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

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November 19th

6:30 PM

PS Miller Library

**The Gathering Place
Speaker: Leslie Foster**



October 15th AAUW Meeting

We want to thank Suzanne LaRue for the wonderful "virtual tour" of what our library has to offer. She was able to show us how to access the different programs that are available to Douglas County Residents and library card holders. The library offers a large collection of popular materials, children's books, reference materials, downloadable audio, video and eBooks, wireless access, public computers for kids and adults, and much more. Thank you Suzanne.

Co-President Doris MacDougall presented Diane Norten with an exquisitely crafted bracelet in appreciation for her efforts as former AAUW State President of Colorado the past two years. The bracelet had a very special quote by Eleanor Roosevelt inscribed on the inside, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams". Thank you Diane for all your work with our branch and with the state AAUW.



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



Co-President's Message

Jane Ott



We had a great turnout at our October meeting. Suzanne LaRue presented a very informative program about the many, many services offered by the outstanding libraries in Douglas County. I bet each person in attendance at that meeting heard about some library service they want to learn more about and perhaps utilize. It brought back memories of my undergraduate years when I had a work study job at Norlin Library on the University of Colorado Boulder campus. How times have changed! I smile when I think of the old card catalogues, Books in Print volumes and periodical indexes I used when searching for Interlibrary Loan materials. Don't you wonder what changes our grandchildren will see in their lifetime?!

Thanks to the Program Committee for the other interesting programs we have to look forward to this year. Remember they've suggested some books for us to read before each meeting to give us some background on the topic of the program.

Hopefully you've studied the ballot issues, made decisions and submitted your ballot in this year's election. I would be surprised if there are many women in our branch that don't cast a vote - AAUW women are usually active, informed citizens.

See you at the November 19 branch meeting.

Jane

November 19th Program - The Gathering Place

Submitted by Peggy SerVaas

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. Come hear how she brought her calling to fruition - a daytime drop-in center called The Gathering Place. As president, Leslie and her staff built a community of safety and hope where positive relationships, choice, and essential resources transform lives. What lessons can we learn in order to help those populations within Douglas County and beyond? This is an important program to advance AAUW's mission. Please bring a friend.

Information on the suggested reading on page 9

Information about the book sponsored by **The Gathering Place** on page 10



Douglas County Branch AAUW Minutes
October 15, 2014
Submitted by Suzanne LaRue



Program

- Suzanne LaRue discussed the many other services that Douglas County Libraries provide to residents.

Co-Presidents Jane and Doris called the business meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

- Secretary's minutes;
 - ◆ Dorothy moved; Barbara seconded the motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter. Passed.
- Treasurer:
 - ◆ The report was published in the newsletter; nothing has changed since. Diane Norten moved, and Nedda seconded the approval of the report. Passed.
- Announcements:
 - ◆ Doris presented a gift to Diane Norten in recognition of her having served as president of the Colorado AAUW for the past two years.
 - ◆ Doris and Jane met with John DeLay of Pegasus on the Square restaurant to present a plaque of appreciation for his support of our annual Tacos 'n' Tunes fundraising events.
- Committee Reports:
 - ◆ Fundraising: Stephanie reported that there will be a smaller-scale silent auction at the December 14 holiday party. Drop off your contributions with either Stephanie or Julie Reagan.
 - ◆ Programming: Peggy said Julie (not present) has the bookmarks which list the year's programs; they will be available next month. Peggy has enriched the bookmark by including suggested background reading for each month's topic.
 - ◇ November's program will feature Leslie Foster, the Executive Director of The Gathering Place, a daytime drop-in center for women, children, and transgender individuals who are experiencing homelessness and poverty.
 - ◆ Membership:
 - ◇ Happy Birthday to Pat Proctor.
 - ◇ New members present: Judy Hockenberry, Sean Keefe, and Mary Turner.
 - ◇ Pat Proctor suggests inviting friends to interest group meetings to recruit them.
 - ◇ Natalie had sign-up sheets for the interest groups.
- ◆ Communication: Kathy & Nedda
 - ◇ Member directories were distributed by Nedda.
 - ◇ Newsletter submission deadline is October 25.
 - ◇ November 8 is the deadline for submissions to the State bulletin.
- ◆ Public Policy: Dianne Bailey
 - ◇ presented information based on AAUW positions for state ballot issue
- New Business:
 - ◆ Holiday party, December 14. Bear Dance Country Club is reserved; cost is projected to be about \$35/person, as in the past. Suzanne K. & Beryl are still working with the staff on our menu. Music entertainment will be provided by Kristen's daughter's student string quartet.. **Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

Public Policy Update

Submitted by Dianne Bailey



I found a cool link for information about Judges for those that seek more details like the FULL report from the Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance: <http://judgepedia.org>

Politics as a Hobby

As I reported to the members attending the October meeting, politics has become my 'hobby'. I like being on the inside of the political process and actually knowing, first hand, how the process works. With everyone in a party organization doing a small part, the machine keeps running. Without the 'machine' everyone else who is not active in their party would have no candidates to choose from.

Within the political process, I like ensuring that laws are followed. (You saw my focus on the bylaws of our branch and ensuring that bylaws were followed when I was branch President.) This requires actually reading the laws and understanding what they say. Sometimes that is hard, because, unfortunately, some laws are not clear. This is why most of our laws are 'statutes' - so they can be easily corrected or changed by the legislature to make them clearer or bring them up-to-date.

I started reading the laws when I began serving as Treasurer for David Casiano's campaign the very first time he ran for Mayor of Parker in 2000. For that race, I had to read Parker's Charter and the referenced state laws. Parker is a home rule community. Which means their Charter supersedes laws of the state for local governments. If the Charter does not address something, then the laws of the State prevail. This is what Parker did with its' election and campaign finance laws. Parker defines who can be elected and contribution limits. The rest of the laws come from the State.

I have been fortunate in that I have been Treasurer for local, state, and federal candidates, so I have been able to learn local, state and federal campaign finance law and reporting processes. The state and federal election organizations make it easy for campaigns. They have created 'guides' that explain the laws in 'English' so that reading the actual 'law' is not required. But one can go to the actual law, when needed.

Public Policy as an Interest Group

I have not been successful in getting many members interested in joining me on the Public Policy Committee, but how about a Public Policy INTEREST GROUP?

Instead of just me having all the fun in researching issues and reporting to members, the Interest Group could meet and do research together.

We could choose a topic of interest to the branch (or of interest to ourselves), meet monthly at the CR Library and find out all we can about that topic which could include online research, library research, and bringing in experts to talk to us. Then we can actually produce a 'fact finding report' for members and maybe the public.

This actually sounds like 'fun' to me. If this sounds interesting to you, let me know and we can talk about forming a new interest group.

Please send any Public Policy questions to: bailey.nyce@pcisys.net.

Dianne Bailey, AAUW Douglas County Branch Public Policy Chair

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: Beryl Jacobson, 1918 Foxfield Dr., Castle Rock, CO 80104

You can also bring your form and check to the November meeting.

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**



Spotlight on Membership

Mary Turner (Mary's contact information is in the directory)

I was born in Rochester, New York, and lived there all my life except for 5 years while I completed my BS in nursing from the U of Michigan. I continued my education at the University of Rochester which included a masters degree in nursing. I later obtained certification as a nurse practitioner.

I retired one year ago after a 45 year long career as a nurse/nurse practitioner/nurse educator at the University of Rochester medical center/School of Nursing to be with Hank, my Michigan college sweetheart. We were both widowed recently and feel very fortunate to share our "senior years" together.

My interests include gardening, reading, and walking/hiking (not the 14ers!). I enjoy reading nonfiction. Biographies and historical literature are my favorite reading selections.

I was a long time member of AAUW in Rochester and made lifelong friends. I chaired our cooperative nursery school many years ago. I have rejoined AAUW as a way to support women's education as well as make new friends.

I am so pleased to be meeting such a friendly and active group here in Douglas County and continue supporting AAUW goals.



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Certificate Electro-Mechanical Design from Women's Technical Institute



Douglas County AAUW Budget Report - October 25, 2014

Our account balances are as follows:

SAVINGS:	\$4296.18
RESTRICTED CHECKING:	\$1490.46
UNRESTRICTED CHECKING:	\$6670.43



Marsha Johnson, Treasurer

What's Happening at the PS Miller Library in November?

Author After Hours-Don Cygan No Silent Night

When: November 7, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM -8:30 PM

Where: Roxborough Library

Location: Roxborough Lockheed Martin Meeting Room

Description: Colorado author and veteran Don Cygan will talk about his WWII book—*No Silent Night: The Christmas Battle for Bastogne*. For hundreds of soldiers fighting, this battle on Christmas destroyed any hope of a peaceful, silent night.

Don Cygan is a Colorado author, teacher, and historian. He worked for several years as a newspaper reporter for the Douglas County Daily News-Press. He has also been a free-lance writer for several Denver-area publications.

Where: Roxborough Library

Other Information: Registration is required. Please register on the PS Miller Library website

An Evening with Author and Veteran Dan Hampton

When: November 8, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM

Where: PS Miller Library Castle Rock

Description: NYT bestselling author, "Viper Pilot" retired USAF F-16 legend Dan Hampton will talk about his new book *Lords of the Sky*, an entertaining, action-packed history of combat aviation spanning from the aviators of WWI to today's technologically expert warriors flying supersonic jets.

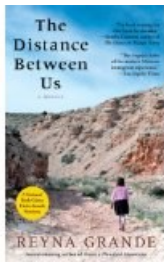


History and Culture Group



The **History and Culture Group** rounded up nine members to make the trip to Georgetown on Oct. 16. The traffic delays were frustrating, but worth the wait for the really great tour we had of the Hamill House which has been cared for and preserved by the local Historical Society. Our tour guide was extremely knowledgeable with many colorful stories. After a nice Italian lunch we enjoyed some outstanding ice cream and visited the many unique shops. There is a great little hotel near town and it would be fun to go there sometime for an overnight and a train ride. There is much to do and see in the most charming town.

Save the date of Nov. 20 for the Denver Art Museum.



The Distance Between Us

By: Reyna Grande

Book Review by Amazon.com

Mago pointed to a spot on the dirt floor and reminded me that my umbilical cord was buried there. "That way," Mami told the midwife, "no matter where life takes her, she won't ever forget where she came from."

Then Mago touched my belly button . . . She said that my umbilical cord was like a ribbon that connected me to Mami. She said, "It doesn't matter that there's a distance between us now. That cord is there forever."

When Reyna Grande's father leaves his wife and three children behind in a village in Mexico to make the dangerous trek across the border to the United States, he promises he will soon return from "El Otro Lado" (The Other Side) with enough money to build them a dream house where they can all live together. His promises become harder to believe as months turn into years. When he summons his wife to join him, Reyna and her siblings are deposited in the already overburdened household of their stern, unsmiling grandmother.

The three siblings are forced to look out for themselves; in childish games they find a way to forget the pain of abandonment and learn to solve very adult problems. When their mother at last returns, the reunion sets the stage for a dramatic new chapter in Reyna's young life: her own journey to "El Otro Lado" to live with the man who has haunted her imagination for years, her long-absent father.

In this extraordinary memoir, award-winning writer Reyna Grande vividly brings to life her tumultuous early years, capturing all the confusion and contradictions of childhood, especially one spent torn between two parents and two countries. Elated when she feels the glow of her father's love and approval, Reyna knows that at any moment he might turn angry or violent. Only in books and music and her rich imaginary life does she find solace, a momentary refuge from a world in which every place feels like "El Otro Lado."

The Distance Between Us captures one girl's passage from childhood to adolescence and beyond. A funny, heartbreaking, lyrical story, it reminds us that the joys and sorrows of childhood are always with us, invisible to the eye but imprinted on the heart, forever calling out to us of those places we first called home.

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.



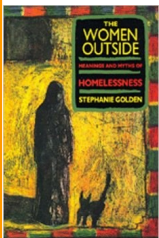
Don't want to Pay to Go to AAUW's 2015 Convention? Pledge to Register Today!

What's better than attending the 2015 AAUW National Convention in San Diego, June 18-21, 2015, and not have to pay the Registration Fee!! Pledge to register now, and AAUW will send you a reminder e-mail that if you complete your registration before January 15, 2015, you could win a free registration. Tell your fellow members to join the wave, too!

Suggested reading for our November 19th presentation—The Gathering Place

The Women Outside: Meanings and Myths of Homelessness

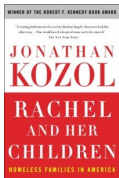
By: Stephanie Golden



Drawing upon four years' experience as a volunteer in a shelter, Stephanie Golden offers a stark and startling new portrait of homeless women. Taking us inside shelters, out on the streets, and into the lives of homeless women, *The Women Outside* uses wide-ranging scholarship to integrate a number of perspectives—historical, sociological, psychological, literary, and mythic—in a wholly original, incisive investigation.

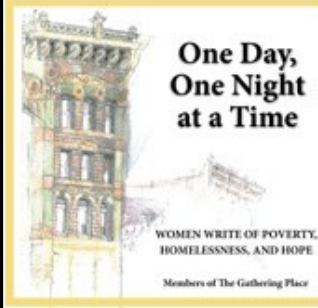
Rachel and Her Children: Homeless Families in America

By: Jonathan Kozol



Jonathan Kozol is one of America's most forceful and eloquent observers of the intersection of race, poverty, and education. His books, from the National Book Award-winning *Death at an Early Age* to his most recent, *Fire in the Ashes*, are touchstones of the national conscience. First published in 1988 and based on the months the author spent among America's homeless, *Rachel and Her Children* is an unforgettable record of the desperate voices of men, women, and especially children caught up in a nightmarish situation that tears at the hearts of readers. With record numbers of homeless children and adults flooding the nation's shelters today, *Rachel and Her Children* offers a look at homelessness that resonates even louder.

One Day, One Night at a Time



Women write of poverty, homelessness and hope. As communities across the nation attempt to address the issues of homelessness and poverty, the voices of women remain largely unheard. At a weekly Writer's Group in a local Denver community organization, a group of women gather for moments of reflection and attempt to put their experiences into words. With wisdom and clarity they redefine the notion of home, depict the realities of street and shelter survival, the trials of family life and the sheer joy that comes from a day that goes well or having a key, a room, and a door that closes. Their artwork serves to further enhance their words and offers another form of creative expression. "One Day, One Night at a Time" is a celebration of people who are finding the strength in their stories and the power that comes from artistic expression and simply being heard.

<http://bookcrafters.net/bookorder.php?ID=57>

The following poem is an excerpt from the book:

Black Box

Leticia D. Tanguma

My words are unspoken
but alive in a dance from yesterday,
hopping in a black box theatre,
swirling on a painted floor,
resonating with rhythm and beat.

Words that waited for dance
too long in a little apartment,
in a broken down car or
on a crowded bus, smelling
like urine, cigarette smoke and dust,
or in line at the food bank.

But yesterday morning the words
came alive through dance and
exploring unlimited possibilities,
breaking presumptions of age and ability
with ironic twist and inspirational turns
within the black box.

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

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,

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