



COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH

Colorado Springs
Branch Past
Presidents



December 7

December Branch Meeting

It's time to celebrate the holidays! Please join us at Briarhurst Manor for a festive lunch and program. The Summit Ensemble of Colorado Springs Children's Chorale will entertain us with music and singing of seasonal favorites. The program will be held Saturday, December 7, at 11:30 am at the Briarhurst Manor, 404 Manitou Ave, Manitou Springs.

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January 18

January Branch Meeting

This month's program is sponsored by our Colorado Springs Branch Public Policy Committee.

Presenter: Deb Walker,
Executive Director: Citizen's Project will discuss "Voter Suppression: How are we Connected?"

Location: Colorado Technical University at 9:30 am.

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February 8

February Branch Meeting

The 3rd annual Ladies Luncheon of Laughter will be held on Saturday, February 8, 11:00-1:00 at Deerfield Hills Community Center, 4290 Deerfield Hills Road, Colorado Springs, 80916. Once again, our goal is to share a meal, inspiring speakers, and some fun with ladies from SE Colorado Spring, a target development area in our city. We hope to have an even bigger turn-out than last year. Be sure to join us!

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President's Message

President's Message: 2019 Authors Day Teamwork Results in a Successful Outcome!

From dynamic presentations by three stellar Colorado authors, to a silent auction stocked with enticing goodies, to generous AAUW members who attended and contributed to the event in countless ways, the 2019 Authors Day event brought in close to \$8,000 towards local scholarships.

The Authors Committee, led by **Kathy Olson**, and including Janet Knox, **Cindi Zenkert-Strange**, **Barbara Potter**, and **Pam Maier**, spent months reading, discussing, and ultimately selecting and inviting three authors from the Pikes Peak Region as our Authors Day speakers. Cindi, Janet and Barbara hosted and introduced our authors in a most gracious way.

Keynote speaker and best-selling novelist **Eleanor Brown**, Boulder AAUW member and history writer **Elizabeth L. Fox** and local travel writer **Susan Joy Paul** kept attendees' interest with engaging stories of their own and loved ones' experiences and their personal and professional growth.

Mo Sigler, Scholarship Chair, warmed our hearts with scholarship recipients' personal stories of strength and perseverance. The presence of AAUW scholar **Sarah Teixeira** and her photo-taking expertise added to the importance of this day.

Interest Groups came through with creative basket themes AND with generous monetary donations, too. IG Chairs and their members are KEY to the many years of scholarships our branch has funded. Individual AAUW Members played an important role by attending, inviting friends, buying books and auction items AND by personal monetary gifts to our scholarship fund.

Kate Meyer Olson, Branch Fundraising Co-Chair with **Pam Maier**, gathered and received items from members, created the compelling presentation of gift cards and donations, compiled the financial details, tallied up purchases and dispersed the same. Kate smoothly led the Silent Auction's success in funding future academic scholarships.

Our phenomenal Communications Team led by **Janet Knox** and including **Laura Gross**, **Brenda Wolfe**, **Paula Munger**, and **Chris Toth**, made sure the public and members were enticed to attend and to spend. The many e-blasts, flyers, Eventbrite set up, and colorful & informative program added class and professionalism to the importance of our scholarship fundraiser.

Janet Knox, **Nancy Holt**, **Frieda Dunlap** and **Nedra Engelson** stepped in to help **Kate Meyer Olson** with the financial info gathering once we learned of our respected treasurer's fall at the World Arena on Friday which precluded her attendance.

Karen Mendenhall, member and **Shrine Club** manager, kept all aspects flowing and kindly allowed us to stay longer than planned on Friday and Saturday.

Mary Ciletti, member and owner of the beloved bookstore, **Hooked on Books**, managed the authors' book sales and donated \$200 in gift certificates.

We never ran out of coffee and the coordination with our caterer, **Picnic Basket**, went very well thanks to Hospitality Co-Chairs, **Fran Schaffer** and **Beth Krasovec**, **Kathy Olson** and **Karen Mendenhall**. The food offerings were varied and nutritious.

Nancy Winston added to our event's ambience with her handmade table decorations and her many handmade pumpkins and bottle people to increase our scholarship donations by selling them for \$5 each. Then, **Audrey McGuire** suggested we sell the table decorations, Nancy said, "Good idea!" and our guests generously responded. Audrey also suggested we ask for a small donation as new nametags were distributed. And **Pip Bodkin** had the foresight to request notecards from national AAUW that attendees could purchase. Love the creative juices flowing in AAUW Colorado Springs Branch and the beneficial outcomes!

Jean Little stepped in to coordinate nametags while Jeanne Marsh is away. The team of Jean, **Marilyn Parker** and **Pip Bodkin** ably handled check-in, including passing out our new AAUW nametags and ensuring that all attendees had bid numbers.

Of course our success in 2019 builds on much that came before. **Paula Munger**, past President and AAUW State President-Elect moved our Authors Day/Silent Auction to the Shrine Club where it has thrived. Our club is also grateful for **Jean Olson**, previous Chair, **Nancy Holt**, past President, and **Elizabeth Leslie**, 2018 Silent Auction Chair, for their past work that led to this year's success.

A heartfelt thanks to all; success comes through supportive teamwork.

Kathy Olson, President, and Pam Maier, President-Elect



The American Association of University
Women

Colorado Springs Branch

Invites You to a Holiday Luncheon and
Presentation on

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Briarhurst Manor Estate, 404 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, CO

11:30 Arrival & Social (Cash bar)
12:00 Welcome
12:15 - 1:00 Luncheon
1:00 Presentation by:

SUMMIT ENSEMBLE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

CHILDREN'S CHORALE

Directed by: Kimberley Munger Schultz

Luncheon Menu

First Course: Pear Salad (Pears, Goat Cheese, Greens, Walnuts, Cider Vinaigrette)
Entree: Choice of one per person
 Roulade of Turkey (Sage Gravy, Cranberry Stuffing)
 Herb Roasted Pork Loin (Dijon Mustard Cream)
 Root Vegetable Tart (Roast Garlic Fennel Creme)
Dessert: Chef's Holiday Dessert

COST \$33.00 per person

Members are encouraged to attend and **Bring a Guest**

RSVP by November 30, 2019 jmarsh@pcisys.net

**By Check: Made payable to AAUW, Include choice of entree for each
attendee from choices in menu above.**

Mail check to: Jeanne Marsh, 850 Timber Valley Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

or Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-holiday-luncheon-tickets-73655322051>



January Branch Meeting Program: Voter Suppression in Colorado: What You Need to Know

Voter suppression is a strategy used to influence the outcome of an election by discouraging or preventing specific groups of people from voting. In 2013, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Shelby v. Holder* that voting laws had resulted in voter suppression and discrimination.

The AAUW Colorado Springs Branch Public Policy committee members have developed a program to address the means by which voter suppression is manifested in our election process.

Deb Walker, Executive Director Citizen's Project, will lead the program which will include active interaction. All who wish to will participate in discerning and exploring the variety of voter suppression tactics.

RSVP on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/voter-suppression-in-colorado-what-you-need-to-know-aauw-branch-meeting-tickets-82050552411>

RSVP is required as seating will be limited!

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Janet Friedberg and Paula Munger
Co-VPs for Community Outreach

RSVP to Jean Little at wjean1@gmail.com

or

- Sign up on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ladies-luncheon-of-laughter-aauw-feb-branch-meeting-tickets-83089526009>



November Branch Meeting Discussion Panel

November 16, Branch Meeting Report

November 2019 Branch Meeting Program: “Viewing Colorado Spring Through a Woman’s Eyes”

Over 30 AAUW members attended the program “Viewing Colorado Springs Thru a Woman’s Eyes” on Saturday morning. We were treated to an interesting and informative program on how women fare in Colorado Springs. Chelsea Gaylord, Senior Economic Development Specialist with the City of Colorado Springs, brought together a talented group of women who discussed opportunities and barriers to women. Chelsea’s presentation gave us a statistical overview of wages, occupations, demographics and opportunities for women in Colorado Springs.

The panel of women then gave their views on economic opportunities for women. The panelists came from various areas: Aikta Marcourlier, Executive Director of Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center; Traci Marquez, CEO of Pikes Peak Workforce Center; Janet Brugger, President of Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce; Mundi Ross, co-owner of Almagre Venue and Bar; Catherine Duarte, Senior Analyst of the City of Colorado Springs Community Development Division. They provided information about the programs offered by their organizations.

A question and answer session showed much interest from the audience. AAUW members then offered to volunteer with programs if needed. A list of websites and / or emails to contact these women will be send out.

Many thanks to Anna Lopez for organizing such a terrific Program on November 16th, and Rocky Hudson, husband of Melanie Hudson, for hosting us at Colorado Technical University!

Past Presidents Group Report

The Past Presidents met at Paula Munger's home on November 8, 2019. Following a short social time, the meeting was called to order.

Brenda Wolfe is now co-chair with Paula Munger. One of them will attend board meetings and report on the group's activities.

The discussion on NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) continued. The conference will be held on May 27-30, 2020 at the University of Maryland. Several application forms were reviewed, and Paula reported on her visit to Durango where she met with several young ladies who attended last year. The local colleges and Universities will be contacted by our members and directed to the AAUW state and national websites for more information. There will be an emphasis to apply for an AAUW Colorado scholarship.

It was decided, as a Special Project, the group would put together goodie bags for the singers in the Summit Ensemble, our entertainment for the Holiday luncheon. Members will donate candy bars, baggies, candy canes, various candies, and ribbon, and several members will gather to put the bags together on December 6 at Paula's home. Pauleta is working on a thank you note/sticker from AAUW to be included.

Under member concerns, Georgina Burns brought up the 50-year membership recognition. We decided that there should be something in writing as to procedure and timing for presentation of pins and recognition of new 50-year members. This concern will be brought before the Board.

Paula Munger, Co-Chair Past Presidents Group

Ongoing Leadership Opportunity!

Our AAUW branch Nominating Committee is working to find nominees for next year (June 2020 – June 2021). Currently, we have two positions open for 2020-2021: President Elect and VP of Community Outreach.

We ask that each nominee make a two-year commitment when serving on the board. However, unexpected situations arise, and current board members may be unable to fulfill their two-year commitment.

Please let us know of anyone you would like to nominate for the positions and if they or you would have an interest in the other board positions if an opening becomes available. We know our membership is educated and experienced in many areas and we welcome all input and expertise. For details of the duties and responsibilities of the board positions, please read our Working Rules and Policies on our AAUW website.

Elected positions consist of: President, President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, VP of Membership, VP of Programs, and VP of Community Outreach.

Please send your suggestions by January 6, 2020 to Jean Little, chairman of the Nominating Committee wjean1@gmail.com. The next meeting of the Nominating Committee will be January 14, 2020.

Did You Know...?

AAUW National conducts research that matters! There are studies on pay equity, leadership, women and girls in STEM, access to education and women in the workplace. Details are on the AAUW National website: <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/research/>.

Looking for an update on our Branch **501(c)3 Committee**? Check out the link on our website: [501\(c\)3 Overview for Nov board meeting v11 19 2019](#).

Our branch has a **Facebook page** (<https://www.facebook.com/AAUWColoradoSprings/>). All our Branch Meetings are posted there with links to register on Eventbrite. Please like our page and share it with your friends and family!

We also have a **Facebook group** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/143105206370856/>). Click on the Join button to get access.

DIRECTIONS FOR NEW KING SOOPER'S LOYALTY CARDS

The King Soopers gift card program has ended. Please encourage your friends and family to link their King Soopers loyalty cards to our organization.

Directions: Create an online account or sign in to www.kingsoopers.com/communityrewards.

To create an account:

- Click “Enroll now” and then enter your email and create a password
- Select ‘use card number’ and enter
- Select your preferred store by entering postal code
- Select find stores, choose, and select ‘create account’
- Check email, confirm by choosing the hyperlink and continue register for the rewards program

To register for the rewards program:

- Sign in with email and password
- Select ‘my account’ from dropdown then choose Community Rewards from the left-hand side under ‘account summary’
- Click on Community Rewards
- Under Find an organization type in AAUW—this will pull up all AAUW branches in our local area
- Click on our branch and each purchase you make will go toward the money we earn each quarter
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count until after you register your loyalty card. You must swipe your registered King Soopers loyalty card or use the phone number that is related to your registered King Soopers loyalty card when shopping for each purchase to count.

AAUW Membership Corner!

Membership Corner: IN MEMORIUM

The Colorado Springs Branch recognizes the passing of our Past Branch President, Lucille Cunningham, last week. Lucille was born and raised in Nebraska and earned her undergraduate degree from Wayne State. She later earned her Master of Science degree from the Univ of Nebraska-Omaha in Special Education. She was passionate about her career in education and later as a realtor.

Lucille Cunningham was Colorado Springs Branch President from 1975-1977. Even after her term, Lucille continued to support the branch and the AAUW mission. She had a lovely home in Garden of the Gods, and as mentioned by member, Joann Oh, she loved to party and host events. She hosted many Interest Group meetings - one such gathering was a Local History meeting with food, which 50 members attended to hear the life story of Lyda Hill, major Dallas philanthropist. She also hosted several New Member coffees, and an event for the state initiative, Dames Who Donate, which was fundraising for the Judith Sanderson American Fellowship.

I will remember Lucille as a gracious woman and a dynamic leader. She brought so many members to our branch with her love for AAUW. When Lucille asked you to do something - you could not say no.

She leaves a legacy of leadership commitment to the AAUW mission and our branch.

Link to [Full Obituary](#)

Respectively submitted - Brenda Wolfe

Collaboration Corner

The annual **League of Women Voters Pikes Peak Region** holiday social will be held this year at the Caspian Cafe on December 8, 2019, 4pm to 6 pm. This is our annual December meeting to meet and greet old and new members and share some cheer. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be a cash bar. Jane Ard-Smith will give a brief update on the League's 100th Anniversary plans for 2020. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Register for the holiday social in the LWVPPR Calendar, www.LWVPPR.org.

Have you heard about the plan by Macmillan to **limit library access to eBooks**? Limiting access to new titles for libraries means limiting access for readers. Get the details and how to support our libraries at www.ebooksforall.org.

Votes for Women! Save the Date! The **Woman's Educational Society (WES)** will start the 100th anniversary year of the 19th Amendment with a bang on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 with a luncheon and lecture at Worner Hall on the Colorado College campus celebrating the history of women's suffrage in Colorado. Following a delicious lunch, Leah Witherow, history curator at the Pioneers Museum, will be our guide as she shares the fascinating stories and personalities that garnered the vote for women, first in Colorado, and then nationwide. You won't want to miss this dynamic presentation. If you'd like to attend, email Cindi Zenkert-Strange, cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com, and she'll send cost and sign-up info to you as soon as it is available. This info will also be included in the January AAUW newsletter.

Interest Groups

For the January 2020 Newsletter please send your information no later than 18 December 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 Cell: 719-694-4222

BRIDGE LIGHT. Anyone interested in playing bridge with other AAUW members at any skill level, let me know at loisbos68@gmail.com or 719-388-8557. Dates and times are flexible. Lois Boschee, Chair.

Mondays

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

Dec 2nd	Homestead Ranch	Judy Leiseth
Dec 9th	Monument Preserve	Jan Jones
Dec 16th	Greenland Open Space	Liz Rood
Dec 23rd	Open	
Dec 30th	Garden of the Gods	Renee Barall

Tuesdays

UPDATED 2020 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. The 2020 topics are Climate Change and the Global Order, India and Pakistan, Red Sea Security, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle, China's Road into Latin America, The Philippines and the U.S., and Artificial Intelligence and Data.

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 first meeting is on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. 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. To register, please provide your email address and phone number to Jeanette Minniti at jeanetteminniti@gmail.com or call 719-481-3230. Briefing books are \$30.00 plus shipping. Jeanette will send you a link to order the book.

December 3, TECHNOLOGY INTEREST GROUP, 9:30 a.m. Chair: June Hallenbeck, junehallenbeck@comcast.net or 598-2979.

December 3, VISUAL ARTS, Field Trip and Lunch at the Denver Art Museum. Chair: Cindi Zenkert-Strange cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com.

December 10, DINNER BOOK CLUB: C: Nedra Engelson, 574-5274, nengelson@aol.com The book club will meet at the Mason Jar restaurant located at 2925 W. Colorado Ave at 5:45 pm. Beverly Goodall will lead the discussion on A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg. Please contact Bev by noon on Monday Dec 9 to make a reservation. Her home phone number is 719 635-9035.

December 10, READERS POTPOURRI 1:00 p.m. C: Patty Runyon, (269)325-4054, spdrunyon@comcast.net. We will meet at the home of Kathy Kreps. We will be discussing the book The Storm: A Novel by Arif Anwar

December 23, UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS), 1:00 p.m., C: Wynn Weidner, wynnweidner@q.com. No meeting in December. Happy Holidays! See you in January 2020.

December 24, MORNING GLORY BOOK CLUB, 10:00 a.m., C: Phyllis Hurley, (719) 594-9508 hurleypk@comcast.net for more information.

Wednesdays

December 11, SOUTHWEST STUDIES, 11:30-3:00. Location: Posada del Sol Clubhouse, 2090 Paseo del Sol. Topic: Holiday Luncheon and Gift Exchange - Presented by Members of Southwest Studies. RSVP and prepayment required. (Full details will be emailed to SW Studies members) Co-chairs: Jean Little wjean1@gmail.com - Eunice Ciaccio euninco.11@comcast.net

December 11 CHOCOLATE LOVERS: 1:00 p.m. Co-chairs: Ellie Solomon - 630-7465, elron3@msn.com & Sally Mathewson - 473-0228, mathewson3@juno.com. Hostess Paula Munger, 24 Friendship Lane. Program: Our Holiday Chocolate Buffet. Please bring a chocolate goodie for the buffet if you have not hosted at your home or planned a meeting in the past year. Gift exchange - a new item, \$10 limit, chocolate related is fun if possible. RSVP to Paula Munger, pjdmunger@aol.com, 719 337-3575

December 18, EVENING CONNECTIONS THROUGH TOPICS, 5:30pm, docent tour at the Fine Arts Center, 7:00pm dinner at Dale Street Bistro.

We invite you to celebrate the arts with us at the Fine Arts Center! Please join us for a very special docent tour of the FAC as they commemorate their centennial year in 2019, honoring the rich cultural history and people of the region. We will then head east one block to the Dale Street Bistro for dinner. There will be a fixed menu; menu details to follow in early December. (www.mydalestreetcafe.com).

We need a minimum of 10 people for the tour. The cost is \$4.00 for FAC members and \$5.00 for non-members, paid individually at the door. Send *yes only* RSVPs to Jan Jones at cjanjones@msn.com **by Thursday, December 5th** and specify if you will be joining us for the Docent Tour, Dinner, or both!

December 18, LUNCHEON NOVEL I, 11:45 A.M. Chair: Georgina Burns, georgina.b1@juno.com and Sally Mathewson, mathewson3@juno.com

December 18, LUNCHEON NOVEL TOO, noon. Chair: Jeanne Marsh, jmarsh@pcisys.net, 590-7237. We will discuss, The Gown, by Jennifer Robson. Hostess and Discussion Leader: Paula Munger, pjdmunger@aol.com, Co-Hostess: June Hallenbeck, junehallenbeck@comcast.net

December 18, AFTERNOON READERS, 11:30 a.m. Chair: Frieda Dunlap (719) 310 4674 ffdunlap@hotmail.com Holiday Luncheon at the Broadmoor Hotel, La Taverne.

Thursdays

WALKIE-TALKIE HIKES

Dec 5 Gayle Krzemien Pueblo CC sit-down lunch followed by hike at Runyon Lake.

Dec 12 Joann Oh Yucca Flats in Palmer Park

Dec 19 Charlotte Gagne Black Forest Section 16

Dec 26 Day after Christmas. No Hike.

December 5, 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*

December 12, 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: Janet Condit, 2335 Marston Heights, COS

December 19, TED TALKS. There will be no meeting of this interest group in December. The next TED Talks will be Thursday, January 16th, at 7:00pm at the East Library in the Meeting Annex. If you are interested in attending and are not already receiving meeting emails, please contact Kate Meyer Olson at Skrapgirl@hotmail.com or call/text 202-794-3462. Save the dates for TED Talks in 2020: January 16, February 20, March 19th, April 23, and May 21.

Every Thursday MAH JONGG, at noon. Valley Hi Golf Course. Contact Susan Bydalek at 465-2707 or sbydalek@yahoo.com

Fridays

December 6, EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES, 10:00 to 12:00 at East Library, 5550 N. Union, Room E1. Book to be Discussed: Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity by Katherine Boo. "...in Annawadi, fortunes arrived not just from what people did, ,,, but catastrophes they dodged. A decent life was the train that hadn't hit you." Co-chairs: Janet Friedberg, janetfriedberg@comcast.net; Eunice Ciaccio, euninco.11@comcast.net

December 20, LOCAL HISTORY, 12:30 PM, Patty Jewett Golf Club, 900 E. Espanola @ El Paso St. Chair: Judie Werschky, (719) 632-9989, judiewer@aol.com. Festive holiday decor and yummy lunch (order from menu for \$16 including tax and tip). Program on the history of the city-owned golf course

and its current operation. All guests welcome. RSVP to Judie Werschky, 632-9989 or judiewer@aol.com.

Saturdays

FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE (FOG)

December 21, F.O.G (Friends of the Grape) around 6:00p.m. Chair: Jeanne Marsh, 590-7237, jmarsh@pcisys.net and Gini, 481-8843, gini.jim@comcast.net. Hosted by Paula Munger, 24 Friendship Lane, 337-3575, pjdmunger@aol.com Please RSVP NLT