



# DOUGLAS COUNTY

November/  
December  
2022



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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
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December 21, 2022:     Holiday Party for Members  
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January 28, 2022:     GIRL POWER Event at ACC  
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February 4, 2023:     Public Policy Day  
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March 15, 2023:     Meeting with Speaker TBD  
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May 17, 2023:         Annual Meeting  
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(Locations may vary this year so please check!)  
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Need a ride? Contact Pat Proctor [mpatproctor@msn.com](mailto:mpatproctor@msn.com)  
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## **MESSAGE FROM MARSHA JOHNSON, Acting Administrator**

It is certainly fall and our branch is gearing up for an exciting year of activities.

Next up is our Branch Holiday Party. It will be held December 21st, 11:15 am, at Pino's Restaurant near the Castle Pines Library on Castle Pines Parkway. It will be a time of visiting and sharing. You may order off the menu. Everyone is on their own for payment. We ask that each of you **bring a children's book for ages 3-8**. They will be donated to the Task Force BIRTHDAY ROOM! Also suggested is cakes mixes, sprinkles or other cake decor. Each child can select a book on their blrthday and a cake mix of their choice.





(Marsha's message cont'd)

I will need an accurate count of those attending the holiday party so please **RSVP** to me by December 16th so that enough tables will be set up.

Marsha Johnson: [mimifj714@aol.com](mailto:mimifj714@aol.com) or text 303-619-5757

Also available during the holiday luncheon will be a donation jar for those of you interested in helping out monetarily with our Girl Power event January 28th. Beryl will make a brief presentation that outlines this upcoming adventure in education! We will be providing a small lunch after the Girl Power presentations and ask you to think about helping out with the cost.

Also, if you plan on making another donation for our scholarship program, please send your checks, payable to AAUW, to our current treasurer, Deb Swiecinski. 702 Stafford Circle, CR 80104. Some of you are so very generous and in order to be available for our funds this Spring, we would need any future donations by April 1, 2023. Happy Holidays!

*Marsha*

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

### **GIRL POWER!** via Beryl Jacobson and Suzanne Kroepsch

Good News! Girl Power planning for Saturday Jan 28, 2023 is progressing nicely. To get ideas from AAUW members about how to proceed with our part of the day, a meeting was held at Bobbie Van Horn's house. Beryl Jacobson and Suzanne Kroepsch are meeting with the ACC Foundation Director, Courtney Loehfelm, and will have details about ACC'S plans for their part of the day. Update will be given at the Holiday Party, December 21st. Please let Beryl Jacobson, [berylmjacobson@gmail.com](mailto:berylmjacobson@gmail.com) know if have ideas and/or can help

*Beryl & Suzanne*





## **Treasurer's Report** via Deb Swiecinski, Treasurer **November 1, 2022**

Currently, our checking account balance is \$8,057.92.

This includes membership fees from Debbie Bodine and a new member, Cora Koller. We are happy to welcome Cora to our branch.

This brings our total membership to 50—a renewal rate of 100% plus one new member. That's great news!

Also, I want to remind everyone that if you do not already participate in the Safeway or King Soopers fundraisers, please contact Marcia Miller to sign up. It's a great way for us to earn extra income for our projects.

*Deb*

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## **SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE** via Kendra O'Hayre, Scholarship Chair

I am happy to announce that we have finalized our **Agreement** with Arapahoe Community College merging our Douglas County AAUW Branch Scholarship with the ACC Foundation. This foundation is a tax-exempt charitable organization that raises and manages private funds for the benefit of Arapahoe Community College.

Our AAUW Douglas County Branch Scholarship will be promoted and managed within the Foundation. This will allow a much greater pool of potential recipients to access the application for our scholarship. Applicants must meet specified criteria to be eligible for our scholarship. A member of our AAUW membership will assist with the review and selection process. The selected recipient will be invited to attend our Branch meeting in September for recognition.

The application process is open from November to April 14 on the ACC website and the funds will be available for the 2023 Fall semester. Douglas County AAUW is committed to funding a minimum of \$2,000 per year for 3-5 years barring any unforeseen circumstances. We may decide to allocate more than one scholarship or fund a renewable scholarship if our funds and our membership accept that action as viable.

*Kendra*





**PUBLIC POLICY INFORMATION** from Diane Norten,  
Public Policy Chair

Be sure to plan on Public Policy Day in February!!! Let's show our support and participate!

*Diane*



**HISTORY AND CULTURE GROUP CALENDAR**

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 possible trips:

Larimer Square History Tour  
Buckhorn Exchange Lunch  
Pikes Peak Cog Railway

Palmer Lake Forest Walk  
Boettcher Mansion  
Vehicle Vault

We need hosts for December, March & June. All you do is 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. *Stephanie*



Last trip was the Royal Gorge Railroad:



10 in all!!! Fun time. Great friends. Good food. Very relaxing.  
Not pictured are Sheri Rich and Darlene Thomas. (Oops, sorry about that!)

## Fundraising Continues

**JEWELRY FUNDRAISER:** 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.

**Single's 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

**Couple's 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, susanrae68@gmail.com, 603-930-7190

**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 at different venues. Contact: Stephanie Fong, s\_fong@comcast.net, 303-249-0112,



## Book Group Books

**Morning Group:** November book is *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroeder and Alex Tresniowski. True story about a successful ad sales rep in NYC who befriends a homeless panhandler. They meet every week for years and forge a close bond and a life changing friendship. No meeting in December. Contact Susan Berger

**Afternoon Group:** November meeting is for making choices for the coming year. No meeting in December. Contact Linda Washburn

**Editor's Choice:** *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus; Meet Elizabeth Zott: a "formidable, unapologetic and inspiring" (PARADE) scientist in 1960s California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show in this novel that is "irresistible, satisfying and full of fuel. It reminds you that change takes time and always requires heat".





## **Our Leadership:**

**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**

**Interest Groups: Dorothy Nugent**

**Historian: Beryl Jacobson**

**Stem Program: Beryl Jacobson/Suzanne Kroepsch**

***Contact Marsha Johnson for questions or to help: [mimifj714@aol.com](mailto:mimifj714@aol.com);  
303-619-5757***

