

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
via Bobbie Van Horn, Co-President

The sun is out and Spring is here; life is good! We are looking forward to our next Zoom meeting coming up the third Wednesday of April. It will feature guest speaker Janet Kester on the subject of "Joy". Barb Sailor has set this up for all of us to enjoy. Hope you will join us for this outstanding speaker.



Now that most of us have had the 2nd vaccine shot we might be able to meet in person. To kick this off, we hope to hear from Beryl Jacobson regarding Sandstone Ranch and a tour in the future. Also, if interest groups feel it is safe, they may want to start meeting in person; i.e. bridge group, book clubs, etc. Remember to be safe of course.

The last Zoom meeting was well attended by 16 members. It was really good to see everyone again. Getting caught up with our lives was informative and interesting especially after this past year. What a surprise and change the pandemic brought about and certainly gave us all a "new normal".

An idea has come up of having our monthly meetings changed to quarterly meetings during lunch or breakfast. We would appreciate your thoughts and input on this proposal so please let me know at bvhprincess@comcast.net.

Hope everyone remains well and healthy. See you at the next Zoom!

Bobbie



DOUGLAS COUNTY

April, 2021

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Next zoom will be at **4:00p.m. on Wednesday, April 21st**. We will have a guest speaker, Janet Kester. Janet teaches for OLLI on the topic of **“JOY”** and comes highly recommended. This is certainly a pertinent subject for all of us to get our Spring started in a good way. Please join us! A link to join the zoom meeting will be sent to you before the 21st.



Janet Kester's Biography:

Janet Kester grew up in upstate New York and then moved to Florida with her parents after high school. She has a degree in Psychology from the University of Florida and a Masters Degree from the University of Georgia in Special Education of Emotionally Disturbed Children. She spent a year living in France in the early 60s and eventually settled in Colorado in the late 60s to teach. Except for a six-year stint owning a hardware store in Cortez, Colorado, in the 70s with her husband, she spent her career as a special education teacher in Jefferson County, Cherry Creek School District and at Havern Center, a private school for children with learning disabilities in Littleton. Presently, she enjoys teaching OLLI classes on “Joy” and on “Racism”. In order to keep sharp, she is now learning to play the cello. She considers herself extremely lucky to have all three children and five grandchildren living in the Denver area near her.



TREASURER'S REPORT

via Marsha Johnson, DC AAUW Treasurer

Currently, our account balance is \$6,116.30.

A reminder - Through the national database, I have sent out an invitation to **renew** your AAUW membership for the year July 2021-June 2022. You should have received this invitation already. Please check your mailbox junk file in case the email was sent there. If you did not get it, contact me. If you prefer to pay with a check, you are welcome to do so. Make payable to AAUW and mail to Marsha Johnson, 305 Deer Crossing, CR 80104.

By clicking on the **BLUE** link in the email, you will be taken to the site where you can renew via credit card and also have the opportunity to change any contact information.

The fee for most of our members will be \$83. A few of you have life memberships so the fee is less. The automated request will have your correct fee listed.

It would be helpful if you inform me or Ruth Lundgren of any contact changes so we can keep our directory information up-to-date. Stay well and safe!

Marsha

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

via Diane Norten, Public Policy Chair

Just a reminder that the four areas that AAUW Colorado is supporting this year are:

1. Reproductive Health and Justice
2. Behavioral Health Issues
3. Women's Economic and Workplace Issues
4. Equity and Technology in Education



Hello, April.
Surprise me.



To stay on top of what is happening in the Legislation, check the following websites:

www.Leg.Colorado.gov
www.coloradopolitics.com

Diane

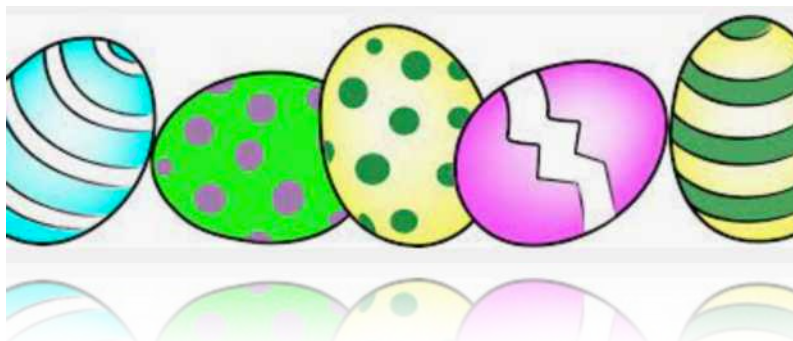
BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!!! via many of us!

Afternoon Group: *The Wood; A Suspense Thriller* by Harlan Coben; Paul Copeland, a New Jersey county prosecutor, is still grieving the loss of his sister twenty years ago--the night she walked into the woods, never to be seen again. But now, a homicide victim is found with evidence linking him to the disappearance. Contact Linda Washburn

Morning Group: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett; The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern Black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Contact Ruth Lundgren

Editor's Choice: *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge; An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.

"Few true friends have I known and two were giraffes..."



Advancing equity for women and girls.

AAUW of COLORADO VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONVENTION

Saturday April 24; 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Link to register for convention: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bpY39R19T4KOwXVbwJLlcg

Link to register for Annual Business Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsduuprT0tGNL3jWpLyn_RhbuzPXANjijyS

AAUW of Colorado Virtual Annual Convention
"Women as Catalysts for Change"
Saturday, April 24, 2021
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

[Register For Webinar](#)

Keynote Speaker
"Why is Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion So Important Now?"



Drew L. Houston
Exec. Director Citizens Project

"Embodying Equity"



Kimberly Churches
CEO AAUW

"Diversity Officer How-to: Resources for Success"



Melissa Ingram
AAUW I&E Toolkit Subcommittee Chair



Jesse Ohrenberger
AAUW Inclusion & Equity Committee

Diversity Officer Panel Q&A:
Moderated by Susan Brodie



Kay Brocato
Mississippi



Linda Carpenter
Florida



Cyndi Shanahan
Virginia



Suzanne Young-Mercer
New York

"Turning Your World Around After the Pandemic"
Dr. Laurie Weiss
Psychotherapist, Coach, & Author



Slate of Officers to be Voted On at Annual Meeting



President Elect
Joan Brown
Aurora, Past Branch Pres.



Secretary
Pam Maier
COS Pres., State IBC Chair



Public Policy Co-Director
Denise Pruett
Durango, State PP Comm.



Program Development Co-VPs
Diane Fuchs (Lakewood) and Susan Brodie (Littleton-South Metro)
Current State Program Development Co-VPs



Treasurer
Kathy Singer
Grand Junction, Current State Treasurer



Executive Committee and Board Meetings (Virtual), April 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Annual Business Meeting (Virtual), April 23, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

[Register For Annual Meeting](#)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
via Jean Kovatavich, Scholarship Chair

Please share this information with anyone you feel would be a great recipient for one of our scholarships. Feel free to display where you feel appropriate also.

Douglas County Women

You may qualify for an

AAUW Higher Education Scholarship



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

Deadline for submission of application materials:
July 30, 2021

Details available at:

<http://douglascounty-co.aauw.net>

follow Scholarship link to access instructions and application

FUNDRAISING CONTINUES

via Marcia Miller, millermarcia@me.com

Both our Safeway and King Soopers fundraisers continue. Please participate. Safeway uses a special card so contact Marcia to get a card. King Soopers is connected to your Loyalty Card and can be registered online. Contact Marcia if you get stuck. If you are already registered, your donation should show at the end of your receipt with King Soopers. Feel free to ask questions about either of these great (and easy money) fundraisers. They don't cost you a thing!



Smile,
Happy looks good
On you ☺