



December 2018

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

**Saturday,
December 8**

12:00-3:00 PM

**Pradera
Country Club
Holiday Luncheon**

**Freedom to
Celebrate**

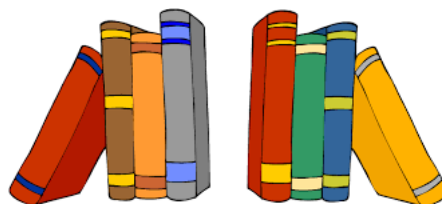


Freedom to Read



Our November AAUW meeting was titled, **Freedom to Read**. The idea was to share a book about a strong woman or to present a book written by a strong woman. Marcia Miller facilitated this meeting. We had more members and guests than what we expected and the books presented were very diverse in genre.

Marcia will put together a list of the books presented and send the list to our members. We plan to feature a book (or two) each month in the newsletter. Thanks to Marcia for a great meeting.



*Co-President's Message
December 2018
Pat Proctor*



According to an article in "The Week" magazine, Unequal Pay is alive and well and gets an early start.

They have found that boys earn twice as much for household jobs as girls do. Boys take home \$13.80 a week in allowance, compared with just \$6.71 for girls. Perhaps this practice dates back to the days when the boys paid for the movies and refreshments (not sure that is the case anymore). Check your children and grandchildren to make sure equality is present.

Many of our members take classes at OLLI south and some are members or volunteers. The new classes for the winter term which begins January 14 are listed on the website. As always, the classes offer a unique variety of subjects. It is possible to view details of all the classes and to register online.

www.portfolio.du.edu/ollisouth.

Please make your reservations for our December 8th Christmas luncheon and our Winter Fundraiser on January 16th. We will not be having meetings again until late February.

Happy Holidays to everyone!





**WINTER FUNDRAISER THEATER PARTY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16
6:00 P.M.**

A show of magic, wonder and amazement

The "Theater of Dreams" is located at 735 Park St. in Castle Rock.
There are 60 or more seats for attendees and not a bad seat in the house.

Proceeds will go toward the scholarships and awards for continued education

You are encouraged to bring spouses, friends, and family to this event; however, because space is limited, it is important to make your reservations as soon as possible.

A social ½ hour will take place at 6:00 p.m. Wine will be available for a suggested donation of \$5.
There will also be complimentary snacks, water, and iced tea.

**\$35 per person to be sent to Marsha Johnson, 305 Deer Crossing, Castle Rock Co 80104
Checks to DC AAUW**



Douglas County AAUW Budget Report – November 25, 2018

Marsha Johnson, Treasurer



Our three accounts contain the following amounts:

Savings Account	\$5199.48
Unrestricted Account	\$3889.01
Restricted Account	\$1282.13

This is the season of hope, love and thankfulness. For our club, also a time of sorrow with the passing of Fleta Nockels, who is remembered as one of the founding mothers of Douglas County AAUW. Her family has requested that in lieu of flowers, friends and family remember her with a donation to our local club's education fund. We are grateful for this expression of love for a life well lived. If you feel you would like to make a donation in Fleta's name, please send checks to me at 305 Deer Crossing, CR. 80104. Please make a note on the check – Fleta's Fund.

Our annual holiday party is coming soon – Saturday, Dec 8th. Please reserve your spot with a check for \$32/person. We need to give a number for our group by December 1st so please get your check to me soon!

There is also a Theatre of Dreams fundraising event on January 16th. We are restricted to 60 attendees so get your reservations in quickly! The cost is \$35/person.

If you wish to make one check for both the holiday party and the theatre tickets, please make note on your check or include a note. Please keep checks for Fleta's Fund separate.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Public Policy



2019 AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day

POLICY

The theme for this year's Public Policy Day is Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Engaging Members for Action. There will be a dynamite keynote speaker, Dr. Nita Mosby Tyler, founder of the Equity Project, as well as a still to be confirmed second speaker, a diverse panel and, of course, a legislative update from our AAUW lobbyist, Betty Boyd.

Public Policy Day will be at the Holiday Inn Denver Lakewood (Hampton and Wadsworth) on February 2, from 8:30 to 2:30. You can find complete details, register online or print out a registration form on the state website: <https://aauw-co.aauw.net/>



Program Calendar

LET FREEDOM RING 2018-2019

BE SURE TO WATCH THE NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES AND CHANGES!!!

December 8th -LUNCHEON Pradera Country Club, 12:00-3:00
Freedom to Celebrate --- Holiday Party

No January meeting!

February 20th -9:30 a.m. Philip S. Miller Library
Freedom of Movement --- Inner Connections Yoga
Jeanne Adams, speaker

March 20th -6:30 p.m. Philip S. Miller Library
Freedom to be Informed---Douglas County Coroner
Jill Romann, speaker

April 17th - 6:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church
Freedom to Expand Our Horizons ---
High School STEM Awards

May 15th - Time & Location TBD
Freedom to Congregate --- Annual Meeting

Snacks and beverages will not be provided.
Please bring your own, unless otherwise
noted.

Dates to Remember

- *January 16, 2019, Theater of Dreams, a fundraising event. 6:00 PM \$35/person.*
- *February 2, 2019, Public Policy Day, Holiday Inn Denver , Lakewood, CO from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM*
- *April 2, 2019, Equal Pay Day*
- *April 26-27, 2019, State Convention in Longmont*

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!





Fleta W. Nockels

September 14, 1930–November 3, 2018

(Thanks to Teddy McKay and Marsha Johnson)



Fleta Nockels' family had been in upstate New York for generations. She grew up there with two brothers. She could have remained there to teach, but instead she decided to have an adventure and drove west in her little Fiat. She landed in Castle Rock, Colorado. At that time, it was a little farm town close to the mountains and also close to city life in Denver. She applied for a job with the Douglas County School District and was hired. Many of her earliest and lifelong friends were other single young teachers with their first jobs.

She caught the eye of local bachelor, Jack Nockels, who thought that the new school teacher was the one he wanted to court and marry. Their backgrounds were very different but they shared the same values and complemented each other. They lived on Jack's family property up Jarre Canyon. Jack worked for the highway Department and Fleta got used to driving 9 miles from Sedalia up and down winding mountain roads

Fleta was an excellent hostess. She was usually making meals in her small kitchen and was frequently stepping around at least one big hairy dog. The kitchen had running water but there was no indoor plumbing--just a path to the outhouse. She had three daughters--Edie, Marge, and Carolyn. There were many birthday celebrations and 4th of July parties held on the Nockles' property.

When Fleta returned to teaching after being home with her daughters, educational practices had changed radically, but it didn't take her long to adapt. It was during this time that she became President of the Douglas County Federation of Teachers. She later became president of the Colorado Federation. She was very much an activist. In any group she joined, she usually became an officer. She was active with the Douglas County branch of AAUW, as well as the historical society and her church.

Fleta dealt with many losses: Jack died and she had to sell her beloved home and move into Bonaventure. She then sold her car and the independence that came with it. Later she developed macular degeneration and gave up book club. Finally, she traded a walker for a wheelchair. Nevertheless, Fleta always kept a positive attitude and had friends and family that rallied around her.

Fleta Nockels is remembered as one of the **founding mothers** of Douglas County AAUW. Her family has requested that in lieu of flowers, friends and family remember her with a donation to our local club's education fund. We are grateful for this expression of love for a life well lived.

HISTORY AND CULTURE GROUP

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 OUTING

DIOR: FROM PARIS TO THE WORLD

(Thanks to Beryl Jacobson and the Denver Art Museum website)

Join the History and Culture Group's outing to the Denver Art Museum, Thursday, January 17, to see the **Dior Exhibit** and have lunch nearby. Meet at the Big O parking lot in the Safeway Shopping Center at 9:00 a.m. and travel Downtown for this amazing experience. Please let Beryl Jacobson, berylmjacobson@gmail.com, know if you will attend and if you are willing to drive.

The Denver Art Museum debuts **Dior: From Paris to the World**, an exhibition surveying more than 70 years of the House of Dior's enduring legacy and global influence. A selection of more than 200 haute couture dresses – as well as accessories, photographs, original sketches, runway videos, and other archival material–traces the history of this haute couture fashion house. The dresses along with 5 women fashion dressers arrived from Paris about the beginning of November. The sets, created by a well-known set designer, showcase 15 themes with the dresses artfully displayed within them. Works of art that were inspiration for the designers at The House of Dior are hung beside some of the dresses. One set has Monet's Garden as its theme. Another set has the dresses, that are first created from sketches, then patterns, made up in linen. These are then modified before the expensive fabrics are cut. Still another set has the accessories created to complement each collection showcased.



HISTORY AND CULTURE GROUP WALKING TOUR OF ELIZABETH



Eleven members of the History and Culture Interest Group traveled to Elizabeth, November 15, to learn more about the history of this prairie town established in 1890. It was the commercial center for homesteaders living in the eastern part of our county. A walk up and down Main Street was organized by Pat Gonzales, Assistant Director of Community Development for the town. She told us that the location of the railroad tracks, which were parallel to main street, dictated where the train station, housing for railroad workers, general mercantile, hotels and other businesses were located. We lingered to read plaques at the D&NO Section House which is now an Art Gallery, and were entertained by the proprietor of Powder River Co as he told us about the custom hats that he makes individually for famous and not so famous clients around the country. Doris MacDougall, pictured here, was the model to show us how the form, he uses, ensures a perfect fit. At the end of our walk, we stopped to see the old beautifully carved bar in a historic building that is now the Mountain Man Nut and Fruit Co. We had a delicious lunch at The Carriage Shoppes Tea Room. Linda, the owner, bought the business last April and together with her daughter, who is an interior designer, worked to create the rooms, with a charming tea house atmosphere, where tea and lunch are served. After lunch, we couldn't resist shopping in the adjacent antique and gift shop.



Thanks to Pat Proctor and Beryl Jacobson for the wonderful photos!



Miscellaneous Information

MEMBERSHIP NEWS UPDATE AND CALL FOR HELP

UPDATE: Douglas County AAUW membership has gone from 69 to 64 members for 2018-19.

I would like our members to have a goal of five or more new members this year. The first and usually most successful idea is to invite friends and neighbors to join you for a program meeting or interest group activity.

HELP: I am currently looking for 2-3 members to join me to have a membership committee. You would help write invitations to Douglas County Members at Large (these people are only national members) and possibly pursue other ideas to increase membership. Please let me know if you are interested.

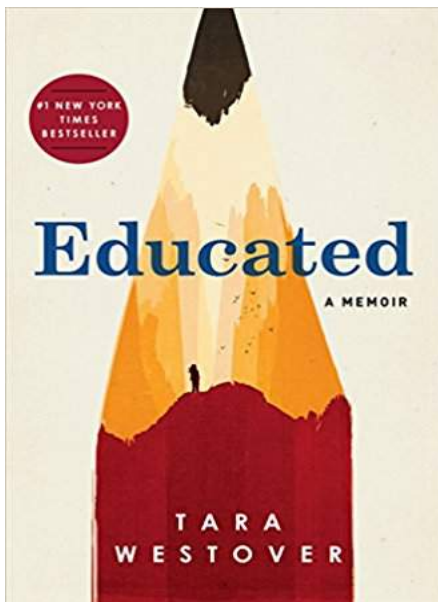
REMEMBER: BRING A FRIEND TO A PROGRAM OR INTEREST GROUP. WE WILL INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP.

Ruth Lundgren



History and Culture Club

The History and Culture Club will do a tour on February 21, 2019, to the Quilt Museum in Golden, ranked by USA Today as one of the top quilt museums in the country. We will have a docent led tour of the exhibits of "Collaboration Quilts" and "Family and Friend Quilts".



Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University ([Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))

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> <i>6:30-9:30 PM</i> <i>(Marsha Johnson)</i>			<i>Bridge Couples</i> <i>6:30 PM</i> <i>(Margaret Boone)</i>
<i>2nd</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>AM Book Club 10AM</i> <i>PS Miller Library</i> <i>(Ruth Lundgren)</i>	<i>Evening Book Club</i> <i>5:30 PM</i> <i>(Linda Washburn)</i>		<i>Breakfast Bunch</i> <i>8:00 AM Pegasus (Ginger Allspach)</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>3rd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Mexican Train</i> <i>1 PM</i> <i>(Natalie Weber)</i>	<i>AAUW Branch</i> <i>6:30 PM</i> <i>PS Miller Library (Usually)</i>	<i>Colorado History/Culture Club</i> <i>AM Trips</i> <i>(Stephanie Fong)</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>4th</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Mah Jongg</i> <i>1:00 PM</i> <i>(Natalie Weber)</i>	<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, Bobbie Van Horn
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	Julie Reagan, Chair
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Social Interest Group/Hospitality	Dorothy Nugent, Chair Ginger Allspach, VC Susan Bowie, VC