



DOUGLAS COUNTY

January/February 2023!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 28, 2023: GIRL POWER Event at ACC; everyone needed!

February 4, 2023: Public Policy Day; sign-up today

March 15, 2023: Meeting with Speaker TBD

May 17, 2023: Annual Meeting

(Locations may vary so please double check!)

Need a ride? Contact Pat Proctor: mpatproctor@msn.com

*A Happy & Healthy
New Year
to all!!!*



GIRL POWER! via Beryl Jacobson and
Suzanne Kroepsch



Dear, Dear Friends,

Below is the Girl Power volunteer list created at our luncheon at Pino's. I thought it was an excellent venue and there was spirited fun for all. Diane Norten is greatly appreciated for setting it all up.

Just to remind you, the **Girl Power!** event is Saturday, January 28th from 8:45 until 12:30. The 8th grade girls will be welcomed, presented with their bags containing some swag, name tag and schedule for the 4 different pathway groups they will experience. Pizza Party begins at 12:00

We are still creating a parent group where parents may stay and learn about paying for upper education. More on this soon.

Sign-ups and Needs:

Door Greeters: Pat Smith, Jean Kovatovich, Marsha Johnson **(NEED 2 MORE)**

Registration Table: Diane Norten, Linda Gaylo, Marcia Miller, Deb Swiecinski (Need fulfilled)

Gather items for bags: More swag needed (some will probably come from ACC)
Suzanne will provide water; Diane will provide a snack **(MUCH MORE NEEDED)**

Volunteers to fill bags: with name tags, daily program, group assignments, water, snack and more. Diane Norten, Sandy Monticello, Linda Gaylo, Carla Bryant. (Need fulfilled)

Classroom Assistants: 2 AAUW members for each of 4 pathways meetings. These volunteers will have 4 meetings to facilitate; introducing the speakers, and providing any help necessary.

Cora Koller, Deb Swiecinski, Florence Welch **(WE NEED 5 MORE ASSISTANTS!)**

Pizza People: Contact pizza places to get pizza (some \$ is available), bring pizza, serve pizza. **(MANY NEEDED FOR ONE OR MORE PIZZA DUTIES!)**

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE Volunteer! This is a chapter event and it takes us all to make it successful. Even if you don't have a volunteer slot, please join In. Everyone's participation is important.

Contact Suzanne Kroepsch with questions &/or to volunteer at:

suzanne.kroepsch@gmail.com or **(720)934-9003**

(Beryl is out of the country so please don't contact her.)

Beryl & Suzanne

PUBLIC POLICY INFORMATION from Diane Norten, Public Policy Chair

Be sure join Public Policy Day via zoom on February 4th!!! Let's show our support and participate! Go to aauw-co.aauw.net to register right now!!! Invite friends to join you and make it a party!

AAUW of Colorado PUBLIC POLICY DAY
Behavioral Health...help, hope, and beyond
Saturday February 4, 2023 9:00 am - 12 Noon



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Morgan Medlock
Behavioral Health Commissioner
State of Colorado

REGISTER for this
Zoom Webinar
Today

Panel Discussion: More Details to be Provided in January Connects

In addition, you will hear from:

- AAUW member Betty Boyd and Public Policy Co-Director Su Ryden who will share an update on Colorado legislative issues as well as the 2023 Call To Action
- Robin Lucas, National AAUW's Grassroots Advocacy Manager
- AAUW of Colorado Nominating Committee
- Joan Brown, President AAUW of Colorado

Diane

February 15: Susan B. Anthony Day



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society as we know it today.

Celebrate Susan B. Anthony's birthday by learning about this legendary women's rights activist. She was a key player in the suffrage movement of the 1800s. Her contributions to women's rights helped give women the right to vote and build

January 3: Women Rock! Day



Treasurer's Report via Deb Swiecinski, Treasurer
January 1, 2023



Currently, our checking account balance is \$4,811.30.

We collected \$175 in donations for the Girl Power Event via our holiday luncheon. Thanks to everyone who donated!

Recent payments made include \$960 to the AAUW Fund, \$600 to the Colorado NCCWSL Scholarship Fund and \$2000 to the ACC Foundation for scholarships.

We have added a new member to our roster. We are happy to welcome Florence Welch to our branch.

This brings our total membership to 53 which includes 49 branch members and 4 national/state officers who are on our membership roster.

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.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday and the best in 2023!

Deb



HISTORY AND CULTURE GROUP CALENDAR

January: Ice Sculptures in Breckenridge, January 31st - 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 ☐ ☐

Palmer Lake Forest Walk ☐

☐ ☐ Buckhorn Exchange Lunch ☐ ☐

Boettcher Mansion ☐

☐ ☐ Pikes Peak Cog Railway ☐ ☐

Vehicle Vault ☐

Let Stephanie Fong know you can help please. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

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NEXT History & Culture TRIP:

HISTORY AND CULTURE TUESDAY JANUARY 31ST OUTING

BRECKENRIDGE INTERNATIONAL SNOW SCULPTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Have a fun day in the mountains visiting BRECKENRIDGE to see the winning sculptures from the International Snow Sculpture Competition. Plan to leave Castle Rock at 9:00 a.m. from the Big O Tire Parking Lot and arrive in Breckenridge at 11:00 a.m. It will take us about an hour to view the sculptures (no charge) which are set up in about a block long area. Then we will have a very short drive to Beaver Run Resort where we will each be able to purchase lunch. After lunch, we can ride the free Gondola up to the Peak 8 base or go shopping along main street or simply resort it at Beaver Run before heading home. By Friday, Jan 27, please e-mail Beryl Jacobson at berylmjacobson@gmail.com or text 303-589-0592 if you are interested in attending and if you can drive.

“Breckenridge’s International Snow Sculpture Championships is a world renowned snow sculpting competition where teams from around the world descend on Breckenridge, Colorado to hand-carve 25-ton blocks of snow into enormous, intricate works of art. Artists are only allowed to use hand tools, creativity and inspiration to bring their ideas to life. No power tools allowed! Teams sculpt countless hours across five days (totaling around 94 hours), resulting in a temporary outdoor art gallery in historic downtown Breckenridge!

Google the event to see more photos of previous years creations.



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 *marcia*

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.

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: *To Be Announced;* **Contact Susan Berger**

Afternoon Group: *January is If You Want Something Done; Leadership Lessons from Bold Women* by Nikki Haley; “... inspiring examples of women who worked against obstacles and opposition to get things done.” *February is TBD.*
Contact Linda Washburn

Editor’s Choice: *Children’s Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin; “...courage on the prairie, inspired by the devastating storm that struck the Great Plains in 1888, threatening the lives of hundreds of immigrant homesteaders, especially schoolchildren.” A split decision can make a huge difference. Great read for a snowy day!

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; 303-619-5757

TEA AT THE LUMBER BARON (History & Culture Group):



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AT PINO'S!

Many thanks to Diane for putting this together and for the wonderful and funny poems!!! We loved it all !!!!

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Look at that pizza!!!



30 of us attended!

Lots of children's books and cake mixes collected for donation to the Birthday Room!
Sprinkles too!



February 6: Pay a Compliment Day



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We can all use a little extra loving. Boost a friend or loved one's confidence and get a warm, fuzzy feeling yourself by giving them a much-deserved [compliment](#). If you're inspired, write a loved one a [love letter](#) packed with compliments. It

will turn out to be a cherished gift.



The End