



**DOUGLAS  
COUNTY  
October, 2022**



**Welcome to October!!!**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**\*October 12, 2022: Meeting w/League of Women Voters; Community Invited**

**October 20, 2022: Royal Gorge Train Trip**

**December 7, 2022: Holiday Party for members**

**January 28, 2022: GIRL POWER Event at ACC**

**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!)

Need a ride? Contact Pat Proctor [mpatproctor@msn.com](mailto:mpatproctor@msn.com)

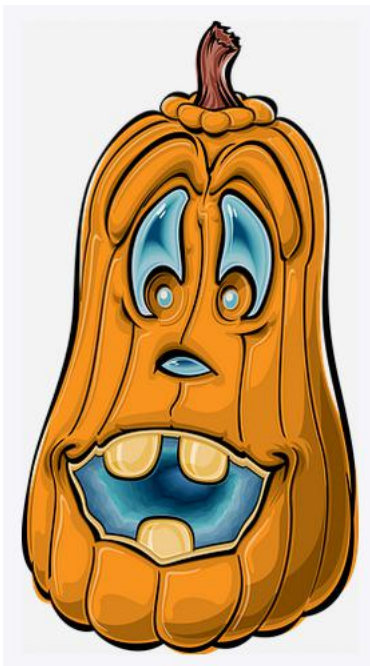


**\*OCTOBER MEETING ...THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

Our regular October meeting will be held on Wednesday, **October 12 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Castle Rock Library. NOTE: this is a week earlier than our normal meeting.

Our speakers will be from the League of Women Voters . They will review the upcoming voter issues that are on the ballot. This is an important meeting and remember to tell your friends and neighbors. They are all welcome!!





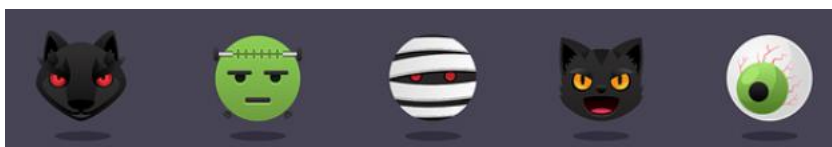
## Treasurer's Report via Deb Swiecinski; September 24, 2022

Currently, our account balance is \$7,858.92.

This includes a deposit from the Safeway fundraising project for \$265.20 and a deposit of \$230.24 from eBay jewelry sales. As you know, the Safeway and King Soopers fundraisers provide money for our scholarship program. Please let Marcia Miller ([millermarcia@me.com](mailto:millermarcia@me.com)) know if you would like to participate in these fundraiser programs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Marsha Johnson for the many years she served as treasurer for the club. The financial records and reports she turned over to me were well-organized and easy to understand. She has done a tremendous job and I hope I can fit into her shoes!

*Deb*



## HISTORY AND CULTURE GROUP

\*October 20th: Royal Gorge Train Trip - Betty R.  
November: Lumber Baron Mansion for tea - Pat P.  
December: TBD  
January: Ice Sculptures in Breckenridge - Beryl J.  
February: Olympic Museum in CO. Springs - Carla B.  
March: Kirkland Museum - host needed  
April: Wise Homestead - Marcia M.  
May: Pioneer Museum - Ruthellen R.  
June: TBD

Other recommended trips:

Larimer Square History Tour  
Buckhorn Exchange Lunch  
Pikes Peak Cog Railway

Palmer Lake Forest Walk  
Boettcher Mansion  
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.



## **Next Outing for History/Culture Group!**

We will be riding the Royal Gorge Train thru the canyon and enjoying lunch on the train. Date is Thursday, Oct. 20th. We need to be there by 11:30. Already 6 of us going so come and join in the fun!!! Carpooling will be arranged. Contact Betty Rossen for more details; rossenb@comcast.net

*Stephanie*



## **PUBLIC POLICY INFORMATION from Diane Norten**

### NOT-SO-GOLDEN-YEARS

Women encounter a pay gap at every stage of life, but nowhere is it more pronounced than during the retirement years. On all three components of the “three legged stool” of retirement—Social Security, pension and savings—women fall short. As a result, they have 70% of the income that men have during retirement.

Older women are more likely than men to live below the poverty line. In 2018, 11% of women over 65 lived in poverty, compared to 8% of men. And even those who aren't impoverished struggle to get by on meager incomes. While white men over 65 have an average annual income of \$44,200, Black women in that age group have only \$21,900, and white women have an average annual income of \$23,100.

Read more about the gender pay gap on the national website. This is part of the article.

*Diane*



## 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.

[millermarcia@me.com](mailto:millermarcia@me.com)

*marcia*

## INTEREST GROUPS

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lindacwashburn@gmail.com)

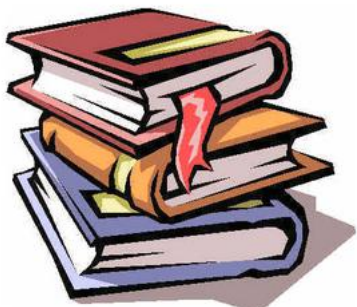
**Mexican Train** - meets 3rd Tuesday of every month in member's home

Contact: Pat Proctor 720-353-8032, [mpatproctor@msn.com](mailto:mpatproctor@msn.com)

**History and Culture Group** - meets 3rd Thursday of every month different venues. Contact: Stephanie Fong, 393-249-0112,



## Book Group Books



***Morning Group:*** October is free read month! Come and share. Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly at 10:00 a.m. at Phillip Miller Library. Contact Susan Berger

***Afternoon Group:*** October is ***STATE OF TERROR*** by Louise Penny and Hillary Clinton; “A series of terrorist attacks throws the global order into disarray, and the Secretary (of State) is tasked with assembling a team to unravel the deadly conspiracy, a scheme carefully designed to take advantage of an American government dangerously out of touch and out of power in the places where it counts the most.” All members are welcomed! Meeting location varies. **Contact Linda Washburn**

**Editor’s Choice:** ***CILKA’S JOURNEY*** by Heather Morris; “When the war is over and the camp is liberated, freedom is not granted to Cilka: She is charged as a collaborator for sleeping with the enemy and sent to a Siberian prison camp. But did she really have a choice? And where do the lines of morality lie for Cilka, who was sent to Auschwitz when she was still a child?”

### **The current leadership is as follows:**

<u>Acting Administrator:</u> 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 O’Hayre	Scholarships: Kendra
Interest Groups: Dorothy Nugent	Historian: Beryl Jacobson

Stem Program: Beryl Jacobson/Suzanne Kroepsch

***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](mailto:mimifj714@aol.com); 303-619-5757



## Our First Meeting - Well Attended!!!



Guest Speaker  
Peter Barber:  
Wellspring



Linda Gaylo  
introduces  
members.

Members 25 years or more were celebrated!!!



Lunch for all!!!



*Trip to The Wildlife Sanctuary*

Lions and Tigers and Bears! Oh My!!!



Us at end of our day

## Jokes for HALLOWEEN FUN!

**Q:** The maker of this product does not want it, the buyer does not use it and the user does not see it. What is it?

**A:** A coffin.

**Q:** When is it bad luck to be followed by a black cat?

**A:** When you're a mouse.

**Q:** What is a pause in work at a mortuary called?

**A:** A coffin break!

**Q:** What kind of monster loves to disco?

**A:** The boogiemani.

**Q:** Why didn't the scarecrow eat dinner?

**A:** He was already stuffed.

**Q:** Why was the jack-o'-lantern afraid to cross the road?

**A:** He had no guts.

**Q:** What do you call a fat pumpkin?

**A:** A plumpkin.

**Q:** Are any Halloween monsters good at math?

**A:** No—unless you Count Dracula!

**Q:** Why didn't the zombie go to school?

**A:** He felt rotten.

**Q:** How do you fix a broken jack-o'-lantern?

**A:** With a pumpkin patch!

**Q:** Why is a cemetery a great place to write a story?

**A:** Because there are so many plots there.

**Q:** What genre of music does a mummy like the best?

**A:** Wrap!

**Q:** Where do ghosts like to travel on vacation?

**A:** The Dead Sea.

**Q:** What's a ghoui's favorite drink?

**A:** Anything with boos.

**Q:** What is a monster's favorite pet?

**A:** Creepy crawlies.

**Q:** What did people say when the headless horseman started dating a zombie?

**A:** He's lost his head!

**Q:** Why don't mummies take time off?

**A:** They're afraid to unwind.

**Q:** What is in a ghost's nose?

**A:** Boo-gers.

**Q:** What does a panda ghost eat?

**A:** Bam-BOO!

