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

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Scholarship Awards

September 16, 2015

PS Miller Library
Castle Rock

6:30 PM



AAUW Annual Meeting "Memories" Louviers Club House





Shaun Boyd of the Douglas County History Research Center (a service of DC Libraries) spoke to us about the "Quintessential Company Town" of Louviers. This town was the site of dangerous materials being produced by DuPont from the early 1900s until 1971 when dynamite production ceased. The town consisted of a school, cottages, high-end homes, church, and assembly room which was used as a movie house, gun club, dance hall, billiard room, reading room and bowling alley. In 1999, the village of Louviers was declared an Historic District.

This year, instead of a potluck, Kendra O'Hayre and Beryl Jacobson provided us with a bountiful buffet. It was delicious! Thank you Kendra and Beryl for all your preparations.





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



Co-President's Message

Marcia Miller September 2015

Oh my gosh! Where did summer go? I don't feel like it started yet. I went to the board meeting and must have had my mouth open the whole time. I knew Tacos 'n Tunes happened. After all, I was there as were many of you. But then someone mentioned the Scholarship Meeting was in a few weeks. Peggy went through all the wonderful programs coming up. Then the holiday party is almost planned. Needless to say, I better get my act together.

My big event for the summer was attending the AAUW National Convention in San Diego. Many thanks to our branch for helping me attend this great convention. It was my first National Convention and well worth it. There were 12 from Colorado; I was the only one from Douglas County able to attend. The speakers were incredible and that's not a big enough word for them. I'll get to them and other information in a minute. What hit me most, like square in the face, was the three young "girls" that happened to share our table at the banquet. We assumed they were in college and wasn't that nice that they could attend as students. Wrong! #1: College Professor teaching psychology and women's rights classes at ivy league college. #2 Completing her third master's degree and working with sexually abused military adults. #3. Civil rights lawyer in Washington D.C. and does pro-bono work with the poor. Boy, did we feel like slugs. What impressive young (very young,) women!

I'm only able to highlight a few things without writing volumes. So here goes.

Catherine Lhamon is the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights and oversees over 600 lawyers across the United States. She was one of the top 20 lawyers under 40 just 2 years ago; do the math. Title IX has been in effect since 1972 but sexual violence has only been signed into law as a Civil Rights issue under Title IX since 2011. Finally! Ms. Lhamon gave many examples of how young women have been "further abused" by the institution they attend when violated, thus leaving school. This is a violation of their civil rights. Now they are protected. She also said that even after over 40 years, many districts still don't have a Title IX Coordinator and urged us to find out if ours does. I'll do that before our next meeting. (*In case you've forgotten, Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in education; protects students from unlawful sexual harassment in all of a school's programs or activities. Usually thought of in sports. Enacted in 1972)

Other speakers you may want to look up include Juanita Johnson-Bailey, Director of Institute for Women's Studies, University of Georgia Maria Klawe, Harvey Mudd College's First Woman President Faith Ringgold, Artist, Educator, and Social Activist Oh, to aspire to their level!

Marketing Your Branch from A-Z

Who are you as an AAUW Branch? What are your areas of interest and they don't mean interest groups? What do you add to your community? Is it what your community needs? How would people in the community describe you? What value does membership have? Can you do "elevator speak"? This might be a good meeting activity once I figure it all out.

Co-President's Message

Continued

Websites, Facebook and Twitter?

"Email is passé for college-age students, Facebook is for keeping in touch with grandparents, and every branch that wants to stay viable needs a QR code which expedites access to their website." Now, what I don't know is what a QR code is. I do know that Facebook has a growing user base in 65+ people. Do you do Facebook? I also learned that Twitter is said to be the best way to talk to journalists with relative AAUW events and best way to build a rapport with journalists. Do you Twitter? We need someone who Twitters.

Our website should tell a story, the right story. It should also give "bites and snacks". Pictures are always good as long as they are closeups and active.

The calendar on our Website should always be up to date with times and locations, including speakers/programs. Every program we have is a recruitment opportunity. Have a Member Showcase Calendar section in addition to the calendar to help spread the word. Members can send Member Showcase Calendar section via Facebook or Twitter to their friends.

Invite other clubs or community groups to our programs. Always post our speakers in the library and other public places. Be visible!

Yes, I could go on forever. But you would get bored and stop reading. I'll bring a little to meetings bit by bit, "bites and snacks" as they say. Stay tuned! Hugs to all!!! marcia

HOSPITALITY

Board members will be providing appetizers and desserts for our September meeting

Questions? Contact

Doris MacDougall 720-733-1892



Douglas County AAUW Budget Report

August 25, 2015

Marsha Johnson, Treasurer

Our account balances are as follows:

SAVINGS: \$4294.39

RESTRICTED CHECKING: \$5701.57 UNRESTRICTED CHECKING: \$4097.09

TACOS AND TUNES REPORT:

Income: \$3126.50 (tickets)

534.00 (donations)

103.00 (raffle tickets)

10.00 (flowers)

2126.00 (auction)

Expenses: \$ 825.00 (meals)

Net Income: \$5899.50

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this event a continued success! So many of our members were involved with ticket sales, donations and set up of the auction. The weather looked a bit iffy but the evening was beautiful and everyone agrees Pegasus outdid themselves this year.

Marsha Johnson

Treasurer

In my first interview with a Sierra bear we were frightened and embarrassed, both of us, but the bear's behavior was better than mine...After studying his appearance as he stood at rest, I rushed toward him to frighten him, that I might study his gait in running. But, contrary to all I had heard about the shyness of bears, he did not run at all; and when I stopped short within a few steps of him,

as he held his ground in a fighting attitude, my mistake was monstrously plain. I was then put on my good behavior, and never afterward forgot the right manners of the wilderness.

John Muir (1838-1914)

AAUW Branch Programs 2015-2016 CHANGING TIMES

When we are no longer able to change a situation - we are challenged to change ourselves.

Viktor E. Frankl

September 16 - Welcome Back - Scholarship Awards - presented by Bobbie Van Horn

October 21 - Dramatic Portrayal of Irene Sendler - Angel of the Warsaw Ghetto. Speaker - Judy Winnick. BRING A FRIEND

November 18 - Special Olympics - Presented by Marcia Miller with athletes as our special guests

December 5 (Saturday) - Holiday Party: Pradera Country Club - Luncheon at 11:30 am.

January 20 - Roads Scholar Ambassador - Intergenerational Travel Opportunities & slide Show

February 17 - Aging in Place and Preparing for Change - Panel Discussion on smooth transitioning for the baby boomers and beyond

March 16 - Changing our world one woman at a time - Hosted by Amy Blackwell with NCCWSL alum Michelle Bledsoe - a testimony of AAUW's college women's leadership conference.

April 20 - High School STEM Awards Presentation

May 18 - Annual Review Meeting & Potluck

~~~~GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO ALL PROGRAMS~~~~

#### TACOS AND TUNES 2015

#### Submitted by Stephanie Fong

GRACIAS to all of our members as well as community businesses for making this another successful Tacos and Tunes and silent auction fundraiser held at the Pegasus Restaurant for the seventh year. It couldn't have been done without the hard work from our members who collected donations or gave wonderful items for the silent auction. Your support makes it possible for our branch to encourage local women and girls to pursue college educations. Though we had perfect weather for the previous six events it was challenging with the little rain we experienced but continued to run very smoothly with a few changes recommended by Pegasus owner, John Delay. I hope everyone in attendance had a fun time. We want to acknowledge the community businesses that contributed to this event and encourage you to continue using their services or goods. They are as follows:

PEGASUS RESTAURANT

HAPPY CANYON CAR WASH

CROWFOOT VALLEY COFFEE

BIG O TIRE

PLUM CREEK GOLF COURSE

RED HAWK GOLF COURSE

SPROUTS

TONY'S MEAT MARKET

CANYON FITNESS

BLTNG

DUKE'S STEAKHOUSE

OUTBACK

VILLAGE INN

FIRST BANK

JEFFERY REIN

THE DONUT HOUSE

LOST COFFEE

A HUGE THANK YOU TO STEPHANIE FONG AND JULIE REAGAN FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK FOR THE TACOS AND TUNES EVENT

# Tacos and Tunes 2015





















# **More Tacos and Tunes Memories...**







### Already overloaded with Election Day Ads???

It seems that there is a load of conflicting information thrown at us everywhere we go. Want to investigate the voting records of our incumbents? AAUW Action Fund's Congressional Voting Record shows how Members of Congress voted in the 133th Congress and includes descriptions of AAUW priorities and bills relating to those priorities. Check out this link:

https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/congressional-voting-record/





Colonel Maggie-Nurse, Entertainer, and Honorary Green Beret

www.Vietmanexp.com

It was well recognized that Martha Raye endured less comforts than any other Vietnam entertainer.

The most unforgivable oversight of TV is that her shows were not taped.

The following is from an Army Aviator who takes a trip down memory lane: "It was just before Thanksgiving '67, and we were ferrying dead and wound-

ed from a large GRF west of Pleiku. We had run out of body bags by noon, so the Hook (CH-47 CHINOOK) was pretty rough in the back. All of a sudden, we heard a 'take-charge' woman's voice in the rear. There was the singer and actress, Martha Raye, with a Special Forces beret and jungle fatigues, with subdued markings, helping the wounded into the Chinook, and carrying the dead aboard. Maggie' had been visiting her Special Forces (SF) 'heroes out west'. We took off, short of fuel, and headed to the USAF hospital pad at Pleiku. As we all started unloading our sad pax's, a USAF Captain said to Martha.... "Ms. Raye, with all these dead and wounded to process, there would not be time for your show! "To all of our surprise, she pulled her right collar and said, "Captain, see this eagle? I am a full 'Bird' in the US Army Reserve, and on this is a 'Caduceus' which means I am a Nurse, with a surgical specialty... now, take me to your wounded!" He said, "Yes ma'am.... follow me." Several times at the Army Field Hospital in Pleiku, she would 'cover' a surgical shift, giving a nurse a well-deserved break."

Martha is the only woman buried in the SF (Special Forces) cemetery at Ft Bragg. Hand Salute! A great lady. I did not know this about Martha Raye...thought you might like to read it.

## Dates to Remember

- Saturday, December 5, 2015
   December Holiday Event: Luncheon at Pradera Country Club 11:30 AM
- Saturday, February 6, 2016
   Public Policy Day, Lone Tree Marriott
- April 22-23, 2016
   State Convention, Loveland, CO



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# Any changes in the calendar are in RED!

## **CALENDAR FOR ANY MONTH**

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| SUN             | MON             | TUES                                                                     | WED                                                                        | THUR                                                                 | FRI             | SAT                                                      |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup>                                                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Bridge- Singles 6:30 pm (Doris Mac- Dougall)               | 1 <sup>st</sup>                                                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> Bridge- Couples 6:30 pm (Margaret Boone) |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> AM Book Club 10 am Miller Library ( K e n d r a O'Hayre) | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Evening Book Club 6:00 PM (Linda Washburn)                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> D o m i n o Games 1 pm (Natalie Weber)                   | 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 <sup>rd</sup> C o I o r a d o History / Culture Club 9:00 AM (TBD) | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> Mah Jongg 1:00 PM (Julie Reagan Susan Black-burn)        | 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,

| Elected Board Members        | Current (2015-2016)                                                                                         | Incoming (2016-2017)                                                          | Advisor (Previous Year's Officers -2014/2015)              |
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