



DOUGLAS COUNTY
April, 2023

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



***April 19, 2023, 6 pm: Meeting; Adrienne Kroepsch-Carlsen,
Prof. at Mines**

****May 17, 2023, 10:30 am: Annual Meeting/Wildlife Exp & Lunch**

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

***APRIL 19, 2023: Douglas County Library, 6:00 p.m.,
Event Hall East Room**



Ever wonder what it takes to become a fully tenured Professor? Ever wonder about working in a male dominated environment? Ever wonder about expectations, research and dealing with college students? Here is your chance to find out and ask lots of questions. Our guest speaker is **Adrienne Kroepsch-Carlsen**, a Professor at Mines. She will answer all of those questions and many more.

****MAY 17, 2023 : AAUW ANNUAL MEETING**

Welcome to our end of the year meeting. We will meet at the former Wildlife Experience on Lincoln Boulevard. The Douglas County School District has acquired this property and will use it to enhance career education and partnerships with higher education institutions. Meeting arranged by Beryl Jacobson.

We will meet at the site at 10:30 for a talk and tour to find out about the facility and the education opportunities for students.

For interested members, we recommend having lunch at Sierra. Sierra is a wonderful restaurant with a great menu and a great view. They do not have a group room but there are plenty of tables available; you may want to consider a get together on the patio.

Remember this is the meeting where new officers for 2023-24 are elected. If you have not been contacted or have not volunteered, there is still time. Let's have a wonderful next year.



MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATOR via Marsha Johnson, Acting Administrator



Lovely Ladies of Douglas County AAUW!

It is Spring . . . still awaiting the green part though. I want to let you know of a couple of important issues.

Membership renewal will be happening soon but the state treasurer has asked for everyone to be patient and not renew until prompted by national via email. It should be much easier compared to last year. Please feel free to contact Linda Gaylo, VP of Membership, if you have any questions. Linda and I are waiting for information too and will be able to help everyone with questions once the process begins.

I want to thank our wonderful board for a great year of events and meetings. Without these people our club would not run as efficiently. Many have volunteered to continue in their positions, but we have a few openings.

Thank you to the following who are serving for another year. . . .

Linda Gaylo - VP Membership
Diane Norten - Public Policy
Deb Swiecinski - Treasurer
Marcia Miller - Newsletter
Pat Smith - Website and Secretary
Pat Proctor - Directory and Communication
Beryl Jacobson and Suzanne Kroepsch - Stem Program
Beryl Jacobson - Historian
Dorothy Nugent - Interest Group Chair



I, Marsha Johnson, have served as Acting Administrator for 2 years. We need a volunteer to continue. Our club cannot manage without an Administrator or President. My duties have included a yearly report on activities and participation in zoom meetings periodically.

We also need someone to serve as VP Program Chair. Diane Norten has served for many years and we need someone to take her position. She is very willing to help by sharing her list of program possibilities and will help develop a program committee. Any suggestions of good speakers or topics should be shared with me or Diane.

Thank you to all of our wonderful members who renewed in a timely fashion last year. We were the only Branch who completed membership by September of 2022. GO YOU!

Marsha



PUBLIC POLICY INFORMATION from Diane Norten, Public Policy Chair

The current Legislative session ends in May, just six more weeks and there are lots of things left to do. A recent check on the 20 bills that AAUW actively supports shows that only one of them has made it to the Governor's desk. That bill, HB23-1064, allows Colorado to enter into a state compact to facilitate licensure for teachers moving into the state. Many more Senate and House bills are stuck in the appropriations committee where decisions on funding are discussed.

To get up to date information on AAUW Legislative Priorities, check the state website and then go to www.Leg.Colorado.gov.

The great news is the ERA has finally been ratified. It becomes the 28th Amendment to the constitution with Virginia being the 38th state to pass the state amendment. YEAH!

Diane

Info about the State Convention on April 21-22 is shown later in this newsletter.

"The beginning is the most important part of the work."
— Plato

TREASURER'S REPORT via Deb Swiecinski, Treasurer

April 1, 2023

The checking account balance is \$4,790.12.

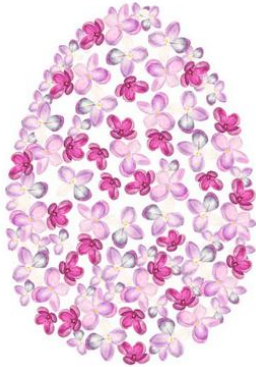
AAUW National dues for FY24 will be \$72 in accordance with the three-year increase implemented by the AAUW Board of Directors back in October 2020. State dues will remain at \$10 and branch dues will remain at \$61 (of which \$50 is dedicated for scholarships). The total membership renewal for 2023-2024 will be **\$143**. Be on the outlook for the renewal notification that will be sent to all current members in a few weeks.

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

HISTORY AND CULTURE GROUP CALENDAR



April 13th: Olympic Museum - Carla Bryant
May, TBD: Pioneer Museum - Ruthellen Riffe
June: TBD

Other possible trips:
Larimer Square History Tour Pikes Peak Cog Railway
Vehicle Vault Boettcher Mansion
Palmer Lake Forest Walk Buckhorn Exchange Lunch

Let Stephanie Fong know you can help please.

Stephanie

NEXT History & Culture TRIP:

The trip to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum in Colorado Springs has been scheduled for April 13th. We will leave from Big O parking lot in Castle Rock at 9:30. It will take about one hour to get to the Museum. Cost is \$16 per person, but we may get a less expensive rate. Plan on two hours to tour the museum. It is ramped and has plenty of places to rest. We will eat lunch at the onsite restaurant (very good) and then return home. Please email or text Carla Bryant if you would like to go carlabryant@outlook.com or 925-787-4219.



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!

SAFEWAY/ 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, dorothy Nugent@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 APRIL, members are each selecting a book from the “banned books” list. Contact Susan Berger

Afternoon Group: For APRIL, **MISS CECILY’S RECIPES FOR EXCEPTIONAL LADIES (A Tea Party)** by Vicky Zimmerman; “When her life falls apart on the eve of her 40th birthday, Kate Parker finds herself volunteering at the Lauderdale House for Exceptional Ladies. There she meets 97-year-old Cecily Finn. Cecily's tongue is as sharp as her mind, but she's fed up with pretty much everything.” Contact Linda Washburn

Editor’s Choice: **BETWEEN TWO KINGDOMS: A MEMOIR OF LIFE INTERRUPTED** by Suleika Jaouad; “In the summer after graduating from college, Suleika Jaouad was preparing, as they say in commencement speeches, to enter “the real world.” She had fallen in love and moved to Paris to pursue her dream of becoming a war correspondent. The real world she found, however, would take her into a very different kind of conflict zone.”



COLORADO STATE CONVENTION! GO TO “COLORADO AAUW” FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER FOR BOTH DAYS OR JUST SATURDAY. IT’S JUST UP THE ROAD IN AURORA.

AAUW of COLORADO 2023 STATE CONVENTION

Empowering Women: Keeping Up the Good Fight

Keynote Speaker:
Attorney General Phil Weiser

[Register Here](#)



Friday, April 21

12:00 – 3:00: Check-In at DoubleTree Hotel
4:00 – 6:00: Tour and presentation - Aurora History Museum
15101 E Alameda Pkwy, Aurora. Carpools arranged at hotel.
Topic: ***“Colorado’s Square Mile of Life Sciences”***
– Fitzsimons Innovation Community
Refreshments: Hors d’oeuvres and mocktails

Saturday, April 22

8:00 – 9:00: Check-In at DoubleTree Hotel, 13696 E Iliff Pl, Aurora, CO 80014
9:00 – 9:15: Welcome
9:15 – 10:30: ***Fighting for Our Reproductive Rights***
Panel of activists from Cobalt Advocates and COLOR Latina
10:45 – 11:15: ***Women Mean Business*** – African Chamber
11:15 – 11:45: ***International Women’s Day*** – Aurora Sister Cities
12:00 – 1:15: Lunch
1:15 – 2:15: ***What Are We Doing About the Erosion of Women’s Rights?***
Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser
2:30 – 3:30: Annual Business Meeting
4:00: Adjourn and Socialize

"Spring is the time of plans and projects."
– Leo Tolstoy



Our Leadership:

***Acting Administrator: Marsha Johnson**

***VP Programs: Diane Norten**

VP Membership: Linda Gaylo

Public Policy: Diane Norten

Treasurer: Deb Swiecinski

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

***OPEN POSITIONS. Please volunteer!!!**

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

**“Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat.”
– Laura Ingalls Wilder**



ROSIE THE RIVETER
CELEBRATION!



Speaker: Gail Murphy

Proof that we finished the puzzle. 23 of us in attendance x a minimum of 4 years of college = 92+ college years to do one puzzle. And, we almost didn't finish!!



Just for fun page...

BRAINTEASERS (with answers - you're welcome!)

- What five-letter word gets shorter when you add two letters to it? Short.
- What fruit can you never cheer up? A blueberry.
- What type of cheese is made backward? Edam.
- How do you catch a school of fish? A bookworm.
- What can you catch, but not throw? A cold.
- Why did the math textbook feel sad? It was full of problems.
- What invention allows you to look through a wall? A window.
- What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite.
- I have four wings, but cannot fly. I never laugh and never cry. What am I? A windmill.
- What is a tortilla chip's favorite dance? Salsa.
- What kind of running means walking? Running out of fuel.
- What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive? A glove.
- Name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
- What kind of coat can only be put on when it's wet? A coat of paint.
- What has three feet, but cannot walk? A yardstick.
- The more you take away, the bigger I become. What am I? A hole.
- Which building has thousands of stories? The library.
- What kind of room has no windows or doors? A mushroom.
- What is harder to catch the faster you run? Your breath.
- What can be stolen, but never leave you? Your identity.
- What is the end of everything? The letter "G."
- I follow you all the time and copy your every move, but you can't touch me. What am I? Your shadow.
- A taxi driver is going down a one-way street the wrong way, and passes at least 10 cops. Why is she not caught? She was walking.
- I turn once, so what is out will not get in. I turn again, so what is in will not get out. What am I? A key.
- Put anything in me and I will make sure I'll hold, doesn't matter hot or cold. What am I? A cup.
- I have wings, I am able to fly, I'm not a bird yet I soar high in the sky. What am I? A plane.
- What gets wetter as it dries? A towel.
- What has to be broken before you can use it? An egg.
- What goes up and never comes down? Your age.
- How can Sarah go 8 days without sleep? She only sleeps at night.
- Johnny's mother had three children. The first was named May, the next was named June. What was the name of the third child? Johnny.
- Give me air and I will live. Give me water and I will die. What am I? Fire.
- What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in one thousand years? The letter "M."
- How many months have 28 days? All 12.
- What is always in front of you but invisible? The future.



"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"
— Robin Williams

