



DOUGLAS COUNTY **SUMMER, 2023**

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATOR via

Marsha Johnson, Acting Administrator



Happy almost summer. Lots of rain - awesome. Lots of green - more awesomeness!

As our July 2022-June 2023 year draws to a close, we have many things to be thankful. We've had terrific tours and speakers this year. Thank you to Diane Norten for all of our leadership through the years. Because of you, we are more enlightened. The last tour of the former Wildlife Experience, planned by Beryl Jacobson, is now an alternative high school and was amazing. Douglas County is very forward in its thinking about alternative education - for those still completing high school and also for those who have left and need additional occupational and educational outlets. Wellspring is an exciting journey into life after high school for adults with special needs. The League of Women Voters is always so informative on voter issues. Thank you again, Diane, for keeping US educated in so many ways.

I was so sorry to be out of town for Suzanne Kroepsch's daughter's presentation. I heard it was fascinating.

We are looking forward to Girl Power this fall. Plans are in the works and thank you to Suzanne and Beryl for forging ahead with the program. We are looking forward to the day and hope all who volunteered to help will be able to be part of the event later this year.

We are in the middle of our renewal campaign. If you are having difficulty with the online renewal, please send your check payable to AAUW to Deb Swiecinski, 702 Stafford Circle, CR 80104. National dues are a little higher at \$72. Branch is \$61 which includes a scholarship donation, and \$10 for state. Total: \$143

Again, our branch needs an administrator in order to be active. We are also in need of someone to be VP-Program Chair. Diane N is willing to help set up a committee so that the job will not seem as daunting. I think all but 1 or 2 meetings have already been planned. One of which is picking the restaurant for our holiday party in December.

Finally, thank you to the rest of the board for all you do. Linda Gaylo - VP-Membership. Diane Norten - also Public Policy Chair. Beryl Jacobson - historian. Dorothy Nugent - Interest Groups Chair. Marcia Miller - Newsletter, Pat Smith - Secretary and Website, and Pat Proctor - Directory and disseminator of information!!! And last but not least, Kendra O'Hayre who is leading the challenge of getting our scholarship program up and running.

Thank you to all the members for the continued support throughout the years.

Marsha



*A great **BIG** thank you to Marsha Johnson for being our*

Acting Administrator!!!

*You're the **BESTEST** of the **BEST**!*



PUBLIC POLICY INFORMATION

from Diane Norten, Public Policy Chair

The site, AAUW Colorado Legislative Priorities Update 5/08/23, is for anyone to search. Please take a look as it is too big for the newsletter. Be informed!

Governor Polis has until June 8 to sign, veto or let items become law without his signature.

Thanks to Betty Rossen, Sue Kroepsch and Anne Herrington who have volunteered to serve on a Program Committee for next year.

The program for September 20th will be a tour of the ACC campus and introduction of the scholarship winner. Information to follow.

Diane



NEXT History & Culture TRIP: SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!





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, 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

Enjoy your summer reading!!!

Morning Group: Group will reconvene in September! Keep reading!!!! Contact Susan Berger

Afternoon Group: June: *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn. July: *Everything Sad is Untrue* by Daniel Nayeri. August: *The Surgeon's Daughter* by Bonnie Gramus (English Version) Contact Linda Washburn

Editor's Choice: *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge



To 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

***1 OPEN POSITION. Please volunteer!!** *Contact: Marsha Johnson, mimifj714@aol.com*





What a construction crew!!!

Final meeting for 2022-2023

"I think that for the ten women who were able to attend the end of year excursion and meeting at the former Wildlife Experience - we had quite an experience! The building is now part of Douglas County Schools, called the Legacy Campus. This new educational environment has a mission to provide relevant learning opportunities for high school students to complement and expand opportunities to be career ready in fields which include health care, aviation, technology and hospitality.

Thank to Beryl and Diane for setting up this wonderful trip and introducing US to what is going on in our county. You two are simply super stars!"
Marsha