



DOUGLAS COUNTY
March, 2023



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 15, 2023: Meeting with Rosie the Riveter!!! * and more...

April 19, 2023: Meeting; Speaker to be determined

May 17, 2023: Annual Meeting

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

***WELCOME ROSIE THE RIVETER**



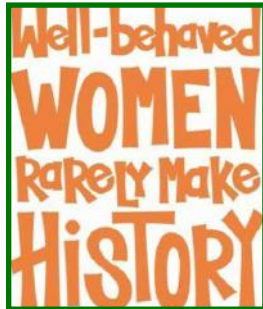
The March 15th meeting of AAUW will be held in the West Meeting Room of the Douglas County Library. The room is reserved from 10:00am to 1:00 p.m. This will give us time to socialize, look at resources on Rosie and a puzzle to put together. At 11:00 a.m., **Gail Murphy** will present the program on **Colorado's Rosie the Riveter**. As a former US History teacher, Gail felt the need to present the role of women in World War II in a more meaningful way than was presented in History books. Her research and presentation has given people an opportunity to meet and get to know women and men who labored behind the scenes during the war. Her program has been presented at numerous organizations and we have a wonderful opportunity to learn from her.

Family and friends are welcome!

**THIS IS A BROWN BAG LUNCHEON, SO
BRING YOUR LUNCH AND BEVERAGE**



PUBLIC POLICY INFORMATION from Diane Norten, Public Policy Chair



Public Policy Report February 2023

The first regular session of the 74th General Assembly convened on January 9, 2023 with committee meetings to review the upcoming bills to be considered during this session. Hard to believe that there are 4558 bills to consider. Committees will narrow this number down, but it does not stop others from being introduced during the session. Note the Legislative session ends in May.

Our state Public Policy Committee has reviewed a number of bills and identified those that our organization will **actively support, support** or **oppose**. Active support means that letters and testimony are part of the support. The list of these bills, sponsors and their status can be found on the state AAUW web site. Accessing the leg.Colorado.gov provides a listing of all the bills coming before the Legislature not just those watched by AAUW.

Be attentive, watch what is happening. Make your voice known.

WOMEN AND STUDENT DEBT

The Burden of Borrowing

College attendance is at a record high. Yet the price tag of a college education has more than doubled over the past generation while household incomes have barely budged. Women hold almost 2/3 of the country's \$1.54 trillion student debt: \$929 billion. Women earning a bachelor's degree graduate owing an average of \$2,700 more than their male peers. Student debt is the second-highest source of household debt after housing.

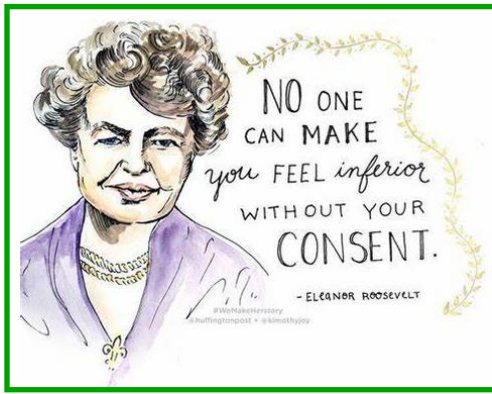
Women take about two years longer than men to repay student loans. From the moment women graduate from college, most face a gender pay gap – which compounds as they age. This makes it even harder to pay off their larger share of student debt. As a result, women often put off saving for retirement, buying a home or starting a business.

In addition, state cuts to public colleges and universities -where spending is down \$7 billion from 2008 levels (adjusting for inflation) – has significantly limited affordability and access to many students. It has resulted in rising tuition, reduced services available and closing of some campuses. One analysis found, in California alone, more than 139,000 students were denied admission from 2004 to 2014 and the state is projected to be short 1.1 bachelor's degrees by 2030 due to state cuts to college funding.

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EMMA WATSON

College education costs rose 103% since 1987, while median household income increased only 14%. AAUW supports legislation that would make college more affordable for all students and help millions of borrowers across the country pay off their student debt. (information from national AAUW site)



Treasurer's Report

via Deb Swiecinski, Treasurer

March 1, 2023

Currently, our checking account balance is \$4,790.12.

We recently collected \$206.96 in donations from the King Soopers fundraiser.

Payments made included \$125 for the Rosie the Riveter program for the March meeting.

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.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding our finances.

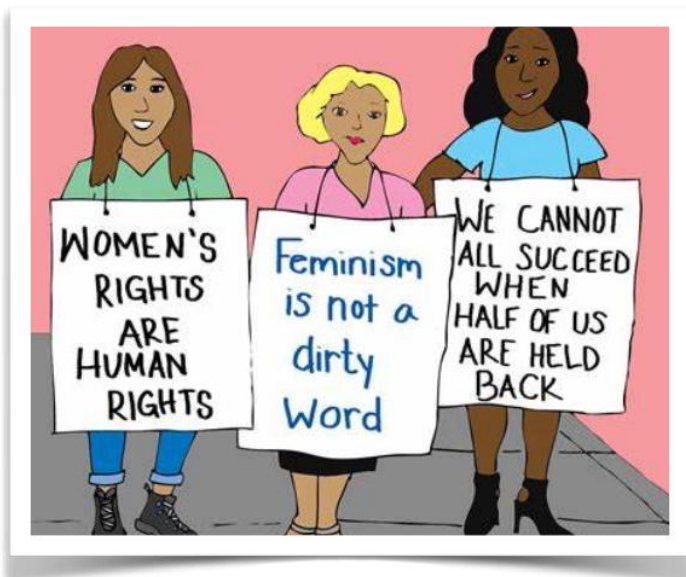
Deb

A Note: Monies collected for Girl Power during our Holiday get-together, \$175, will be held in reserve for a future Girl Power Event.



HISTORY AND CULTURE GROUP CALENDAR

March:	Kirkland Museum -	Beryl Jacobson
April:	Olympic Museum -	Carla Bryant (rescheduled from February)
May:	Pioneer Museum -	Ruthellen Riffe
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.

Stephanie





NEXT History & Culture TRIP:

Mark your calendar for a great outing on March 16, with the History and Culture Group to The Kirkland Museum. Meet at Big O Tire in Castle Rock at 10am to carpool to downtown Denver. Please let Beryl Jacobson, berylmjacobson@gmail.com know if you plan to attend and if you can drive. We will have lunch at the Denver Art Museum, a short walk away, before heading home mid afternoon.

Kirkland Museum is an international decorative arts museum that includes Colorado and Regional Art including Vance Kirkland's studio and paintings. It is one of the most important repositories documenting and preserving the full breadth of Colorado's art history beginning in the 1850's.

We will experience Kirkland Museum's display philosophy which creates a noticeably different atmosphere than most museums. The art is arranged in "salon style" with fine art (sculptures and paintings) shown in the same galleries with decorative art.

With the extensive displays of tableware, glassware, and flatware of different eras, along with the furniture, Kirkland Museum illustrates the history of eating, drinking and sitting of much of the 20th century.

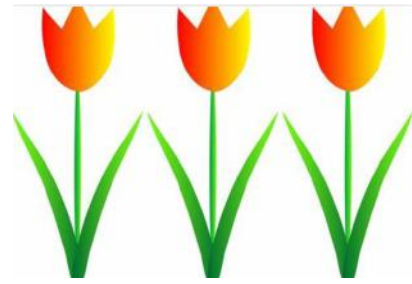
We will learn how to search the collection that contains over 30,000 works by more than 1,500 artists and designers and how to search the 400 collection highlights available to view online.

Google Kirkland Museum and on their website take a virtual tour to further understand what our time at this museum will include.



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. \$276 earned so far.



All you do is EAT!

SAFEMAY/ ALBERTSON FUNDRAISER uses a reloadable card. Cards have been recently replaced so don't reload your old one; just use up any balance. If you would like a new card, I do have them now.

KING SOOPER'S FUNDRAISER continues. King Soopers is connected to your Loyalty Card and can be easily registered online and/or 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 any 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.

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 every month at

different venues. Contact: Stephanie Fong, s_fong@comcast.net, 303-249-0112,

Book Group Books

Morning Group: *For March, The Other Alcott by Elise Hooper; “We all know the story of the March sisters, heroines of Louisa May Alcott’s Little Women. But while everyone cheers on Jo March, based on Louisa herself, Amy March is often the least favorite sister. Now, it’s time to learn the truth about the real “Amy”, Louisa’s sister, May.”* Contact Susan Berger

Afternoon Group: *For March, The Honey Bus by Meredith May; “An extraordinary story of a girl, her grandfather and one of nature’s most mysterious and beguiling creatures: the honeybee.”* Contact Linda Washburn

Editor’s Choice: The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles; “The bestselling author of *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *Rules of Civility* and master of absorbing, sophisticated fiction returns with a stylish and propulsive novel set in 1950s America.”



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

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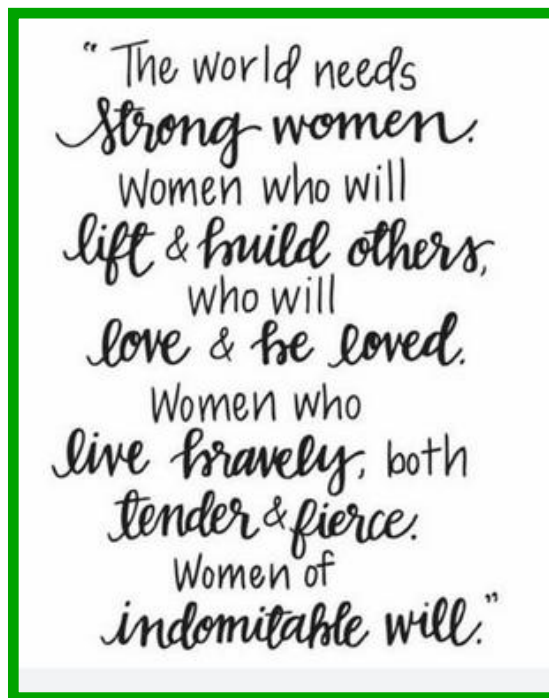
Directory and Emails: Pat Proctor

Scholarships: Kendra O’Hayre

Interest Groups: Dorothy Nugent

Historian: Beryl Jacobson

Stem Program: Beryl Jacobson/Suzanne Kroepsch



Contact Marsha Johnson with questions or to help. It takes us all!!! mimifj714@aol.com;



Want to know why Women's History Month is celebrated each March?

Go to:

https://news.yahoo.com/heres-why-womens-history-month-210329191.html?fr=yhssrp_catchall

(Info shared via Katie Couric's Newsletter, 3/1/2023. Many may be available thru the library.)

13 Films Full of Female Empowerment to Watch for Women's History Month

These inspiring women — some historical figures, others fictional — deserve a standing ovation.

Hidden Figures ([Disney+](#))

Little Women (iTunes, [Prime Video](#))

Battle of the Sexes ([Prime Video](#))

He Named Me Malala ([Prime Video](#))

Frida ([Hulu](#))

On the Basis of Sex ([Prime Video](#))

Queen of Katwe ([Disney+](#))

I Am Greta ([Hulu](#))

Mulan ([Disney+](#))

Taylor Swift: Miss Americana ([Netflix](#))

Homecoming ([Netflix](#))

Erin Brokovich ([Peacock](#))

A League of Their Own ([Tubi](#))





Breckenridge Ice Sculpture Trip

Brrrr!

