



COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH

Colorado Springs
Branch
Southwest Studies
Holiday Party



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

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March 7

March Branch Meeting

International Women's Day

The theme for 2020 is
**"PLANET 5050/ BY 2030:
Think Equal, Build Smart,
Innovate for Change."**

This year's event will be held
at The Pinery on the Hill, from
9:00 - 12:30.

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President's Message

Happy New Year 2020! Welcome to the celebration of the **100th anniversary** of the passage of the 19th amendment guaranteeing and protecting **women's** constitutional right to vote.

The Pikes Peak Regional Women's Vote 2020 Centennial Committee (lead by Janet Struthers; Leah Witherow, Pioneers Museum Historian; and CC, PPCC and UCCS historians) have gathered a diverse range of voices to organize local efforts commemorating the nineteenth amendment in 1920. Our AAUW board members Pam Maier, Janet Knox, Audrey McGuire, Cindi Zenkert-Strange and I have attended two committee meetings. The first local event has been organized! Mark your calendar for the St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade, Saturday, March 14, 2020. The goal is to recruit 100 or more local suffragists to march in the Parade. We will keep you posted as details arrive!

Our Public Policy Director, **Audrey McGuire**, and Committee have planned a wonderful program for the January branch meeting on Saturday, January 18. Please see the details in our newsletter.

Women's Educational Society (WES) is planning a luncheon with key-note speaker Leah Witherow on Tuesday, January 28 at Worner Hall, on CC Campus. Please contact Cindi Zenkert-Strange at cmsenkertstrange@gmail.com for more information.

Our talented Treasurer, **Jeanne Howard**, suffered a fall and severe concussion in October. She returned home after a month's visit in the hospital and a short stay in a rehabilitation facility. I have received a leave of absence request from Jeanne. **Frieda Dunlap** (past treasurer) stepped in quickly for Jeanne while we searched for an acting Treasurer. Please welcome **Joan Skoog** as our acting Treasurer, effective January 1st. We are indeed fortunate to find an experienced lady also endorsed by Pam Maier and Marilyn Parker. Frieda has been training Joan during November and December. Many thanks to Freida for her help!

I look forward to an exciting year of celebrations, in 2020.

Kathy Olson
CS AAUW President 2019-20



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 Citizens 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>

International Women's Day - March 7, 2020

Save the first Saturday morning in March for **International Women's Day**. The theme for 2020 is "PLANET 5050/ BY 2030: Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change."

IWD is sponsored by AAUW along with seven other local women's organizations. Attendees will be inspired by exciting speakers and enjoy a delicious brunch with others who wish to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women worldwide.

Speakers will be:

- Lisa Mae Brunson, founder of Wonder Women Tech
- Dr. Taylor Nygaard, researcher about the social and cultural impact of representations of gender in the media
- Amanda Metcalfe, professor at the USAFA and researcher into feminist leadership

Dr. Rosenna Bakari will emcee the event and will be sharing a poem she was commissioned to write commemorating the 19th amendment and votes for women. You won't want to miss it!

Location: The Pinery at the Hill

Time: 9:00-9:45 Check-in and Brunch
9:45-12:30 Program

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/international-womens-day-celebration-registration-70356214331?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

\$35 (Early-Bird Tickets \$25 through January 15.)

More information: www.iwd-coloradosprings.org



December Branch Meeting Attendees

AAUW Colorado Springs Branch Gets Their Holiday On!

AAUW members and guests celebrated the season at December's Holiday Luncheon at the Briarhurst Manor in Manitou Springs. After enjoying sparkling conversation and libations to open the event, members and their guests made their way to festively set tables to enjoy a delicious lunch.

Opening remarks were made by President Kathy Olson and included a recognition of the military veterans and spouses in the room in honor of Pearl Harbor Day which coincided with this year's lunch. Shortly thereafter, three **50-year AAUW members** were honored by VP of Membership Melanie Hudson: **Judie Werschky, Georgina Burns, and Flossie McNally**. Together, these women represent an incredible legacy of service, innovation and dedication to AAUW and the Colorado Springs Branch. (You'll be reading much more about them in the February newsletter.)

To conclude the event, we were entertained by the Summit Ensemble of the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale, conducted by Kimberley Schultz, the daughter of VP of Community Outreach Paula Munger. The enthusiasm of the children, the purity of their voices, the amazing talent and training on display, and the beautiful music they performed created a moving experience which was a perfect way to celebrate the season!



COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

THE AWARD: The Colorado Springs Branch of the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Five scholarships in the amount of \$1,200 will be awarded for the 2020-2021 academic year. In addition, one or more memorial scholarships designated for elementary education majors will be awarded.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS: The applicant must be an undergraduate woman with at least 36 earned college credits. Applicants must be currently attending either PPCC or UCCS, must be planning to attend fall 2020 semester classes at PPCC or UCCS, and must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.00.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:

1. All pages of the completed AAUW scholarship application, including the applicant's signature on the Use of Application Materials statement.
2. **Official** grade transcripts sent directly by the college to the email address or postal mail address provided on the application.
3. All pages of the applicant's 2020-2021 Student Aid Report available on FAFSA website a couple business days after FAFSA is submitted. We especially need to see your official EFC.
4. A personal statement (**one to two typed double-spaced pages**) following the instructions on the application form.
5. A letter of recommendation sent directly from the recommender to the email address or postal address provided on the application.

DEADLINE: All application materials must be **RECEIVED** by **March 30, 2020**.

SUBMISSION DIRECTIONS: Applicants are encouraged to submit materials electronically, as .PDF documents, to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson at mosigler24@gmail.com; however, if needed, a postal mail address for the AAUW Local Scholarship Committee is provided below. Letters of recommendation must be sent by the recommender and grade transcripts must be sent by the college either electronically or by postal mail.

AAUW Scholarship Committee, c/o Maureen Sigler, 5715 Pamlico Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80923.

INTERVIEW: The top candidates for these scholarships will be personally interviewed on **April 25, 2020**.

NOTIFICATION: The scholarship winners will be notified personally by May 1, and the name of the winners will be posted on-line at www.coloradosprings-co.aauw.net.

FOLLOW-UP: Thank you notes, attendance at the May Scholarship Luncheon and the October fundraiser, and a summary of progress from scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged. Meeting with, and hearing from, scholarship recipients significantly impacts AAUW's ability to generation scholarship donations for future scholarships.

The AAUW Local Scholarship Committee looks forward to reading your application. We hope to present our scholarships to the winners at our May 16th scholarship luncheon. However, your promise to attend this event is not a prerequisite for receiving our scholarship. Good luck!

Keep this page for your future reference.

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 is making a difference in advancing equality for women and girls through education and training. Find out what our organization is doing and what you can do at <https://www.aauw.org/education-and-training>.

The year 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. **Colorado was the first state to enact equal suffrage through popular vote - on November 7, 1893.** Several local women's groups are planning events right here in Colorado Springs! The **Pioneer Museum** is hosting multiple events. Learn more about local activities at <http://www.cspm.org/womenshistory>. **History Colorado** is leading the state-wide effort to celebrate and educate citizens. More can be learned at <https://www.historycolorado.org/2020-womens-vote-centennial-colorado>. Let's remember those who fought on our behalf, explore the stories of success and setback, and most of all, let's continue to vote.

Check out our **branch Facebook page!** (<https://www.facebook.com/AAUWColoradoSprings>)

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.



**SUMMIT ENSEMBLE OF COLORADO SPRINGS
CHILDREN'S CHORALE**

Directed by: Kimberley Munger Schultz

Performing at COS Branch Holiday Luncheon

AAUW Membership Corner!

As this goes to print, we are about to enjoy the Holidays, so I hope that yours were filled with happiness and family.

We held our wonderful Annual Holiday Luncheon December 7th at the Briarhurst. It was a great success and very enjoyable. We were able to honor our newest 50-year members, Georgina Burns, Flossie McNally and Judie Werschky! It was my pleasure to share some of their backgrounds and interesting AAUW membership information. Finally, we were wonderfully entertained by The Colorado Springs Children's Chorale! They really brought the house down. Truly, they are talented youngsters.

We welcomed 2 new members in November who have not been announced as yet. Please welcome:
Lynne Catanzaro and Mary Jo Marine - *Welcome, ladies!*

It is with sadness that I this evening learned of the passing of one of our AAUW Colorado Springs Branch members, and a friend of mine, ROSEMARY SCHEURING. Rosemary was in our Women Who Write Interest Group. Member Marilyn Feaster recalls Rosemary and her husband "dragging her out of bed Halloween night for the Mall Crawl in Boulder." I remember Rosemary as a caring and interesting person, a dedicated retired teacher. We will have more information about Rosemary at a later time. Rest in Peace, Rosemary.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Sisters of AAUW.

Melanie Hudson, Membership VP

Collaboration Corner

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Votes for Women! The Woman's Educational Society (WES) will open the 100th anniversary year of the 19th Amendment with a bang on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 with a luncheon and lecture celebrating the history of women's suffrage in Colorado, and you're invited! The event will open at 11:30 with a delicious lunch. Then Leah Witherow, History Curator at the Pioneers Museum, will be our guide as she shares her talk *Colorado Women Led the Way: The Battle for Women's Suffrage*.

Learn about the amazing stories and personalities that garnered the vote for women, first in Colorado, and then nationwide. Location: Gaylord Hall on the main floor of the Worner Center, Colorado College, 902 N Cascade. The cost for the event is \$27.00. You can secure your reservation by sending a check to Women's Educational Society (WES) 14 E Cache La Poudre, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Please list WES luncheon on memo line. Questions? Call or email Cindi Zenkert-Strange, cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com or 317-650-1005.



Happy Holiday Lunchers!

Interest Groups

For the February 2020 Newsletter please send your information no later than 18 January 2020.
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

Jan 06, 20	Bear Creek	Nancy Holt & Joan Williams
Jan 13, 20	Rockrimmon Trail	Janet Condit
Jan 20, 20	Open	
Jan 27, 20	Open	

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.**

January 7, TECHNOLOGY INTEREST GROUP, 9:30 a.m. Chair: June Hallenbeck, junehallenbeck@comcast.net or 598-2979.

January, VISUAL ARTS, Chair: Cindi Zenkert-Strange cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com. On hiatus this month. Look for the next event in February 2020.

January 14 DINNER BOOK CLUB: C: Nedra Engelson, 574-5274, nengelson@aol.com The book club will meet at the Bonefish Grill located at 5102 N. Nevada Ave. at 5:45 pm. Martha Lee will lead the discussion on Beneath the Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan. Please contact Martha by noon on Monday Jan 13 to make a reservation. She can be reached at mleewest@live.com

January 14, READERS POTPOURRI 1:00 p.m. C: Patty Runyon, (269)325-4054, spdrunyon@comcast.net.

January 28, UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS), 1:00 p.m., C: Wynn Weidner, wynnweidner@q.com.

January 28 MORNING GLORY BOOK CLUB, 10:00 a.m., C: Phyllis Hurley, (719) 594-9508 hurleypk@comcast.net for more information. Also note: Morning Glory Book Club is hosting the launch of From Heartbreak to Healing by Cara Koch, our very own fellow branch member, at East Library in the Community Room on Tuesday, February 25 at 10:00 am. ALL BRANCH MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

Wednesdays

January 8, SOUTHWEST STUDIES, 1:30-3:30. Location: Ruth Holley Library Meeting Room, 923 N Murray Blvd, 80915. Topic: The Great Sand Dunes National Park: Another feature of the fascinating and diverse San Luis Valley - Presented by Suzanne Kraus and friends. Co-chairs: Jean Little wjean1@gmail.com - RSVP to Eunice Ciaccio euninco.11@comcast.net

January 15, LUNCHEON NOVEL I, 11:45 A.M. Chair: Georgina Burns, georgina.b1@juno.com and Sally Mathewson, mathewson3@juno.com

January 15, LUNCHEON NOVEL TOO, noon. Chair: Jeanne Marsh, jmarsh@pcisys.net, 590-7237. We will discuss Leopard at the Door by Jennifer McVeigh. Hostess: Pam Doane, Pamdoane1@mde.com. Co-Hostess and Discussion Leader: Jan Gregg, idyllpines@comcast.net

January 15, AFTERNOON READERS, 11:30 a.m. Chair: Frieda Dunlap (719) 310 4674 ffdunlap@hotmail.com

January 22, CHOCOLATE LOVERS: 12:30 p.m. Tea Ceremony at Yellow Mountain Tea House, 2616 W. Colorado Ave, directly under Jake and Telly's. Parking and entrance in back. We have set menu including dumplings, buns and shumai. Cost \$17.00 including gratuity. Payment at restaurant. RSVP to Leslye Meyer, leslyemeyer222@gmail.com, 632-3344

January 15, EVENING CONNECTIONS THROUGH TOPICS, 5:30pm, at The Warehouse Restaurant, 25 W Cimarron St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. **Topic: "Educating Girls in Developing Countries", presented by Malcolm Phelps, husband of AAUW member Marian Phelps**

Despite significant progress over the past several decades, females continue to lag on most education indicators throughout the developing world. Achieving gender parity in education is an ethical imperative; girls deserve to have the same opportunities to attain education and training as boys. This presentation will explore the economic and social barriers to achieving gender parity in

education in developing and conflict countries, examine successful models for reducing those barriers, and highlight successful approaches to achieving gender parity in education.

Cost- \$20.00 MADE OUT TO THE WAREHOUSE RESTAURANT and mailed to Jan Jones. \$20 per person includes the private room, tax, and gratuity. A cash bar is available.

RSVP in two steps: (both by January 6th)

1. Send *yes only* RSVPs to Jan Jones (not Sarah!) at cjanjones@msn.com so that we can give an accurate headcount to the Warehouse.
2. Put your check in the mail to Jan Jones, *made out to "The Warehouse Restaurant"*.

Jan's address for the check: 3810 El Rancho Way Monument, CO 80132

To secure your seat, please RSVP and mail your checks by January 6th.

Thursdays

WALKIE-TALKIE HIKES

Jan 2 Homestead Greenway Marilyn Frydrych

Jan 9 Oil Well Flats Pauleta Terven

Jan 16 Cheyenne Mtn State Park Marion Rich

Jan 23 Greenway Trail from Costco Joann Oh

Jan 30 Stonehenge and Rock Canyon Pueblo Reservoir State Park Marilyn Frydrych

January 9, 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*

January 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: Janet Condit, 2335 Marston Heights, COS

January 16, TED TALKS. 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 Skrappgirl@hotmail.com or call/text 202-794-3462. Save the dates for TED Talks in 2020: 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

January 3, EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES, 10:00 to 12:00 at East Library, 5550 N. Union, Room E1. Book to be Discussed: Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover. Discussion Leader: Gwen Weddington. Co-chairs: Janet Friedberg, janetfriedberg@comcast.net; Eunice Ciaccio, euninco.11@comcast.net

January 17, LOCAL HISTORY, 9:30am January 17, Red Rocks Room at Garden of the Gods Visitors Center. P: CCC Activity in the Park and Lost Structures of the Park. Optional lunch in the Center. RSVP by Monday, Jan. 13 to Mary Carley, 264-6284. C: judiewer@aol.com

Saturdays

FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE (FOG)

January TBD, 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 Jeanne Marsh, 850 Timber Valley Rd, 590-7237, jmarsh@pcisys.net