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

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WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Kristin Goodrich (right) and Deni Johnson were our guest speakers at the March AAUW meeting. They discussed the changes of women at the Academies and in the military over the last four decades. Kristin and Deni were not only informative but also quite entertaining. Both women attended the United States Naval Academy.



April STEM Awards Meeting

The April meeting will be held at the Methodist Church, 1200 South Street in Castle Rock. This is a very special meeting in that we will be presenting the **STEM Awards** to high school students that have been nominated by one or more of their teachers.

As in the past, AAUW members are asked to please bring an appetizer or a dessert.

If your last name begins with:

A - L bring an appetizer

M - Z bring a dessert

The social committee will provide drinks, cups, plates, napkins, etc.

April 15, 2015

**Methodist Church
Castle Rock**

6:30

STEM Awards



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



Co-President's Message

Jane Ott
April 2015

If you were able to attend our branch meeting in March, you gained some interesting and amusing insight into the lives of two women who were among the first female graduates of the Naval Academy at Annapolis. It was obvious that they were young women who had the willpower and perseverance needed to be trailblazers.

Speaking of trailblazing women, I'd like to call your attention to a National Public Radio broadcast heard recently. It was a segment of Science Friday with host Ira Flato entitled "Writing Women Back into Science History". It was a fascinating discussion of unsung heroines in the fields of science and technology.

One such group of women was a team of six women who programmed the ENIAC, the first all-electronic, multipurpose computer developed during WW II. Basically, these women developed the software needed for the computer. They were never recognized to the same extent as the men who developed the hardware. Also mentioned were Maria Sibylla Merian, the 17th century "mother of entomology," whose watercolors documented insect metamorphosis and Marie Tharp, whose maps of the ocean floor paved the way for continental drift theory.

Many listeners called in to mention other accomplished women scientists whose contributions have not been fully acknowledged. The consensus was they these women can serve as role models for young girls aspiring to STEM careers.

I encourage you to go to the website sciencefriday.com and find the March 20 program. It was a very interesting and enlightening discussion I think you will enjoy. (You can also access it through the NPR website.)

An aside: I recently read about the two co-founders of AAUW. One was Ellen Swallow Richards. She attended Vassar, earning her degree in 1870 after just two years of study. She was the first US woman to earn a bachelor's degree in Chemistry. She then attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on "special student" status since women were not able to be admitted. She completed the requirements for a master's degree at MIT but the degree had to be granted by Vassar since women could not, at that time, receive a degree from MIT. She also completed the requirements for a doctorate but was never awarded the degree. She remained affiliated with MIT as an instructor and was also an accomplished industrial and environmental chemist.



Douglas County Branch AAUW Minutes
March 18, 2015
Submitted by Suzanne LaRue



The meeting came to order at 6:50 pm.

Program: Kristin Goodrich (class of 1989) and Deni Johnson (class of 1990) are both graduates of the US Naval Academy who are friends from those days and who both happen to live in Colorado Springs. They shared photos and stories of their time at the Academy, along with some information about women in the military.

Business meeting came to order at 8:20 pm

Secretary's Minutes:

The minutes of our previous meeting were passed after a motion from Stephanie Fong and a second from Marcia Miller.

Treasurer:

Marsha Johnson presented the account information. Marcia Miller reported that she had a check for \$260 from Safeway and is expecting another \$300 from King Soopers next month. Marsha had projected an income of \$2700 from the grocery cards and we are well on our way to that target figure, having received \$2200 to date. Kendra O'Hayre made the motion to have Marsha move \$400-\$600 as needed into the restricted account to cover the STEM awards; Dorothy Nugent seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Scholarship:

Bobbie Vanhorn is overseeing the process this year with Lou Flatland's help.

Programs:

No report.

Communications:

What's the due date? The 25th of the month!

Nominating:

Kendra O'Hayre presented the officer candidates they'd found to date. She reported that she and JoAnn McCall had no luck in finding an incoming fundraiser VP, although Susan Blackburn is willing to be a "worker bee." Peggy SerVaas will continue programming for another year and has recruited Sue Elkins to help her. Ruth Lundgren will be secretary, although she may be absent sometimes. Marsha Johnson will continue to serve as treasurer. Marcia Miller will be co-president with Doris MacDougall and Beryl Jacobson will be the incoming president. They've yet to find an incoming Membership officer, although JoAnn McCall will be a back up. During this litany, Dorothy Nugent volunteered to serve as the incoming Membership officer.

Minutes Continued...

Fundraising:

Marsha Johnson presented the Board's concerns about future expenditures and finding the funding for them. She called for volunteers to join Marcia Miller and Peggy SerVaas on the committee to prepare a recommendation for the membership.

Historian, By-Laws, and Social officers had no reports.

New Business:

Kendra O'Hayre told us we'd received a long letter from one of last year's STEM award winners about her life at the Univ. of Oklahoma. She gave it to Kathy for summarization in the newsletter.

Beryl Jacobson and Kendra O'Hayre are working on the May meeting, which will take place at the Louviers community center. The Library District's Douglas County History Research Center will send a speaker to tell us about the history of the village. The discussion about what food we should have led to an agreement that Beryl and Kendra would procure some trays of tasty treats from Costco.

Diane Norten reported that some very important things are going on at the National level of AAUW and that we should read up on the issues and candidates very carefully before voting. Members will find their PIN number to access the ballot on their copy of Outlook. She drew our attention particularly to the proposal to open membership to any and all interested persons, and to a candidate from Colorado with whom noone is acquainted and whose resume is... creative.

won the drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Dates to Remember



- ◇ **April 14, 2015, Equal Pay Day**
- ◇ **April 24-25, 2015, State Convention, Ft. Collins**
- ◇ **June 18-21, 2015, National Convention, San Diego, CA.**



Douglas County AAUW Budget Report

March 18, 2015

Marsha Johnson, Treasurer

Our account balances are as follows:

SAVINGS:	\$4296.18
RESTRICTED CHECKING:	\$1626.67
UNRESTRICTED CHECKING:	\$4358.21

Marcia Miller presented a check from our Safeway Fund Raising project. We earned \$260.00! Thank you so much for continuing to eat well! Think about a lot of surf and turf to celebrate Spring!

Something to ponder in the next month . . .

I was contacted by the state membership co-chair regarding the fact that we are one of four branches in the state of Colorado who continue to have members pay for dues with personal check and then I, as treasurer, send checks to national and state for our required dues. Smoky asked why we continued in this manner - simply an inquiry. There was certainly no pressure to change to online membership renewal but perhaps this is the time to reconsider. There is a branch that renews partially online and partially through the branch treasury as we do. In the next month, I plan on researching what is necessary for members to renew membership online and will be prepared to present that information at our next meeting. Please jot down possible questions or send your inquiries to me before the meeting and I will try to have answers ready!



MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!



At the last few board meetings, the question has come up, "Do we spend our money effectively?" And, "Are there other ideas and needs?" Because none of us could really answer this question, we decided to form a committee to take a look. Any ideas and suggestions will be brought back to the branch for further discussion and decisions. If you are interested in being on this committee, please let Marcia Miller know via email, millermarcia@me.com. Our first meeting will be at the library on April 9th from 11:00 to 2:00. Thanks to all who have already volunteered. See you soon! =

HISTORY CLUB

(Submitted by Marcia Miller)



History Group went for a visit to Union Station this past month. Beryl Jacobson shared a great deal of the history, progress, and future plans for the whole area. Did you know there is a bus terminal underground? It was liking walking through the airport. Union Station is beautifully refurbished with the feel of the old; but modern and new. As a special treat, we got a tour of the Crawford Hotel. Quite special and elegant, I must say. This would be a great place for an AAUW Leadership Conference or other event (hint, hint). Lunch at *Snooze* was yummy and we were off to light rail, headed home. Thank you, Beryl! It was a wonderful day!



MAY AAUW Meeting

Please mark **May 20th** on your calendar. That is the date of our AAUW branch annual meeting. This year we are planning a very special event at the historic Louviers Club House. You will be “treated” to a program highlighting the history of Louviers and the surrounding community. You will also be treated to dinner at a bargain price of \$10-\$15. So...no need to cook or bring pot luck. Just come enjoy the evening with your AAUW friends!

More details will follow in the May newsletter but plan now to attend this unique “end-of-year” celebration.



Nomination Committee News

Kendra O'Hayre & JoAnn McCall

We are excited to announce the slate of nominees for elected officers for 2015-2016. This slate will be voted on at April's meeting and "installed" upon confirmation by the membership at our annual meeting in May. Thanks to all the nominees who graciously agreed to serve our branch by filling these identified positions!

Co-Presidents:

- Doris MacDougall and Marcia Miller, acting co-presidents 2015-16
- Beryl Jacobson, incoming president 2015-16; co-president with Marcia 2016-17
(Jane Ott, advisor)

VP Program:

- Peggy SerVaas, acting VP Program, 2015-16 (Peggy has agreed to serve 2 more years!)
- Susan Elkins, incoming VP Program

VP Membership:

- Kristen Sidney, acting VP Membership 2015-16
- Dorothy Nugent, incoming VP Membership
(Pat Proctor, advisor)

VP Fundraising:

- Stephanie Fong and Julie Reagan, acting VPs Fundraising 2015-16
- Fundraising Committee** (Susan Blackburn and other volunteers)

Secretary: Ruth Lundgren (2015-2017), 2 year term

Treasurer: Marsha Johnson has agreed to continue as treasurer for another 2 year term.

**The Fundraising Committee will work with the "VPs of Fundraising" to determine the feasibility, scope and timing of any fundraising events and the committee will assist with the implementation of fundraising events.



News from a STEM Award recipient

Dear Douglas County AAUW,

This is Louise Kuehster, one of the recipients of your STEM scholarship last year. Of course, the scholarship is greatly appreciated and went towards paying my fees last semester. I came across the envelope you gave me and wanted to let you know how school was going. I'm currently attending the University of Oklahoma studying chemical engineering with an emphasis on biotechnology. I've also added an additional major in Chinese. I've studied Chinese for six years and I see no good reason to stop now. Double majoring in chemical engineering and Chinese might be a lofty goal, but I'm hoping I'll be able to do it since I have some transfer credits from AP and IB classes in high school.

In any case, I've survived my first semester of college and am well into my second. Last semester, I took an easy course load because I didn't want to overextend myself before I even got to second semester. I took an intermediate Chinese class that turned out to be much easier than I expected, and two international studies classes (in order to fulfill requirements for the Global Engagement Fellowship, a program at OU that promotes international awareness and provides participants with funding for study abroad). I also took expository writing, a one hour engineering orientation class, and Calculus III. All of those amounted to 16 hours of credit. This semester I took 16 hours again, but I have a much more difficult set of classes. I'm currently taking organic chemistry, introductory physics, differential equations, Chinese, and Honors Perspectives, which is discussion based that, despite being discussion based, involves a lot of reading and writing. My classes this semester are a bit more difficult, but so far I enjoy them more than my classes last semester. I missed having science classes last semester, and International studies are interesting, but not nearly as much as chemistry or math.

In addition to school, I've gotten involved in other ways on campus. I'm a Global Engagement fellow at the University of Oklahoma, which has kept me involved in International events on campus. As a Global Engagements fellow, I attend international event on campus, participate in OU Cousins, which pairs American students with International students, with the hope of creating lasting friendships, and write a blog about the Global Engagement Fellowship. Another requirement of the fellowship is that I study abroad and I'll receive funding from the program to do so. I'm planning on studying abroad in China next fall because that semester is the easiest to miss without getting behind in my chemical engineering degree. Organizing that and getting all the right classes has turned out to be a bit of a nightmare, but going to China will be worth it. I've also continued my involvement in sports, but I switched gears from running to rowing. OU has a DI team, of which I am not part, but I did join the club team at the beginning of last semester. It's been a lot of fun and as a club team it hasn't been too big of a time commitment. The main point of school is ultimately to learn, not to be good at rowing!

Again, I greatly appreciate the scholarship you gave me, along with your recognition of my hard work in high school. I'll continue to work hard in hopes of continuing to be worthy of such recognition. I hope that everything is going as well for the members of AAUW as it is for me.

Best, Louise Kuehster

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 6:30 pm (Doris Mac- Dougall)	1 st	1 st	1 st B r i d g e - 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 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 1:00 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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