

ALMOST SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES!



DATES: UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MORE

(Mark your calendars!)

*Wed. March 18, 6:30 PM: Mtg.-The Honorable Don Marshall, Retired District Court Judge of Adams County and Senior Judge of Arapahoe County; DC Library

Thur. March 19th, Kirkland Museum Tour via Dorothy Nugent

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

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

*The Honorable Don Marshall will be giving us an overview on court process, who goes to which court, and misperceptions of the process. Questions will be welcomed. Judge Marshall has over 30 years experience in Adams and Arapahoe counties. Please bring friends and relatives and any criminals you might know. Let's have a good turnout!!!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - Submitted by Ruth Lundgren

We are well on our way to our goal of 10 new members this year. Please continue to bring guests to our meetings. If a person joins at our March, April or May meeting and pays dues, this will be their membership to July 1, 2021. Yes, next year too. So they are receiving 15 months membership.

What do you call a big Irish spider? Paddy long legs!

What happens if you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover? You get a rash of good luck!

What do you call a leprechaun who gets sent to jail? A lepre-con!

Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day? Regular rocks are too heavy.

TID-BITS - Submitted from Betty Rossen, Co-President

March greetings to all of you. Since March will usher in the first day of spring, I hope our February snowfall overload will literally be behind us, and we can look forward to sunshine and some colorful daffodils and tulips putting on a color show in our gardens.

On February 1, 2020, eleven of our members enjoyed attending AAUW's Colorado Public Policy Day at the Holiday Inn in Lakewood, Colorado. The session began with an hour long presentation by The Honorable Betty Boyd and The Honorable Su Ryden on state legislative updates. After a break, this was followed by the Keynote Speaker, Senator Julie Gonzales, Colorado District 34, speaking on immigration needs that include quality educational and occupational opportunities. She was a very powerful, interesting, and entertaining speaker who captivated us with her insightful, articulate views on the needs of a sometimes overlooked population sector, our country's immigrants. After lunch an informative panel discussion continued on the subject of immigration. The three participants, Senator Julie Gonzales, Amy Padden (Deputy District Attorney, 5th Judicial District, Colorado), and Denise Maes (Public Policy Director Of American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado), continued the discussion of needs and wants that are keys to providing the life of opportunity that all Americans desire. During the panel, copies of pending state legislative bills in various readings were shared with the attendees, and we were encouraged to visit the state legislature in Denver to see first hand how the system works. What an inspiring, informative experience Public Policy Day was! I encourage all of you to attend next time. You won't be sorry!

**Public Policy
Day
Attendees**



HISTORY/CULTURE GROUP NEWS - Submitted by Stephanie Fong

The History and Culture Groups outing on March 19 will be to the Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art, located in the museum district in downtown Denver. Our group visited this museum in its old location and it will be interesting to see its new expanded home that allows more of its collection to be on display. The museum will allow us to time travel through about 150 years of art. The evolving collections contain over 30,000 works by more than 1,500 artists and designers, with about 4,400 works on view.

The three principal collections are all shown together in salon style: -A celebrated international decorative art collection from about 1870 to the present with examples of every major design period from Arts & Crafts through Postmodern. -A Colorado & regional art collection from about 1845 to the present. -A retrospective of Colorado's distinguished painter, Vance Kirkland (1904-1981)."

Salon style has paintings and objects composed as vignettes. For example, Art Deco furniture is grouped together with a period radio, lamp, phone and other accessories, as if you have walked into someone's vintage home.

To learn more about the museum and see pictures of some of the vignettes visit the Kirkland Museum of Fine and Decorative Art website.

An announcement of the details for the day will be sent closer to the date. Beryl & Dorothy

Future History/Culture Outings

April 16th: Denver Botanical Gardens -Tulip Season via Carol Marshall

May 21: Sandstone Ranch via Diane Norten

\$ TREASURER'S REPORT - Submitted by Marsha Johnson \$

As of February 25, 2020, our balance of funds is \$7,975.37.

Kudos to those of you still eating in 2020! We earned \$267.17 with our King Soopers fundraising project and \$296.60 from Safeway. These two projects remain among our main sources of revenue in addition to member donations.

Please consider a donation and eating well!

Last month the board decided to renew our attempt at member donations (our major source of income for our local scholarships) for the year 2020. Recent gifts brought our current total to \$2336. Our goal is \$4500, so there is still a ways to go. Thank you to all who have donated this year. Our scholarship program remains the favorite mission of our club. Let's not see it die! Currently, 37 of 61 members have donated. You may send your donation to me (checks payable to DC AAUW) at 305 Deer Crossing, CR 80104.

What's big and purple and lies next to Ireland? Grape Britain

What kind of music do leprechauns love? Sham-rock

Do you know that great books are listed in this section? Take a look!!!

INTEREST GROUPS with INTERESTING PEOPLE!

Contact info is in the directory.

BREAKFAST BRUNCH BUNCH	Contact: Ginger Allspach	2nd Fridays; 8:00 am	Pegasus Restaurant
HISTORY/CULTURE GROUP	Contact: Stephanie Fong	3rd Thursdays; Varies	Varies
BRIDGE FOR LADIES	Contact: Marcia Miller	1st Wednesday; 6:30 pm	Varies
BRIDGE FOR COUPLES	Contact: Margaret Boone	1st Saturdays; 6:30 pm	Varies
MAHJONG	Contact: Natalie Weber	4th Tuesdays; 1:00 pm	Varies
MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES	Contact: Natalie Weber	3rd Tuesdays; 1:00 pm	Varies
BOOK GROUP, Morning*	Contact: Ruth Lundgren	2nd Tuesdays; 10:00 am	PS Miller Library
BOOK GROUP, Evening**	Contact: Linda Washburn	2nd Wednesdays; 3:00 pm	Varies

Books being read:

***The Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly** The lives of ... three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and Kasia is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents—from New York to Paris, Germany, and Poland—as Caroline and Kasia strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.

****Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng** Everyone in Shaker Heights was talking about it that summer: how Isabelle, the last of the Richardson children, had finally gone around the bend and burned the house down.

*****The Separation by Dinah Jefferies** (Editor's Choice - me) What happens when a mother and her daughters are separated, and who do they become when they believe it might be forever? Malaya 1955. It's the eve of the Cartwright family's departure from Malaya. Eleven-year-old Emma can't understand why they're leaving without their mother, or why her taciturn father is refusing to answer her questions.

 *As you slide down* 
the banister of life,
May the splinters
never point in the
 *wrong direction!*
 *—An Irish Saying*

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Pixar Tour at Museum of Nature & Science. Our guide was Brian.

Thanks to Carla Bryant for setting this up. It was GREAT!



Why is it difficult to borrow money from a leprechaun? Because he's always a little short.

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE - SUBMITTED BY DIANE NORTEN

**Colorado AAUW
2020 Legislative Agenda**

Priority #1. PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE - ACTIVE SUPPORT

The bill is not yet drafted and introduced, but we have worked with the FAMILI Coalition and supported the 2019 version of the bill. We support a statewide public social insurance model that is most comprehensive, providing best coverage for women (they give birth and are the most likely caregivers of family members) and low wage workers (more likely to be women). Too often private insurance plans leave out the people who are most in need of the coverage and can least afford the premiums.

Priority #2. ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO ANTI-CHOICE BILLS AND UNFRIENDLY TO WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS AND JUSTICE as well as **ACTIVE SUPPORT OF BILLS SUPPORTIVE OF WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS AND JUSTICE.**

HB 20-1033	Rep. Humphrey Live and Let Live Act Sanctions Discrimination	OPPOSE	H-SVMA
HB 20-1075	Reps. Humphrey & Saine; Sen. Marble Protect Human Life Beginning at Conception (Personhood)	OPPOSE	H-HI
HB 20-1068 SB 20-077	Rep. Sandridge Sen. Woodward; Rep. Sandridge Identical Bills - Enforcing the Rights of a Living Child After an Abortion	OPPOSE OPPOSE	H-SMVA S-MVA
HB 20-1098	Sen. D. Williams Prohibit Performing Abortion after 22 Weeks Gestation Identical to language of Ballot Issue circulating	OPPOSE	S-SMVA

OTHER BILLS, INCLUDING POSITIONS TAKEN IN PREVIOUS YEARS

HB 20-1002	Reps. McLachlan & Baisley; Sens. Zenzinger & Story College Credit for Work Experience CCHS to implement a plan for determining and awarding credit	Support	H-ED
HB 20-1006	Reps. McCluskie & Sirota; Sens. Pettersen & Story Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants CDHS create and implement a program	Support	H-PHC
HB 20-1014	Reps. Tipper & Rich; Sen. Gardner Uncontested Use of Donor Gamete in Fertility Treatment	Monitor	H-JUD
HB 20-1015	Rep. Buentello; Sen. Bridges Future Educator Pathways Grant Program	Support	H-ED
HB 20-1016	Reps. McCluskie & Wilson; Sen. Pettersen Increase Quality in Early Childhood Education Programs	Monitor	H-ED

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PUBLIC POLICY CONT'D:

HB 20-1048	Reps. Herod & Buckner; Sen. Fields Race Trait Hairstyle Anti-discrimination Protection Education and Workforce Issue	Support	H-BUS
HB 20-1053	Reps. Sirota & Wilson; Sen. Story Supports for Early Childhood Educator Workforce	Monitor	H-ED
HB 20-1058	Rep. Froelich; Sen. Bridges Behavior Analysts in Public Schools	Monitor	H-ED
HB 20-1088	Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez U Visa Certification Requirements	Monitor	H-JUD
HB 20-1110	Reps. McLachlan & Exum Higher Education Student Emergency Assistance Grants	Monitor	H-ED
HB 20-1112	Rep. Hooten Expand Child Care Contribution Income Tax Credit Increase maximum child age from 12 to 18	Support	H-FIN
HB 20-1114	Rep. Sandridge Protect Minors from Mutilation and Sterilization Focus on sex reassignment of transgender folks	Oppose	H-SMVA
HB 20-1120	Reps. Carver & Roberts; Sens. Gardner & Fields Enforcement of Sexual Exploitation of a Child Human Trafficking related	Support	H-JUD
HB 20-1131	Reps. Titone & Caraveo; Sen. Winter Menstrual Hygiene Products in School Program	Support	H-ED
HB 20-1138	Reps. Coleman & Larson; Sens. Bridges & Gardner Public Real Property Index (Create Inventory)	Monitor	H-TLG
HB 20-1141	Reps. Caraveo & Gonzales-Gutierrez; Sen. Gonzales Fees Charges to Tenants by Landlords Housing& Immigration	Support	H-BUS
SB 20-001	Sen. Fields; Rep. Sirota Expand Behavioral Health Training for K-12 Educators	Support	S-ED
SB 20-004	Sen. Fenberg; Reps. Herod & McCluskie Postsecondary Education Loan Repayment Assistance	Support	S-FIN
SB 20-009	Sens. Zenzinger & Rankin; Rep. McLachlan Expand Adult Education Grant Program Not just for employment anymore	Support	S-ED
SB 20-029	Sens. Fields & Moreno; Reps. Coleman & Duran Annual Cost of Living Adjustment to the Basic Cash Assistance a Colorado Works Program Recipient Receives	Support	S-FIN
SB 20-059	Sen. Hisey; Rep. Larson Sexual Assault on a Student by an Educator Closes gap for 18 years and older in secondary education	Support	S-JUD

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SB 20-072	Sen. Gardner; Rep. Larson Requirement to Provide Information to Parents Regarding the Materials Used During Comprehensive Human Sexuality Instructions Adds 90 day requirement and more information for already required notification	Oppose	S-SVMA
SB 20-081	Sens. Danielson & Bridges; Reps. Sullivan & Larson School Information for Apprenticeship Directory Rep. from every public high school and district	Monitor	S-ED
SB 20-083	Sen. Gonzales; Rep. Herod Prohibit Courthouse Civil Arrest	Support	S-JUD
SB 20-108	Sen. Gonzales Landlord Prohibitions Tenant Citizenship Status	Support	S-LG



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