

December 2017

Editors:

Kathy Chavez
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Please submit
items for the
Newsletter by the
25th of the month.

(No January Meeting)

**February 21
9:30 AM**

PS Miller Library

**Pat Smith,
Speaker**

Robotics



**HISTORY AND CULTURE GROUP NOVEMBER TRIP
"HER PARIS" AT THE DENVER ART MUSEUM**

(Submitted by Beryl Jacobson)

The special exhibition titled "Her Paris" was enjoyed by nine members of the History and Culture group. The day began with a short talk about Paris in the 1850's and how after the Napoleonic wars it was transformed into a beautiful and exciting city that attracted women artists from all over the world. Even though they weren't allowed to study in the prestigious Ecole des Beaux Arts, they learned from each other and established a school for women. Most weren't allowed to exhibit in the salons and art galleries, that enabled the impressionists to make their paintings well known. Despite these obstacles, the 37 painters on display managed to create works that have stood the test of time. What makes this exhibit so special is the way the paintings have been divided into 7 rooms that have each been designed to create a feeling of intimacy using color and architecture. Many of the paintings are about the everyday lives of artists such as Berthe Morisot, Mary Cassatt and Eva Gonzales. "Her Paris" is in Denver until January 14 and is well worth a visit.

Lunch was at "Fire" in the Art Hotel on Broadway just east of the museum. Many modern paintings adorn the walls of this restaurant so it was an opportunity to see still more paintings to round out the day.



Copied from the Denver Art Museum website.

Co-President's Message
December 2017
Pat Proctor

The Holiday party will be happening very soon. As most of you know we will have a drawing this year instead of a silent auction. Our members are so very good about donating items and time toward raising the funds for the STEM awards and scholarship gifts. This change is an attempt to make life a little easier for each of us at this busy time of the year.

The interest groups are providing gift baskets full of goodies and gift certificates. In addition, we have had some surprise donations that will be a part of the drawing. Because the winners do not have to be present we will be unable to choose which of the prizes we would like to win in advance. There will be an advantage however to those in attendance. Lucky winners will be able to choose in the order that they are called. Baskets will be displayed and tickets made available on the day of our party.

This event is such a good time to get together for great food and Christmas cheer. Hope to see you all on December 9th.



AAUW DOUGLAS COUNTY AAUW MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2017

PAT SMITH



President Beryl Jacobson opened the meeting. Pat Proctor arranged for a special presentation from OLLI South and introduced our two guest speakers from OLLI. Beryl then introduced Barbara Martin-Worley, Director of Consumer Fraud Protection for the District Attorney's Office, 18th Judicial District who gave an informative presentation on "Theft Prevention in the Digital Age".

Beryl called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

SECRETARY

Approval of minutes as printed in the newsletter was moved by Suzanne Kroepsch and approved by Ruth Lundgren.

TREASURER

Treasurer's report was presented by Beryl who noted that we have \$4304.08 in savings, \$1235.55 in Restricted Checking and \$4335.01 in Unrestricted Checking.

PROGRAMS

- *December 9, 2017- 12 - 2:30 p.m. The Holiday Party at the Pinery has been organized by Suzanne Kroepsch and Beryl Jacobson. Suzanne said she is hoping for 45 guests, noting that we will have 6 choral singers from Ponderosa High School and featured guests for the Lou Flatland Scholarship. Reservations for \$30.00 each must be paid by December 3rd.*
- *February, 21, 2018 morning Robotics with speaker Pat Smith*
- *March, 21, 2018 evening - End of Life Issues Panel discussion*
- *April, 18, 2018, evening - STEM Awards*
- *May - Annual Meeting will be held at the new offices of Charles Schwab in Lonetree, Colorado*

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PUBLIC POLICY

Public Policy Day will be Saturday, Feb. 3, in Golden and the topic will be Sex Trafficking. Diane urged members to consider an end of year donation to the national AAUW Public Policy fund before the end of December.

COMMUNICATIONS

Directories are available for pick up

INTEREST GROUPS

- *Ginger Allspach will contact the Interest Group Chairs to determine current membership*
- *History and Culture Group will have a Christmas Outing to the Molly Brown House. The tour starts at 10:30 am and costs \$8.00. The day has been arranged by Ruth Lundgren*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

MOLLY BROWN HOUSE MUSEUM TOUR

*Membership is invited to join the Culture/History group THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, to tour the Molly Brown House Museum. The house will be beautifully decorated for *Christmas* in Victorian style.*

The tour cost is \$8. Please have cash or check made payable to Ruth Lundgren. They want one person to pay the total amount.

Thanks to Stephanie Fong, we have lunch reservations at STEUBEN'S, [523 East 17th Avenue, Denver](#).

We will meet at Big O parking lot at 9:00 a.m. We will need drivers. Parking is all on-street. There are pay lots available on Logan and Grant between Colfax and 14th; one and two blocks west. There is a parking lot at Steuben's.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH. PLEASE REPLY TO RUTH LUNDGREN jnrlundgren@gmail.com.

Douglas County AAUW Budget Report – November 25, 2017

Marsha Johnson, Treasurer



Our account balances are as follows:






<i>SAVINGS:</i>	<i>\$4304.08</i>
<i>RESTRICTED CHECKING:</i>	<i>\$1757.81</i>
<i>UNRESTRICTED CHECKING:</i>	<i>\$5011.01</i>

Thank you to all who helped at the Douglas County Fair in August. We've received a check for \$500 for all your efforts! Thank you so much!

The holidays are upon us . . . don't forget to shop and eat! The King Soopers and Safeway gift cards are such great fundraisers. Thank you to all who diligently use.

Happy Holidays!

Meeting Schedule for 2017-2018

-  ***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.
-  ***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***



(Reminder)

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, \$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 9th, 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.



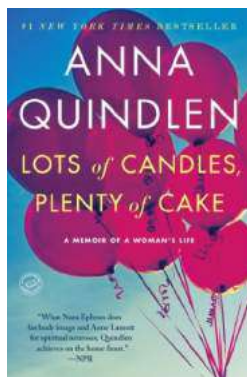
FREE MONEY is wonderful!



BOOK CORNER

Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake

Anna Quindlen



In this irresistible memoir, Anna Quindlen writes about a woman's life, from childhood memories to manic motherhood to middle age, using the events of her life to illuminate ours. Considering—and celebrating—everything from marriage, girlfriends, our mothers, parenting, faith, loss, to all the stuff in our closets, and more, Quindlen says for us here what we may wish we could have said ourselves. As she did in her beloved *New York Times* columns, and in *A Short Guide to a Happy Life*, Quindlen uses her past, present, and future to explore what matters most to women at different ages. Quindlen talks about

Marriage: "A safety net of small white lies can be the bedrock of a successful marriage. You wouldn't believe how cheaply I can do a kitchen renovation."

Girlfriends: "Ask any woman how she makes it through the day, and she may mention her calendar, her to-do lists, her babysitter. But if you push her on how she really makes it through her day, she will mention her girlfriends. "

Our bodies: "I've finally recognized my body for what it is: a personality-delivery system, designed expressly to carry my character from place to place, now and in the years to come."

Parenting: "Being a parent is not transactional. We do not get what we give. It is the ultimate pay-it-forward endeavor: We are good parents not so they will be loving enough to stay with us but so they will be strong enough to leave us."

Candid, funny, and moving, *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake* is filled with the sharp insights and revealing observations that have long confirmed Quindlen's status as America's laureate of real life. "**Classic Quindlen, at times witty, at times wise, and always of her time.**"—*The Miami Herald*

AAUW Daytime Book Club Selection

(Amazon Book Review)

Workplace Equality Gap

Report says it's going to take 217 years to close it

*By Amanda Erickson
The Washington Post*

It may take women around the world more than two centuries to achieve workplace equality, according to a new report from the World Economic Forum.

Since 2006, the organization has tried to figure out whether the world is becoming more or less equal for women. This year, for the first time, it says things are getting worse.

Here's how the World Economic Forum does the math: Each year, the group assesses how women around the world are doing based on a variety of factors. The researchers compare data from 144 countries in four main categories: economic participation and opportunity, education, political empowerment, and health and survival. (The International Labor Organization, the United Nations and the World Health Organization all contribute some information. The World Economic Forum also does some of its own polling.)

First, the good news: When it comes to health outcomes and educational attainment, the world is doing well. Women are about as healthy as men and attend school at about the same rate.

However, women aren't doing nearly as well when you look at politics and the economy. Fewer women are participating in the workforce than in the past, and salaries are growing less equal. As the report explains, it will take 217 years for that gap to close.

Why?

It's not simply a matter of women making less than men in the same field. Instead, the report's authors blame the fact that women are more likely than men to do unpaid work at home, and more likely to work in industries with lower average pay. The cherry on top of the inequality ice cream sundae: women are much less likely than men to hold high-paid senior positions worldwide.

Of course, there are some bright spots: Iceland remains the world's most gender-equal country across all indicators; much of Western Europe follows close behind.

"In 2017, we should not be seeing progress toward gender parity shift into reverse," Saadia Zahidi, the World Economic Forum's head of education, gender and work, said in a statement. "Gender equality is both a moral and economic imperative. Some countries understand this and they are now seeing dividends from the proactive measures they have taken to address their gender gaps."

Though the United States scores high overall, the country still boasts big gaps in workforce participation and wages. And that's bad, not just for women: The World Economic Forum estimates that the U.S. could add \$1.75 trillion to its economy by reaching parity. "The world as a whole could increase global GDP by \$5.3 trillion by 2025 if it closed the gender gap in economic participation by 25 percent over the same period," the report's authors conclude.

(Thanks to Diane Norten for suggesting this article.)

Miscellaneous Items of Interest

Interest Groups

(Submitted by Ginger Allspach)

There will be three delightful gift baskets ready for the Christmas luncheon raffle December 9th. A big THANK YOU goes to all the groups for rising to the occasion on short notice! The two Book Groups will offer a 4 B's basket, "Books, Bath, Breads, Beverage"; the two Bridge Groups will present a "Blizzard Basket"; and the History/Culture, Games and Breakfast Groups will create an "Appetite for the Arts" basket. Curious?? You'll see them all at the luncheon at the Pinery Country Club. Have you gotten your raffle tickets yet? Better hurry! Time is short!

OLLI at DU

Curiosity Never Retires

A great big thanks to Ellen Phelps and Jackie Moorhead for their informational presentation about the winter classes 2018 at OLLI South. It's located at Valley View Christian Church, 11004 Wildfield Lane, Littleton, CO 801025.



Ellen Phelps in the background. Jackie Moorhead in the foreground.

Identity Theft

(Submitted by Beryl Jacobson)

Barbara Martin Worley, Consumer Educator from the 18th Judicial District, was the speaker for our November meeting. Because of a great turnout, some of us didn't get her handouts. Also, some of us were unable to make the meeting. The valuable information was in a PowerPoint presentation. If you are interested in seeing the presentation, please **contact Beryl Jacobson** and she will send it to you via email.



CALENDAR FOR ANY MONTH

1st Sunday	1 st Monday	1 st Tuesday	1 st Wednesday	1 st Thursday	1 st Friday	1 st Saturday
			<i>Ladies Evening Bridge</i> 6:30-9:30 PM (Marsha Johnson)			<i>Bridge Couples</i> 6:30 PM (Margaret Boone)
2 nd	2 nd	<i>AM Book Club 10AM</i> PS Miller Library (Kendra O'Hayre)	<i>Evening Book Club</i> 6:30-8:30PM (Linda Washburn)		<i>Breakfast Bunch</i> 8:00 AM Pegasus (Ginger Allspach)	2 nd
3 rd	3 rd	<i>Mexican Train</i> 1 PM (Natalie Weber)	<i>AAUW Branch</i> 6:30 PM PS Miller Library (Usually)	<i>Colorado History/Culture Club</i> AM Trips (JoAnn McCall)	3 rd	3 rd
4 th	4 th	<i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 PM	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, 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