



AAUW Colorado Springs Branch

August 2024 Newsletter

Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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Save the Date!

Saturday, September 21, 2024 9:00 - 12:00

Branch Welcome Coffee

First United Methodist Church

420 N Nevada

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 10:00 - 12:00

October Program: Understanding ballot issues, 2024.

Joint meeting with League of Women Voters

2150 Naegel Rd (Union of Electrical Workers' Building)

Friday, November 1

STEM DAY

Hillside Community Center

925 S Institute St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903



President's Message

Have you registered for our Welcome Coffee?

I hope everyone has had an amazing summer! As we stroll into sweater weather, firepits and cool, crisp evenings, its time to think about attending our welcome coffee! We have 7 amazing scholarship recipients that will be attending, and your support is greatly appreciated!

We had a great turnout at our new member wine and cheese, held in July, in Monument. It is great to see the turnout, not only of our new members, but our current AAUW members as well! Thank you for all who attended and donated wine and food.

Calling all volunteers! It takes a village, and with so many wonderful members of this village, we are looking for a few good women to help out with STEM day on November 1st. This is an amazing opportunity for STEM minded young women to dive into activities and experiments to get their minds working towards STEM related fields. What a wonderful way to give back to our community! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Marilyn Frydrych to sign up, or ask what is needed to support the STEM day!

I look forward to another amazing year, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our welcome coffee on September 21!

Thank you,

Crystal Stebbins

President

September Branch Meeting



AAUW -COS Welcome Coffee

September 21, 2024

Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church

420 N Nevada Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Doors Open 9:00 AM

Program from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM



Register for Free on Eventbrite by clicking on the link below.

[Sign up here for Welcome Coffee](#)

Joint October Branch Meeting

Note: The complimentary lunch after and signing up with LWV, not AAUW

AAUW and the League of Women Voters invite all members to this most important program highlighting the pros and cons of the upcoming 2024 ballot issues. You might ask yourself which of these issues meet our mission of empowering women?



EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY BALLOT ISSUES FORUM

Together, we'll review the pros and cons of the ballot issues followed by discussion & Q&A.
Complimentary lunch after.



19 Oct 2024

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



I.B.E.W.
2150 Naegele Rd
Colorado Springs CO 80904



Register at lwvppr.org

Thank you to our Sponsors:



November Branch Meeting -- STEM DAY

Improving, Funding, Volunteering

STEM DAY will be our November Branch Meeting. It's scheduled for November 1 at Hillside Community Center where we held it last year. This will be our third annual event.

Last year we received rave reviews from students, teachers, administrators and our own volunteers. Our two major improvements this year will be to replace the math program with wind generators put on by Catamount Institute and to hold all but four classes upstairs where it will be quieter than last year. Gretchen Hein has coordinated Catamount Institute's involvement.

A major challenge we have this year is funding. High-Tech, High Heels has been a major supporter in the past but disbanded this year. We are still applying for grants. However, most of the ones we are eligible for fund their grants in December. To meet this emergency, we will set out a donation box on the STEM table at the Welcome Coffee September 21st. Today we are down about \$1500. If anyone has an idea of some business which might be interested in providing us with a donation of \$200 or so, please contact me at Mfrydrych@comcast.net.

As always there will be lots of openings for volunteers. I'll be sending out a survey to last year's volunteers asking for ways to improve training. I'm hoping to include responses in the upcoming training October 28 at Colorado Technical University.

Marilyn Frydrych

STEM Co-Chair



Cindy Keeffe working with students putting together an electrical circuit.

Membership Matters

Dear Members,

Some of you have told me that you are not receiving renewal notices from AAUW or you are not receiving our Newsletter. In most cases it is because your email is not correct. If that is the case, please email me using the correct address and I will check the AAUW National Database, and the database used for the newsletters.

If you were unable to renew your membership at AAUW.org you can still renew. The renewal cost is \$107.00. Make payable to AAUW. Please send it to

Robin Depies

1580 Old North Gate Rd

Colorado Springs, CO 80921

You can also bring a check to the Welcome Coffee on September 21, 2024, and give it to me or Robin or any board member.

I hope to see you all soon

Suzanne Baldwin Kraus

Membership VP

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Interest Groups

Dear Members,

We have decided to remove the Interest Group for Arts on the Go from our IG Listings. The group has no chair, and nothing has been posted in recent months. Additionally, we have a spectacular group, Visual Arts, which is very well attended. Visual Arts meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month for presentations related to the arts and artists. This group also schedules occasional road trips to regional art-related exhibits. If any member is interested in keeping Arts on the Go on our roster and is willing to chair the group, please contact me.

Pip Bodkin

Interest Group Coordinator

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Listing of Interest Groups

Various Days in the week/month

BRIDGE LIGHT

Mondays

HARDY HIKERS, BOOKS TO FILMS

Tuesdays

DINNER BOOK CLUB, GREAT DECISIONS (Current World Events), MORNING GLORIES BOOK CLUB, READERS' POTPOURRI, TECHNOLOGY, VISUAL ARTS

Wednesdays

AFTERNOON READERS, CHOCOLATE LOVERS, ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION (EA), LUNCHEON NOVEL 1, LUNCHEON NOVEL TOO, SOUTHWEST STUDIES

Thursdays

CHAPTER & VERSE WRITING GROUP, TED TALKS, WALKIE-TALKIE HIKES, WOMEN WHO WRITE

Fridays

EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES, LOCAL HISTORY

Fridays or Saturdays

FELLOWSHIP OF THE GRAPE (FOG)

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