott Deveaux and Gary Giddins, written in 2009.
This early edition is available at Amazon, starting at \$5.00 for used good condition,
with many copies available for \$10, \$20. The second edition came out in 2015, ranges from \$55-
140.

Abe Minzer earned a master's degree in Piano Performance from the Peabody Conservatory, a doctorate in music at West Virginia University, and has taught at Goucher College in Baltimore, MD. He plays concerts throughout the US and has appeared as soloist in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major with the Pittsburgh Symphony. Abe Minzer teaches piano, music history and music theory at University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Also, Dr. Minzer is on the faculty at Pikes Peak Community College where he teaches Private Piano, Group Piano, Music Theory, serves as staff pianist/accompanist, and is head of the Piano Department. Dr. Abe Minzer often performs works of living composers, including world premieres of compositions by Sylvia Hazlerig, Jorge Cardoso, Jim Bosse and Ofer Ben-Amots. For more information on Abe Minzer - CDs, samples, reviews and comments, please visit: <http://abeminzer.com>

SCRIP CARDS

Thank you grocery card users. Our fall rebate from Kings Soopers was \$350. Looking forward for a lucrative winter rebate from both Kings Soopers and Safeway for our contribution to local scholarship and AAUW Funds.

I have reloadable cards on hand, so call me with your order. I will be glad to help. Remember you will be helping Local Scholarship, LAF, and the Judith Sanderson Fellowship.

Candy Crumb 633-9917 AAUW Fund Director

Interest Groups

Please send your input NLT January 18, 2018 for the February 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. There are four groups who play on the days they have agreed upon once a month. Interested in starting another group or being a sub, let me know. Any skill level is welcome. C. Lois Boschee, loisbos68@gmail.com

Mondays

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

01/7/19	TBA - Volunteer needed	
01/14/19	Perry Park – Back 40	Marilyn Parker
01/21/19	Santa Fe Trail/Palmer Lake	Lois Boschee
01/28/19	Palmer Park	Joan Skoog

Tuesdays

January 1, Tech Group: is not meeting this month. See you in February. Chair: Shirlea Griswold, sunni773x8@outlook.com 719-337-2886.

January 8. (The 1st Tues is New Years Day, so we'll meet on the 8th instead.) , VISUAL ARTS, 1:30, Tim Gill Center, 315 E Costilla. "Xu Beihong - the World Famous Artist You Probably Never Heard Of!" presented by Sandy Halby. RSVP to Cindi Zenkert-Strange, cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com.

January 8, READERS POTPOURRI 1:00 p.m. C: Margaret Miller, fergst41@yahoo.com, 719-641-4710. Book: *The Second Mrs. Hockaday* by Susan Rivers. Hostess/Leader Jan McKenzie, *RSVP* 719-597-7161, janzie18@msn.com

January 8, DINNER BOOK CLUB: Nedra Engelson, 574-5274, nengelson@aol.com, 5:45 p.m. The book is *Destiny of the Republic* by Candace Millard. We will meet at Wyatt's Pub & Grill, 806 Village Center Drive, 80919. Dixie Gordan will lead the discussion. Please contact Dixie at 405-514-4916 or dixie1@q.com to make a reservation.

January TBD, MORNING GLORY BOOK CLUB, TBD Contact: Connie Higgins 265-5954.

January 22, UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS): C: Wynn Weidner, Hostess: Susan Wright

2019 GREAT DECISIONS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Each year, the Federal Policy Association puts out a Briefing Book on the 8 most pressing global topics facing the country. Participation in the group includes reading the chapter on the topic to be discussed at each meeting then watching a twenty minute DVD on the topic prior to breaking into groups for discussion.

The topics are 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 State and Mexico: Partnership Tested, State of the State Department and Diplomacy The 2019 Great Decisions Group will start meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

The group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday during the months of February, March, April and May from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Pikes Peak Library District-East Library. A complete schedule of meeting dates will be provided to participants post registration. Briefing Books are \$30.00 plus shipping. If you are interested in joining registering, please provide your email address and phone number to Jeanette Minniti at jeanetteminniti@gmail.com or call 719-481-3230.

Wednesdays

January 9, SOUTHWEST STUDIES - 1:30pm - Location: Tim Gill Center, 315 E Costilla. Topic: The History and Significance of Estes Park with Feature on Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, Isabella Bird. Presented by: Jeanne Marsh and friends. Set up: Barbara Potter and Jan Zellmer.

January 8, LUNCHEON NOVEL I TBD. Chair: Georgina Burns, georgina.b1@juno.com and Sally Mathewson.

January 16, 2019 , LUNCHEON NOVEL II, 11:45am Will meet at the home of June Hallenbeck 115 Dolomite Drive to discuss Jefferson's Daughters.

January 16, AFTERNOON READERS: The Woman in Cabin 10. Contact Jana Burr 201-8072; jkbmtb@comcast.net

January 16, 5:00 pm, EVENING CONNECTIONS THROUGH TOPICS - meet at Manitou Brewing Company 725 Manitou Avenue. Enjoy a brewery tour with founder and co-owner, Kevin LeGrande followed by pay-as-you-go dinner. RSVP by January 9th to Marilyn Feaster aauw1719@gmail.com

January 23, CHOCOLATE LOVERS: 11:30 a.m. Lunch at The French Kitchen, 4771 N. Academy. RSVP to Georgina Burns, georgina.b1@juno.com, 598-7773.

Thursdays

January TBD, WOMEN WHO WRITE: 9:30 a.m. Chair: Melanie Hudson, 205-7639, heartdesire310@gmail.com. Please contact Melanie for location and other information.

January 10 CHAPTER & VERSE WRITING GROUP: 1:00 pm. Chair: Janet Condit 277-7590, jjcondit@msn.com; Co-chair: Caroline Vulgamore, 520-5365, hvulgamore@gmail.com; Hostess: Kathy Brandt, 950 Big Valley Drive, 332-2458, kbrandt@coloradocollege.edu.

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

January 4, EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES 10:00am Location: East Library, Room E1. Book to be discussed: (National Mentoring Month - All Pikes Peak Reads 2018) The Newcomers: Finding Refuge, Friendship and Hope in an American Classroom by Helen Thorpe. Co-Chairs: Eunice Ciaccio euninco.11@comcast.net & Janet Friedberg janetfriedberg@comcast.net.

January 18, LOCAL HISTORY, 1:00. NOTE TIME CHANGE. C: Judy Casey, jdcasey1@me.com, We are featuring a walking tour of Fountain Valley School, including the historic chapel, led by Dean Emory. H: Elizabeth Leslie. Contact her for parking details. elizabiz0125@gmail.com

Saturdays

January 19, FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE (FOG) chair: Jeanne Marsh, 590-7237, jmarsh@pcisys.net
Hosted by Janet and Jim Condit, 2335 Marston Heights, 277-7590, 6:00 p.m.

Second Annual Ladies of Luncheon of Laughter

The AAUW Colorado Springs Branch held its second annual Ladies Luncheon of Laughter on Saturday, November 17th at the Deerfield Hills Community Center. The event is part of the Community Outreach program where the AAUW members sponsor lunch for ladies in the SE section of Colorado Springs. The SE has become a focus for the city to improve health, safety, education and opportunities for the residents of this area.

Our Speaker, Regina English a SE resident, presented an excellent talk on "Maximizing the present before it becomes a Memory". In addition to interactive activities causing much laughter among the 50 participants led by our own Phyllis Sperber, there were the sharing of ideas, meeting potential new members, learning about special projects in and for the SE, and many new acquaintances made. Another great example of promoting the Mission of AAUW.

Paula Munger and Janet Friedberg
VP's for Community Outreach



Saturday, February 16 AAUW Branch Meeting

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When: Saturday, February 16 at 1:00

Where: Tutt Library of Colorado College, 1021 N Cascade

Cost: Free

Space is limited, so first come, first served.

Please RSVP to cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com

Free Parking: Feb 16th is during CC's Block Break, so parking should not be an issue. Please use the Colorado College lot at the ne corner of Cascade and Uintah (enter off Uintah) On the parking map, it's the bright green area on the east side of Uintah.

<https://www.coloradocollege.edu/offices/parking/parking-lot-map.html>

“What Is a Book?”

It's a simple question, but with fascinating answers that contradict many of our preconceived notions. Curator Jessy Randall will show materials from Special Collections at Colorado College that address this question, including a 4000-year-old cuneiform, a medieval codex, a leaf from a Gutenberg Bible, and a book made of glass. Attendees will have the opportunity to see and handle many of these items, as well as tour the state-of-the-art Tutt Library facility which opened in 2017.

Jessy Randall is the Curator of Special Collections at Colorado College, a position she has held since 2001. Every two years, she co-teaches a course in The History and Future of the Book. She is also a writer. Her most recent book is *How to Tell If You Are Human*, a collection of visual poems made from diagrams and other illustrations in old library books.



VISUAL ARTS January 8 Program

"Xu Beihong – the World Famous Artist You Probably Never Heard Of!" presented by Sandy Halby.

Xu Beihong is one of the most famous artists in China and is well known throughout Asia, Russia, and Europe, but practically unheard of in the United States. He is probably most famous for his "Galloping Horses" painting, but his talents went far beyond inkbrush and traditional Chinese art. After the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, he served as the President of the Central Academy of Fine Arts and Chairman of the Chinese Artists' Association. We'll take a look at his life, his work, and his continuing

Save the date: **Feb 5. 1:30 Mark Arnest**, local pianist, composer and writer, will share the legacy of his father, the nationally recognized artist, Bernard Arnest.

RSVP to Cindi Zenkert-Strange, cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com.

Membership



We welcome a new member for December

Bethann Woods

Beth Woods is retired from the University of Texas at Austin. Having served 25 years at the university, retirement came at the early age of 53. The mountains were calling and she decided that she must go. She and her husband Larry moved to Colorado Springs six months ago. They enjoy hiking, biking, and kayaking. Beth graduated from Oklahoma State University.

Please extend a warm welcome to Bethann!

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



Save the Date!

Join us at the 9th annual International Woman's Day Celebration, held annually in Colorado Springs on the 1st Saturday in March. Enjoy a gourmet breakfast buffet and a program featuring women who will honor, inspire and challenge us to continue our advocacy for women throughout the Pikes Peak Region and globally/

This year's theme: **Planet 50/50 by 2030**
Advocates Transforming Women's Lives

What: 9th Annual International Women's Day Celebration

When: Sat. March 2, 2019 9AM-12:30PM

Place: The Pinery at the Hill, 775 W. Bijou St.

Sponsored locally by: **American Association of University Women**, League of Women Voters, Rocky Mountain Women's Film Institute, Southern Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce, Women's Educational Society, Women's Resource Agency, Zonta International.

Click the button below for all the details and purchase your tickets now!

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