



## COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH



### Announcements

#### **AAUW Work Smart**

AAUW needs your assistance to train up the membership nationwide on Salary Negotiation by August 23.

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#### **Technical Assistance!**

Do you need help with your King Soopers card or accessing the Branch Directory online? Well come to the Welcome Coffee! Your fellow tech proficient members will be on hand to assist you.

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September 28

#### **September Branch Meeting**

##### Welcome Coffee

Please plan on attending our annual Welcome Coffee. We have a wonderful program and lots of your morning favorites for breakfast buffet. Bring a friend!

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October 26

#### **Authors Day**

Our annual Authors Day will be held October 26 at the Shriner's Club.

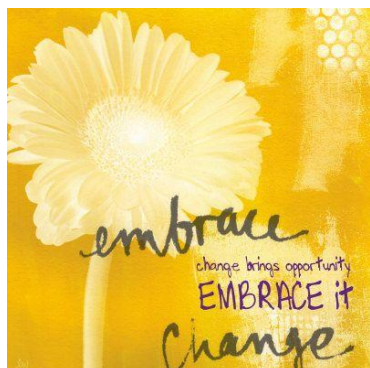
This is a major fundraiser for our Local Scholarship Program.

We will not be accepting used or regifted items this year.

We will be accepting: Themed gift baskets, Fine antiques and collectables, Gift cards for activities or restaurants, tickets to events: concerts or sporting events, & etc.

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## President's Message



The upcoming membership year presents our Branch with many opportunities to embrace to advance the AAUW mission.

- Embrace Technology to advance outreach and increase efficiencies.
- Embrace the potential to increase our Scholarship offerings with grants and donations that a 501c-3 structure can bring us.
- Embrace growth of our members with the talents and resources this brings to our Branch.

Kathy Olson  
CS AAUW President 2019-20

## 2019-2020 AAUW Colorado Springs Branch

### Elected Officers/Executive Committee/Board Members

President:	Kathryn Olson	<a href="mailto:kathrynlolson@msn.com">kathrynlolson@msn.com</a>
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	Sarah Stowell	<a href="mailto:slgstowell@gmail.com">slgstowell@gmail.com</a>

## Membership



Please welcome the following new members!

Barbara Hensel

Dr. Susan Rae Jensen

**Melanie Hudson, Membership VP: 719-205-7639**

## Kings Sooper Loyalty Cards

Great news, Colorado Springs AAUW was approved. It is super easy to register your Rewards card to become a loyalty card.

Go to [KingsSoopers.com](http://KingsSoopers.com) then take your rewards card and look at the number on the back and follow the directions on the web site. Then scroll down to the Colorado Springs AAUW and click there so that your purchases will be attributed to our branch. Just a few more questions and you are finished. What an easy way to contribute to Local Scholarship and National Funds.

Contact Candy Crumb if you have more questions.

633-9917 or [dccrumb02@aol.com](mailto:dccrumb02@aol.com)

If you do not have a rewards card and want to shop at King Soopers and contribute through your groceries, request a rewards card at the customer service desk.

## **2019 AAUW COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH NAMES HONORED RECIPIENTS**

The Names Honored award is an opportunity for the organization to recognize outstanding Branch members. We have many active members who bring their time and talent to fulfilling the AAUW mission and for that we extend a big thank you. Your continuing commitment makes our organization successful and rewarding. As in the past with so many wonderful, accomplished women in our organization; we couldn't narrow our selection down to just one, so again this year we're honoring 2 outstanding women.

**Paula Munger:** Paula served as President in 2017-2018 and served on the Board as Co-Vice President of Community Programs and Co Vice President of Programs and numerous committees. She was a driving force in establishing our annual Community Outreach program. Currently Paula is serving as co-chair of Communications at the State level and soon to be President-elect of the State AAUW. Life outside of AAUW you will find Paula a life-long educator, who brought Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to Colorado Springs, which provides a free book monthly to registered preschool students; she is a Founder of Front Porch Giving Circle, an organization that provides funds for nonprofit organizations and serves on many other committees in the community.

Thank you, Paula, for all you do!

**Nedra Engleson.** Nedra served as President in 2015-2016 and has continued to serve on the Board as Hospitality Chair. Over the years Nedra has served as Secretary, served on the Author's Day Committee numerous years, as well as Finance Committee, Membership Committee and Program Committee with many other service commitments too numerous to list. Life outside of AAUW you will find Nedra also serving as a deacon at her church and a leader in the Concern Class. She has served as treasurer of the Opera League and has travelled with them. She is very active in her Delta Gamma Sorority and works with the Collegiate Chapter on the CC Campus. Our many thanks, Nedra, for everything you do for the AAUW.

Sincerely,

Frieda Dunlap, Chairperson, 2019 Names Honored Committee  
Committee members: Lois Boschee, Candy Crumb, Pam Maier



**Meet the challenge! We need your help to reach the intermediate goal of getting 100,000 women trained in salary negotiation by August 23, 2019.** Meeting this challenge will qualify AAUW to receive part of the grant funds from the Coca-Cola Foundation supporting this program. It is also an important milestone to reach the final goal for 10 million women to be trained in salary negotiation by 2022.

AAUW issued a “**Members Mobilize a Million**” challenge, asking each member to share the course with at least 20 people in their network in order to reach this goal. AAUW’s priority is to get as many people as possible to take the online Work Smart course so we can meet our goal – and continue our overall mission of closing the gender wage gap — hopefully before 2030.

AAUW’s Work Smart online module is free and is based on the best research on how to best navigate the complexity of job offers and promotions. Participants learn life changing skills on how to research fair and equitable salaries and benefits in their fields (and geographic areas) and to clearly tout the skills and experience they bring to the table. Participants also learn the precise words and tactics to use when negotiating, all of which helps build the necessary confidence to negotiate a fair salary or promotion.

**We are asking every Branch member to help meet the 100,000 challenge! By August 23<sup>rd</sup> please take the Work Smart online course and get your friends and colleagues to take it too.** If you're saying “I’m not looking for a job, I’m retired” this course will help you become an AAUW Work Smart advocate. You can help others by sharing our mission for Pay Equity and Closing the Gender Pay Gap with relatives, friends and colleagues.

You can access the Work Smart online training using this link to our website.

<https://coloradosprings-co.aauw.net/>

## IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING PUBLIC / BRANCH MEETINGS:

Our Colorado Springs Branch holds several key events during each year. The Branch Meetings are public events, and as such, are open to the public. This means that potential future members attend as guests. We encourage our members to attend these events, invite a guest, and support our local speakers and activities.

It's critical that our branch represent our power and numbers for the support of women, thus attracting new members. Some major Branch Meeting Events are: Membership Coffee (**September 28** - new members are invited to attend specifically, speakers ); **October:** Author's Day/ Silent Auction (popular book authors speak and Auction generates Scholarship funds: **December:** Holiday Luncheon (Members and a guest only); **May:** Scholarship Luncheon (Scholar recipients are honored, guest speakers).

Other months' meetings are TBA, so watch for these. Be sure to watch for posted events in our Newsletter and through E-Blasts! We hope to see lots of attendance and expect a fun and meaningful time this coming new year!

**\*\*\*\*\*TIP: [How to view our online AAUW Branch directory on your Smartphone!](#)**

Here's how you can add our monthly online directory as a bookmark/shortcut (also known as an "icon") to the homescreen on your smartphone. It's fast, easy and gives you the latest contact information for our growing membership and Interest Groups.

Below you will find the YouTube video clips with instructions on how to do this. If you already know how to do this...great!

Here's our website link you need to add as a bookmark/shortcut. It takes you directly to our protected Members Only page that shows the directory link to press/click to view.

<https://coloradosprings-co.aauw.net/info/members-only/>

→ **For iPhones use this YouTube link (skip ad):**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yVlaICIVz0>

→ **For Android phones (Samsung, Google Pixel, Motorola, etc.) use this YouTube link (skip ad):**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ToH6y72Ay4>

If you need help setting this up on your smartphone, attend the upcoming September 28th, Welcome Coffee at First Methodist Church where we will have members onsite to assist you.

Help us "Go Green"! Thank you for your continued membership and support!



BRING FRIENDS!

MEET NEW PEOPLE!



## Welcome Coffee

# Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

**CAPITAL SISTERS INTERNATIONAL  
PATRICIA HINNEN CEO GUEST SPEAKER**

**Location:**

First United Methodist Church  
420 N. Nevada Ave, Colo Spgs  
Parking and Entry is on Saint Vrain St.

**Program:** Free to everyone

8:30 AM Arrival  
9:00 AM Breakfast Buffet  
provided by AAUW Interest Groups  
9:30 AM Welcome by President Kathy Olson  
9:35 AM Introduction of our 2019-20 Board Members  
9:50 AM Introduction of Speaker by Char Gagne

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Interest Groups Mingle**

We will have tables set up with all our Interest Group Leaders

A handout will be provided with a brief overview about each group and their meeting times.

Everyone will then have a chance to ask questions, Visit the group leaders and sign up.

Prospective members may join at this, or any branch meeting for the special price of \$64.50

**RSVP to: Jeanne Marsh by September 21st**

Email: [jmarsh@ncisvs.net](mailto:jmarsh@ncisvs.net)  
Cell: 719-229-1708  
Home: 719-590-7237

**AAUW Welcome Coffee. Sat., Sept. 28**  
**First United Methodist Church, 420 N Nevada**  
**8:30-12:30**

**Attention all returning, new and prospective members (We're looking at YOU!)**

Each year, in September, the AAUW Welcome Coffee kicks off the year for the Colorado Springs branch with an opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new members and host guests who are considering AAUW membership.

Along with tasty breakfast treats and fantastic conversations, you'll have the opportunity to explore the rich range of interest groups available to members, from book clubs and bridge, to walkie-talkies and wine, and lots of choices in between. You'll receive a handout listing each interest group, with a description of the group and meeting dates/times/locations. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to visit at tables hosted by each of the interest groups to ask questions, make suggestions or sign up. So many choices, so little time!

As this is the first branch meeting of our AAUW year, we'll also hear from a dynamic speaker whose organization is active internationally in promoting economic empowerment for women. Patricia Foley Hinnen is founder and CEO of Golden, Colorado-based Capital Sisters that envisions a world where poverty, gender inequality and financial exclusion are eliminated by a level playing field.

In most of the world, women are viewed as an economic liability rather than an investment opportunity. Destroying this myth by investing in women is a game changing poverty alleviation strategy. Currently working in Guatemala, Philippines, and Afghanistan, Capital Sisters connects impoverished women with investors willing to provide tiny business loans that enable women to provide for their families and live in dignity. Through Capital Sisters bond sales, 40,000 microloans have been funded, improving the lives of over 200,000 women and family members.

Foley Hinnen is a 2015 Global Purpose Prize winner for Financial Inclusion, a guest lecturer for the international and business schools at Denver University and University of Colorado and an intrepid and thoughtful world-traveler who has visited or lived in over 60 countries. You won't want to miss this outstanding and inspiring speaker!

To rsvp for the free Welcome Coffee, please see the flyer on the previous page of this newsletter



## Save the date. AAUW Authors Day, Sat. Oct 26

Colorado Springs Shrine Club 6 S 33<sup>rd</sup> St

8:30-12:00

Author! Author!

On October 26, we celebrate the Colorado Springs AAUW Authors Day and Silent Auction, a must-attend event for all member and guests! Each year, Authors Day ticket sales and the accompanying silent auction are a major source of funds for the college scholarships our branch awards.

So what's in it for you besides the chance to support our mission?

- A delish buffet breakfast with lots of good friends
- A chance to browse the silent auction tables and place bids on one or more fun gifts...from wine, coffee, and pampering gift baskets, to art, travel, and more. There's something for everyone...but you'll need to check back often to make sure a friend hasn't upped the bid!
- The privilege to hear from three stellar Colorado authors (this year, all women) who will entertain, inform and inspire us as they talk about their journeys, their writing process and their books.
- The opportunity to purchase a signed copy of one or more of the books you'll be hearing about...for your own library or as a holiday gift.

In the weeks ahead, you'll be hearing much more about this wonderful morning, but for now, here's a sneak preview...

Our keynote author will be Colorado-based Eleanor Brown, New York Times best-selling author of "The Weird Sisters" (Shakespeare's Macbeth, anyone?) and her most recent novel "The Light of Paris."

Inspired by letters her grandmother had written from Paris in the 1920s, Brown delves into the lives of a grandmother, who fled to Paris to find herself as a writer, and her granddaughter, a talented painter who, in the 1990s, is trapped in a stifling marriage that has undermined her confidence and creativity. What happens when the granddaughter/ narrator finds her grandmother's diary from Paris? Can she find the strength to live the life she was meant to have?

From the Minneapolis Star Tribune...

*Fresh, endearing...Finely written and absorbing. Explores the always-compelling questions of how to balance reality and romance, duty and dreams, family and freedom.*

Library Journal ...

*For all fans of intelligent women's literature.*

Popsugar.com...

*A charming novel about living life on your own that will make you long for the streets of Paris*

Watch for more details and how to rsvp in the Sept. newsletter. In the meantime, please save the date, Oct 26. Au Revoir!

## Interest Groups

For the September Newsletter please send your information no later than 18 August 2019. Thanks!  
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](mailto: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](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com)

### *Mondays*

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

Aug 5, 19	TBA	Judy Conroy
Aug 12, 19	St. Mary's Falls	Renee Barall
Aug 19,19	TBA	Liz Rood
Aug 26, 19	Forest View/Monument Preserve	Jan Jones & Pam Maier

### *Tuesdays*

August 6, TECHNOLOGY INTEREST GROUP, 9:30 a.m. Chair: June Hallenbeck, Meet at home of June Hallenbeck, 115 Dolomite Dr., 80919. Let June know if you are or are not coming at [junehallenbeck@comcast.net](mailto:junehallenbeck@comcast.net) or 598-2979.

August 6, VISUAL ARTS 5:00-6:30\*. **In the Garden with Monet.** Pikes Peak Hospice Admin Building (We'll meet in the garden) 2550 Tenderfoot Hill St, 80906. Join us as we kick off another fun year of Visual Arts and anticipate the arrival of Monet at the Denver Art Museum with our own garden event! We'll explore Monet's palette/palate as we nibble on very light hors d'oeuvres from some of his favorite recipes (just like those served in the garden at his beloved Giverny); join in a few Monet-centric activities, and toast to a great year ahead with something sparkling...champagne, real or faux. Catch up with old friends, meet new members, come to learn what the Visual Arts interest group is all about. We'll be done well before dark, and if it rains, we'll meet inside. Répondez s'il vous plaît to Cindi Zenkert-Strange [cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com](mailto:cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com) or call if you have additional questions, 317-650-1005 \*\* Special time, this month only. Regular schedule is 1st Tues, 1:30-3:00. Our regular venue will also be changing since the Tim Gill Center is closing. Watch for new location in the future.

August 13, READERS POTPOURRI 1:00 p.m. C: Patty Runyon, (269)325-4054,  
[spdrunyon@comcast.net](mailto:spdrunyon@comcast.net)

THE HISTORY OF JAZZ with Dr. Abe Minzer, is on hiatus until the Fall.

Abe Minzer will continue the Jazz class from September through December 2019.

August 13 DINNER BOOK CLUB: *In the Time of Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez is the book selected for August. We will meet at 5:45 pm at PF Chang's, 1725 Briargate Parkway. Please contact Martha Lee at [Mleewest@live.com](mailto:Mleewest@live.com) or 719 594-9039 to make a reservation. C: Nedra Engelson, 574-5274,  
[nengelson@aol.com](mailto:nengelson@aol.com),

August 27, MORNING GLORY BOOK CLUB, 10:00 a.m. Little Fires Everywhere by Celest Ng hosted by Jan Jones at [cjanjones@msn.com](mailto:cjanjones@msn.com)

August 27, UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS), 1:00 p.m., C: Wynn Weidner, Hostess: On hiatus for the foreseeable future.

### Wednesdays

August 14, SOUTHWEST STUDIES, 1:30-3:30. Planning Meeting. Location: Ruth Holley Library Meeting Room, 923 N Murray Blvd, 80915. Members at the Planning Meeting will be involved with setting up a schedule, topics for the upcoming year's monthly meetings based on the destination.

August 21, EVENING CONNECTIONS THROUGH TOPICS, 5:30pm. Program: "So, You Think You Don't Like Beer?" You learned about wine in July, now come learn about beer! We will learn about and sample some refreshing and delicious summer beer options for beer lovers and skeptics alike. Led by Sarah Stowell's husband Steve, a Certified Cicerone (A Cicerone is like a sommelier for beer). Food provided by hosts Natasha Gorman and Nancy Holt. Location: Natasha Gorman's outdoor party deck. Address: 1176 Lady Campbell Drive, COS 80905 (Gold Hill Mesa). Members and guests welcome! Cost: \$10 via check in advance. RSVP: \*yes only\* to Jan Jones at [cjanjones@msn.com](mailto:cjanjones@msn.com). Please put your check in the mail to Jan Jones, made out to "Jan Jones", by August 13th.

AUGUST 20, LUNCHEON NOVEL I, 11:45 A.M. Chair: Georgina Burns, [georgina.b1@juno.com](mailto:georgina.b1@juno.com) and Sally Mathewson, [mathewson3@juno.com](mailto:mathewson3@juno.com)

AUGUST 20, LUNCHEON NOVEL TOO, noon. Chair: Corkie Kirkham, (304) 538-4910,  
[corkmeiste@aol.com](mailto:corkmeiste@aol.com)

August 21, AFTERNOON READERS, 1:30 p.m. Chair: Freda Dunlap (719) 310 4674  
[ffdunlap@hotmail.com](mailto:ffdunlap@hotmail.com)

August 28, CHOCOLATE LOVERS, TBD, Chairs: Ellie Solomon, (719) 630-7465, [elron3@msn.com](mailto:elron3@msn.com)  
Sally Mathewson, (719) 473-0228, [mathewson3@juno.com](mailto:mathewson3@juno.com)

## Thursdays

### WALKIE-TALKIE HIKES

August 1 Crystal Creek Reservoir Marilyn Frydrych [mfrydrych@comcast.net](mailto:mfrydrych@comcast.net) 719-574-0252

August 8 Eagle Pass Pauleta Terven [pauletat@aol.com](mailto:pauletat@aol.com) 719-598-3020

August 15, Manitou Lake, Darlene Aspedon, 719-471-7192

August 22, Rainbow Gulch--Woodland Pk, Rampart Range area Charlotte Gagne [char50gagne@gmail.com](mailto:char50gagne@gmail.com) 719 641 7570

August 29, Mackinaw Trail along North Catamount Reservoir , Darlene Aspedon, 719-471-7192

August 1, 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***

August 8: CHAPTER & VERSE WRITING GROUP, Meets second Thursday of the month, 1:00 pm. 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). Chapter & Verse is not meeting in August or September. The next meeting will be October 10, following the Welcome Coffee.

August 23<sup>rd</sup>, TED TALKS at 7:00 pm, place TBD. Members interested in participating should contact Kate Meyer Olson at [Skrapgirl@hotmail.com](mailto:Skrapgirl@hotmail.com) or call or text 202-794-3462.

Every Thursday MAH JONGG, at noon. Valley Hi Golf Course. Contact Susan Bydalek at 465-2707 or [sbydalek@yahoo.com](mailto:sbydalek@yahoo.com)

## Fridays

August 2, EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES, 10:00 to 12:00 at East Library Meeting Room Drawing from her years of research in El Salvador, one of the few countries to ban abortion without exception, the author explores what happens when abortion is a crime. Co-Chairs: Janet Friedberg [janetfriedberg@comcast.net](mailto:janetfriedberg@comcast.net) and Eunice Ciaccio [euninco.11@comcast.net](mailto:euninco.11@comcast.net).

August 16, LOCAL HISTORY, 10:00 Chair: Judie Werschky, (719) 632-9989, [judiewer@aol.com](mailto:judiewer@aol.com)

## Saturdays

### FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE (FOG)

August TBD, F.O.G (Friends of the Grape) Chair: Jeanne Marsh, 590-7237, [jmarsh@pcisys.net](mailto:jmarsh@pcisys.net) and Gini, 481-8843, [gini.jim@comcast.net](mailto:gini.jim@comcast.net) . FOG will meet at the home of Marian Phelps, 930 Pulpit Rock Cir. S. 571-594-6871 [phelpsmism@gmail.com](mailto:phelpsmism@gmail.com). Please call Marian for more information and to RSVP.

**BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS AND INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS 2029-2020**

**Arts and Entertainment**

**Arts on the Go!** Enjoy local music and theatre with your AAUW friends. Date, time and location vary \*

Pam Maier, (719) 694-4222 (C); [pamela.s.maier@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.s.maier@gmail.com)

**Bridge Lite:** Improve bridge skills and enjoy time with other AAUW members. Open to all skill levels. Time and location vary \*

Lois Boschee, (719) 388-8557, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com)

**Mahjong:** New and experienced players welcome. Enjoy lunch and then challenge your brain with this ancient, fascinating game of tiles. Every Thursday, lunch at noon.

Susan Bydalek, (719) 465-2707, [sbydalek@yahoo.com](mailto:sbydalek@yahoo.com)

**UFOs (Unfinished Objects):** An afternoon gathering to enjoy stitchery and other crafts – those unfinished projects that have been set aside. 4th Tuesday, 1:00 pm,

Wynn Weidner, (719) 598-5259, [wynnweidner@q.com](mailto:wynnweidner@q.com)

**Visual Arts Visions and Visits:** Members research and present programs related to visual arts/artists. Can include occasional outside speakers and car-pooled visits to regional art-related exhibits, sites.

Cindi Zenkert-Strange, (317) 650-1005, [cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com](mailto:cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com)

**History of Jazz:** Textbook required. 2nd Tuesdays 1:30-2:30, Dates: 1/15, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14 (5 months) at International Music Society, Corner Academy & Academy Circle

Leader: Dr. Abe Minzer & Kathy Olson, C: (719) 331-8891 [kathrynlolson@msn.com](mailto:kathrynlolson@msn.com) (reservations)

**Current Affairs**

**Evening Connections Through Topics:** An evening group. Meets on select Wednesdays \* 5:30 -7:30PM primarily at The Warehouse Restaurant featuring thought-provoking speakers, discussion and a buffet dinner.

Sarah Stowell: [sigstowell@gmail.com](mailto:sigstowell@gmail.com) (719) 360 2285 Jan Jones: [cjanjones@msn.com](mailto:cjanjones@msn.com) (719) 963 7642

**Great Decisions:** An in-depth study of current events. The group reads a selection from the Foreign Policy Association book, views a 30-minute DVD and discusses national and international issues. Feb - May, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30 – 3:30 Note: Members must pre-register to order the book

Jeanette Minniti, (H) (719) 481-3230 or (C) (719) 964-8333 [jeanetteminniti@gmail.com](mailto:jeanetteminniti@gmail.com)

**TED Talks:** An evening group that meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm to watch one or more podcasts and share opinions over food and beverages.

Kate Olson (C) (202) 794 3462 [skrapgirl@hotmail.com](mailto:skrapgirl@hotmail.com)



### Dining

**Chocolate Lovers:** Study, discuss and eat chocolate. 4th Wednesday, 11:30 am or 1:30 pm

Ellie Solomon, (719) 630-7465, [elron3@msn.com](mailto:elron3@msn.com)  
Sally Mathewson, (719) 473-0228, [mathewson3@juno.com](mailto:mathewson3@juno.com)

**Fellowship of the Grape (FOG):** A social evening where members, spouses, and guests share light dishes and beverages in each other's homes or in restaurants. Date, time and location vary \*

Jeanne Marsh, (719) 590-7237, [jmarsh@pcisys.net](mailto:jmarsh@pcisys.net)  
Gini Simonson, (719) 481-8843, [gini.jim@comcast.net](mailto:gini.jim@comcast.net)

### Hiking

**Hardy Hikers:** Enjoy hikes in the Front Range averaging 3-6 miles. The degree of difficulty varies with each hike. Summer and fall hikes are usually in the mountains; winter and spring hikes are local. Every Monday morning, start times vary.

Pip Bodkin, 206-427-2444, [pipbodkin@gmail.com](mailto:pipbodkin@gmail.com)

**Walkie Talkies:** Leisurely 3-5 mile hikes. Gentle terrain. Thursday morning. Start times vary.

Marilyn Frydrych, (719) 474-0252, [mfrydrych@comcast.net](mailto:mfrydrych@comcast.net)

### History

**Local History:** Visit places of local historical significance and enjoy speakers or other types of programs. 3rd Friday, 10:00 am

Judie Werschky, (719) 632-9989, [judiewer@aol.com](mailto:judiewer@aol.com)

**Southwest Studies:** Monthly meeting topics focus on the annual trip destination. Upcoming trip is Cheyenne, Fort Laramie and Estes Park, June 10-14, 2019. Membership and participation in the interest group in no way obligates anyone to go on the trip. 2nd Wednesday, 1:30 pm,

Eunice Ciaccio, (719) 465-2911, [euninco.11@comcast.net](mailto:euninco.11@comcast.net)  
Jean Little, (719) 494-1000, [wjean1@gmail.com](mailto:wjean1@gmail.com)

### Reading and Writing

**Afternoon Readers:** Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed. 3rd Wednesday, 1:30 pm

Freda Dunlap (719) 310 4674 [ffdunlap@hotmail.com](mailto:ffdunlap@hotmail.com)

**Dinner Book Club:** The group meets in a restaurant and discuss the selection. Restaurants vary. 2nd Tuesday, 5:45 pm,

Nedra Engelson, (719) 574-5274, [nengelson@aol.com](mailto:nengelson@aol.com)

**Exploring Lives & Cultures:** Nonfiction and fiction books that reflect current social issues are discussed. 1st Friday, 10:00 am,

Eunice Ciaccio, (719) 465-2911, [euninco.11@comcast.net](mailto:euninco.11@comcast.net)  
Janet Friedberg, (719) 596-1846, [janetfriedberg@comcast.net](mailto:janetfriedberg@comcast.net)

**Luncheon Novel I:** Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed after sharing lunch in a member's home or a restaurant. 3rd Wednesday, 11:45 am

Georgina Burns, (719) 598-7773, [georgina.b1@juno.com](mailto:georgina.b1@juno.com)  
Sally Mathewson, (719) 473-0228, [mathewson3@juno.com](mailto:mathewson3@juno.com)

**Luncheon Novel Too:** Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed after sharing lunch in a member's home. 3rd Wednesday, 12:00 noon,

Corkie Kirkham, (304) 538-4910, [corkmeiste@aol.com](mailto:corkmeiste@aol.com)

**Morning Glory Readers Book Club:** The group meets in homes or coffee shops. Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed. 4th Tuesday, 10:00 am

C:Connie Higgins (914) 391 1393 H:(719) 165 5954 [conniehiggins@hotmail.com](mailto:conniehiggins@hotmail.com)

**Readers' Potpourri:** The group meets in members' homes where beverages are provided. Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed. 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm,  
Margaret Miller, (719) 641-4710, [fergst41@yahoo.com](mailto:fergst41@yahoo.com)

**Chapter and Verse:** A writing group to support and encourage writing activities and improve writing skills. 2nd Thursday, 1:00 pm

Janet Condit, (719) 277-7590, [jjcondit@msn.com](mailto:jjcondit@msn.com)  
Caroline Vulgamore, (719) 520-5365, [hvulgamore@gmail.com](mailto:hvulgamore@gmail.com)

**Women Who Write:** This group meets to write, share (optional) and encourage one another. Come be inspired to write for 20-30 minutes from a prompt provided by the host, share, and discover the pleasure of a writing group. 1st Thursday, 9:30 am,

Melanie Hudson, (719) 205-7639, [heartsdesire310@gmail.com](mailto:heartsdesire310@gmail.com)  
Janet Condit, (719) 277-7590, [jjcondit@msn.com](mailto:jjcondit@msn.com)

#### **Technology**

**Technology:** The group meets to help each other better utilize new technologies. Bring your tech questions for discussion or your latest device or software to show and tell. 1st Tuesday, 9:30 am,

June Hallenbeck: © (719) 651-0874 [junehallenbeck@comcast.net](mailto:junehallenbeck@comcast.net)

#### **Miscellaneous**

STEM Support: A virtual interest group that supports school programs that promote STEM education. Date, time and place vary\*

Marilyn Frydrych, (719) 574-0252 [mfrydrych@comcast.net](mailto:mfrydrych@comcast.net)

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