



Please note that this is the newsletter for both January & February.
Next newsletter will be in March.



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 5th, 2022 Public Policy Day on Zoom; Our Feb. Meeting!!!
March 5th, 2022: ~~Sturm Collaborative Campus~~ Changed to April
March 16th, 2022: Meeting; Siena Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.
April 23rd, 2022: Sturm Collaborative Campus Event, 9a.m. to 12:30
May 18th, 2022: Meeting (Location & time TBD)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-
your name here!

Successful people are always
looking for opportunities to
help others. Unsuccessful
people are always asking,
"What's in it for me?"

-Brian Tracy

TREASURER'S REPORT via
Marsha Johnson, Treasurer

Dear Ladies,

Currently, our account balance is \$3,973.90.

In January, we received a check from Safeway for \$265. Way to keep eating! Be sure to use both your King Soopers number and Safeway card; share them with your families too as they can also participate for us. Call Marcia Miller if you have questions, 303-470-2844 or email at millermarcia@me.com.

A belated Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Hope you all stay safe and well!

Marsha



Future Event:

ACC STURM COLLABORATIVE CAMPUS VISIT for 8TH GRADE GIRLS

SATURDAY, April 23rd, 8:45 am – 12:30 pm (Notice change of date.)

“Girl Power”

Saturday, April, 23rd 8:45-12:30

**Strum Collaborative Campus in Castle Rock
Jointly sponsored by Douglas County AAUW.**

Dear Members,

Let's get our MOJO back and embrace a new project! It will bring us back to the fun of working together and help us to achieve our goal of getting 8th grade girls thinking about their career futures. (Two lofty goals, don't you think?)

We have the help and support of Courtney Loehfelm, ACC foundation Director, and Mr. Aaron Ragon, director of school counselors for Douglas County Schools.

Here is a list of help we will need from our membership, which will certainly be revised as we move forward. Stay tuned for the announcement of an organizational meeting date!

Contacts: Suzanne.Kroepsch@gmail.com AND Berylmjacobson@gmail.com

Areas of help needed for this great project:

Promotion: Distribute flyers

Greeters: Be at the college doors to help 8th graders and their parents know where to go

Classroom Assistant: Provide set up help to the presenter and introduce the presenter

Handout Bags: Find donations of snacks and water; Prepare name tags with group assignment; Stuff handouts with schedule for the day & college pathways information

Registration Table: Check in the attendees; Hand out the bags

Lunch: Find donors for the Pizza: Serve the lunch: Cleanup after lunch

***Thanks in advance for being part of our effort to encourage girls to think creatively
about what their future choices might be.***

Beryl & Suzanne



PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE via Diane Norten, VP-Public Policy Chair

The Colorado Legislative session opens on Wednesday, January 12. I recently listened to a presentation, sponsored by the Colorado Sun, which featured two representatives from the Democratic party, two from the Republican party and Governor Polis. Their agendas for the upcoming session contained some similarities and some differences which included fee relief, affordability for residents, K-12 education, crime reduction, health and safety and women's rights. It will be interesting to see which bills are introduced. You can follow legislative proceedings by searching for Colorado General Assembly in your browser and choosing the official site: leg.colorado.gov. The Status Sheet on the site lists all bills introduced and their path through the legislative process.

AAUW will present the bills supported at Public Policy Day on Feb. 5.

Public Policy Day is such an important day as it gives us updates on what is happening in the legislature and which issues Colorado AAUW is supporting. It takes the place of our February meeting and I urge you to attend via ZOOM. It would be wonderful to have watch parties together on that day. If you are interested in a watch party, please notify me. **I am offering to have one at my home but you must RSVP dmnorten@gmail.com.**

Diane



• **Mark your calendar and register TODAY for**

AAUW of Colorado PUBLIC POLICY DAY
Women in the Workplace: So how are we doing?
Saturday, February 5, 2022 9:00 am – 12 Noon



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Faith Winter
Colorado State Senator
District 24

**REGISTER for this
Zoom Webinar
TODAY**

PANEL
Focusing on mental health and economic impact of women in the workplace

 <p>Dani Newsum Attorney & Reporter Panel Moderator</p>	 <p>Dr. Erica Adkins, PsyD Faculty Director DU Military & Veterans Mental Health Clinic</p>	 <p>Kaitlin Altone Organizer 9to5 Colorado</p>	 <p>Elizabeth Johansen Engineer Human-Centered Design for Better Health Outcomes</p>
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In addition, you'll hear from

- AAUW member Betty Boyd and Public Policy Co-chair Su Ryden who will share an update on Colorado legislative issues as well as the 2022 call to action
- Robin Lucas, National AAUW's Grassroots Advocacy Manager

AND THERE IS MORE!

Program for Feb. 5, 2022



(Note that the times listed are approximate)

- 9:00 AM Welcome and Dedication of the Day to Joan Peterson
Colorado President Joan Brown
Public Policy Co-Chairs Denise Pruett and Su Ryden
AAUW Member Sue Bodis
- 9:05 Legislative Update
Public Policy Committee Members Betty Boyd and Nancy Todd
Public Policy Chair Su Ryden
- 9:40 Keynote Speaker – including Q&A period
Senator Faith Winter
- 10:25 Break -----
- 10:35 Panel Discussion – including Q&A period
Moderator Dani Newsum
Panelists
Dr. Erica Adkins
Kaitlin Altone
Elizabeth Johansen
- 11:40 National AAUW Call to Action
Robin Lucas, Grassroots Advocacy Manager
- 11:50 Wrap-up
Colorado President Joan Brown
- 12:00 PM Sign-off

To register, go to AAUW of Colorado and select Public Policy Day; no cost.

[Did you miss Diane's invitation!?!](#)

INTEREST GROUP INFORMATION

Chair: Dorothy Nugent, 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 monthly @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: Susan Berger, 603-930-7190, susanrae68@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 4th Wednesday 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 in different venues. Contact: Stephanie Fong, 393-249-0112, s_fong@comcast.net



Book Group Books

Morning Group: *Not meeting in January. Books for February are THE MOTHER-IN-LAW by Sally Hepworth (From the moment Lucy met her husband's mother, she knew she wasn't the wife Diana had envisioned for her perfect son. Fractured relationships and deep family secrets grow more compelling with every page in this twisty, captivating new novel.) and AMERICAN DIRT by Jeanine Cummings (Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco with her son and is forced to flee. As they join the countless people trying to reach el norte, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?)*

Afternoon Group: *January is ANY Louise Penny Book except State of Terror. February is FIFTY WORD FOR RAIN by Asha Lemmie (Kyoto, Japan, 1948. "Do not question. Do not fight. Do not resist." Such is eight-year-old Noriko "Nori" Kamiza's first lesson. Spanning decades and continents, Fifty Words for Rain is a dazzling epic about the ties that bind, the ties that give you strength, and what it means to be free.)*

Editor's Choice: HAVE YOU SEEN LUIS VELEZ? by Catherine Ryan Hyde; *Story of two strangers who find that kindness is a powerful antidote to fear. Raymond Jaffe (17) feels like he doesn't belong. Not with his mother's new family. Not as a weekend guest with his father and his father's wife. Not at school, where he's an outcast. After his best friend moves away, Raymond has only two real connections: to the feral cat he's tamed and to a blind ninety-two-year-old woman in his building who's introduced herself with a curious question: Have you seen Luis Velez?*



History & Culture Group Info

No field trip in January.

February is planned for the Denver Art Museum - Whistler & Cassatt Exhibit

March is planned for the Kirkland Museum.

However, no one has signed up to lead either of these excursions. All it takes is making the reservation at the museum and a reservation for lunch. If no one steps up, the excursion(s) will have to be canceled. You will have lots of help.

Contact Stephanie Fong, s_fong@comcast.net; 303-249-0112

Thanks!!!

Stephanie



Our last trip was to Manitou Springs for a tour of Miramont Castle (all decorated for the holidays) and lunch in the Castle's tea room. Such a wonderful day!





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Stem Program: Beryl Jacobson & Suzanne Kroepsch

Interest Group Chair: Dorothy Nugent
Historian: Beryl Jacobson

We Need You!

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

