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Holiday Banquet

Bear Dance Country Club

December 14, 2014



The Gathering Place

Guest Speaker: Leslie Foster



In 1986 trailblazer, Leslie Foster, had a calling to come to the aid of women, children, and transgender individuals who were experiencing homelessness and poverty. **The Gathering Place** is a daytime drop-in center. As president, Leslie and her staff built a community of safety and hope where positive relationships, choice, and essential resources, transform lives.

Leslie spoke about her Journey of 25 years with **The Gathering Place**. Her presentation shed light on the trials and tribulations of the homeless, especially homeless women and children.



The Gathering Place depends on donations and grants to keep their door open. Consider supporting the efforts of **The Gathering Place** or any other worthy organization by donating on December 9th, Colorado Gives Day.

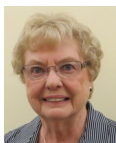
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Submit to Kathy Chavez by the 25th of the Month,



Co-President's Message

Doris MacDougall



The holiday season is here with all its hustle and bustle, but also it's the time to reflect on the spirit of giving. Besides our work, shopping, cooking, entertaining, etc. we should also take some time to give of ourselves for others. As Leslie Foster, Director of the Gathering Place, a haven for homeless women and children in Denver, told us at our last AAUW meeting, we must reach out to others and be kind to one another, regardless of their circumstances, or ours. Most of us have been taught that we have a responsibility to help others. Help could be a hug, a smile, a kind word, a meal, a ride, a visit or a gift. Help can also be a nudge to move someone along in their life.

I recently read about two examples of this giving spirit. One is about two boys, ages 8 and 10 who live on the West Coast. Their grandparents gave each of them \$50 earlier this year and told them to do something creative with their funds, then at Christmas to write them a letter telling them how they spent their money. The brothers decided to turn their \$100 into \$500, using the internet to explain their goal of providing much needed materials like utensils and food for a homeless shelter in their area. They said, "We chose to help the homeless because we want them to have support to get back on their feet, and to feel loved over the holiday season." Needless to say, they have far surpassed their \$500 goal, and just think how proud those grandparents will be when they receive that Christmas letter about the giving spirit of their grandsons.

I also read about "The Holiday Project", a nationwide organization independently run in each separate community across the country - there is one in Denver. The Holiday Project organizes visits to people in nursing homes, hospitals and other residential institutions. Dozens of volunteers, people looking for ways to make their own holidays more fulfilling, and willing to give of their time, bring the holiday spirit to those who may otherwise not have a celebration. And as our population continues to age, that number is increasing.

Closer to home, as AAUW members, we do support our own many grants and scholarships to help young women meet their educational goals, another way of showing the giving spirit. Also our state has ColoradoGivesDay, to be held this year on Tuesday, December 9th. Online donations are made to any one of 1500 Colorado non-profit organizations of your choice. This is the seventh year for the event, made possible by the Community First Foundation, and it has proven to show the true spirit of giving by Coloradoans.

Hope you all have time this season to reach out with a hug, a smile, a visit or any other way to foster the Christmas spirit of giving.

Happy Holidays, Doris

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AAUW Branch Meeting
Minutes
19 November 2014

The evening began at 6:50 p.m.

Leslie Foster presented our program, speaking about The Gathering Place, Denver's only daytime resource for women, children, and the transgendered who are experiencing homelessness.

We had two guests: Hope Wescott and Barbara Lake.

Jane read a eulogy for founding member Margaret Golder, who died on October 31. She also acknowledged the receipt of Diane Norten's thank you note for the group's gift of a bracelet honoring her for serving as state AAUW President for the past two years.

Minutes of previous meeting

Bobby made the motion, which Dorothy seconded, that the minutes be approved as published in the newsletter; passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report

Ginger made the motion, seconded by Sue, that the treasurer's report be approved as published in the newsletter; passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Fundraising - please submit your silent auction donations soon.

Programs - January's meeting will feature the story of a woman who saved children in the Warsaw ghetto during WW2.

Membership - We have 72 members.

Social -- While many people have signed up for Casual Cuisine, no one has yet stepped forward to organize the group. Perhaps after the holidays, someone will find the time.

Communication - Kathy reminds us that the deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month. The State bulletin should appear in our mailboxes any day now.

Public Policy - Dianne wasn't present to report. Public Policy day is in February and will take place at the Marriott in south Denver.

Other business

Holiday Dinner - please mail your check to Marsha Johnson a.s.a.p.

Meeting rooms for 2015 - watch for further information. We had difficulty securing rooms for most months.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

AAUW Holiday Party & Silent Auction

Date: Sunday, December 14th, 2014
Time: 5:00–6:00 Social Hour / Reception (Cash Bar)
6:00 Dinner and Program



Location: Bear Dance Country Club
6630 Bear Dance Dr.
Larkspur, CO 80118
303-681-4653

Cost: \$35 /person inclusive

Please send your check to: Marsha Johnson, 305 Deer Crossing, Castle Rock, CO 80104

MENU

Social hour : Cash Bar

Bear Dance Holiday Salad: Mesclun mixed greens, candied walnuts, dried cranberries and gorgonzola cheese

2nd Course: Tomato-Basil Bisque and warm Ciabatta bread with whipped butter and almond pesto dipping oil

Entrée Buffet

Achiote Rubbed Chicken & Shrimp with lime cilantro butter and pineapple salsa

Mediterranean Braised Beef and Portobello au jus and truffle ricotta

Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Herb Roasted Baby Red Potatoes

Dessert: Chocolate Ganache Cake with vanilla sauce; vanilla bean Cheese Cake with Berry Coulis

Name: _____

Number attending: _____ Amount included _____ \$35 per person



Holiday Party Entertainment

This year's Holiday Party entertainment will be a string quartet. Kristin Sidney, one of our AAUW members has helped us by asking her daughter Holly and three of her friends to provide the entertainment for us. Here is a little information about the girls.



On viola is Hailey Bennett, a junior at Castle View High School. She's thinking about pre-med followed by dermatology.



Next is Amy Rodearmel on violin. She is a freshman at the University of Northern Colorado majoring in Spanish and teaching. She also plays in their orchestra.



On cello is Kirsten Shriver who is a freshman majoring in psychology at University of Kansas. She will be in their orchestra next semester.



Finally, Holly Sidney, Kristin's daughter, also plays violin in this quartet. She would like to study music therapy.

Thanks to the four girls and Kristin Sidney for providing our entertainment this year!

Dates to Remember



- ◇ December 14, Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction, Bear Dance Country Club
- ◇ 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.



2015 AAUW COLORADO PUBLIC POLICY DAY

February 7, 2015

REGISTRATION

NAME _____

AAUW OFFICE: _____

ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, ZIP) _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

AAUW Branch or Branches _____

Please check all that apply:

Guest? _____ National Member? _____ 1st Time Attendee? _____

Currently Attending College? _____

To donate a Public Policy Day Registration for a College Student
please add \$35 to your registration check

Any meal alterations? _____

Cost: \$35

To pay by check (payable to AAUW Colorado)

send completed registration to:

Mary Hassler, 4230 Corriente Place, Boulder Colorado 80302-1629

No refunds after January 30, 2014

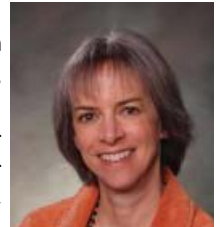
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Stacy Buchanan is Vice President of Information Strategy at Qualistar Colorado, a statewide nonprofit striving to advance quality early childhood education across Colorado. Stacy is responsible for the maintenance, quality and usage of Qualistar's data regarding the supply, demand and quality of child care programs. Prior to assuming this position at Qualistar, Stacy managed the statewide child care resource and referral network, the Colorado T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® scholarship program and quality improvement grants. Stacy holds a bachelor's degree from Montana State University in Family Science and a master's degree in Educational Administration at the University of Denver.

Claire Levy is the Executive Director of the Colorado Center on Law and Policy. She assumed that position in November, 2013. Prior to that Claire was a member of the Colorado House of Representatives, where she was Vice-chair of the Joint Budget Committee and Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations. She also served as Speaker Pro Tem. In her role on the Joint Budget Committee Claire helped secure expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, fought declines in public employee salaries and benefits, and scrutinized sex offender treatment and other programs in Colorado's prisons. Claire Levy is an attorney with experience in criminal appeals, civil litigation and land use law.



Jeannie Ritter joined the Mental Health Center of Denver in 2012 to serve as Mental Health Ambassador and continue her advocacy efforts for mental health which she made her focus as former First Lady of Colorado (2007-2011). Mental illness affects one in five Americans in any given year and touches most every important issue, from homelessness and substance abuse to education and healthcare. Through her efforts to bring a voice to mental health, her hope is that she is helping to create a community that does not avert its eyes but views mental illness with the same compassion as other ailments. She speaks publicly at hundreds of businesses, civic organizations, faith based groups, chamber meetings and community gatherings each year. Her passion for improving access to mental health supports is underscored by her belief that mental wellness is the foundation for healthier families and stronger communities.

Tracey Stewart is a principal at Colorado Impact: Center for Economic Prosperity. She monitors policies and programs that improve access to resources that give every Coloradan the opportunity to work toward economic stability and security. She educates state leaders and communities on the importance of helping Coloradans on the road to economic self-sufficiency through the use of critical tools and resources. She also provides research to inform Colorado businesses, governments and communities on the progress Colorado is making in its poverty reduction efforts. Before joining Colorado Impact: Center for Economic Prosperity, Tracey worked with the Colorado Center on Law and Policy and the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, where she was the project manager for the Colorado Homeless Management Information System. She holds a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a master's degree from the School of Education at the University of Denver.



Henry Sobanet is a Denver native, educated at Regis High School, the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Colorado at Denver. He was employed as an economist for five years at the Colorado Legislative Council, the nonpartisan research office for the state legislature. In September 2004, Governor Bill Owens appointed him to be Director of the Office of State Planning and Budgeting. In 2005, Henry was the lead negotiator and researcher for the Governor's Office in reaching a compromise with the legislature on the State's budget shortfall. This effort resulted in Referendum C, which was adopted by the voters in November 2005. In 2006, Henry helped develop and negotiate an innovative plan to address the State's pension shortfall. From 2007 to 2011, he was President of Colorado Strategies LLC, a firm that specialized in economics, public affairs, and strategic management. In 2011, Governor John Hickenlooper selected Henry to return as Director of the Office of State Planning & Budgeting.

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 (K e n d r a 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 Julie Reagan Susan Blackburn	4 th	4 th	4 th	4 th

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