



DOUGLAS COUNTY
September, 2022



Welcome back!
How was your summer? Hoping to see everyone soon!!!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 21, 2022: Meeting to Honor Members 25
Years plus! CASTLE ROCK LIBRARY

September 22, 2022: History & Culture Trip to
Wildlife Sanctuary

October 19, 2022: Meeting w/League of Women
Voters; community invited

December 7, 2022: Holiday Party for members

February 4, 2023: Public Policy Day

March 15, 2023: Meeting with Speaker TBD

May 17, 2023: Annual Meeting

(Locations may vary this year so please check!)



OUR 1st MEETING:

The 2022-2023 kick-off meeting for the Douglas County Branch of AAUW is set for Wednesday, September 21st, 11:30 at the Douglas County Library, West Room. The program will include recognition of 25 to 50 year members and a presentation by Wellspring Community*. Please plan to attend!!! It will be a very special meeting!!!

(*Wellspring Community began in 2008. The purpose of the organization is to provide educational, enrichment and business enterprise opportunities to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities such that they are empowered to live full, productive and satisfying lives in a God-centered and spiritually nourishing environment. Speaker for the event will be Peter Barber. Mr. Barber, with the assist of a few Wellspring members, will explain the program's past and exciting future.)





Treasurer's Report via Marsha Johnson; August 25, 2022

Currently, our account balance is \$7,406.25.

This includes a deposit from our King Soopers fundraising project in the amount of \$210.38. A reminder to members, new and former (not old!) that if you do not already participate with Safeway or King Soopers fundraisers, please contact Marcia Miller to signed up. It is a terrific and easy way for us to earn extra funds for our projects.

Through our membership renewal process we've earned \$2250.00 for our scholarship program. Thank you so much for participating!

Going forward, our new club treasurer is Deborah Swiecinski. Her contact information is in the last (yellow) directory. If you should need to contact her soon and cannot find the info, please contact me and I will put you in touch with her. I KNOW she will do a tremendous job and the board is looking forward to working with her.

On a last note, I wanted to share how incredibly proud I am of our club. I know we sometimes believe we are not accomplishing much but after a few zoom meetings with other club presidents and treasurers, it is apparent how strong our club really is!

In discussions, treasurers were asked how many in their clubs had renewed. I was very proud to announce 96% for Douglas County. The club closest to us is at 66% and not feeling good about that number increasing. You are all rockstars!!!! We have two left to renew plus one new applicant. Let's continue to grow!

My best to all of you as we start a new season of AAUW in support of women. It is a worthy pursuit.

Marsha

On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland made Labor Day official by signing it into law, designating the first Monday in September to always be Labor Day. The day honors the American labor force and the upholding of laws that make work conditions healthier and safer.



American Association of University Women: Douglas County Branch

Annual Financial Review – July 21, 2022



The treasurer's records were reviewed for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The checkbook was verified against the bank statement as of June 30, 2022 which indicated a balance of \$5401.05. As of June 30, 2022 there was one outstanding check in the amount of \$218.18 which reflects the last budget report of \$5182.87 as of June 30, 2022.

Various files and reports were discussed. Our liability insurance is currently discontinued. Our contribution to the National AAUW Fund in the amount of \$1000.00 was paid November 20, 2021. Our fall scholarship was awarded to one recipient in the amount of \$3000.00 paid on November 20, 2021.

We complied with verification of Federal Tax submission with National. We also filed and paid a \$10 fee to the secretary of state of Colorado to maintain our club as a tax exempt business.

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

Marsha's records were well organized and we appreciate her time and efforts.

Dorothy Nugent , Auditor



While the very first Labor Day in 1882 took place on a Tuesday, it switched to a Monday once it was adopted by the states.



HISTORY AND CULTURE GROUP

Eight members met over a wonderful lunch (thanks, Pat Proctor) to brainstorm ideas for the upcoming season. Below is what we have so far, but is subject to change. Everyone is welcome! Spouses, friends, enemies... Oh, and dates will vary this year; host's choice!

September: *Wildlife Sanctuary - Stephanie
October: TBD
November: Lumber Baron Mansion for tea - Pat P.
December: TBD
January: Ice Sculptures in Breckenridge - Beryl
February: Olympic Museum in CO. Springs - Carla
March: Kirkland Museum - host needed
April: Wise Homestead - Marcia
May: Pioneer Museum - Ruthellen
June: Royal Gorge Railway - Betty

Other items that 3 or more of us voted for:

- Larimer Square History Tour
- Palmer Lake Forest Walk
- Buckhorn Exchange Lunch
- Boettcher Mansion
- Pikes Peak Cog Railway
- Vehicle Vault

We need help!!! This is an easy job. Pick a month, arrange the tour or visit, and find a place for lunch (or breakfast). It's easy and you'll have lots of help. Let Stephanie Fong know you can help please.

“There is joy in work. There is no happiness except in the realization that we have accomplished something.” – Henry Ford



First Outing for History/Culture Group!

This is a quick note about our first outing for the History/Culture Group which will be at the **Wildlife Sanctuary** in Keenesburg CO. The facility has greatly expanded due to several rescues over the past years. The tour is self guided along a catwalk watching the animals from above. It is about a 2 hour walk but at your own pace. Cost is \$20. I will pay for our tickets to get the group rate and then collect from everyone. We will car pool, leaving early to arrive around opening at 9:30 when the animals are most active. More on carpooling soon. Lunch to follow in the nearby vicinity and I hope to have a couple of choices by Monday.



Please respond by Monday September 12 so that I may notify the facility of the size of our group. This outing is open to anyone, family and friends even if not AAUW members. Hope to hear from you by Monday September 12. Respond to: s_fong@comcast.net

Stephanie

Fundraising Continues

JEWELRY FUNDRAISER: Several members brought jewelry items to our last meeting and much of it has already been sold for our branch. Please donate old jewelry and windup watches. Condition doesn't matter. Many thanks to all who donated already! Call or email me if you have questions. Donations can be brought to any meeting or I can pick them up.

Both our Safeway and King Soopers fundraisers continue. ***All you do is eat!!!*** 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 and connected to your phone number. Your family can also register for our club. Our club number is Club #YN919. Contact Marcia if you get stuck.



Feel free to ask questions about either of these great (and easy money) fundraisers.

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INTEREST GROUPS

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: TBD

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:

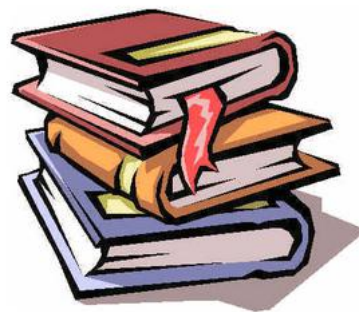
Stephanie Fong, 393-249-0112, s_fong@comcast.net

Book Group Books

Morning Group: September meeting will be for selecting the books for the year. All members are welcomed! Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly at 10:00 a.m. at Phillip Miller Library. Contact Susan Berger

Afternoon Group: September's book is **HOMEWORK** by Julie Andrews. "Julie Andrews reflects on her astonishing career, including such classics as Mary Poppins, The Sound of Music, and Victor/Victoria." All members are welcomed! Meeting location varies. **Contact Linda Washburn**

Editor's Choice: Just read the page turner, **SAY HER NAME** by Dreda Say Mitchell. "In this chilling thriller from the bestselling authors of Spare Room, one woman just wants the truth about who she really is. But she's not the only one looking..."



"Today is your opportunity to build the tomorrow you want." –
Ken Poirot



■ “Our AAUW Scholarship merger with ACC is in the works...update will
■ be reported soon”.

Kendra

The current leadership is as follows:

Acting Administrator: Marsha Johnson

VP (Programs): Diane Norten

Public Policy: Diane Norten

Treasurer: Deb Swiecinski

Membership: Linda Gaylo

Secretary: Pat Smith

Newsletter: Marcia Miller

Website: Pat Smith

Directory and Emails: Pat Proctor

Scholarships: Kendra O’Hayre

Stem Program: Beryl Jacobson/Suzanne Kroepsch

Interest Groups: Dorothy Nugent

Historian: Beryl Jacobson



JOIN THE TEAM!

ONE SPOT TO FILL AND IT’S AN EASY ONE! 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



“I have a firm belief in the ability and power of women to achieve the things they want to achieve.”– Eleanor Roosevelt

PUBLIC POLICY INFORMATION from Diane Norten

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ELECTIONS IN COLORADO

Judd Choate of the Colorado Department of State presented an interesting program on the Colorado Election Model for OLLI in May. Among the information he presented are the following items:

- >The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 sets forth voter registration requirements. Section 5 is dedicated to coordinating state motor vehicle agencies with voter registration. Only six states are exempt from this requirements because they had no voter registration requirements or had election day voter registration at polling places.
- >There are four legal requirement to vote in Colorado, be a US citizen, be a CO resident, be 18 years if age and be able to prove residency.
- >16 years old can register but cannot vote until they turn 18
- >Incarcerated people cannot vote.
- > Homeless people can vote if they can supply an address indicating where to mail the ballot, this is an address where they regularly return.
- > Applying for a driver's license automatically registers one to vote. It is done electronically.
- > There are twelve thousand new registrants a month in CO by new residents and/or new drivers.
- > in 2020 fourteen non-residents voted. Their votes were canceled.
- > Residency means where the principle home is located.
- > About 100 thousand voters are added to the CO rolls each year.
- >92.6% of eligible citizens in CO are registered to vote.
- > 3,709,640 CO voters received ballots in 2020.
- > The number of unaffiliated voters in CO has increased to 44.1%.
- >A voter becomes inactive if they have not votes in four years or have chosen to self remove.
- > Voters can not be removed for failure to vote.
- > There are 75 thousand address changes per month.
- > Voter registration and driver's licenses are checked to see if they coordinate.
- >You can vote if you have been convicted of a misdemeanor, are on parole, were previously convicted of a felon and are in a transitional housing facility but not if you are in jail.
- > In order to get on the ballot, one must petition with a number of signatures or the item must come from a party assembly.
- > Douglas County has 42 different styles of ballots (various languages, etc).
- > Voters overseas must receive their ballots 45 days before elections.
- > Instate voters must receive ballots 22 days ahead of time.
- >Colorado has eight days after an election to complete the election verification.
- >Colorado has over 400 drop box locations for ballots.
- >Douglas County has 248,674 voters and 20 drop boxes (2020 stats)

After listening to Mr. Choate explain all of the details, we can be confident that Colorado has a safe and secure method of voting.

Diane

And a little extra information:

Days to Celebrate in September

 1. National Cherry Popover Day					 2. World Coconut Day
 3. Skyscraper Day	 4. Eat an Extra Dessert Day	 5. National Cheese Pizza Day	 6. National Coffee Ice Cream Day	 7. National Beer Lover's Day	 8. International Literacy Day
 9. National Teddy Bear Day	 10. National Swap Ideas Day	 11. Make Your Bed Day	 12. National Chocolate Milkshake Day	 13. National Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day	 14. Eat a Hoagie Day
 15. National Double Cheeseburger Day	 16. National Guacamole Day	 17. National Monte Cristo Day	 18. Rice Krispies Treats Day	 19. International Talk Like a Pirate Day	 20. National Pepperoni Pizza Day
 21. International Day of Peace	 22. World Car-Free day	 23. National Great American Pot Pie Day	 24. National Punctuation Day	 25. National Cooking Day	 26. National Pancake Day
 27. Love Note Day	 28. National Neighbor Day	 29. National Coffee Day	 30. National Hot Mulled Cider Day		

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was **LABRADOR** weekend!



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