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

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December 5
Holiday Party
Pradera Country Club
Luncheon at 11:30

January 20, 2016
Roads Scholar
Ambassador
Intergenerational
Travel Opportunities
& Slide Show
Location TBD



Special Olympics

November AAUW Meeting Special Olympics

Our own Marcia Miller gave a wonderful presentation about Special Olympics. As a master coach (having taken all the tests & other requirements), Marcia was cleared to coach anything under Special Olympics rules. She did, however, retire this year from coaching.

The Athlete's Oath:

"Let me win.

But if I cannot win,

Let me be brave in the attempt."

We were fortunate to have four athletes join the presentation. They shared their experiences and showed the audience their Olympic medals.



Editors

Submit to Kathy Chavez
and Nedda Altschuld by
the 25th of the month.

Co-President's Message Doris MacDougall December 2015



It is time again to celebrate two of our major holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas, which means the year 2015 is nearing its end. It is a time for us to be grateful that we have the opportunity to live in this great country and in the beautiful state of Colorado. Parts of the world are in turmoil where peace does not prevail, and people elsewhere do not enjoy the freedoms and comfort that we take so much for granted and should be thankful for.

I came across a poem entitled “**Thankful Thoughts**”, author unknown. I can’t give out any credits, but it conveys a little different slant on thankfulness which I thought was important and relevant to each individual, so I am sharing it with all of you.

Be thankful that you don’t already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don’t know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it builds strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

*It’s easy to be **thankful** for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also **thankful** for the setbacks.*

***Gratitude** can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be **thankful** for your troubles, and they can become your **blessings**.*

Here’s wishing a happy and safe holiday season to all the AAUW members and friends.



Happy
Holidays!



AAUW Minutes
November 18, 2015
Dorothy Nugent, Secretary, Pro Tem



The General Meeting of the AAUW Douglas County Branch was called to order by co-president, Doris MacDougall at 8:05 p.m.

The minutes of the previous month were approved along with the treasurer's report.

Marsha Johnson also reported that our bill for insurance was paid and that the following checks will be sent: \$1200 to state NCCWSL Fund and \$2100 to National as our annual contribution to AAUW Funds. (\$30.00 per member.) We are also still receiving funds from the King Sooper cards.

Suzanne Kroepsch reported on the December 5th Social. It will be a luncheon at Pradera Country Club. The cost is \$25.00 that includes tax and gratuity. Marsha Johnson is accepting the checks and Julie Reagan and Stephanie Fong are accepting the Silent Auction items. The deadline for the luncheon and items is **December 1st**.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming programs in January and February of 2016. All months for our meetings and programs next year will be held at the library with the exception of January and February. Various members will be looking into different locations for our meetings and programs for these two months.

Pat Smith, a new AAUW member, was introduced by Kristin Sidney. We welcomed Pat!

Kathy Chavez reported that the newsletter will list officer names only. There will be no contact information included.

Diane Norten announced that Public Policy Day will be held on February 6, 2016, at the Marriott Hotel in Lone Tree. Registration forms are in the Winter Bulletin. Mark your calendars for this important day!

Carol Marshall is continuing to work on the changes from National on the AAUW Bylaws. They should be completed and approved by spring.

Doris MacDougall reported on other branch news including a free lecture by Dr. Temple Grandin sponsored by the Littleton-South Metro AAUW. This will take place at Littleton High School December 7th from 4-5:30. Tickets are required and there are only a few left. Contact Doris if you are interested.

The e-Network Branch also sent an invitation to a book discussion (*Give and Take* by Adam Grant) on December 2nd at 6:30.

Regarding state news, Doris MacDougall announced that the *Raising of America Pikes Peak Alliance* will have future airings on Rocky Mountain PBS beginning January 7th from 9 to 10 with additional airings during the month.

Diane Norten also reported that there has been discussion of changes on the State Board and the changing roles of branch presidents.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Nugent

Women Collaborative Members, Colleagues and Friends,



If you have missed some of the recent screenings of ***The Raising of America***, the powerful documentary on the impact of **early childhood development and quality childcare**, it's not too late for you to see it. The first episode is available for online streaming from **November 9th through November 30th**. To access the documentary, go to www.theraisingofamerica.com

Additionally, Rocky Mountain PBS is airing the first episode on **January 7, at 9 pm and the remaining episodes on January 14, 21, and 28.**

Thank you to the **Pikes Peak Community Alliance** and **Rocky Mountain PBS** for continuing to raise the visibility of this important work and the needs for more affordable early childhood development and quality childcare in Colorado. The Alliance will be hosting some Community Dialogues starting in January on this topic, so stay tuned for that schedule.

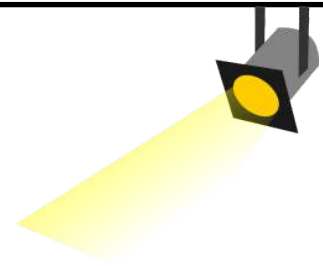
Thank you for your support!

Christie

Christie Doherty | Chair | Women's Collaborative for Colorado |
303.437.3449



Spotlight on Membership



Please join me in welcoming Pat Smith to our Douglas County AAUW Membership. Pat and her husband moved to Castle Rock this spring from Miami, Florida, to be closer to their grandchildren and is thrilled to be here. She has a BA in Economics from the University of Missouri and a MLS from the University of Maryland. Pat retired as the CIO (Chief Information Officer) for a foster care agency where she received numerous awards including the Computerworld Honors Laureate. Prior to her work in foster care, she headed up the IT function for a global pharmaceutical company. She has been married to Fabio Fernandez for 16 years and together they have 4 children, 4 grandchildren and one on the way!

Welcome Pat!



Douglas County AAUW Budget Report – November 25, 2015

Our account balances are as follows:

SAVINGS:	\$4295.47
RESTRICTED CHECKING:	\$1257.53
UNRESTRICTED CHECKING:	\$5173.74

We are currently in a very nice position with regard to our finances. Soon, I will be making our annual donation to the National AAUW Fund. We budgeted \$2100 for this expense. It was also decided that our NCWSL donation this year (\$1200) would go to our state program to benefit Colorado women.

As always, during holiday time, consider eating for more than one person. Keep buying up those goodies to help support our King Sooper and Safeway gift card program.

Marsha Johnson
Treasurer

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY

AAUW COLORADO PUBLIC POLICY DAY

FEBRUARY 6, 2016, 8:30 A.M.-2:15 p.m.

MARIOTT DENVER SOUTH

10345 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, Co 80124

Featured Speakers:

Andrew Romanoff : Former Speaker of the Colorado House and currently President and CEO of Mental Health American of Colorado.

Ellen Golmbek: Executive Director of Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.

Linda Meric: Executive Director of 9 to 5, National Association of Working Women.

Susan Birch: Serves in Governor Hickenlooper's cabinet overseeing health policy development and implementation of national health care at the state level.

Shelia Davis: Healthcare Leadership Adjunct Professor and Assistant Research Professor at the University of Denver.

Register by Monday, January 25, 2016

Cost: \$45 (includes registration and lunch-no breakfast is provided)

Current College Students are Eligible for Public Policy Day Registration Scholarships

OVERNIGHT RESERVATIONS: Reservations must be arranged individually with the Marriott Denver South no later than January 25, 2016 to receive the special group rate of \$104

(plus tax) for a standard guest room, single or double occupancy. The toll-free number for the Marriott Denver South reservation desk is 800-686-2767. Ask for the American Association of University Women's Block Rate.

Lunch Menu

Chicken Caesar Entrée Salad, Cookie, Coffee and Iced Tea

Questions about registration or to request a college student scholarship Contact: Diane Fuchs at 303-674-9639, hdfuchs@msn.com

2016 AAUW COLORADO PUBLIC POLICY DAY
February 6, 2016

REGISTRATION

NAME _____

AAUW OFFICE: _____

ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, ZIP) _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

AAUW Branch or Branches _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Guest? _____ 1st time attendee? _____ Currently Attending College _____

To donate toward the Public Policy Registration of a College Student, Please add \$45
(or any desired amount) to your registration Check.

Any meal alteration? _____

Luncheon item: Chicken Caesar Salad

Cost: \$45

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 25, 2016

To Register Online and Credit Card Payment by Pay Pal:

<http://aauw-co.aauw.net/advocacy/>



Dates to Remember

- December 5: **Holiday Luncheon** at Pradera Country Club. Time, 11:30.
- February 6, 2016, Women's Economic Security, ***Public Policy Day***, Marriott Denver South, Lone Tree.
- April 12, Equal Pay Day
- April 22-23, 2016, ***Colorado State Convention***, Loveland.
- July 14-17, 2016, ***Rocky Mountain Regional Conference***, Sheraton Uptown, Albuquerque, NM.
- September 9-10, 2016, ***Fall Leadership Conference***, Colorado Springs.

AAUW Meeting Locations

January & February: TBD

March-June: PS Miller Library

The earth itself assures us it is in a living entity. Deep below surface one can hear its slow pulse, feel its vibrant rhythm. The great breathing mountains expand and contract. The vast sage desert undulates with almost imperceptible tides like the oceans. From the very beginning, throughout all its cataclysmic upthrusts and deep sea submergences, the planet Earth seems to have maintained an ordered rhythm.---Frank Waters (1902-1995)

COMMITTEE	2015 Standing Committee Chairs are Voting Members of the Board. Vice Chairs vote in the absence of the Chair.
Public Policy/AAUW Funds	Diane Norten, Chair
Bylaws	Carol Marshall, Chair
Historian	Carol Murphy, Chair
Communications (Newsletter/Directory/Website)	Kathy Chavez, Chair Nedda Altschuld, VC Newsletter; Jane Ott, VC Website
Scholarships/Awards	Suzanne Kroepsch, Chair (HS Awards) Bobbie Van Horn, VC Scholarships
Social (Interest Groups)	Natalie Weber, Chair
Social/Fellowship /Interest Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Club (AM) • Book Club (PM) • History/Culture Club • MahJongg • Bridge-Singles • Bridge-Doubles • Domino Games 	Group Contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kendra O'Hayre • Linda Washburn • JoAnn McCall • Julie Reagan/Susan Blackburn • Doris MacDougall • Margaret Boone • Natalie Weber

CALENDAR FOR ANY MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st Bridge Singles 6:30 PM (Doris MacDougall)	1 st	1 st	1 st Bridge Couples 6:30 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 Washburn)	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd
3 rd	3 rd	3 rd Domino Games 1 PM (Natalie Weber)	3 rd AAUW Branch 6:30 PM PS Miller Library (Usually) Check Page 1	3 rd Colorado History/Culture Club 9 AM (TBD)	3 rd	3 rd
4 th	4 th	4 th Mah Jongg 1:00 PM (Julie Reagan & Susan Blackburn)	4 th	4 th	<p style="text-align: center;"> Questions? Please contact Natalie Weber 303-688-4797 Changes...Contact AAUW newsletter editors. </p>	

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.

Elected Board Members	Current (2015-2016)	Incoming (2016-2017)	Advisor (previous year's officers 2014-2015)
Co-Presidents	Doris MacDougall Marcia Miller	Beryl Jacobson	Jane Ott
VP Program	Peggy SerVaas		Pat Kammerling
VP Membership	Kristen Sidney	Dorothy Nugent	Pat Proctor
VP Fundraising	Stephanie Fong Julie Reagan		Marcia Miller
Secretary (2 year term)	Ruth Lundgren		Suzanne La Rue
Treasurer (2 year term)	Marsha Johnson	Marsha Johnson	