

March 2017

**Editors:**

Kathy Chavez  
Nedda Altschuld

Please submit  
items for the  
Newsletter by the  
25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

March 15, 2017

**9:30 AM**

PS Miller Library

**Experiences in the  
Land of the  
Unexpected**

Papua New Guinea

Speaker: Pat Paul



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:  
PARADISE GONE WRONG?**



In its 2015 World Report, Human Rights Watch said Papua New Guinea was “one of the most dangerous places in the world to be a woman, with an estimated 70 percent of women experiencing rape or assault in their lifetime.”

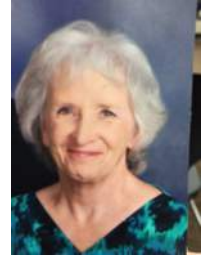
Pat Paul, who taught high school in the PNG capital city of Port Moresby, will speak at the general meeting of the AAUW on March 15<sup>th</sup> about the “Land of the Unexpected.” Is it paradise or, as one of her students wrote, paradise gone wrong? Pat will provide a multi-media presentation about the country’s colonial heritage and its future possibilities as well as her own impressions gained from living there and working with high school students. Also, she will bring along a few artifacts for you to examine and analyze. Anybody know what a bilum is? Or a Kin? How about a Kundu and a garramut? You will after this presentation.

In the concluding slide show, you will meet some of her students from the personal perspective of their writings about the unique culture of PNG, both its challenges and rewards. Ultimately they incorporated this piece



into their graduation ceremony.

*Co-President's Message  
February 2017  
Beryl Jacobson*



*Our 2017 AAUW year has gotten off to a good start with important events nationally, at the state level and for our branch. The Women's March on January 20 drew attention to issues being faced by women all across the nation and globally. "Women's Rights are Human Rights" and "An Injustice toward One is an Injustice toward All" were slogans seen on signs being carried by marchers. At our February 15 meeting, Suzanne Kroepsch told about her experiences at the state capital and Pamela Steinman told about attending the march in Colorado Springs. Others told about friends and relatives who attended the march in Washington DC. There was agreement that the momentum needs to be carried forward to create a movement. Our AAUW Action Funds help in this effort at all levels.*

*Colorado AAUW Public Policy day held on February 4 was well attended by 6 of our members and about 100 others from around the state. Two sessions focused on Women's Reproductive Health and Choice and the need for advocates for funding at all levels of government for women's health. The first was presented by the VP of Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains and the second was a panel with the political director of NARAL, the program and policy director of COLOR and Senator Beth Martinez Humenik R-district 24 Adams County. We learned that Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains started 100 years ago and now has 20 health centers with more than 50% outside the Denver Metro Area. It serves 70,000 Coloradoans with 1/3 using Medicaid, 1/3 private insurance and 1/3 self-pay. It provides safe and legal abortions in some of its clinics but does not receive public reimbursement for these. Concern for ongoing public funding for women's clinics was expressed. To learn more about what the impact for women's health would be if funds were less, I looked at national research by the Guttmacher Institute and discovered that there are several safety - net health centers for women and men. More than 36% of women who received care from them received services from Planned Parenthood sites, 27% from health department clinics, 16% from federally qualified health centers, 13% from other clinics and 8% from hospital outpatient facilities. The question is: where would the women currently having health care needs met by Planned Parenthood find clinics with the capacity to serve them in a convenient location. Currently in Douglas County there is a Planned Parenthood clinic on Hwy 83 in Parker and Tri County Health clinics in Castle Rock and Lone Tree. These are our local safety - net health centers especially for poor or low income adults.*

*We were encouraged to contact our legislators at all levels of government to urge them to keep funding strong for Women's Health. Please read Diane Norten's our "Public Policy" committee chair's information about the bills currently before the state legislature to discover those concerning women's health so you can let our Douglas County representatives Patrick Neville (house) and Jim Smallwood (senate), know what you think.*

Douglas County Affiliate AAUW Minutes  
February 15, 2017  
Ruth Lundgren

Diane Norten introduced our speaker for the evening. Christie Doherty is a Board Member of the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame. Christie told us the history of the Hall, where we can find information about the members of the Hall, and how to make nominations for new inductees. Ten women are inducted every two years to the hall; six being current and four historical.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by co-president Marcia Miller.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: There was no report; there were no business meetings in December or January.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was approved. Marsha Johnson reported there was a check for \$276 from Safeway after the newsletter was published. Marcia Miller submitted a check for \$132 from items auctioned on Ebay. Marsha mentioned that membership renewal will be starting in March and is easy to do online.

MEMBERSHIP:

Stormy and Bruce McDonald were guests.

We welcomed Betty Rossen, a transfer member from CA, to her first Douglas County meeting.

PROGRAM:

The March meeting will be March 15th at 9:30 a.m. at the library.

INTEREST GROUPS:

Stephanie Fong reminded the group that the History and Culture Group is going to the Denver Art Museum Thursday, March 16th.

PUBLIC POLICY;

Diane Norten gave a report from Public Policy Day. Beryl Jacobson, Suzanne Kroepsch, Doris MacDougall, and Marcia Miller also attended. Diane is going to submit an article to the newsletter listing issues AAUW supports and opposes.

Suzanne Kroepsch reported on her experiences from the Denver Women's March. Pam Steinman told the group about her experience marching in Colorado Springs.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The members are Suzanne Kroepsch, Diane Norten, and Doris MacDougall. When they call, be sure to consider a positive answer for the position.

The membership was saddened to know that Lou Flatland passed. A note from Lou Flatland's daughter, Cheryl, was read. She included a gift of \$500 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Lou. There was a collection jar available for members to add to this fund. Stephanie Fong read Lou's obituary.

Members are needed to help with our two fundraisers. There were signup sheets for both Tacos and Tunes and the Holiday Event.

Diane gave a brief explanation of AAUW Funds and how we can individually donate easily online. The AAUW Fund drawing was held with Ruth Lundgren being the recipient.

Marcia Miller collected our favorite quotes from the membership.

Sheri Rich moved and Jane Ott seconded that the meeting be adjourned.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

## Dates to Remember

- April 4, 2017, Equal Pay Day
- April 28-29, 2017, AAUW Colorado State Convention, Colorado Springs
- June 14-17, 2017, National Convention in Washington DC

## Meeting Schedule

March 15	9:30 AM	PS Miller Library, Papua New Guinea—Pat Paul
April 19	6:30 PM	PS Miller Library, High School STEM Awards
May 17	6:30 PM	PS Miller Library, Annual Review Meeting and Potluck

## On Going Fundraiser...

*King Soopers and Albertsons/Safeway gift cards continue to be our biggest fundraiser. Please continue to use those cards and to eat.*

*If you need information about this program, please contact Marcia Miller or if you need a card or a replacement card, please let Marcia Miller know at [millermarcia@me.com](mailto:millermarcia@me.com).*



*FREE MONEY is wonderful!*





## **Mary Fields**

### **“Stagecoach Mary”**

*Mary Fields, also known as "Stagecoach Mary" and "Black Mary" (c. 1832-1914), was the first African-American woman star route mail carrier in the United States. She was not an employee of the United States Post Office. The Post Office Department did not hire or employ mail carriers for star routes; it awarded star route contracts to persons who proposed the lowest qualified bids, and who in accordance with the Department's application process posted bonds and sureties to substantiate their ability to finance the route. Once a contract was obtained, the contractor could then drive the route themselves, sublet the route, or hire an experienced driver. Some individuals obtained multiple star route contracts and conducted the operations as a business.*

*Mary Fields obtained the star route contract for the delivery of U. S. mail from Cascade, Montana to Saint Peter's Mission in 1885. She drove the route with horse and wagon, not a stagecoach, for two four-year contracts: from 1885 to 1889 and from 1889 to 1903. Author Miantae Metcalf McConnell provided documentation discovered during her research about Mary Fields to the United States Postal Service Archives Historian in 2006. This enabled USPS to establish Mary Fields' contribution as the first African American woman star route mail in the United States.*

*Source: Wikipedia*

### **Special Message**

***Dear AAUW Douglas County,***

***Please accept this donation for the scholarship fund. AAUW has always been a source of friendship and fond memories for my mother, Louella Flatland.***

***Love, Cheryl, Matt and Lily Hansen***

***(A \$500 donation to the Scholarship fund)***

## WORDS TO LIVE BY - OUR FAVORITE QUOTES!

*"Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it." Dr. Karl Menninger*

*"What we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us; what we have done for others and world, remains and is Immortal." Albert Pike*

*"There's never a good reason for bad manners."*

*"Love not built on friendship is like building a mansion on the sand." Celestial Tea Bag*

*"The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members." Mahatma Gandhi*

*"When you're born, you are crying and everyone else is smiling. Live your life so that when you die you're smiling and everyone else is crying."*

*"Education is man's going forward from ignorance to thoughtful uncertainty!"*

*"No one ever attains success by simply doing what is required of him." Charles Kendall Adams*

*"The unexamined life is not worth living." Socrates*

*"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." Eleanor Roosevelt*

*"We are afraid to care too much, for fear that the other person does not care at all." Eleanor Roosevelt*

*"Only believe half of what you hear and none of what you read."*

*"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely and in an attractive and well preserved body but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, latte in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming WOO HOO what a ride."*

*"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright  
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more  
I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive  
I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger  
I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting  
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess  
I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good bye."*

*Many thanks to everyone who provided a quote!*

*Next month - "WHAT IS THE BEST ADVICE YOUR PARENTS GAVE YOU?" Send to <mailto:millermarcia@me.com> by March 15th*

# 2017 Colorado General Assembly Bills of Interest

The AAUW Colorado Public Policy Committee deliberates state bills of interest per the [2015-2017 AAUW Public Policy Program](#) and assigns stances in alignment and per capacity to lobby. We activate our volunteer lobby corps and encourage constituent advocacy on bills with “actively support” or “actively oppose” positions. For bills assigned “support” or “oppose,” we encourage constituent advocacy. As for bills with a “monitor” stance, the committee follows them and may recommend stance review downstream.

For additional bill information and legislator contact info, please click [leg.colorado.gov](http://leg.colorado.gov).

## ACTIVELY SUPPORT

- [House Bill 17-1001](#) (Employee Leave Attend Child’s Academic Activities) – Businesses with at least 50 employees, up to 18 hours per employee of unpaid leave
- [House Bill 17-1002](#) (Child Care Expenses Income Tax Credit Extension) – Extension for persons with gross income under \$25,000. Refundable tax credit. Maximum \$500 for 1 dependent, \$1,000 for 2 or more dependents

## SUPPORT

- [Senate Bill 17-067](#) (Educator Effectiveness 50% Student Academic Growth) – Reduces from 50% to 20%
- [Senate Bill 17-102](#) (Prohibit Use Of Certain Student Personal Information) – Specifically citizenship status or religion of the student’s family
- [Senate Bill 17-118](#) (Information On Private Occupational Schools) – Must be provided to prospective students and includes completion rates, post grad employment, student debt, etc.
- [Senate Bill 17-126](#) (Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board) – Created in the Department of Law to review statewide data and present a report by December 1, 2018 on recommendations on reducing the incidence of domestic violence
- [Senate Bill 17-128](#) (Higher Education Behavior Policies) – On violations of codes of behavior. Higher education institutions receiving college opportunity fund dollars must develop policies on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, hate crimes, and publish handbook.
- [House Bill 17-1038](#) (Prohibit Corporal Punishment Of Children) – Applies to employees or volunteers in public school, state-licensed child care centers, licensed child care homes, and specialized group facilities
- [House Bill 17-1068](#) (Prevailing Wages For CDOT Colorado Department Of Transportation Public-private Initiatives) – Concerning a requirement that the department of transportation consider only proposals for public-private initiatives that will pay prevailing wages for construction labor
- [House Bill 17-1072](#) (Human Trafficking Sexual Servitude) – Adds “purchase” of person to definition. Offender must go on sex offender registry. Adds adults to victims.
- [House Bill 17-1116](#) (Continue Low-income Household Energy Assistance) – By removing sunset



- House Bill 17-1121 (Patient Safety Act) – In part, requires fingerprint-based background check for select healthcare professional licenses

## ACTIVELY OPPOSE

- Senate Bill 17-039 (Education Income Tax Credits For Nonpublic School)
- House Bill 17-1085 (Women’s Health Protection Act) – TRAP bill that adds unnecessary regulations and requirement on “abortion clinics” and doctors who practice there **UPDATE: Died in committee**
- House Bill 17-1086 (Abortion Pill Reversal Information Act) **UPDATE: Died in committee**
- House Bill 17-1099 (No Funding Trafficking Aborted Human Body Parts) – No funding for higher education institutions that engage in trafficking of aborted human body parts, i.e. fetal tissue
- House Bill 17-1108 (Protect Human Life At Conception) – Personhood for fetus **UPDATE: Died in committee**

## OPPOSE

- Senate Bill 17-003 (Repeal Colorado Health Benefit Exchange)
- Senate Bill 17-061 (Additional Funding Charter School Operating Costs)
- House Bill 17-1036 (Concealed Carry In Public Schools) **UPDATE: Died in committee**

## MONITOR

- Senate Bill 17-107 (Reward Access To Arts Education In Public Schools) – Additional accreditation points for such schools
- Senate Bill 17-114 (Accountability For School Districts & Schools) – Greatest emphasis on academic growth indicator
- Senate Bill 17-123 (Seal of Biliteracy For High School Diplomas) – Sets high standards for eligibility for this recognition
- House Bill 17-1003 (Strategic Plan To Address Teacher Shortages) – CDHE and CDE to create the plan in coordination with other stakeholders
- House Bill 17-1042 (Increasing Funding For Full-day Kindergarten)
- House Bill 17-1127 (Exemption Feminine Hygiene Products From Sales Tax)



## LOOKING AHEAD

- *House Bill requiring health care facilities to allow medical providers to refer patients to another provider when the facility does not provide the service. Adds to the current law that requires provider to refer. **AAUW Colorado will actively support.***
- *House Bill requiring dispensing 12 months of oral contraceptives at one time if the patient requests. **AAUW Colorado will support.***
- *Bill to require availability of all forms of contraception currently required in the Affordable Care Act. **AAUW Colorado will support.***
- *More negative bills for women's reproductive health, which **AAUW Colorado will oppose***

*(copied from the Colorado AAUW website)*

*(Suggested by Diane Norten)*

### ***Douglas County AAUW Budget Report - February 25, 2017***

***Marsha Johnson, Treasurer***

*Our account balances are as follows:*

<i>SAVINGS:</i>	<i>\$4300.86</i>
<i>RESTRICTED CHECKING:</i>	<i>\$2138.44</i>
<i>UNRESTRICTED CHECKING:</i>	<i>\$2634.49</i>

*Welcome to February 2017 and hello (almost) to March!*

*Our Restricted account grew a little this month due to two factors. First, Marcia Miller was able to sell some of our previous auction items on Ebay for \$132.11. Thank you, Marcia! Second, Cheryl Hansen's family generously donated \$500 to our scholarship/award fund in honor of her mother, Lou Flatland, who passed recently. There was a donation jar available at our last meeting and members contributed an additional \$135 in Lou's honor. If any of you would like to donate, we will have the jar at our next meeting or you may mail me a check, made payable to AAUW.*

*We also received a check from our Safeway Card fundraiser in the amount of \$276.24.*

*As mentioned at our last meeting, membership renewal for the year July 2017-June 2018 will begin in 4-6 weeks and I want to encourage everyone who has a computer to renew online. Not a requirement, but very easy to do.*



History & Culture Group visited the Denver Art Museum for two exhibits. First was "Shock Wave; Japanese Fashion Design, 1980s-90s (pictured) and then onto to space for "Star Wars™ and the Power of Costume". Both exhibits were very well received and highly recommended.

A late lunch followed at the Imperial Restaurant to celebrate the Asian New Year. What a great day! Pictured from L-R: Stephanie Fong, Diane Norten, Pat Smith, Sandi Monticello, Marcia Miller, Beryl Jacobsen, Joann McCall



Public Policy Day attended by Diane Norten, Suzanne Kroepsch, Beryl Jacobsen, Marcia Miller (all seated); Char Sholes and Doris MacDougall (standing).

*Photos submitted by Marcia Miller.*



*In Memory of Lou Flatland, we took a collection at our last meeting. These funds will be placed into our Scholarship/Awards account for future use. Lou was always involved on this committee and chaired it for many years. Her Daughter, Cheryl (former AAUW member) started us off with \$500. Thank you, Cheryl. If you would like to make a donation, please send directly to Marsha Johnson, 305 Deer Crossing, Castle Rock, 80104. Ms. Lou, we'll miss you!*

# CALENDAR FOR ANY MONTH

1st Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday
			<i>Ladies Evening Bridge</i>  6:30PM  (Marsha Johnson)			<i>Bridge Couples</i>  6:30 PM  (Margaret Boone)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>  <i>AM Book Club 10AM</i>  PS Miller Library  (Kendra O'Hayre)	2 <sup>nd</sup>  <i>Evening Book Club</i>  6:00 PM  (Linda Washburn)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>  <i>Breakfast Bunch</i>  8:30 AM Pegasus (Ginger Allspach)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>  <i>Domino Games</i>  1 PM  (Natalie Weber)	3 <sup>rd</sup>  <i>AAUW Branch</i>  6:30 PM  PS Miller Library (Usually) check Page 1	3 <sup>rd</sup>  <i>Colorado History/Culture Club</i>  9 AM  (TBD)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Mah Jongg</i>  1:00 PM  (Julie Reagan & Susan Blackburn)	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>

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.

<i>Elected Board Members</i>	<i>Current (2016-2017)</i>
Co-Presidents	Beryl Jacobson & Marcia Miller
VP Program	Julie Reagan
VP Membership	Dorothy Nugent
Secretary (2 Year Term)	Ruth Lundgren
Treasurer (2 Year Term)	Marsha Johnson

<i>Committee</i>	<i>2016-2017 Standing Committee Chairs are Voting Members of the Board. Vice Chairs (VC) vote in the absence of the Chair.</i>
Public Policy/AAUW Funds	Diane Norten, Chair
By Laws	Carol Marshall, Chair
Historian	Carol Murphy, Chair
Communications (Newsletter/Directory/Website)	Kathy Chavez, Chair Nedda Altschuld, VC
Scholarships/Awards	Suzanne Kroepsch, Chair, HS Awards Kendra O'Hayre, VC Scholarships
Social Interest Group/Hospitality	Natalie Weber, Chair Mary Turner, VC Hospitality Pat Smith, Hospitality Susan Bowie, Committee Member, Hospitality