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“AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.”

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Tacos 'n Tunes



On August 12th, Douglas County Branch AAUW had their annual “major” fundraiser at Pegasus Restaurant in Castle Rock. A big thanks to John DeLay for once again supporting this Fundraising event. Here are a few highlights of the event.



September 17th

6:30

PS Miller Library

Scholarship and Awards Committee presentation



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Co-President's Message

Jane Ott



Welcome back! Much like the beginning of a school year, we can look forward to a new season of branch programs and activities. In August we had a very successful Tacos 'n Tunes fundraiser. Thanks are due to our Fundraising VP's and to so many other people who worked to make the event a success. On August 20th there was a board planning meeting attended by past, current, and incoming officers and committee chairs. In early September some members will attend the state Leadership Conference in Vail. If it's like the one I attended last year, it'll be a great chance to spend time and brainstorm with members from other branches.

Hopefully you will be able to attend our September 17 branch meeting and have a chance to meet the recipients of our higher education scholarships. They are always outstanding women and inspiring to meet. Awarding those scholarships is one of the main missions of our branch. For the rest of the year, our program committee has planned some interesting and educational meetings on a variety of topics.

At the September meeting there will also be a chance to continue membership in interest groups or join a new one; a nice way to get to know other members of the branch. Many of us value the friendships formed in the books clubs, bridge groups or other interest groups.

I think it's worth mentioning again that there is a wealth of information on the national and state AAUW websites. You can learn about the latest topics being researched, legal actions on behalf of women, outstanding women who have received AAUW fellowships and grants, etc. Legislative updates about issues relevant to women's issues are also on the website. As one author of an article I recently read said, "What issue isn't a women's issue? We are fully functioning members of society aren't we? What affects society affects us too."

Remember that your contributions to the monthly newsletter are always welcome. Please share ideas or information that you find relevant to our mission, which is **"advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research"**.

What is NCCWSL?

Submitted by Jane Ott

Our Douglas County branch provided sponsorship to college women to attend the 29th annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), held at the University of Maryland this past June. Information about the event and about NCCWSL is available on the web. Each year at the conference AAUW and NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education join together to honor Women of Distinction. These awards recognize women leaders for accomplishments in their professions and communities. This year's honorees have made outstanding contributions to the lives of women and girls in broadcasting, the military, science, higher education, entrepreneurship, civic engagement, and strategic crisis management.

In addition to featured speakers, workshops were held on various topics relevant to the lives of active young college women about to embark on careers.

The Douglas County Branch received thank you letters from the women we sponsored, expressing their gratitude for our help. Excerpts from their letters are below.

From Christina Ramon of Dallas, Texas (Texas Women's University):

"I would not have been able to afford to attend without assistance. My experience at the conference was invaluable. I met many amazing women and heard many inspirational stories. I was born into poverty and a family with alcohol and abuse issues, eventually raised by a single mother of four. None of my siblings graduated from high school or attended college. I received my AA degree in 2006, started working and returned to complete my BA in 2011. I am 20 hours away from completing my degree in sociology and women's studies!

I want to impact the young women of tomorrow and let the next impoverished young girl know that everybody deserves a chance to rewrite their story. Again thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!"

From Michelle Bledsoe, Community College of Denver:

"Thank you for the opportunity to be part of such a great conference. Without the scholarship I would not have been able to attend. I'm grateful for your generosity. It was an amazing, action-packed week and I want to thank you again for the opportunity to network, learn, engage, empower, to love women from around the United States.

What I gained from the conference is the sense of responsibility to my fellow sisters and my community to use the leadership skills I learned."



Public Policy Update

A word from your NEW, as well as FORMER, Public Policy Chair, Dianne Bailey.

MIDTERM Elections...

That is what they call elections that do not include the President.

Every two years we elect/re-elect all of our Congressmen and State Legislators in the House. So MIDTERM elections are really important. However, there is always a reduction of voters in mid-terms. Statistics show that the percent drop in voter turn out is higher for Democrats than Republicans in non-Presidential election years. That is a nice advantage for Republicans.

FORUM for Veterans and Their Families

Be advised that the United Veterans Committee of Colorado will be holding a Candidate Forum at the Philip S. Miller Library, Castle Rock, on September 4. CD4 candidates Vic Meyers (D) and Ken Buck (R) have accepted the invitation. If you have Veterans in your family, please advise them of this event and attend the event with them. Doors open at 6 PM.

Public Policy Day

Public Policy Day is always the First Saturday in February. So, this year the date is February 7. Again PPD will be in Lone Tree (close to home). Details will come out later.

'Personhood' is on the Ballot, AGAIN!

Yes, *'they'* obtained enough signatures to put 'personhood' (where a fetus has the full-rights of a 'person') on the ballot, yet again. This time it is Ballot issue number 67. As you know, AAUW does not support any type of initiative that would infringe on or obstruct a women's right to choose regarding pregnancy issues. The 'personhood law' would definitely obstruct women's choice as well as make other laws very difficult to write and/or enforce if you include a fetus as a person.

Got a Public Policy question, comment, or suggestion?

Send them to Dianne Bailey at bailey.nyce@pcisys.net.

Douglas County AAUW Budget Report - August 25, 2014



Our account balances are as follows:

SAVINGS:	\$4295.09
RESTRICTED CHECKING:	\$5805.71
UNRESTRICTED CHECKING:	\$6359.38

Happy “almost summer is over” and welcome “almost fall”! Hope everyone is ready for our new season of scholarships, awards and community.

As treasurer, I cannot thank everyone enough for being so timely with their membership dues last spring. I think this might be the first year ever we were able to send off dues to national and state for our complete membership by July 1st! It makes us look terrific and my job so much easier.

Our annual **Tacos 'n Tunes** event was another spectacular success. Thank you to everyone who worked the event on August 12th and to all those who worked throughout the summer gathering auction items and selling and distributing tickets.

Tacos and Tunes Income:	\$3847.00 (ticket sales)
	2164.00 (silent auction)
	260.50 (donations)
	35.00 (flower sale)
	83.00 (raffle tickets)

Tacos and Tunes Expenses:	\$104.82 (publicity, tickets)
	900.00 (food)

Net Income: \$5385.18

If any of you frequent **Pegasus** throughout the year and happen to see John Delay, please take a moment to thank him for continuing to host our event. I know it is sometimes a little crowded (that means we are popular!) and the service is not always as prompt as we would like, but the atmosphere is nice and John gives us a great deal.

Marsha Johnson, Treasurer



Douglas County Branch AAUW Minutes
May 21, 2014
Submitted by Suzanne LaRue



Present: Jane Ott, Dianne Bailey, Judy Makens, Carol Anne Carl, Beryl Jacobson, Julie Reagan, Pam Steinman, Sandy Monticello, Doris MacDougall, Suzanne LaRue, Stephanie Fong, Marcia Miller, JoAnn McCall, Winnie Peterson, Ruth Lundgren, Fleta Nockels, Kathy Chavez, Linda Jefferies, Shirley Bowers, Kristy Sidney, Kendra O'Hayre, Jan Fuller, Lucie Anderson, Dorothy Nugent, Marsha Johnson, Pat Proctor, Dr. Susan Blackburn, Barb Irving
Guests included Shirley's husband, Buzz, and Dianne's husband, Ray Nyce.

The Executive Board met briefly before the formal proceedings to discuss and approve the Treasurer's proposed 2014-15 budget.

Dianne Bailey called the Business Meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

Business Meeting

- Secretary's minutes
The minutes, distributed at the meeting, were approved by the membership.
- Treasurer
Marsha Johnson presented the proposed 2014-2015 budget, explaining that most proposed amounts were the same as the current year's, with some exceptions. For example, in 2013-14 we voted to award an additional \$1500 scholarship above our usual three.
The Savings account holds \$4294.03. Marsha suggests we keep the balance to \$2000-\$2500 and use the excess for additional scholarships and STEM awards. There was general agreement but no formal action was taken.
- Bylaws
These have already been approved and posted.
- Announcements
Kendra met with John DeLay of Pegasus and has scheduled our next Tacos And Tunes for Tuesday, August 12. John is out of the country until July 20, so further negotiations must wait.
We have chosen not to participate in the County Fair this year.

Beryl has offered to help with the Holiday Dinner and in turn, needs help. The date will probably be December 14. Contact her with suggestions for a location.

The scholarship application is online; the deadline is June 1.
Submit your ideas for 2014-15 programs.

At the State Convention, our group was awarded certificates for Eleanor Roosevelt, the Public Policy Fund, Combined Giving All Funds, and the Leadership Programs.

Jane shared a letter we received from a previous scholarship recipient.

The Executive Board and Committee chairs will have a strategic meeting June 18, 5 p.m. at the PSM Library. Another will be on August 20.

May Minutes continued

- Final Committee Reports
 - Programs - see paper Program.
 - Fundraising - Marcia Miller
 - \$128.53 from the Women's Bean Project
 - \$334.85 from Safeway
 - Membership - Ruth Lundgren
 - We gained 11 new members this year. Full report in the paper Program.
 - Communications
 - Kathy Chavez reported on the procedures she and Nedda follow for the production of the newsletter, maintenance of the membership email list, and the oversight of social media. Cheryl Hansen has new job responsibilities, so had to give up her website duties. Dianne offered to take over the website and Facebook posting tasks.
 - Historian - Julie Reagan
 - Our archives are held by the Library's Douglas County History and Research Center. Discussion about how hard it is to get an article in the local news media.
 - Public Policy - Dorothy Nugent
 - Dorothy shared recent state legislation concerning adult literacy HB14-1085, supported by the Colorado AAUW. Also, news of the NYTimes female editor being fired after she requested to be paid what her male predecessor had received.
 - Scholarships and Awards - see paper Program.
 - Social (Interest Groups and Hospitality) -- see paper Program.
- Special Program - Marcia Miller
 - "Stand up if you..." a fun way to get to know the group.
- Nominating Committee
 - Kendra presented the slate of candidates and appealed for an incoming VP for Membership. Kristin Sidney volunteered. The slate was approved by unanimous vote.
- Outgoing President Awards/ Gifts / Drawings
 - Jane Ott presented gifts of appreciation to Ruth Lundgren for serving as VP of Membership; to Marcia Miller for her service as VP for Fundraising; to Kendra O'Hayre for her five years of organizing Tacos and Tunes; to Kathy Chavez for her continued newsletter editing; and to Marsha and Suzanne for continuing as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, for the year ahead.
 - Jane gave a special gift and plaque to Dianne to thank her for her years of leadership of the group.
- Drawings
 - Free National memberships went to Lucie Anderson and Julie Reagan
 - Dorothy Nugent won the AAUW Fund drawing.
- Dianne passed the gavel to incoming Co-President Doris MacDougall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



2014-2015 Branch Programs

Peggy SerVaas, Chairperson

The Program committee has been hard at work to bring you a roster of outstanding programs for the coming AAUW year. Our theme is *TRAIL BLAZERS* and we are doing something a little different this year. We are building a framework around our programs that will expand our perceptual maps. How do we expand our perceptual maps? It's the people we meet, the places we go, and the books we read. Each program will have a suggested bibliography for your reading pleasure. Bookmarks will be handed out at the September Meeting with the program topics and suggested reading. Plan your calendars accordingly.

September 17th - Welcome back. Appetizers and desserts will be provided by the Board. The Scholarship and Awards Committee will make their presentation to two deserving women. There will be Interest Group sign ups. Bring potential new members.

October 15th - Douglas County Library enjoys the status of one of this country's highest ranked libraries thanks to retired Executive Director - Jamie LaRue. Come hear what the library has to offer that made it such a *trailblazing* library. We'll learn about classes, events, website access and much more. Speaker - Suzanne LaRue.

November 19th - The Gathering Place is Denver's only daytime drop-in center for women, children, and transgender individuals who are experiencing homelessness and poverty. Since 1986, it has been a community of safety and hope where positive relationships, choice, and essential resources transform lives. Speaker - Executive Director Leslie Foster.

December - Holiday Dinner Party and Silent Auction

January 21st -The story of Irene Sendler is a dramatic presentation by international performer Judy Winnick. Irene Sendler was a social worker who helped save about 2500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto by providing them with false documents and finding hiding places in individual and group children houses out of the Ghetto.

February 18th - Hiking El Camino de Santiago - our own Kathy Chavez will share her experiences and photo slide show hiking national & international trails highlighting El Camino de Santiago, an ancient Spanish trail.

March 18th - Women in the Military - speaker to be determined.

April 15th - Presentation of cash and gifts to our High School STEM recipients.

Remembering the WASPs: Women who were aviation trailblazers

June 6, 2014, marked the 70th anniversary of D-Day, the day the Allies invaded Normandy and opened a Western front in World War II. Chances are the troops would have faced an even tougher fight if not for the special pilots who'd been spreading their wings in the run-up to the attack. Stephanie Riggs has their story:

On June 6th, 1944, as Allied troops fought and died on the beaches of Normandy, high in the skies above the fray, thousands of U.S. warplanes lent vital support.



CBS News and those planes were there, in part, thanks to the efforts of a little-known band of brave women far from the front lines. Women like Lucille Wise (left), who last flew in December 1944: "It was hard to give up. I loved to fly!"

At 93, Wise is one of the few left to tell their stories.

"I loved to fly, [and] I also wanted to help in the war effort," she told Riggs. "Everyone was so patriotic."

In 1942 the U.S. built thousands of planes in war factories each month. Those planes needed to be delivered to air bases, but pilots were in short supply.

And so in the summer of 1943, a call went out for women to do the flying.

Wise was accepted in May 1943 (one of the earlier classes) and trained in Sweetwater, Texas.

Twenty-five thousand women applied, and 1,100 were chosen as Women Airforce Service Pilots - WASPs.



During World War II, Dr. Dora Dougherty Strother (top), a member of the WASPs, flew a wide variety of missions, including reliability tests of the B-29 Superfortress bomber. **National Museum of the U.S. Air Force**

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"We were trained the military way, just like the male cadets were trained," said Wise. "We lived in barracks, we slept on metal cots, and we learned to march, and we were under military discipline, under demerits -- we had to make our beds a certain way, and we had inspections. It was very stressful because we had to meet the requirements."

Wise said the women proved they could fly those planes just as well as the men could, "and we were really proud women."

The WASPs proved themselves again and again, logging more than 60 million miles in more than 12,000 aircraft: the B-17s, B-24s, and P-51 Mustangs that helped win the war.

But while other women involved in the war effort -- the "Rosie the Riveters" and their like -- lived on in our popular culture, after the war the WASPs were largely forgotten.

"I think every American should be aware of what these women sacrificed and did during World War II," said filmmaker Jill Bond. "It was during a time when women were not able to have careers and do things outside of their traditional roles, and this was an opportunity to be adventurous, to serve their country, and they did it in such a graceful and beautiful way."

Bond's documentary, "We Served Too," hopes to give the WASPs their due -- before it's too late.

Riggs asked, "How many of the women that flew for the WASPs are still around?"

"There's under 200 women still left," said Bond, "so I feel a sense of urgency to get this story out so those that are still with us can see they are being recognized and that the country is really rallying behind them."

While none of the WASPs saw combat, flying fast, powerful war machines was dangerous business. Thirty-eight women died in crashes. And since the women were classified as civilians, neither they nor their families received military benefits.

"If a girl got killed, her parents didn't get anything, not even a flag -- nothing," said WASP Barbara Erickson London. "Not even any acknowledgement that their daughter had been in the military."

All that changed in 1976, when -- with great fanfare -- women were admitted into the Air Force. The WASPs took notice.

"They were putting out news releases that for the first time women would be flying military aircraft, and they had just kind of forgotten about us," said Lucille Wise. "And that's when we got organized."

They got organized . . . and got results. In 1977 the WASPs were re-classified as military veterans and granted full benefits.

Continued...WASPs Women Who Were Aviation Trailblazers

But for Lucille Wise and the others, real recognition came in 2009, when President Obama signed a bill awarding the WASPs the Congressional Gold Medal.

"Simply put, the outstanding success that America achieved in the air during World War II would not have been possible without the Women Airforce Service Pilots," House Speaker John Boehner said at a Washington ceremony the following year.

Deanie Parrish accepted the award for all the WASPs: "I believe this is the day that when the people of America will no longer hesitate in answering the question, 'Do you know who the WASPs were?'"

Today, more than 60,000 women serve in the U.S. Air Force, flying on the wings of a legacy that was almost left behind.

"Those women give you the credit for opening the door for them," said Riggs.

"They do, yes," said Wise. "If we had any part in it, I am very pleased. They probably would have done it without us, but maybe we made it a little bit easier for them."



Lucille Wise...Then and Now

Dates to Remember



- ◇ September 5-6, Fall Leadership Conference, Lion Square Lodge, in Vail, CO
- ◇ **December 14, Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction, location TBA**
- ◇ February 7, 2015, Public Policy Day, Marriott Denver South, Lone Tree
- ◇ **April 14, 2015, Equal Pay Day**
- ◇ April 24-25, 2015, State Convention, Ft. Collins
- ◇ **June 18-21, 2015, National Convention, San Diego, CA.**

Hospitality

Calling ALL Board Members! You know who you are.

Our first AAUW Meeting will be September 17th which is fast approaching. It was decided that the Board shall bring appetizers and desserts to this first meeting.

The scholarship recipients will be introduced which is always exciting.

If your last name begins with **A through M**, please bring an appetizer.

If your last name begins with **N through Z**, please bring a dessert.

Don't forget our social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. See you then!

Dorothy and Linda



Sheryl Sandberg

"Facebook COO, Sheryl Sandberg, 44, celebrates the one-year anniversary of her best-selling book, *Lean In*, a memoir-cum-call to action that launched a social movement. In every state and 50 countries, women are gathering in more than 14,000 "Lean In Circles" to support one another as they aim higher in their careers." Together with Condoleezza Rice and Anna Marie Chavez, CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA, they are "launching a public service campaign to ban the word *bossy*, a negative label they say is too often applied to young girls, and one of the many ways we discourage them from speaking up."

Lean In's Lessons for girls:

For Parents...Help her commit small acts of assertiveness. With your daughter, generate a list of ways she can use her voice, like ordering at a restaurant or raising her hand regularly in class. Being brave is rarely about dramatic moments: it's a skill acquired, little by little, over time.

For Educators... Observe dynamics in group work. Girls often complete the work of peers who slack off. If they get used to doing work without credit, they don't learn to push for recognition when they deserve it.

For Girls...Stop apologizing. Girls tend to introduce opinions with apologies ("I'm not sure if this is right, but..."). Pay attention to that, as well as to the other little ways you might be making yourself small, like talking softly or using "upspeak" (making statements sound like questions).

Parade Magazine, March 9th 2014



The Most Anticipated Books of Fall 2014

(Thanks to Suzanne LaRue for providing the link.)

Please check out the most anticipated books for the fall of 2014 as published in *Publishers Weekly*. You can get on their website at www.publishersweekly.com and find their recommendations for every month: bestsellers, topic, author, etc. If you type in “most anticipated books of fall 2014” in the *Publishers Weekly* search engine, the list of books appears.

Here are just a few. This information taken from the website.

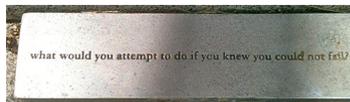
The Dog by Joseph O’Neill (Pantheon, Sept.) The author of *Netherland* tells the story of an American man lost in Dubai. The novel was called “brilliant” and “profound” by PW

The Assassination of Margaret Thatcher by Hilary Mantel (Hold, Sept.): The repeat Booker winner delivers a collection of contemporary stories that demonstrate what modern England has become.

The Bishop’s Wife by Mette Ivie Harrison (Soho Crime, Dec.) Linda Walheim, the wife of a Mormon bishop, looks into the disappearance of a young wife and mother, whose husband claims he had nothing to do with her sudden departure.

Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle That Set Them Free by Hector Tobar (Ferrar, Strause and Giroux, Oct.) Who better to collect and convey the retrospective journeys of the 33 trapped Chilean miners than novelist and Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist Hector Tobar?

History and Culture Club



“What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?”

History Group Visits Fairmont Cemetery for tour of many of Denver’s prominent women.

Fascinating! We were a mighty & brave 8: Carol Murphy, Jo Ann McCall, Susan Blackburn, Marcia Miller, Julie Reagan, Bobbie VanHorn, Stephanie Fong and Pat Kammerling (not pictured). The quote pictured above (good one to think about) was engraved in a tiny metal bar and left on Emily Griffith’s grave along with a wind chime, paper violin and a note. Lots of symbolism everywhere. All kinds of trees; considered one of the largest arboretum in the USA. Lovely place to walk! Lots still available! Lunch was at the Tavern; highly recommended if you’re ever up that way.

(Submitted by Marcia Miller)



Committee	2013 Standing Committee Chairs are Voting Members of the Board. Vice Chairs vote in the absence of the Chair.
Public Policy/AAUW Funds	Dianne Bailey, Chair
Bylaws	Carol Marshall, Chair
Historian	Carol Murphy, Chair
Communications (Newsletter/Directory/Website)	Kathy Chavez, Chair Nedda Altschuld, VC Newsletter; Dianne Bailey, VC Website; Dianne Bailey, Publicity
Scholarships/Awards	Suzanne Kroepsch, Chair (HS Awards) Lou Flatland, Scholarships 2014; Bobbie Van Horne, Scholarships
Social (Hospitality/Interest Groups)	Natalie Weber, Chair Dorothy Nugent, VC Hospitality; Linda Jefferies, Hospitality
Social/Fellowship/Interest Groups	Group Contact
Book Club (AM)	Kendra O'Hayre
Book Club (PM)	Linda Washburn
History/Culture Club	Pat Proctor
Mah Jongg	Carol Murphy
Bridge-Singles	Doris Mac Dougall
Bridge-Doubles	Margaret Boone
Domino Games	Ann Aviles

Any changes in
the calendar
are in RED!

CALENDAR FOR ANY MONTH

Questions contact Natalie Weber 303-688-4797

Changes...Contact AAUW newsletter editors.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st Bridge- Singles 7pm (Doris Mac- Dougal)	1 st	1 st	1 st B r i d g e - Couples 7:00 pm (Margaret Boone)
2 nd	2 nd	2 nd AM Book Club 10 am Miller Library (Kendra O'Hayre)	2 nd Evening Book Club 6:00 PM (Linda Wash- burn)	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd
3 rd	3 rd	3 rd D o m i n o Games 1 pm Ann Aviles	3 rd AAUW Branch 6:30 pm PS Miller L i b r a r y (u s u a l l y) Check page 1	3 rd C o l o r a d o History / Culture Club Pat Proctor 9:00 AM	3 rd	3 rd
4 th	4 th	4 th Mah Jongg 2:00 PM Carole Murphy	4 th	4 th	4 th	4 th

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AAUW promotes equity for women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barrier to full participation in the organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, class, national origin, or disability.

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