

November 2017

**Editors:**

Kathy Chavez  
Nedda Altschuld

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

**November 15  
6:30**

*PS Miller Library*

**Identity Theft**

Barbara Worley,  
Speaker  
(see page 9)



**AAUW Public Policy Report**

*(submitted by Diane Norten)*

**LAF ADVOCACY FUND**

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Resources range from community outreach programs to the backing of major legal cases.

Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 which can affect both women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change.

Since its inception, LAF has funded and supported plaintiffs in landmark cases as well as cases with the potential to set future precedents. Recently the 2017 LAF committee and AAUW board voted to adopt several new cases that may change the landscape for women and girls.

Follow cases on the AAUW website.



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



*Recent headlines make me feel that I belong to an organization that is on the cutting edge of societal problems and trying to make a difference by helping solve them.*

*Our November meeting will be about Identity Theft with Barbara Martin Worley from the District Attorney's office as our guest speaker. What a timely topic our program committee has chosen with the recent Equifax data breach, from mid-May through July, that exposed the personal information of 143 million Americans. The hackers accessed people's names, social security numbers, birth dates, addresses, driver's license numbers and the credit card numbers of 209,000 people. Learn the steps you can take to help protect your information from being misused as you listen to and ask questions of our November speaker.*

*Go to our AAUW national website [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and you will find helpful information under the heading Know Your Rights: Workplace Sexual Harassment that you can pass on to help others who find themselves being harassed. Our Douglas County affiliate sends \$30. per member yearly to the AAUW Fund to be used to fund the research behind information, such as this. The AAUW Fund is an umbrella fund with part being distributed to the Legal Advocacy Fund which provides programs such as "Legal Case Support, Finding Legal Help, Know Your Rights at Work and on Campus, Case Support, Travel Grants and Campus Outreach Grants". Sexual harassment has been in the news lately with the New York Times story about Ashley Judd that unearthed what would become more than 40 accusations of sexual harassment and in some cases assault against movie titan Harvey Weinstein. In the story, Judd said "Women have been talking about Harvey amongst themselves for a long time and it's simply beyond time to have the conversation publicly." With the flood gates opened, Judd is optimistic we are going to see change. She suggests that Human Resource Departments may not be the place to go since the staff work for the company. She has set up a Gift of Courage Fund to help outside organizations, like AAUW, that are helping women with these issues. In a post on Instagram, actress Minka Kelly wrote, "No more Harvey Weinstein in Hollywood does not solve the problem but maybe more voices sharing their stories and adding support to the countless women and men who have suffered through abuse of power, the less it will be tolerated".*

*In Colorado, our state organization is encouraging us to collaborate with other organizations that have similar goals. Since our October program was designed to help us be informed voters about our Douglas County School Board Election, Julie Reagan our Program VP and Char Sholes collaborated with the League of Women Voters to get us involved with the candidate forum they sponsored. Nine of our members attended, on October 3, at the Lone Tree events center and handed out cards for attendees to use for their questions.*

## ***Douglas County AAUW Budget Report – October 25, 2017***

***Marsha Johnson, Treasurer***



*Our account balances are as follows:*

*SAVINGS: \$4304.08*







*RESTRICTED CHECKING: \$1231.55*

*UNRESTRICTED CHECKING: \$4335.01*

*I need to apologize for the typing error in my September budget report. I inadvertently switched the amounts in our restricted and unrestricted checking accounts. The amounts above correctly reflect the amounts in our three checking accounts.*

*Reminder . . . Thanksgiving is coming soon! Cook a lot with purchases from King Soopers and Safeway!*

## ***Meeting Schedule for 2017-2018***

-  ***November 15, 6:30 PM, PS Miller Library, Identity Theft (Barbara Worley, speaker). Also, at the November Branch meeting, a representative of Osher Life Long Learning classes will present a brief overview of the course offerings for the OLLI South winter term.***
-  ***December 9, Pinery Country Club, Holiday Party and gift basket drawing, Time 12:00 PM. There will be a drawing for three unique gift baskets. Tickets will be available at the November branch meeting.***
-  ***February 21, 9:30 AM, PS Miller Library, Robotics (Pat Smith, speaker)***
-  ***March 21, 6:30 PM, PS Miller Library, End of Life Issues***
-  ***April 18, 6:30 PM, PS Miller Library, High School STEM Awards***
-  ***May 16, 6:00 PM, location and refreshments TBD, Annual Meeting***



## AAUW **HOLIDAY** PARTY

*(for members and guests)*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 12:00 P.M.**

**PINERY COUNTRY CLUB**  
6900 N Pinery Pkwy, Parker

### **FESTIVE HOLIDAY MEAL**

**PRESENTATION OF THE LOU FLATLAND SCHOLARSHIP**

**DRAWINGS FOR THREE UNIQUE GIFT BASKETS**

*Raffle tickets are \$5. or 5 for \$20.*

*Please contact your interest group chair*

*to drop off your donation for your group's basket.*

*Please send your check (or bring it to the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting)*

*\$30. per person to:*

*Marsha Johnson, 305 Deer Crossing, Castle Rock CO 80104*

*Include the names of the attendees and your guest(s) for the name tags*



## *Dates to Remember*

- *December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Holiday Luncheon, The Pinery, Time 12:00 PM*
- *February 3, 2018, Public Policy day, Golden Hotel, Golden CO*
- *April 10, 2018, Equal Pay Day*
- *April 27-28, 2018, Colorado State Convention, Hilton Garden Inn, Highlands Ranch*
- *June 22-24, 2018, AAUW Rocky Mountain Conference, Salt Lake City, UT*

## *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.*

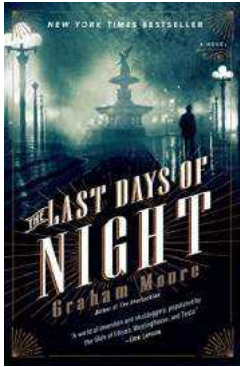
*If you need information about this program, please contact Marcia Miller or if you need a card or a replacement card, please let Marcia Miller know via email.*



*FREE MONEY is wonderful!*







## BOOK CORNER

### ***LAST DAYS OF NIGHT*** by GRAHAM MOORE

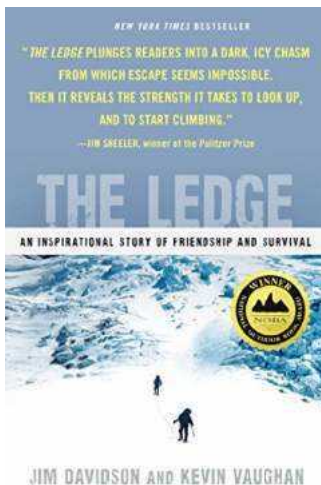
(recommended by Linda Washburn, evening book club)

Great inventors take the stage in this historical fiction/legal thriller based on the lighting of New York City in the 1890s. The story is told by Paul Cravath, an attorney hired by George Westinghouse to take on Thomas Edison in a battle over lightbulb patents. The setup may sound dry, but Graham's pacing keeps the story driving forward. There are crimes. There's a mysterious woman. There's a mad genius in the form of Nikola Tesla. And it's all set against the backdrop of the glittering Gilded Age. Every so often an historical fiction comes along that captures the imaginations of legions of readers. *The Last Days of Night* will join that elite group of novels. — *Chris Schluep, The Amazon Book Review,*

### ***The Ledge***

***By Jim Davidson and Kevin Vaughan***

In June 1992, best friends Jim Davidson and Mike Price stood atop Washington's Mount Rainier, celebrating what they hoped would be the first of many milestones in their lives as passionate mountaineers. Then their triumph turned tragic when a cave-in plunged them deep inside a glacial crevasse—the pitch-black, ice-walled hell of every climber's nightmares.



An avid adventurer since youth, Davidson was a seasoned climber at the time of the Rainier ascent. But the harrowing free fall left him challenged by nature's grandeur at its most unforgiving. Trapped on a narrow frozen shelf, deep below daylight, he desperately battled crumbling ice, snow that threatened to bury him alive, and crippling fear of the inescapable chasm below—all the while struggling to save his fatally injured friend. Finally, alone, with little equipment and rapidly dwindling hope, he confronted a fateful choice: the certainty of a slow, lonely death or the near impossibility of an agonizing climb for life. A story of heart-stopping adventure, heartfelt friendship, fleeting mortality, and implacable nature, *The Ledge* chronicles the elation and grief, dizzying heights and punishing depths, of a journey to hard-won wisdom.

(recommended by Kathy Chavez)

## ***History and Culture Trip to Loveland***

*Summarized by Nedda Altschuld*

*Natalie Weber arranged a fascinating trip to Loveland to learn about bronze sculptures. Sandy Monticello, Pat Proctor and Nedda Altschuld joined Natalie for a guided tour at Art Castings of Colorado, which is one of the foremost art foundries in the country, for bronze and stainless steel sculptures. We were able to see the "lost wax" casting process in action. It begins with a liquid rubber mold from the original clay or wax sculpture that the artist has created. We witnessed all steps in the process, including wax pouring, wax chasing, spruing, as well as the impressive metal pouring process, in which molten bronze is very carefully poured into the shell. This is followed by welding, metal chasing and the application of patina.*

*Afterwards we had a delicious lunch at Door 222, located in Loveland's historic district. Then we met George Wallbye at the Benson Sculpture Gardens. He guided us around the gardens, showing us some of the 154 permanent sculptures acquired/maintained through the efforts of the Loveland High Plains Arts Council and many volunteers. George is a renowned sculptor himself and has several pieces at the Gardens. He is a charming guide; he had humorous stories and facts about the artists and their works. The Sculpture Gardens are the site of a nationally recognized sculpture show held since 1984, in August.*

*If you ever have a chance to go to the Art Castings Foundry or Benson Gardens, or attend the annual show (and say hello to George) you should do it!*









## Miscellaneous Items of Interest

### Culture & History Interest Group To visit Molly Brown House Museum

The membership is invited to join the Culture/History interest group Thursday, December 14 to tour the Molly Brown House Museum in Denver. The house will be beautifully decorated for Christmas in Victorian style.

The tour cost is \$8 per person. We will have lunch following the 10:30 tour at a nearby neighborhood restaurant to be determined.

Watch for an email with more information in November.



### Here's an interesting bit of trivia:

Did you know that in 2005-06 there were 16 active interest groups? The following is a list of former groups. If anyone is interested in resurrecting one of these or in starting up a new group, please let me know. Former groups include: Movie of the Month, Fiber Arts/Crafts, Casual Cuisine, Dance Exercise, Hiking/biking Group, investment Club, Poker, Quilters' Group, Singers Group, Antiques Group, Readers' Theater. Are there more?

Did you have the opportunity to sign up for Interest Groups at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting on Sept. 20?

Contact Ginger Allspach (check your AAUW Directory for the telephone number)

**Barbara Martin-Worley, Gerontologist, MA** *Director, Consumer Fraud Protection Office of the District Attorney, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District 720-874-8487*

Barbara has worked in the field of aging for over thirty-five years, serving as a non-profit director, an educator, and fraud-prevention specialist. In the past, she has served on elder abuse steering committees initiated by Colorado Attorneys' General Ken Salazar and John Suthers. In 2010, she retired from Colorado State University after 20 years of service as the director of the Denver CSU Extension Office. Prior to assuming her current position in the Office of the District Attorney in the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Barbara served for the past three years as the director of Consumer Fraud Protection in the Denver District Attorney's Office.

**Guest Speaker, November 15, 6:30, PS Miller Library**

## We're Thankful For...

We're thankful for the basics:  
food, clothing and comfortable shelter;  
the rest is a bountiful bonus.

We're thankful for work, play,  
and the treasured people  
who make these experiences  
richer and more meaningful.

We're most thankful  
for family and friends,  
especially the dear friends  
who are reading this card!

## Happy Thanksgiving!

*By Joanna Fuchs*



# 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>  6:30-9:30 PM  (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>  6:30-8:30PM  (Linda Washburn)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>  <i>Breakfast Bunch</i>  8:00 AM Pegasus (Ginger Allspach)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>  <i>Mexican Train</i>  1 PM  (Natalie Weber)	3 <sup>rd</sup>  <i>AAUW Branch</i>  6:30 PM  PS Miller Library (Usually)	3 <sup>rd</sup>  <i>Colorado History/Culture Club</i>  AM Trips  (JoAnn McCall)	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	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 (2017-2018)</i>
Co-Presidents	Beryl Jacobson & Pat Proctor
VP Program	Julie Reagan
VP Membership	Dorothy Nugent
Secretary (2 Year Term)	Pat Smith
Treasurer (2 Year Term)	Marsha Johnson

<i>Committee</i>	<i>2017-2018 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)	<i>Kathy Chavez, Chair</i> <i>Nedda Altschuld, VC</i> <i>Pat Smith, VC, Website</i>
Scholarships/Awards	Suzanne Kroepsch, Chair, HS Awards Kendra O'Hayre, VC Scholarships
Social Interest Group/Hospitality	Ginger Allspach, Chair Vacant, VC Hospitality Susan Bowie, Committee Member, Hospitality