



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

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

**February 21
9:30 AM**

PS Miller Library

**Pat Smith,
Speaker**

Robotics



Lou Flatland Memorial Scholarship

Kendra O’Hayre

Lou Flatland was an amazing woman, mother, grandmother, teacher, friend, bridge player, AAUW member, and community volunteer member. When Lou passed away last winter, her daughter, Cheryl Hansen, donated a substantial amount of money to help fund a scholarship in Lou’s memory. Additional funds for this special scholarship were donated by our branch members and a former member. Lou served as Chair of our AAUW Scholarship Fund for several years and was dedicated to supporting women in Douglas County who needed assistance in pursuing higher education.

During our Holiday Party on December 9th, our branch had the honor of awarding the “Lou Flatland Memorial Scholarship” to a very deserving young woman from the Parker area—Jenny Steiner. Jenny is completing a degree in Psychology at Colorado Christian University. Following graduate school, her career goal is to become a high school counselor. This amazing young woman has overcome challenges in her life and has continually demonstrated a desire to help others, to work to better her community, and to excel in her educational pursuits.

What a tribute to Lou that a scholarship in her name recognizes a young woman who radiates the values, skills, and commitments that Lou herself held dear! We congratulate Jenny and we thank Lou’s family for their initiation of this scholarship fund.



Jennifer Steiner



Cheryl Hansen and her family

*Co-President's Message
February 2018
Beryl Jacobson*



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As a new year begins, our branch can look forward to carrying out our AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Our year ending was very successful with a profitable drawing at the Christmas luncheon that netted us \$875 to be used toward our awards. A big thank you to Suzanne Kroepsch for using her membership at The Pinery Country Club to reserve such a beautifully decorated room and for the work she did with management including the menu planning. Pat Proctor deserves special praise for designing and purchasing the tickets and working so hard at ticket sales. All who contributed to the contents of the baskets and the interest group chairs who coordinated the effort are to be thanked, too. Lastly, thanks to all who purchased tickets. Let's visit with the basket winners to find out what fun they've had with the contents.

If you haven't picked up your AAUW Directory, so carefully prepared by Nedda Altschuld, please remember to do so at the February meeting or contact me berylmjacobson@gmail.com to arrange to get it.

I have been receiving information from our national and state leadership about the Women's Marches. AAUW National CEO Kim Churches and AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown are not endorsing them because they have become so political and could put our nonpartisan status in jeopardy. Amy Blackwell, our State President, says that as a nonpartisan organization, our AAUW members support issues not parties.

Public Policy day is Feb. 3 in Golden. Please contact me, as soon as possible, if you would like to attend and I will see if it is possible to register late.

Pat Proctor and I are looking for members willing to be on the nominating committee this year. This is so important to our branch. Please consider saying yes if asked.

Plan to attend a very informative program, in the morning, 9:30 AM on Feb. 21 to hear Pat Smith, one of our own members, talk about robotics. Then, on March 21, an evening meeting, to hear Dr. Art Strasburger discuss end of life options. Thanks to Julie Reagan, our program VP, who has been hard at work to arrange our speakers.

This year, our AAUW State Convention is in our own back yard at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Highlands Ranch, organized by the South Metro Branch. Please put April 27 and 28 on your calendar and plan to attend.

POEM

By Pat Proctor

(Read at our Holiday banquet 2017)

AAUW began in 1881,
The founding mothers wanted equal rights for everyone
Not a lot to ask, you say, but chances were remote
It took another 40 years before women got to vote.

By the 50's and the 60's lots of women went to college
After all it never hurts to have a little extra knowledge
We could then become a teacher, nurse or secretary
Just to keep us busy till we found someone to marry

We've made some progress being equal
After all that we've been through
But even in today's world
There are things that we won't do

Most of us don't smoke cigars and we never ever spit
Not many gals play football or change tires in a pit
It's not like we can't learn to fix a car or milk a cow
Just if we don't want to do it we pretend we don't know how

Today in the U.S. there are mostly men in government
In the congress men outnumber gals by 81 per cent
It's not because the females lack enough ambition
We're just not sure it's worth it to become a politician

Women now fly airplanes, go to war, and some fight fire
It's good knowing that we can do whatever we desire
But be careful what you wish for as the roles are slowly shifting
We do need to have the men around to do the heavy lifting

So here we are at Christmas time in 2017
We keep on moving slowly if you know what I mean
All things being equal we refuse to be content
Until the day of the election of a woman president.



Douglas County AAUW Budget Report – January 25, 2018

Marsha Johnson, Treasurer



Our account balances are as follows:

SAVINGS:	\$4305.21
RESTRICTED CHECKING:	\$1658.10
UNRESTRICTED CHECKING:	\$6204.28

Meeting Schedule for 2017-2018

- ✦ February 21, 9:30 AM, PS Miller Library, Robotics (Pat Smith, speaker)
- ✦ March 21, 6:30 PM, PS Miller Library, End of Life Options, Dr. Art Strasburger, speaker
- ✦ April 18, 6:30 PM, PS Miller Library, High School STEM Awards
- ✦ May 16, 6:00 PM, location and refreshments TBD, Annual Meeting

Douglas County Branch Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 9:30 AM - 11:30AM
Philip S Miller Library Meeting Room

THE FASCINATING WORLD OF ROBOTICS

Our speaker is Pat Smith, who belongs to our branch and is an OLLI facilitator with a keen interest in what our future will be like. Come and get excited about the topic!

- ✓ Learn how robots are changing the job market and our economy.
- ✓ Learn why Google and Apple are making such big investments in robotics.
- ✓ Learn why some people are afraid that robots are taking over.
- ✓ Learn about self-driving cars: the myths and the reality.

Everyone is welcome...not just members!



Dates to Remember

- *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.



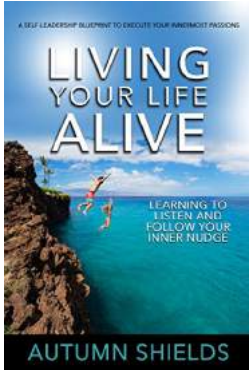
FREE MONEY is wonderful!



BOOK CORNER

(Suggested by Kathy Chavez)

Living Your Life Alive **Autumn Shields**



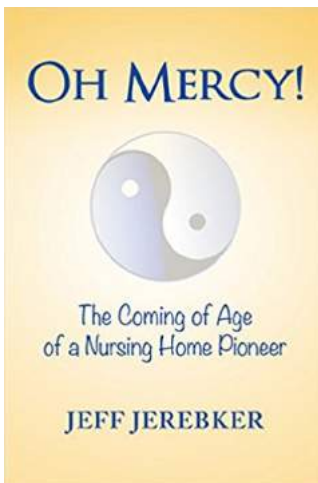
Why live an ordinary life, when you can live an extraordinary one? Why ride in the mundane passenger seat of your own life? Why do life "halfway"? In *Living Your Life Alive*, Autumn Shields has crafted a clear message of how important it is for you to live your life "alive". This book will shake you and wake you up. It will illuminate your dreams, show you how to follow that "nudge", and inspire you to live a life that is on purpose.

Autumn Shields is an international speaker, author, coach and entrepreneur. She grew up in Colorado and now lives on the beautiful island of Maui, Hawaii. After learning to listen and follow the "nudge" she served as a Victim Advocate Director for law enforcements, has built a successful business through network marketing and has most recently developed a project for a non-profit that helps high-risk teens find their strengths through a curriculum of self-discovery. Her passion is to help others overcome their obstacles, find their true passions, and live their lives alive.

(Courtesy of Amazon Prime Books) (Autumn is a Colorado/Parker native living in Maui)

OH MERCY!

The Coming of Age of a Nursing Home Pioneer **By Jeff Jerebker**



In 1968, the first ripple of profound change seeped through Jeff Jerebker's sleeping consciousness. Watching the Democratic Convention in Chicago on the heels of the assassination of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr., disbelief swirled around him. Observing the police riots on the streets, the chaos in the convention center and the suppression of anti-war delegates, he was convinced that the American political system was corrupt and repressive.

Listening to this cacophony of disorder and repression, Bob Dylan's *Like a Rolling Stone* played in Jerebker's head as the perfect soundtrack for the surreal movie unfolding before his eyes. He had to do something different than what he was currently doing.

His *doing something* led to a revamping of what long-term care management could be through his creation of Piñon Management. It led to the expose of gross mismanagement and massive lack of leadership in state and privately owned facilities. *Doing something* inspired his path to change lifeless, institutional models of care and transform them into vibrant person-centered care communities.

In *Oh Mercy! The Coming of Age of a Nursing Home Pioneer*, Jeff Jerebker embodies critical thinking, analysis, and the principle of healthy dialectics.

Miscellaneous Items of Interest

Colorado History and Culture Club

The Colorado History and Culture Club's tour of the **CELL** (Counterterrorism) exhibit was cancelled in January due to unexpected technical issues at the museum. However, we have RE-scheduled the tour for March. If you are interested, please mark your calendar for **March 15th**. More information will be sent via email at the end of February.



Holiday Luncheon Photos



STEM DAYS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

(Submitted by Beryl Jacobson)

Two STEM days for middle school girls are coming up. AAUW's Colorado Springs Branch is on the planning committee for the Feb. 1 event at UCCS. Due to space limitations this year, it is an event by invitation only. Our own branch member, Pamela Steinman, is volunteering and learning about how we can be influential in making it open to Douglas and Elbert County girls in the future.

The Boulder branch is again sponsoring STEM day on the CU campus in the Engineering Building, on Saturday, February 24. They are looking for volunteers. If you are interested, ask Pat Smith about her past experience, and let Beryl Jacobson know if you can help. We can all help in promotion by letting Middle School girls and their teachers know that they are welcome for the day.



CALENDAR FOR ANY MONTH

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