

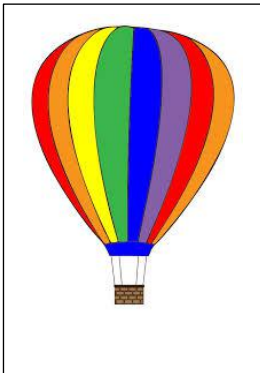
June 2018

Editors:
Kathy Chavez
Nedda Altschuld

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

*Have a
Wonderful
Summer!!*

Next Newsletter
deadline for
September
Newsletter is
August 25



Annual Meeting

(Submitted by Beryl Jacobson)

Thank you to the 30 members who attended our annual meeting on May 16 at the Charles Schwab campus. We were given a talk with an opportunity to ask questions and then a short tour. We were amazed to learn that the campus houses 4,400 employees who work at standing desks with shoulder height partitions that allow them to have views to the outdoors through all the windows. When asked about working conditions for women, we were told that each position has a salary attached to it that doesn't vary based on gender. There is a generous family leave policy. Women employees can choose to belong to WINN, a women's networking group that plans programs to address women's issues.

We went outside to view the extensive gardens that incorporate a drainage system and are terraced down with walls that are suitable for seating. Charles Schwab encourages charities to use the space for fund raising efforts that are open to the public. Many of those present asked about bringing friends and family on to the campus for one of these events. Maressa MacClintock, our event coordinator, sent these details about events upcoming this summer.

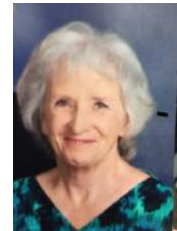
I wanted to pass along a couple of dates for events on campus that are going to be open to the public! Please pass this along to your other group members and join us! Kids are welcome at all three!

*-June 7th (5:30pm-9:30pm) June Jam for Gabby Krause Foundation
<https://bagsoffun.org/events/>*

*-July 30th (8:00am start time) Lone Tree Freedom Race
<https://freedomfourmiler.com/>*

-August 30th (6:00-9:30pm) City of Lone Tree Summer Concert -More info to come.

Co-President's Message
June 2018
Beryl Jacobson



After three years serving on the board as incoming president, co-president with Marcia Miller and co-president with Pat Proctor, my term has ended. We no longer have a board position for incoming president but we do for Co-President. At this time, it is vacant. It was invaluable for me to work with Marcia Miller to learn about the job of president. Pat Proctor has been so easy to work with. I know that if you step up to join her, you will have an enjoyable year with a sense of volunteering for a worthwhile organization. We also need a Historian and a Hospitality Committee member. Think about calling Pat and saying yes to one of these positions. We also need a chair for our Christmas Party.

At the National level, we heard from Julia Brown at our State Convention. It made me proud to have her as our national president. She talked about the Strategic Plan that is being developed. It will help us answer three simple questions: Where are we now? Where do we want to be? and How will we get there? Affiliates can do planning in the same way by starting with the big picture and then narrowing it down, planning immediate goals and then a few focused goals. The new Strategic Plan will have 4 areas of focus to direct our path. They are: Education and Training, Economic Security, Leadership and Governance and Sustainability. The national board is hoping that if the vote allows those without a degree to join, it will help us to attract and retain a more diverse membership. Julia said that we need to adapt, evolve, and change. She suggested we find other organizations in our community with a similar mission to partner with.

At the State level, we have hired a communications firm for 4 months. They will audit state communication tools for best practices, finalize a marketing plan and provide tools to make branch communications easier. Plans are being made for the Fall Leadership Conference. The State is offering a \$110 scholarship for four first time attendees.

At the local level, we are transitioning board members. To make this easier, we are scanning papers and putting the information into electronic folders that can be transferred through a flash drive. We are thinking of ways to fund our Scholarships. Finally, plan to attend the Summer Picnic and bring items for our silent auction. I'm bringing a certificate to pick up Rotary Peaches.

Douglas County AAUW Minutes

May 15, 2018

Pat Smith, Secretary



The Annual Meeting started with an informative tour of the beautiful Charles Schwab campus in Lone Tree.

Beryl Jacobson opened the evening at 5:50 pm. Suzanne Kroepsch read a thank you note from one of our high school STEM awardees.

Secretary

Approval of minutes as printed in the newsletter was moved by Bobbi VanHorn and Doris MacDougall seconded it. The minutes were approved by membership.

Treasurer

Marsha Johnson reviewed the budget v. actual report for the year and reminded the members to renew their memberships on time.

Programs

Upcoming Branch Programs:

Julie Regan asked members to complete the 3x5 cards she passed out with ideas for next year.

Upcoming Regional Programs:

Regional Convention: Salt Lake City, June 22 - 24

Nominating Committee and New Officers

Beryl Jacobson thanked Stephanie Fong and Marcia Miller for their hard work as the Nominating Committee. The slate of officers was approved: President will be Pat Proctor, Doris MacDougall will be Program VP and Ruth Lundgren as Membership VP. Pat Smith will continue as Secretary/Website Liaison for another year. Members were asked to call Pat Proctor if they can step up to be Co-President.

Membership

Dorothy Nugent reported that we have 4 new members but that our overall membership is declining.

Public Policy

Diane Norton reported that the Family Leave Act has not passed and encouraged members to check the website for other issues. Pat Proctor reminded everyone that the National election is in process.

(Minutes continued)

Scholarships

Kendra O'Hayre noted that this will be her last year, however, it was very rewarding work.

Communications

Kathy Chavez wanted to thank Nedda Altschuld for her hard work on the Directory and sending out the email communications for our affiliate. Nedda mentioned that she will distribute the new directory in September, but it will not have programs for the year listed. Pat Smith said she had updated the website with the scholarship winners.

Historian

Carol Murphy said she was resigning from her post and that it was not a big job but she could not do it anymore. Beryl Jacobson mentioned that the position is open if any member is interested.

Bylaws

Beryl Jacobson reported that there wasn't any activity this year.

Beryl Jacobson asked the membership if they wanted to have a picnic this August 7, 2018, at 5:00 pm, noting that the Woodlands Pavilion had been reserved at no cost and that it has several shady tables. The event would be a potluck and members are encouraged to bring items to contribute to a silent auction. If you bring something, you will fill out the bid sheet. The membership approved the idea for a picnic.

Beryl then presented awards and small token gifts to the outgoing Officers for their work for the past year and everyone thanked her for her hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

*Thank You Beryl for all your hard work as
Co-President!*

SUMMER GATHERING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 5:00 PM – 8:00PM



WOODLANDS BOWL PAVILION

Spouses and guests are welcomed

SILENT AUCTION

Enjoy a mid-summer outing with your AAUW friends at the Woodlands Bowl picnic area. Park at the intersection of Saddleback and Foxfield and take the path down to the Pavilion. The address of the house closest to the path is 2086 Foxfield.

Bring your own entrée (meat, poultry, veggie burger) to cook on the grill for yourself and a side dish to share. We could share desserts, too. Bring your preferred beverage enough for yourself. Alcoholic beverages – wine and beer- are fine in this park. Bring plates and cutlery. If you forget, there will be some from the hospitality boxes available.

Be creative and think of a silent auction item to bring. Fill out a sheet for it when you arrive. The proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund.

We will be under the Pavilion if it should rain and we won't be far from our cars.

If you have questions, call or e-mail Pat Proctor or Beryl Jacobson.



COLORADO HISTORY AND CULTURE CLUB GLEN EYRIE CASTLE

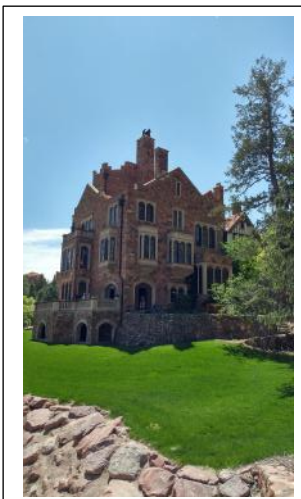
(Submitted by Nedda Altschuld)

From the rich heritage of General Palmer, the founder of Colorado Springs, to the deep spiritual legacy of The Navigators (an interdenominational Christian ministry), the guided Historical Tour takes you on a journey filled with stories of rival turn-of-the-century railroad wars and oil tycoons to what is now the soul-stirring property of Glen Eyrie.

The tour tells of the history of General Palmer and The Navigators, and includes a Guided Walking Tour through the Carriage House and the first and second floors of The Glen Eyrie Castle. After building a large carriage house, where the family lived for a time, Palmer and his wife Mary (Queen) Mellen built a 22-room frame house on the 800-acre estate. The house strongly resembles stone castles reminiscent of those native to England. The castle includes many "modern day conveniences" and reflects General Palmer's innovative visions.

Our tour guide included historical information and anecdotal accounts with her own reflections of the family to create an inspiring story of the Palmers. It is a worthwhile tour and you can arrange to stay for afternoon tea or overnight at the B&B.

{some information from Wikipedia and Glen Eyrie website: gleneyrie.org}





FUNDRAISER

Most of the funding for the Higher Education Scholarships and the High School STEM Awards has for the past several years come from our primary fund raiser, Tacos and Tunes, held in August. Generous donations from our members and many community businesses have allowed us to conduct a very profitable silent auction and award other prizes. The auction and ticket sales for this event have been extremely successful.

Because of the change of ownership and renovations taking place at the Plum Creek Golf Club, it has become necessary to find a new venue for this year. Catering costs everywhere have risen to the extent that ticket prices would have to be increased in order to sustain a profitable fund raiser.

Typically, we have asked each member to sell or purchase 2 tickets at a total cost of \$50. We have also called upon our membership to solicit merchants for donations and contribute items for the silent auction.

All things considered, the executive board finds that instead of sponsoring this event, we ask that each member donate a minimum of \$50 by August 1 for the purpose of supporting the Awards and Scholarships. A larger amount would be wonderful.

Donation checks made out to: Douglas County AAUW should be sent to our treasurer, Marsha Johnson, 305 Deer Crossing, Castle Rock, CO 80104.

We will plan to assemble a "ways and means" committee this summer to explore some additional fund raising ideas and will also consider revisiting Tacos and Tunes event for next year.

Pat Proctor and Beryl Jacobsen co-presidents

Public Policy Report

(Submitted by Diane Norton)



Each year the Public Policy Committee of Colorado reviews the bills that are to come before the legislature and takes a stand to actively support, monitor, oppose and actively oppose issues that relate to the mission of AAUW. A review of the legislature site shows the following results for the bills that our organization **actively supported** during the most recent session:

- Rural School District Teaching Fellowship Programs-sent to the governor
- Employee Leave to Participate in Elections-postponed
- Additional Public School Capital Construction Funding-sent to the governor
- Funding for Full Day Kindergarten-postponed
- Expand Child Nutrition School Lunch Protection Act-sent to the governor
- Contribution Limits for School District Directors-postponed
- Financial Incentives for Education in Rural Areas-sent to the governor
- DPS Human Trafficking Related Training-postponed
- Increase Surcharge for Trafficking Children-governor signed
- Protection Minor Victims of Human Trafficking-postponed
- Family Medical Leave Insurance Program-postponed
- Opioid Misuse Prevention-governor signed
- Continue Child Care Tax Credit-sent to governor
- Task Force for Youth Experiencing Homelessness-postponed
- Training Program Prevention Child Sexual Abuse-sent to the governor

Additional information on bills that we took a stand on can be found at the legislative site.

Douglas County AAUW Budget Report – May 25, 2018

Marsha Johnson, Treasurer



Our account balances are as follows:

SAVINGS:	\$4296.76
RESTRICTED CHECKING:	\$ 605.59
UNRESTRICTED CHECKING:	\$4144.71

A reminder, even though we do not meet during the summer, you are encouraged to continue eating – using your King Soopers and Safeway gift cards for purchases. Think about using the cards for gas! That adds up a lot – especially with increased prices coming our way.

And one last time, if any of you have any receipts for purchases that need to be reimbursed, please get them to me before June 20th so I can pay you and finish the books for the upcoming year, July 2018–19.

Bed in Summer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?



Dates to Remember

- *June 7th, AAUW Board Meeting 6:30 (Board Members Only)*
- *June 22-24, 2018, AAUW Rocky Mountain Conference, Salt Lake City, UT*
- *February 2, 2019, Public Policy Day*
- *State Convention in Longmont...no scheduled date yet*

Meeting Schedule for 2018



Please submit any Program suggestion for 2018-2019 to Doris MacDougall

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.

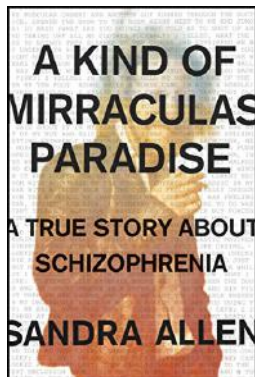
If you need information about this program, please contact Marcia Miller or if you need a card or a replacement card, please let Marcia Miller know via email.



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BOOK CORNER



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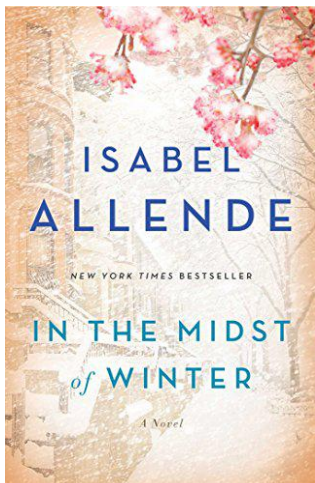
A Kind of Mirraculas Paradise A True Story About Schizophrenia

By: Sandra Allen

Writer Sandra Allen did not know their uncle Bob very well. As a child, Sandy had been told Bob was “crazy,” that he had spent time in mental hospitals while growing up in Berkeley in the 60s and 70s. But Bob had lived a hermetic life in a remote part of California for longer than Sandy had been alive, and what little Sandy knew of him came from rare family reunions or odd, infrequent phone calls. Then in 2009 Bob mailed Sandy his autobiography. Typewritten in all caps, a stream of error-riddled sentences over sixty, single-spaced pages, the often-incomprehensible manuscript proclaimed to be a “true story” about being “labeled a psychotic paranoid schizophrenic,” and arrived with a plea to help him get his story out to the world.

In *A Kind of Mirraculas Paradise: A True Story about Schizophrenia*, Sandy translates Bob’s autobiography, artfully creating a gripping coming-of-age story while sticking faithfully to the facts as he shared them. Lacing Bob’s narrative with chapters providing greater contextualization, Sandy also shares background information about their family, the culturally explosive time and place of their uncle’s formative years, and the vitally important questions surrounding schizophrenia and mental healthcare in America more broadly. The result is a heartbreaking and sometimes hilarious portrait of a young man striving for stability in his life as well as his mind, and an utterly unique lens into an experience that, to most people, remains unimaginable.

Called “an act of radical empathy” by Anne Fadiman and “a truly original piece of work” by Adrian Nicole LeBlanc, *A Kind of Mirraculas Paradise* is a propulsive, stunning book that’s poised to change conversation about schizophrenia and mental illness generally.



In the Midst of Winter

By: Isabel Allende

In the Midst of Winter begins with a minor traffic accident—which becomes the catalyst for an unexpected and moving love story between two people who thought they were deep into the winter of their lives. Richard Bowmaster—a 60-year-old human rights scholar—hits the car of Evelyn Ortega—a young, undocumented immigrant from Guatemala—in the middle of a snowstorm in Brooklyn. What at first seems just a small inconvenience takes an unforeseen and far more serious turn when Evelyn turns up at the professor’s house seeking help. At a loss, the professor asks his tenant Lucia Maraz—a 62-year-old lecturer from Chile—for her advice. These three very different people are brought together in a mesmerizing story that moves from present-day Brooklyn to Guatemala in the recent past to 1970s Chile and Brazil, sparking the beginning of a long overdue love story between Richard and Lucia.

Exploring the timely issues of human rights and the plight of immigrants and refugees, the book recalls Allende’s landmark novel *The House of the Spirits* in the way it embraces the cause of “humanity, and it does so with passion, humor, and wisdom that transcend politics” (Jonathan Yardley, *The Washington Post*). *In the Midst of Winter* will stay with you long after you turn the final page.

CALENDAR FOR ANY MONTH

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

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Elected Board Members

Current (2018-2019)

Co-Presidents	Pat Proctor, VACANT
VP Program	Doris MacDougall
VP Membership	Ruth Lundgren
Secretary (2 Year Term)	Pat Smith
Treasurer (2 Year Term)	Marsha Johnson

<i>Committee</i>	<i>2018-2019 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	VACANT, 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

**** Nominating Committee:**

Marcia Miller & Stephanie Fong