



2022

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JOSEPH B. WIRTHLIN

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 18th, 2022: Meeting Sandstone Ranch House

May 19th, 2022: History & Culture Group Field Trip

ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 18

Put on your tennies, casual clothes and pack your lunch. We are headed to a picnic at the Sandstone Ranch House for our annual meeting. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18. There will be a talk about the origin of the Ranch House, a chance to explore, followed by lunch and our annual meeting.

If you were at the Sandstone Ranch before with a tour, this will be a different presentation than you heard at that time.

Please arrive at the entrance gate about 9:50 so we do not have to make several trips from the Ranch House to open the gate. We encourage car pooling. Those car pooling should meet at Big O no later than 9:20.

Please RSVP to Marcia, millermarcia@me.com

Agenda for the meeting will include the election of officers and committee reports. Consider the importance of having a full slate of officers for the coming year. Let's support our mission.

Diane



TREASURER'S REPORT via Marsha Johnson, Treasurer

Submitted April 20, 2022

Dear Ladies,

Currently, our account balance is \$4524.08.

I want to take a moment to express great gratitude for our branch of women. I recently attended a zoom meeting with the state president and other branch presidents. A lot of discussion centered around the new AAUW website and the new process for membership renewal.

I learned that OUR branch was one of only a few who have used the Membership Payment Program (MPP) where renewal was accomplished by my generating invoices and you renewing on your own by clicking the link provided! I'm so proud of all of you who used this method to make my job easier!

The new system will not be difficult. I've gone thru it several times. National still has some kinks to work out so most branches are waiting to begin the renewal process. National will notify me when we should start.

I realize some of you are still hesitant to put your credit card out on a website. You can still mail me a check and I will take care of renewal for you.

Marsha

NOTE: Renewal info will be sent shortly via a separate email. Please watch for it.



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

May is here which means the conclusion of the 2022 Legislative session. There has been a great deal happening related to the bills we are supporting. Note that there is a difference between support and active support. Active support involves testifying, writing letters, contacting representatives, etc. The total number of House bills we support is 35. The total number of Senate bills we support is 19. The Governor has signed bills already including Recommending Community School for Turn Around Plans, Medical Assistance Income Eligibility Requirements, Pay Equity Study, Prohibiting A Sexual Act Without Consent, Modernization of the Older Coloradans Act and PERA Service Employment. You can find updates on the bills, their sponsors and updates on the Colorado AAUW website.

Diane

MINUTES MARCH 16TH MEETING

Lunch at Siena Restaurant in Castle Rock
Meeting opened by Diane Norten.
In attendance: Guest Speaker Stormy McDonald
and 13 DCAAUW members.



Secretary minutes from November, 2021 were approved.
5 Members joined the Zoom Public Policy Day and were very pleased with the information.
Treasurers report was given by Marsha Johnson:

- Our \$600 to NCCWSL was found and all is good.
- We need to provide an applicant to State for NCCWSL. Suzanne and/or Beryl will contact ACC-Sturm Campus in Castle Rock.
- They will also pursue possible scholarship applicants through their ACC contacts.
- Stay tuned for renewal of dues information from Marsha.
- Please **reset your password for AAUW** now. Directions:
 1. Go online to www.aauw.org
 2. Select Log In.
 3. Put in your email.
 4. Select "Forgot my Password"
 5. Follow the directions from there. You will put your email in again and then click "Reset Password"
 6. AAUW will send you link via email where you will reset your password. You can use the same password you had before.
 7. You're done! Took me less than 3 minutes.

State information from acting Administrator, Marsha Johnson

- State Convention will be held virtually on Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 to 12:30. Go to aauw-co.aauw.net to register; no cost. Dr. Temple Grandin is the guest speaker; it is worth listening to Temple so please attend. This will be recorded and you can listen to when convenient.
- Annual Branch report due soon. Please get information to go into the report right away. A form to fill out was given to members. Contact Marsha if you were unable to attend the meeting.

(Minutes cont'd:)

Public Policy Update was given by Diane. To see the legislative bills being supported or not supported by AAUW, please go to www.legislative.gov for the chart.

Open positions for our branch were discussed. Members were asked to form a nominating committee but no one volunteered. Positions need to be filled by our May meeting.

Business Meeting was adjourned.

Guest speaker Stormy McDonald spoke on “belonging”, asking **“Do our new members feel like they BELONG? We all must step up and take action for others. We all benefit from listening to others.”**

-Go to **AAUW Key Terms & Concepts** to learn about almost any topic; ie. diversity, unconscious bias, social justice to name just a few. Fascinating site.

Marcia



JEWELRY FUNDRAISER CONTINUES: Several members brought jewelry items to our last meeting and much of it has already been sold for our branch. Marcia will bring a check to our May meeting. Please bring old jewelry and windup watches to our next meeting. Condition doesn't matter. Many thanks to all who already donated! Questions: millermarcia@me.com

Marcia



Book Group Books

Morning Group: *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson; This book provides a portrait of a phenomenon in America as the author explores how America today and throughout history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.

Afternoon Group: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict; A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation

Editor's Choice: *Big Lies in a Small Town* by Diane Chamberlain; Chilling intrigue, a decades-old disappearance, and one woman's quest to find the truth...What happened to Anna Dale? Are the clues hidden in the decrepit mural? Can Morgan overcome her own demons to discover what exists beneath the layers of lies? 1940 & 2018



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

History & Culture Group Info

Thursday, May 19th, 2022

Avenir Museum at CSU Tour & Lunch Leader Needed!!

The Avenir Museum fosters the telling of global stories of people and their textiles, dress, and interior furnishings — how they are made and used, and what they mean to us all.

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

Stephanie



“Spring is nature’s way of saying, ‘Let’s party!’”
— Robin Williams

Last History & Culture Trip:

Denver Botanic Gardens & lunch at Zaidey's Deli!



*We were
a small
group but
we were
mighty
and had a
wonderful
day!!!*



The passing of Marge MacDonald is truly a great loss. Marge was a Founding Mother of our Douglas County AAUW Branch. She continued to be a member for well over 40 years. She was active in AAUW serving on many committees, started the Castle Rock Bridge Club, and was always a very generous, kind person. Her smile warmed everyone's heart.

As her daughter said, "Heaven got another angel. Our family is grieving the loss of our Mom." (Barb Larson)

*Marjorie Trautwein McDonald graced us with her presence
May 26, 1928 - April 25, 2022.*



Pictures via Barb Larson's Facebook, Marge's daughter.

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:

President: Change to Administrator: TBD

VP of Programming: Diane Norten

VP of Membership: Linda Gaylo

Secretary: Pat Smith

Treasurer: Deb Swiecinski

Other Leaders:

Communications: Marcia Miller - Newsletter; Pat Smith - Website

Public Policy: Diane Norten

Dollars for Scholars: Kendra O'Hayre

Stem Program: Beryl Jacobson & Suzanne Kroepsch

Interest Group Chair: Dorothy Nugent

Historian: Beryl Jacobson













ONE SPOT TO FILL AND IT'S AN EASY ONE! Let's call it an administrator. All you need to do is collect info from state and national and report out anything that is important for us to know. Contact Marsha Johnson if you'd like to give it a try or for more information!!! You'll have lots of help!!! mimifj714@aol.com; 303-619-5757



Your "just for fun" page!!!

A note of possible interest: Before seeing this, I bought two flats of marigolds.
I'm an October baby! marcia

MONTHLY Birthflower Guide

January  carnation	February  iris + viola	March  daffodil	April  sweet pea + daisy
May  lily	June  rose	July  larkspur or delphinium	August  gladiolus
September  aster	October  marigold	November  chrysanthemum	December  narcissus + poinsettia