



COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH



AAUW President-elect Kathryn Olson, right, listens to the History of jazz lecture as member Sherri Bristol reviews books about jazz by author Edward A. Berlin.

- Photo by William J. Dagendesh

May

New Members!

Please welcome all of our new members at every event you attend! AAUW Colorado Springs is increasing at a fast clip!

See page 8 for more info.

Also, to entice you and our newest members there are two new proposed interest groups for you to check out!

See page 4 for more info.

May 18

Scholarship Luncheon

Join us at our annual Scholarship banquet at the Patty Jewett Clubhouse on May 18.

Meet the 6 new Scholarship students and WELCOME our new Board members for 2019-20! Kathryn's theme will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the constitutional right of Women to Vote, in 2020!"

It is thanks to your generous donations, through Author's Day, book sales, and scholarship contributions, that we are able to offer these scholarship funds.

See page 9 for more info.

Ongoing

Annual Membership Renewal

It's that time of year...

Re-up your membership in AAUW and AAUW Colorado Springs!

You'll have the opportunity to do so at the Scholarship Luncheon,

And as always - online!

See page 4 for more info.

President's Message!

I hope everyone saw the email from Kim Churches regarding the national vote. You should have received it on April 1. Candy Crumb reminded us at the board meeting that it is very important to vote. The email came to my junk file, so you might want to check there. If you don't find it, you can go to the national website to access it.

We had a discussion regarding email etiquette at the last Communications Committee. To avoid having our email inboxes full, we have the following suggestions:

Email Sender

- TO Line: Address to the people who need to respond on this line.
- CC Line: Address to the people for their information, but who don't need to respond.
- Subject Line: Clearly state the subject.
- Message: Keep the message as short as possible.
- Reply All: The sender should indicate if they want the recipients to reply all. This should only be done if the group is small. They should also indicate if there no reply is necessary.

Email Recipient

- Respond to the email as soon as possible if the email is TO you.
- Recipients on the CC Line is for information only, and a response is not necessary. Pay attention to who is on the CC Line before forwarding.
- Don't use Reply All unless the sender requests it.

Best to all,
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

Branch Fundraising Chair: Elizabeth Leslie

Communications Director: Kathy Tapia-Griego

Interest Group Coordinator: Pip Bodkin

Local Scholarship Chair: Char Gagne

Public Policy Director: Audrey McGuire

Assistants to the Board

Hospitality Chair: Nedra Engelson

Archivist: Eunice Ciaccio

Directory Editor: Chris Toth

Newsletter Editor: Laura Gross

State & National By-Laws Liaison: Candy Crumb

Virtual Communications Coordinator:

Brenda Wolfe

Web Site Administrator: Pauleta Terven

COS Branch Slate of Officers

Election shall be held at the Annual Branch Meeting in May. Election shall be by a majority vote of those voting.

AAUW Elected Officers/Executive Committee 2019-2020

President: Kathryn Olson

President Elect: Pam Maier

Treasurer: Jeanne Howard

Secretary: Marilyn Parker

V. Presidents of Community Programs: Gwen Weddington & Janet Friedberg

V. Presidents of Programs: Marian Phelps & Sarah Stowell

Nominating Committee Members:

Phyllis Sperber (Chair), Janet Friedberg, Yvonne Livengood, Pip Bodkin, Frieda Dunlap and Jean Little

ANNUAL GERANIUM SALE!

SALE DATE: May 11, 2019
9:00 - 4:00

3214 Larkspur Drive

Colors available: **Red - True Pink - Salmon - White** Cost: \$8.00 per plant

As in past years, you can reserve your order by calling me at 633-9917. If the date is a problem for you, call me and I will arrange a pick-up time that better suits you. I will be getting the plants on the 8th of May. Again as in the past, I really appreciate being advised early for big orders.

Candy Crumb, Funds Director 719-633-9917

Changes Coming to the King Soopers Reloaded Card Program

We were informed by King Soopers that they will be changing their community fundraising donations program starting April 1st. More details will follow in next month's newsletter as to how to register going forward. Please note that after April 1st, there will be no benefit to reloading the gift cards. So, please do one last reload by the end of the month to maximize our last rebate from the gift cards.

Thank you - Candace Crumb

ATTENTION MEMBERS - Membership Renewals 2019 - 2020

AAUW branch members exemplify leadership and teamwork in our local communities and we are honored that you continue to be an integral part of these efforts. Together, we can lead in advancing equity for women and girls by ensuring your investment supports our education and training leadership and economic security programs for all women.

It's time to renew your AAUW membership. As an AAUW member whose branch participates in the Membership Payment Program (MPP), you will be paying all of your dues - branch, state, and national - at once.

There are two ways to renew.

- 1) To renew online: You will receive an email with a link. Click on that link to pay.
- 2) To renew by check: Make your check payable to AAUW, and mail it to: Jeanne Howard

*Your membership now covers you through June 30, 2020.

AAUW remains committed to making real change happen and seeing the day when inequity is a thing of the past... and we are counting on you being part of that goal.

Thank you for your support in making real change happen! Melanie Hudson

Proposed New Interest Groups

1. BICYCLING Interest Group.

A. I am proposing to start a bicycling group to meet on an agreed upon day for social rides in the local area. The exact nature of the group will be determined by the participants, but I envision a weekday evening ride in the fair weather months, perhaps ending at an outdoor patio establishment featuring refreshing beverages. Alternately, rides could be scheduled during a weekday, and feature some of the fine coffee establishments in the region. You can help design the new group.

B. I suggest interested persons contact me so we can discover who and how many members are interested. If there is a kernel of a group, then I suggest we meet to discuss our preferences on **May 22 at 6pm**. Place to be determined by the size of the group. Contact Kate: Skrapgirl@hotmail.com, please indicate the level of riding you do, type of bike(s) i.e road, mountain, hybrid, and if you can meet in person to discuss this on the 23rd.

2. TED TALKS Interest Group

TED Talks, Technology, Entertainment, & Design-- these are talks designed to help you learn something new, broaden your perspective, explore what's possible... I propose the establishment of a new group to meet monthly on Thursday evening to watch one or two TED Talks and discuss the ideas after viewing, while enjoying a glass of wine. This is the modern version of a Book Club, but you do not have to read anything in advance! Just show up, watch and talk. The subjects of the talks are myriad, and at our initial meeting, we will discuss how to select future TED Talks to view. Meetings to be held in member homes with space limited to TV room size.

I plan to host the first AAUW TED TALK group in my home on **May 23 at 7pm**. The first 10 members to RSVP will comprise our inaugural group. Interested? RSVP to Kate, Skrapgirl@hotmail.com

Interest Groups

Please send your input NLT May 18, 2019 for the June 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 I'm very much hoping that we'll have a good turnout for the planning meeting. Please start thinking about hikes you'd like to see on the schedule and any you'd like to lead. if you are new to the group, don't worry about signing up just yet, but do come to the meeting, it's a great way to meet the group, especially those that don't hike on a regular basis.

04/29/19	Cheyenne Mountain SP	Yvonne Livengood
05/6/19	Spruce Mtn Open Space (rescheduled	Pip Bodkin
05/13/19	Blodgett and Planning Mtg	Pam Maier
05/20/19	Castlewood Canyon SP	Jeanne Allen or
05/20/19	Monument Preserve	Gini Simonson
5/27/19	No hike - Memorial Day	

Tuesdays

May 7, TECH GROUP, 9:30 - 11:30, Chair: Shirlea Griswold, sunni773x8@outlook.com 719-337-2886. We will meet at the home of Chris Edgar, 2018 Flintlock Terr. E., phone:598-4634, email: cholmedgar@gmail.com

May 7, VISUAL ARTS,1:30, Contact: Cindi Zenkert-Strange, cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com.

May 7 & 21, GREAT DECISIONS, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, East Library. Chair: Jeanette Minniti at jeanetteminniti@gmail.com or call 719-481-3230.

May 14, READERS POTPOURRI 1:00 p.m. C: Margaret Miller, fergst41@yahoo.com, 719-641-4710
Book: *Jefferson's Daughters* by Catherine Kerrison. Hostess/Leader Barbara Potter, RSVP 719-208-2903

May 14, THE HISTORY OF JAZZ, 1:30 p.m., with Dr. Abe Minzer, meet at the National Music Syndicate, 2105 Academy Circle, 80909. RSVP to Kathy Olson, kathrynlolson@msn.com

May 14, DINNER BOOK CLUB: Nedra Engelson, 574-5274, nengelson@aol.com, 5:45 p.m. The book selection is Beartown by Fredrik Backman. We will meet at Mimi's Cafe at 7133 N. Academy, Mo Sigler will lead the discussion. Please contact Mo at mosigler24@gmail.com.

May 28, MORNING GLORY BOOK CLUB, 10:00 a.m., Black River by S.M. Hulse, Hosted by Kathleen Borelli, kathleenborrelli@yahoo.com

May 28, UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS), 1:00 p.m., C: Wynn Weidner, Hostess: Wynn Weidner

Wednesdays

May 8, SOUTHWEST STUDIES, 1:30 p.m., Location: Tim Gill Center, East Room, 315 E Costilla. Set up: Marge Zimmerman & Cindi Zenkert-Strange. Topic: ALL THINGS STANLEY begins with the current Stanley Hotel arching back to the Stanley Brothers, Stanley steamer, and Stanley Kubrick. This Estes Park hotel has become an icon with character, personality, and a following - including a black bear that returned multiple times to sleep on the couch. A grand hotel, her journey continues with major ups, downs and drama as those who love her try to find the formula for financial stability. Presenter: Joan Williams. Co-Chairs: Jean Little, wjean1@gmail.com & Eunice Ciaccio, euninco.11@comcast.net.

May 15, LUNCHEON NOVEL I, 11:45 A.M. Chair: Georgina Burns, georgina.b1@juno.com and Sally Mathewson, mathewson3@juno.com Hostess: Pat Coleman @ Old Chicago at Austin Bluffs and Academy. Book: BLOOD ON THE TRACKS by Barbara Nickless.

May 15, LUNCHEON NOVEL TOO will meet at noon at the home of Jeanne Marsh 850 Timber Valley Road to discuss The Alice Network. Assisted by Paula and Diane. Respond to Jeanne (jmarsh@pcisys.net) Diane (druth2000@aol.com) or Paula (pjdmunger@aol.com) on or before May 12.

May 15, AFTERNOON READERS, 1:30 P.M. Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. Contact Sharon Rice 278-0981; srice43@comcast.net

May 22, 5:30 PM, EVENING CONNECTIONS THROUGH TOPICS- Meet at The Warehouse Restaurant, 25 Cimmaron Street. Carrie Ann Baade, Associate Professor of Painting and Drawing at Florida State University, professional artist (and Jan Jones' daughter) will speak about her art "Symbol, Myth, and Metaphor". RSVP to Marilyn Feaster aauw1719@gmail.com

May 22, CHOCOLATE LOVERS:11:30 a.m. Co-chairs: Ellie Solomon, 630-7465, elron3@juno.com & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228, mathewson3@juno.com Lunch at Hacienda Colorado, University Village, 5246 N. Nevada. Please RSVP to Dixie Gordon, dixieg1@q.com, 685-1113

Thursdays

WALKIE TALKIES: C: Marilyn Frydrych

May 2 Starsmore, Violet Sykora, sykoravss@gmail.com 719-650-5798

May 9 Cheyenne Mountain State Park, Marion Rich, marion530@icloud.com 719-650-1874

May 16 Monument Ruins, Pauleta Terven, pauletat@aol.com 719-722-6432 719-598-3020

May 23 Rockledge Ranch, Joann Oh, johanoh2@comcast.net 719-246-3479

May 30 Community Gardens 21st and West Rio Grande Ave., Joan Williams akjwill@gmail.com
719-632-0532 719-722-4955

May 2, WOMEN WHO WRITE, Join us for this writing Interest Group! We meet on the first Thursday of each month at homes of different volunteer members from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. There is light food and coffee. Our prompts are constructed by volunteers also. Members usually share their writing with the group, but it's voluntary. *To join our group or try us out, please call **Melanie Hudson 719-205-7639***

May 9: 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: Bonnetta Heck, 1712 Wood Avenue, COS; boheck1@msn.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

May 3, EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES, 10:00am. Location: East Library Room E1. Book to be discussed: (Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month) I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai. The story of how a young education activist survived a Taliban bullet. Co-Chairs: Janet Friedberg janetfriedberg@comcast.net and Eunice Ciaccio euninco.11@comcast.net.

May 17, LOCAL HISTORY, 10:15 am, Ghost Town, 21st St. & Hwy. 24. \$6.50 fee. Guided tour of the museum plus explanation of the roundhouse by Mel McFarland, Midland Railroad authority. Optional lunch at Colorado Mountain Brewery. C: Judie Werschky, judiewer@aol.com; RSVP: Georgina Burns, georgina.b1@juno.com

May 17, FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE (aka "FOG") 6:00 p.m.

Renée Barall will be serving a main course- either fish or poultry
Please bring additional main course, appetizer or dessert to share,
plus a beverage of your choice

She will initially limit this to the first 20, but will open for additional FOG celebrants if the weather is predicted to be good and she may seat people outside.

RSVP no later than May 14 to

Renée Barall
5415 Wilson Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80919
H: (719) 590-6253
C: (719) 440-5195

Colorado College Annual History Day

On February 23rd, 2019, our local AAUW branch participated in the annual History Day at Colorado College. We awarded two \$25-dollar awards to junior-level exhibits that displayed a high quality of research and presentation. The awards are presented to students whose history projects are relevant to AAUW's mission to promote equity and education for women and girls.

The award for a group project was presented to Morgan Sanders, Juliette Collins, and Lacie Wright. Their exhibit discussed the impact of the Salem Witch Trials on women in the late 1600s. The winner in the individual category was Abby Cvar, whose history project demonstrated the achievements of Harriet Tubman, who rescued slaves during the civil war and later worked to promote women's suffrage. All of this year's winners of the AAUW awards are students at Janitell Junior High School.

(Submitted by Jan Condit)

Welcome New Members!



Please extend a hearty welcome to :

Schon Beechler

Cathy Kleinsmith

Kate Hall

Maria Lopez

Elizabeth Magoon

Nancy McCaffrey

Florence McNally

Jana Murdock

Joan Pierce

Janet Riley

Carolyn Shaw

Vicky Taylor - McNally

Karen Trujillo

Kathleen Hartman

Patricia McKay

Wendy Gray

Melanie Hudson



ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Time: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Place: Patty Jewett Golf Clubhouse
900 East Espanola Street 80907

Menu: Southern Comfort

Price: \$26.00

RSVP: by May 11

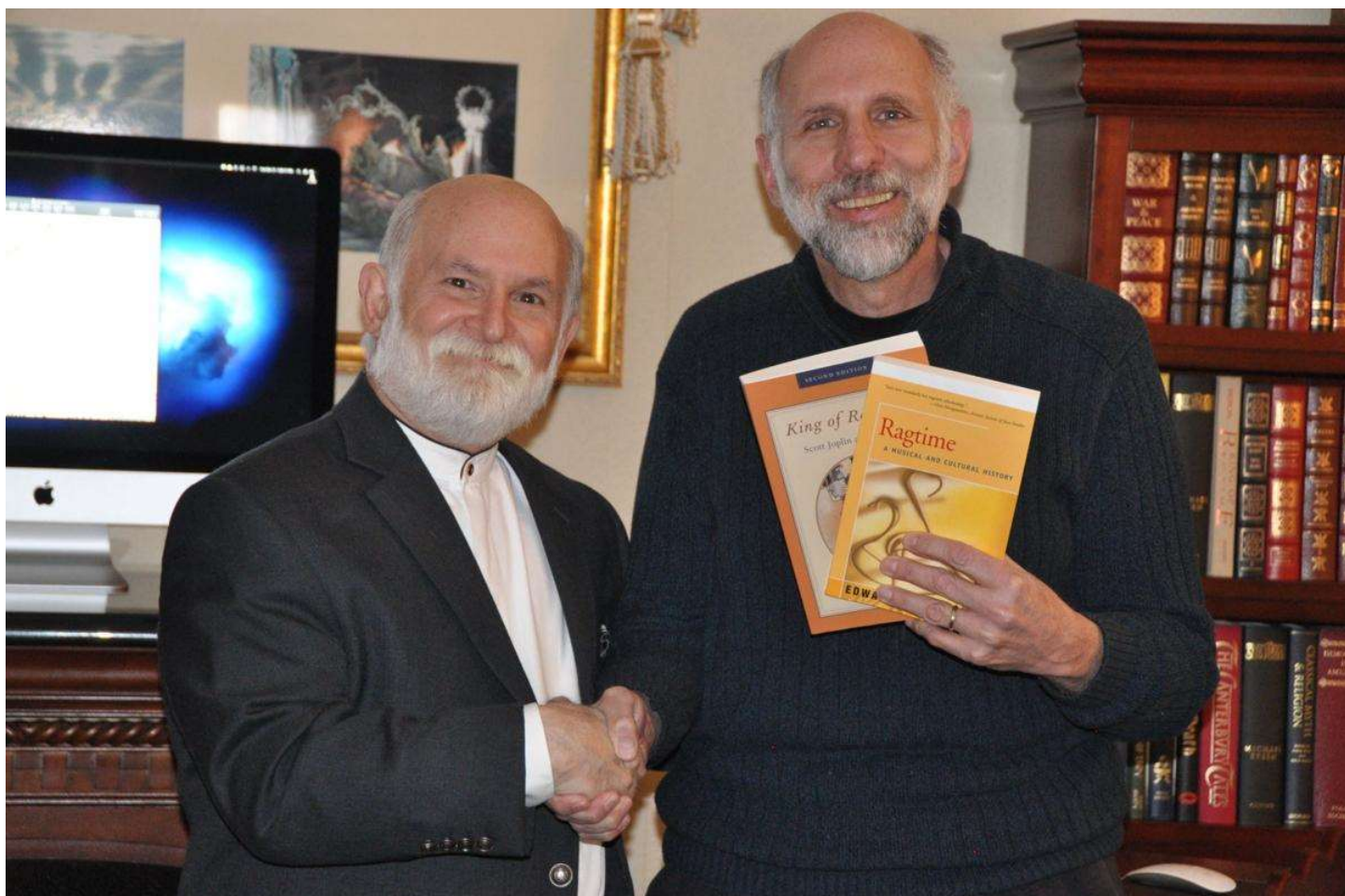
Pay: make checks payable to Colorado Springs AAUW and mail to:
Jeanne Marsh
850 Timber Valley Road
Colorado Springs CO 80919

Come meet our newest scholars and hear about their remarkable lives. This will also be the day to vote for the new officers and executive board, as well as a chance to meet and greet one another - some quality time to celebrate "us" !

NOTE: This year it will be possible for you to renew your membership when you pick up your name tag for the program - you can use your credit card or write us a check !

Colorado Springs AAUW holds History of Jazz class

- By: William J. Dagendesh
- Feb 27, 2019



At left, Phil Erklen, founder/chief executive officer of the International Music/CCC Music Company, presented pianist and music instructor Abe Minzer with books authored and signed by jazz expert Edward A. Berlin. Photo by William J. Dagendesh

Music instructor Abe Minzer spoke to members of the Colorado Springs American Association of University Women during their recent History of Jazz class.

Elizabeth Leslie loves everything about jazz.

Whether working in a jazz-themed bar, attending concerts or visiting with musicians, Leslie can't get enough of jazz and will go to great lengths to learn all she can about the medium, she said.

“This class is a great opportunity to learn all I can about jazz. I hope to one day hear jazz artists perform at New Orleans’ annual Mardi Gras festival,” Leslie said.

Held Jan. 12 at the International Music Syndicate, the Colorado Springs American Association of University Women-sponsored History of Jazz class touched on the history and evolution of this popular art form. About 15 AAUW members attended the 1-hour class taught by renowned classically-trained pianist and music instructor Abe Minzer.

Always looking to expand the organization’s cultural interest groups, CS AAUW President-elect Kathryn Olson recommended adopting a music education format for members.

“I grew up in a musical family so music is important in my life. Now, I wanted a musical focus for members,” Olson said. “We want to keep growing (and) I hope to expand the awareness of CS AAUW in the community.”

Olson searched their organization’s directory for possible teacher candidates only to discover CS AAUW didn’t have a music theory or performance member. That’s when Olson, who had attended Minzer’s Classically Alive Salon Series concerts, asked the maestro to meet with AAUW members.

“After explaining what CS AAUW was all about, I invited him to teach a class and he suggested a class on jazz,” Olson said.

Following welcome remarks Phil Erklen, founder/chief executive officer of the International Music/CCC (Contemporary Composers Circle) Music Company presented Minzer with two books authored and signed by ragtime/jazz expert Edward A. Berlin.

The books, “Ragtime - a musical and cultural history,” and “King of Ragtime - Scott Joplin and his era” delve into the history of jazz.

“I know Ed (Berlin) and have known Abe for 20 years. I thought these books would be appropriate because Abe is always doing wonderful things for music,” Erklen said.

Following Erklen’s remarks, Minzer talked about jazz beginnings, evolution and rhythm. He discussed harmonic, modal and soloist improvisation, and melodic paraphrase, the latter paraphrasing or embellishing a melody while keeping the melody recognizable. He also discussed how jazz bands vary in member quantity and the style of jazz it plays.

AAUW members were surprised to learn that Minzer plays concerts nationwide, teaches piano, music history and music theory at University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He is Piano Department head at Pikes Peak Community College, and created the nonprofit Shine Nation to fund musical theatre productions in Harrison School District.

The Classically Alive concert series features diverse monthly house concerts designed to provide an opportunity for guests to socialize and mingle with musicians. Since its inception in 2006, Classically Alive has presented more than 160 concerts offering an eclectic collection of classical, contemporary, jazz, popular styles and world music.

Minzer holds a master’s degree in piano performance from Peabody Conservatory and a doctorate in music at West Virginia University. “My older brother is a jazz pianist whereas I am a classically-trained pianist. I love to teach music and am delighted to be here today,” Minzer said.

Of the class, AAUW member Marian Phelps said, “I took music theory when I was in high school, was lead clarinetist and participated in a small dance band in upstate New York, so I am excited to hear this presentation.”

Established in 1881, the AAUW is the oldest women’s U.S. organization, designed to promote equity for all females, life-long education, and positive societal change. CS AAUW welcomes new members and guests can visit twice before joining the organization.

“As our branch is a growing entity, we need more interest groups. Our continuing education theme is a valuable component of our branch,” Olson said.

The History of Jazz is taught monthly. To learn more about dates and time, contact AAUW Membership Chair Melanie Hudson at heartdesire310@gmail.com. For more information on Minzer, visit abeminzer.com.

