

October "Tid Bits" by Bobbie Van Horn, Co-President

Editor:
Marcia Miller

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

Next Meeting

Wednesday
Oct. 16th
6:30 p.m.

Scholarships
and
League of
Women Voters
re. our next
election.
All are
welcome.

Our first coffee/membership meeting was a great success. Kudos to Vice President of Membership, Ruth Lundgren and hostess Linda Gaylo for their effort. They did an outstanding job. Diane Norten, former State and Branch President spoke about the purpose of AAUW and how we strive to continue the organization's mission of women's equality. Signup sheets were available for the prospective new members to peruse and see what our branch has to offer as well as a newly designed AAUW brochure, by Ruth, was distributed.

Doris MacDougall talked about the outstanding programs scheduled for the upcoming year and you don't want to miss any of them. The board is still in the process of arranging the holiday party. Any and all suggestions are appreciated.

I am thrilled that we increased our membership and am counting on all of you to bring at least one new member to our organization this year. Many lasting friendships are formed in AAUW.

Last but most important, please remember to send \$50.00 or more to Marsha Johnson for our scholarship fund.



Douglas County AAUW Treasurer's Report - September 30, 2019

As of September 30, 2019, our balance of funds is \$13,341.95.

A special thank you to all who volunteered at the Douglas County Fair in various capacities. Your hard work earned our club \$750! Thank you so much for all you did.

And thank you, thank you to Pat Proctor who took charge and made sure we received the check from Douglas County Fairgrounds!

I deposited \$176 from the fall picnic and \$172 from our "donation jar" from last year. Also, we received \$297.50 from our Safeway fundraiser!

SPECIAL NOTE . . . I am currently accepting donations towards our scholarship fund for the current year. Last year we began this drive in the fall in lieu of our annual Tacos and Tunes event. Thanks to all those who participated and I hope you will consider donating again. The board is asking that all members make a donation of \$50. If you feel you can donate more and would like to, all checks will be accepted!

Please make checks payable to DCAAUW and mail to Marsha Johnson, 305 Deer Xing, CR 80104.

Marsha Johnson
DC AAUW Treasurer



Did you register your King Soopers Loyalty Card? Go to kingsoopers.com/communityrewards. Our code is **YN919**. If you attach your phone number, you don't need the card; your spouse & kids can use the phone #.

Stuck? Call Marcia or ask your grandkid to register it. I can do it for you if you know your password or have never registered your card.

Please take action!!!

PUBLIC POLICY NOTES

Submitted by Diane Norten

Our October meeting will feature information regarding our next ballot, presented by the local League of Women Voters. Please come and hear the pros and cons of ballot items before you vote.

Remember our February program is to attend Public Policy Day which will be held Saturday, February 1 at the Holiday Inn in Lakewood. It is always a great program so let's have a great turnout. (This date and location have been confirmed.)

There will not be a state convention this year as Colorado is hosting the Regional Conference from June 19-21 in Fort Collins....a nice and informative road trip.

INTEREST GROUPS OR INTERESTING GROUPS

**Mexican Train Dominoes*

Contact: *Natalie Weber*

3rd Tuesdays; 1:00 p.m.

Location Varies

**Mahjong*

Contact: *Natalie Weber*

4th Tuesdays; 1:00 p.m.

Location Varies

**Morning Book Club*

Contact: *Ruth Lundgren*

2nd Tuesdays; 10:00 a.m.

PS Miller Library

Book: EDUCATED by Tara Westover

**Breakfast Brunch Bunch*

Contact: *Ginger Allspach*

2nd Fridays; 8:00 a.m.

Pegasus Restaurant

**Colorado History & Culture Club*

Contact: *Stephanie Fong*

3rd Thursdays; Time Varies

Location Varies

**Ladies Evening Bridge*

Contact: *Marcia Miller*

1st Wednesdays; 6:30 p.m.

Location Varies

**Couples Bridge*

Contact: *Margaret Boone*

1st Saturdays; 6:30 p.m.

Location Varies

**Evening Book Club*

Contact: *Linda Washburn*

2nd Wednesday; 5:30 p.m.

Location Varies

Book: When the Line Becomes a River by Francisco Cantu



DATES: UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MORE *(There's just so much going on!)*

Wed. Oct. 16, 6:30 PM: Mtg.-LWV member Jo Feder to present November Ballot Issues; also annual AAUW Scholarship Presentations, DC Library

Thur. Oct. 17, 9:30 AM: ~~History/Culture trip to Manitou Springs~~ *Canceled; sorry but our host is laid up, which would be me. Replacement activity is encouraged.*

Thur, Oct. 31, All Day: Halloween (Don't eat all your candy at once.)

Wed. Nov. 20, 6:30 PM: Mtg- CELL Community Awareness Program(CAP), DC Library

Wed. Nov. 21, History/Culture trip to Monet Exhibit at Denver Art Museum

Sat. Dec. 7th: Holiday Party, TBD!

January - Bye Month, no meeting (Stay warm in the snow. I know everything.)

Sat. Feb. 1: Public Policy Day, Lakewood, CO in lieu of monthly meeting.

Wed. March 18, 9:30 AM: Mtg.-The Honorable Don Marshall, Retired District Court Judge of Adams County and Senior Judge of Arapahoe County, at the DC Library

Wed. April 15, 6:30 PM: Mtg.- Lisa Frizell, Douglas County Assessor, at the DC Library

Wed. May 20: Mtg.-Tour of Castle Rock campus of Arapahoe Community College, followed by end of year meeting and dinner

The History/ Culture Group is taking suggestions for events to attend this year. If you have any place or event that our AAUW Club would be interested in participating or attending, please contact Stephanie at s_fongaauw@comcast.net or call 303-249-0112

Outing in November will be Thursday, November 21 to the Denver Art Museum to see the Monet Special Exhibit. Tickets, costing \$27, must be purchased in advance and are selling out rapidly. Beryl has bought the group tickets already for the November 21st tour at 1:15 p.m. If you'd like to join the group, buy your own ticket for that time slot and let Beryl know. She will be making lunch plans closer to the date. Email berylmjacobson@gmail.com or call 303-688-8088. Husbands and friends are invited to join the group.

You are a college educated woman. Register your loyalty card!!!! Go to kingsoopers.com/communityrewards. Our code is YN919. If you attach your phone number, your spouse & kids can use it too. Stuck? Call Marcia or ask your grandkid to register it.

millermarcia@me.com or 303-470-2844

Many thanks to the our members and husbands who volunteered for various jobs at the Douglas County Fair in August. Together we provided 106 volunteer hours. As a thank you for our service we were given a \$750 donation toward our AAUW scholarship fund. Volunteers are given free tickets to the fair and a thank you dinner. It is a worthy cause and a fun event.

Pat Proctor

The Meet and Greet/Membership Drive held September 25th was fun and informative. Seven guests were welcomed by 17 members. Conversation was lively and coffee and treats were delicious.

Diane Norten gave an overview of AAUW and questions were answered by members. Doris MacDougall told us about upcoming programs.

*Many thanks to Linda Gaylo for hosting us in her lovely home.
Ruth Lundgren*

**NEW MEMBERS!
WE WELCOME YOU!!!
Shelagh Adams
Susan Berger Carla Bryant
Kathy Newell**

Membership Drive, September 2019

Pictures by Stephanie Fong
Home of Linda Gaylo
Membership VP Ruth Lundgren





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OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

CO-PRESIDENTS	BOBBIE VAN HORN & BETTY ROSSEN
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VP & MEMBERSHIP	RUTH LUNDGREN
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TREASURER	MARSHA JOHNSON

2019-2020 STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee Chairs are voting members of the Board. Vice Chairs (VC) vote in the absence of the Chair.

PUBLIC POLICY/AAUW FUNDS	DIANE NORTEN, CHAIR
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Thank you for taking the time to register your King Soopers Loyalty Card.

It wasn't so difficult, now was it?

**Here's to STRONG WOMEN. May we know them.
May we be them. May we raise them.**

source AAUW Website

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PAT SMITH, OLLI CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

Pat Smith is the Douglas County AAUW Secretary and Website Manager

Article by Ellen Sloan, OLLI

In a fortuitous melding of innate aptitude, astute observation, family dynamics and contemporaneous opportunity, OLLI-South curriculum committee co-chair Pat Smith forged a career in information technology (IT) which has been both personally rewarding and a testament to her determination to surmount traditional professional barriers, both for herself and for other women.

Pat's sensitivity to the career and educational constraints of being female may have begun with an awareness that her own mother's capabilities and yearnings were frustrated by stay-at-home conventions during her early years raising Pat and her two sisters. In addition, Pat's father, an engineer, didn't actively promote college attendance for girls, nor did he appreciate until later in his working years the gender hurdles his daughters and women in general had to surmount. Pat notes, though, that her father was ultimately proud of his daughters' accomplishments — which also exemplified non-traditional female pursuits: one sister became an electrical engineer and the other became a mortgage banker and ran for Representative in the Texas State House.

Pat's first years were begun in Texas, but her family moved several times during her childhood. Most jolting to her adolescent self was a move in high-school from the hippie, anti-war culture of Los Angeles in 1968 to the very conservative, parochial culture of St. Louis. Pat surmises that her long-haired counter-culture appearance, as well as her very shy and introspective demeanor, branded her as "weird" by her contemporaries.

Following her uncomfortable high-school experience in St. Louis, and despite her father's lack of active encouragement, Pat went off to the University of Missouri to study economics. This discipline, she says, turned out to be an unexpected, but excellent, background for pursuing a Master's Degree in library and information science. Because she had always been analytical and logical in her problem-solving approach, Pat quickly realized that there were better ways to organize, classify and index library data besides using file cards. She was thus encouraged by her professors to pursue independent studies as an intern within corporations. "In my career I was always able to see how technology could be applied to do things better," she observes. After graduate school Pat struck out on her own and spent ten years helping companies create online indexes (before the PC revolution). Subsequently, while her husband, a retired ecology professor, stayed home with their two children, Pat worked in IT for several banks in the Miami area, and following that, as Chief Information Officer for a global pharmaceutical company. In that

(Pat Smith cont'd)

capacity she travelled to 35 countries around the world, always loving the chance to meet so many people of diverse backgrounds. In her role as CIO Pat recalls that she was always trying to get resources for new, innovative projects and she was also responsible for cyber-security — protection from hacks and viruses, ever-cognizant that it is the CIO who gets fired in the event of a major hack.

Pat is particularly proud of two aspects of her career, both emanating from her work in Miami: paving the way for numerous women in the information technology field (“I was a role model for a lot of women there”) and, during her career’s last seven years, saving the lives of children in the Miami foster care system by privatizing state system data so that their existence and location could be tracked. Tragically, disappearance of children, both figuratively and literally, had happened too often previously. “In the end, I was able to use technology to save lives,” she observes. “It was so rewarding to do that.”

Pat is close to her second husband Fabio Fernandez’ daughter and grandchildren (“I am a devoted Nana”), and she watches with some empathic anxiety as her own daughter traverses the vicissitudes of simultaneous parenting and career. Her daughter is, however, currently able to utilize a contemporary advantage — ability to work from a home office and communicate with the nanny via text. Pat feels that persisting childcare constraints and the incompatible likelihood of travel are responsible for the significant barriers which still exist for working women in the IT field.

Pat loves teaching and found her stint as guest speaker in Paul Mauro’s cyber-security class rewarding. “They were warm and welcoming, with interesting, deep questions,” she enthuses. “...so different from corporate boards.” Learning of others’ life journeys is always fascinating to Pat. “People have such rich histories,” she remarks, “especially older people like those our age in OLLI.”

--Story by Ellen Sloan



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