



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
**via Bobbie Van Horn, Past-President**



**WELCOME BACK!**

Yes, it's been a long year but we are ready to get going again. Our first meeting for the year will be on Wednesday, September 15th at the new Douglas County Open Space, **SANDSTONE RANCH**. Please mark your calendar for 10:00 to 3:00 and bring a friend. Details are in this newsletter. Hoping everyone can attend.

At the recent Board meeting, it was decided to make some changes. Monthly meetings will now be 4 times per year during lunch or breakfast. Months will be September, November, March and May; still the third Wednesday of the month. February will be Public Policy Day on Saturday, February 5th, 2022. A Holiday Party in December is still on the table to be discussed. Hoping this will work out for everyone and increase our attendance at meetings!

Money, money, money! Please see the Treasurer's messages. Since we don't have any big fundraisers, our money for scholarships is running short. Bring your ideas to the September meeting and we'll brainstorm.

I'm so glad to see that interest groups are starting up in person. So fun to see everyone again.

**HELP!** We need to fill a lot of positions for our AAUW branch!. Diane Norten is taking over Programming for our meetings and continuing Public Policy; **THANK YOU**, Diane! Marcia Miller and Pat Smith are continuing with Communications (newsletter and website); **THANK YOU**, Pat and Marcia! Jean Kovatovich is continuing with our Scholarships; **THANK YOU**, Jean! We still need Membership, Secretary, and Treasurer. For President, the Board discussed that we could have an administrator instead of president; someone to get messages from the State and pass along as needed. Please **VOLUNTEER** for a position. More opportunities are in the newsletter. Contact Marsha Johnson, [mimifj714@aol.com](mailto:mimifj714@aol.com), if you can help.

I am so looking forward to seeing all of you again! I know our friendships are so very important to all of us!!!

*Bobbie*

## PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Plan to attend our next AAUW meeting on Wednesday, September 15, at Sandstone Ranch. It is a 2,000 acre ranch that is the latest acquisition by Douglas County Open Space. The area of the ranch that we have special permission to visit is wooded, borders Pike National Forest and includes unusual red rock formations, streams, and historic homes and barns. Jackie Sanderson Douglas County Open Space Educator and Beryl Jacobson will be visiting with you about the changes this ranch has seen over the last 150 years as it transitioned from 21 original landowners to 1.



- 10:00 Car Pool from Castle Rock. Meet at the Big O parking lot.
- 10:45 Arrive Sandstone at the north entrance nearest to Perry Park.
- 11:00 Drive to the picnic tables at Club Doug
- 11:10 AAUW Business Meeting
- 12:00 Bring your own lunch and enjoy visiting. There is a covered area for shade.
- 1:00 Tractor pulled wagon or car tour around Sandstone with stops at about 8 different locations. This tour doesn't involve walking except if you want to get down from the wagon to look inside the barns and houses.
- 3:30 Begin the return to Castle Rock

Rain or Shine! If the weather is bad, we can drive and go inside buildings for our tour. We can have lunch and our business meeting in the spacious ranch house.

Please let Beryl Jacobson [berylmjacobson@gmail.com](mailto:berylmjacobson@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend. Let her know if you would like to meet at Sandstone rather than driving to Castle Rock. The gate is locked so we all need to plan to enter at 10:45. The size of our group doesn't matter so you can sign up until Tuesday, September 14. This will let us know who to wait for in Castle Rock and who to wait for at the locked Sandstone entrance.

Please feel free to invite potential members.

*Beryl*



### Other upcoming meetings to mark in your calendar:

- November 17th, 2021
- February 5th, 2022 Public Policy Day
- March 16th, 2022
- May 18th, 2022
- (Locations & times TBD)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**via Marsha Johnson, DC AAUW Treasurer**

Currently, our account balance is \$7352.64.

50 members have renewed this year out of 53 from last year. We have one new member, Deb Swiecinski. Welcome Deb! I know that several members have already met Deb and we look forward to getting acquainted with her throughout the next year.

Thank you so much for helping me complete our renewal process prior to the June 30th date. 29 renewed this year electronically! YOU GO, ladies!

This month we earned more reward money from our King Soopers fundraising project in the amount of \$240.79. Please continue to enjoy eating and being thoughtful about helping women in pursuit of higher education. Don't forget Safeway too!

Donations to fall scholarships are currently \$2528.09. This is far short of our goal and the board decided to wait until perhaps December before awarding these scholarships.

*Marsha*

**AAUW - Douglas County Branch Annual Financial Review**

The treasurer's records were reviewed for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The checkbook was verified against the bank statement as of June 30, 2021 which showed the following balance: **\$7,189.78.**

Various files and reports were discussed. Our liability insurance is currently discontinued. We may renew at any time we feel we need it again with no penalty. Our contribution to the National AAUW Fund in the amount \$1080.00 was paid in December, 2020. Our Fall Scholarships were distributed to two recipients in the total amount of \$6000.00. We complied with verification of Federal Tax submission with National.

The files are in good order and reports clear and concise. Records are well organized and easily available to membership if requested.

We are fortunate to have Marsha Johnson as our treasurer.

Submitted August 12, 2021 by *Dorothy Nugent*

NOTE from the Treasurer - **"DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS"**

Ladies,

Two years ago, our branch decided to focus on funds to assist women in their pursuit of continuing higher education. For this year, the Board decided to begin our annual "Dollars for Scholars" campaign now as this is one of our most important fundraisers. Some of you have already sent money and have been extremely generous. For that, we are all very grateful.

Jean Kovatovich has chaired the committee for several years and has repeatedly found excellent candidates who are very worthy of our efforts. Currently, she has found two women pursuing continued education in the medical field. One is a previous recipient entering her fourth year of medical school. The second is a single mother studying in the field of nuclear medicine.

We traditionally have given scholarships in the amounts of \$1500 to \$2000 to 3-4 applicants. Our current budget has \$2528.09 in our scholarship fund. Therefore, we have cut off the application process for this year due to a lack of funds.

Please help in our efforts to grow this fund. In the past years, we've asked that each of our members donate \$50 towards scholarships. Last year, roughly 60% donated. In former years, we've had as high as 96% participation.

As mentioned in the treasurer's budget report, we are waiting until December to award the scholarship money, hoping to build on our funds.

LET'S STEP UP this year! "Dollars for Scholars" is our branch's main mission locally. Let's make a difference and help those in need. Donations of any size are important.

Please do your part. Donations can be made by check, payable to AAUW, and mailed to Marsha Johnson, 305 Deer Crossing, CR 80104

*Marsha*



**"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons." – Jim Bishop**

## **PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE**

**via Diane Norten, Public Policy Chair**

Politics does not stop just because the Colorado legislature is not in session. Many of the bills passed in the 2021 legislative session went into effect in July. The 120 day session had many challenges, with COVID interfering. Over 600 bills were presented including items on health care costs, gun legislation, transportation funding, tax codes, marijuana, plastic bags, child sexual abuse, tenant rights, work place harassment and many more. 503 bills passed the general assembly in 2021, 213 have already been signed as of June. To check on the standing/passage of bills, search on Colorado Legislative session 2021.

AAUW Colorado supported bills related to women's reproductive health and justice, behavioral health issues, women's economic and workplace issues and equity and technology in education. Efforts were successful in these areas. AAUW issues to be focused on during the upcoming session will be determined by the state public policy committee which meets each summer. The focus will be presented at Public Policy Day in February, 2022.

There is much information on Public Policy on the national level. There are copies of communications sent to Congress regarding concerns on Title IX, women's economic conditions, education and many more. They are interesting reads and I urge you to visit the national site to see how our dues are used. [www.AAUW.org](http://www.AAUW.org); go to policies.

*Diane*

## **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!*



*Thank you for eating!!!!*



## INTEREST GROUPS MEETING IN PERSON

Chair: Dorothy Nugent, [dorothynugent@comcast.net](mailto:dorothynugent@comcast.net)

If you are interested in starting a new interest group, please speak up!  
Dorothy will be happy to help you get started.

Singles Bridge - meets 1st Wednesday of every month @ 2:00 p.m. in member's home or restaurant. Contact: Marcia Miller, 303-489-1935, millermarcia@me.com

Couples Bridge - meets 1st Saturday of every month @6:30 p.m. in member's home.  
Contact: Margaret Boone 303-688-3728, margaret@sunwestco.com

Morning Book Club - meets 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 10:00 a.m. at the Castle Rock Library. Contact: Ruth Lundgren, 303-663-0512, jnrlundgren@gmail.com

Afternoon Book Club - meets 2nd Wednesday of every month @ 12:30 in member's home.  
Contact: Linda Washburn 719-487-0203, lindacwashburn@gmail.com

Mexican Train - meets 3rd Tuesday of every month in member's home  
Contact: Pat Proctor 720-353-8032, mpatproctor@msn.com

\*History and Culture Group - meets 3rd Thursday of every month/  
different venues. Contact: Stephanie Fong, 393-249-0112,  
[s\\_fong@comcast.net](mailto:s_fong@comcast.net)



### *Book Group Books*

**Morning Group:** AAUW morning book club will start again in September. We will meet at 10:00 a.m., September 14 in the LaRue room at the Phillip S. Miller library. We will have a **Free Read** with members reporting on some of their most interesting recent reads. At this meeting we will pass out copies of **KNOW MY NAME; A MEMOIR** by Chanel Miller. This is a book kit selection to be discussed at our October 12th meeting. Miller writes about being sexually assaulted at a Stanford fraternity party in 2015 as well as aftermath and subsequent court case *People v Turner*. We welcome all interested readers to join our group. Contact Ruth Lundgren

**Afternoon Group:** **AMERICAN DIRT** by Jeanine Cummins; Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Meeting is September 8th at 12:30 (note time!) at Ruthellen Riffe's home. Contact Linda Washburn

**Editor's Choice:** **MURMUR OF BEES** by Sofía Segovia; From a beguiling voice in Mexican fiction comes an astonishing novel—her first to be translated into English—about a mysterious child with the power to change a family's history in a country on the verge of revolution.





**\*History & Culture Group Line-up**

MONTH	PLACE	DESCRIPTION	LEADER(S)
September 15	Sandstone Ranch	Open space/1 <sup>st</sup> meeting Sack Lunch & Tour	Stephanie & Beryl
October 21	Paint Mines El Paso County, Calhan	Self guided tour & lunch in Colo Spgs	
November 18	BMofCA Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art		
December 16	Governor's Mansion	Guided Tour & lunch	
February 17	Denver Art Museum Whistler & Cassatt	Tour & lunch	
March 17	Kirkland Museum Downtown Denver	Tour & lunch	
April 21	Botanic Gardens Spring bulbs	Tour & lunch	Marcia Miller
May 19	Avenir Museum at CSU Historic clothing/textiles Or Fort Vasquez in Platteville	Tour & lunch	

We meet the third Thursday of the month and **need group leaders**. The group leader handles the arrangement of the tour as well make lunch plans (location & reservations). If no one signs up to lead that month's tour, the plans will be cancelled. Please sign up as a leader if this interest group is to continue. I will be more than happy to assist. Please contact me via email

[s\\_fongaauw@comcast.net](mailto:s_fongaauw@comcast.net) or cell phone 303-249-0112.

*Stephanie*



## OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

### Officers:

\*President: Change to Administrator?: TBD  
VP of Programming: Diane Norten  
VP of Membership: TBD  
Secretary: TBD  
Treasurer: TBD

### Other Board Members:

Communications: Marcia Miller - Newsletter  
Pat Smith - Website

Public Policy: Diane Norten  
Dolars for Scholars: Jean Kovatovich  
\*\*Stem Program: TBD  
Interest Group Chair: Dorothy Nugent  
\*\*\*Historian: TBD

#### Notes regarding changes:

\*President or Administrator; Administrator duties would be to get information sent by CO AAUW and send out as necessary. Also conduct a Board meeting as needed. We wouldn't have a president.  
\*\*STEM Program has changed from the Stem Awards done in the past. The Board voted instead to pay for several middle school girls to attend the Stem Program in Boulder. This is a one day event that introduces girls to the various STEM Fields of education. Member would not need to attend the event. They would need to just contact Middle School counselors to find attendees.  
\*\*\*Historian collects info such as newsletters and minutes to be stored at the public library.

Contact: **Marsha Johnson** with questions and/or to take on one of the open positions.  
mimifj714@aol.com; 303-619-5757







## September Daily Holidays and Observances

*by Carol Bainbridge*  
*The SPRUCE*

- **Sept. 1:** Emma M. Nutt Day, National Cherry Popover Day
- **Sept. 2:** Victory Over Japan (V-J) Day, World Coconut Day
- **Sept. 3:** National Food Bank Day\* (first Friday), Skyscraper Day, National [Bowling](#) League Day, National Lazy Mom's Day\* (first Friday), National College Colors Day\* (Friday before Labor Day)
- **Sept. 4:** National Wildlife Day, National Macadamia Nut Day, National Tailgating Day\* (first Saturday), World Beard Day\* (first Saturday), Eat an Extra Dessert Day
- **Sept. 5:** Be Late for Something Day, National Cheese Pizza Day
- **Sept. 6:** Labor Day\* (first Monday), National Coffee Ice Cream Day, Fight Procrastination Day, National Read a Book Day
- **Sept. 7:** National Salami Day, Neither Rain Nor Snow Day, National Beer Lover's Day, National Grandma Moses Day
- **Sept. 8:** International Literacy Day, National Ampersand Day, Pardon Day
- **Sept. 9:** Wonderful Weirdos Day, National Teddy Bear Day
- **Sept. 10:** National Swap Ideas Day
- **Sept. 11:** Patriot Day (9/11 Remembrance), National Make Your Bed Day
- **Sept. 12:** National Grandparents Day\* (first Sunday after Labor Day), National Video Games Day, National Chocolate Milkshake Day, National Day of Encouragement, National Pet Memorial Day\* (second Sunday) Featured Video Never Struggle to Open a Jar Ever Again!
- **Sept. 13:** Roald Dahl Day, Defy Superstition Day, Uncle Sam Day, Positive Thinking Day, National Peanut Day, National Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day, National Bald Is Beautiful Day, National Celiac Disease Awareness Day, National Boss/Employee Exchange Day\* (Monday following Labor Day)
- **Sept. 14:** National Cream-Filled Donut Day, National Live Creative Day, National Sober Day, Eat a Hoagie Day
- **Sept. 15:** Make a Hat Day, Greenpeace Day, National Online Learning Day, National Double Cheeseburger Day
- **Sept. 16:** The American Legion Day, Mexican Independence Day, Mayflower Day, National Play-Doh Day, National Step Family Day, National Working Parents Day, Collect Rocks Day, National Guacamole Day
- **Sept. 17:** Constitution Day, Citizenship Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day\* (third Friday), National Apple Dumpling Day, National Monte Cristo Day
- **Sept. 18:** The U.S. Air Force Birthday, National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day, National Cheeseburger Day, National Dance Day\* (third Saturday), International Red Panda Day\* (third Saturday), National Gymnastics Day\* (third Saturday), National CleanUp Day\* (third Saturday), Rice Krispies Treats Day
- **Sept. 19:** International Talk Like a [Pirate](#) Day, National Butterscotch Pudding Day, National Women's Friendship Day\* (third Sunday), Wife Appreciation Day\* (third Sunday)
- **Sept. 20:** National Pepperoni Pizza Day, National String Cheese Day

- **Sept. 21:** International Day of Peace, World Gratitude Day, Miniature Golf Day, National IT Professionals Day\* (third Tuesday)
- **Sept. 22:** Hobbit Day, Dear Diary Day, Elephant Appreciation Day, Autumnal Equinox Day, American Business Women's Day, World Car-Free Day, National Ice Cream Cone Day, National Centenarian's Day, National White Chocolate Day
- **Sept. 23:** National Checkers Day, National Great American Pot Pie Day
- **Sept. 24:** Native American Day\* (fourth Friday in California/Nevada), National Punctuation Day, National Cherries Jubilee Day, National BRAVE Day\* (fourth Friday)
- **Sept. 25:** Math Storytelling Day, National Comic Book Day, International Rabbit Day\* (fourth Saturday), National Public Lands Day\* (fourth Saturday), National Ghost Hunting Day\* (last Saturday), National Cooking Day
- **Sept. 26:** National Gold Star Mother's and Family Day\* (last Sunday), International Daughters Day\* (fourth Sunday), Johnny Appleseed Day, National Dumpling Day, National Pancake Day, Love Note Day
- **Sept. 27:** National Family Day\* (fourth Monday), National Crush a Can Day, National Chocolate Milk Day
- **Sept. 28:** National Voter Registration Day\* (fourth Tuesday), National Good Neighbor Day
- **Sept. 29:** National Veterans of Foreign Wars Day, Confucius Day, National Women's Health and Fitness Day\* (last Wednesday), National Coffee Day
- **Sept. 30:** National Love People Day, National Chewing Gum Day, National Hot Mulled Cider Day

*AND YOU THOUGHT SEPTEMBER WAS GOING TO BE BORING!  
The end!*

