



DOUGLAS COUNTY

Sep/Oct, 2023

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sep 20, 2023: Scholarship Presentation; 6:00pm; Sturm Campus

Oct 18, 2023: Speaker Dr. Mom; 6:00pm; Castle Rock Library.

Work session for Girl Power after speaker.

Nov 11, 2023: GIRL POWER! 8:30am-12:30pm; Sturm Campus

Dec 20, 2023: Holiday Party at Pino's Italian Restaurant; 11:30am

Jan 17, 2024: Women in Film; Location & Time TBD

Feb 3, 2024: Public Policy Day

Mar 20, 2024: Sex Trafficking Discussion; Location & Time TBD

May, 2024: End of Year Celebration; Location & Time TBD

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

Friends and family are always welcome at our meetings!!!

Welcome to



Our September Meeting:

On September 20, we look forward to awarding our first collaborative scholarship based on a partnership between our DC AAUW Branch and ACC (Arapahoe Community College). Please mark your calendars and plan to help us welcome and celebrate our very deserving scholarship recipient! You will learn how our recipient will use the funds collected from our membership to support her educational and career goals. Criteria for this scholarship is at the end of the newsletter.



Where: **ACC Sturm Campus, 4500 Limelight Ave., CASTLE ROCK, 80109**

(just north and west of Advent Castle Rock Hospital's Emergency entrance. Go NW on Limelight and look on right side of Limelight for the entrance to the Sturm Campus parking or drive to the end of Limelight and turn right and then right again into the west entrance to the parking lot.)

We will meet in the **BOARD ROOM**...just inside the building's entrance and to the right of the front desk area.

When: **WEDNESDAY, September 20
6:00 p.m.**

Agenda: •Scholarship AWARD
•Overview of ACC's Scholarship Program (Travis Ogburn)
•Overview of ACC programs, certifications and degrees offered at the Sturm Campus and overview of collaborative programs with other educational institutions (Legacy Campus, CSU, etc.)
•Business meeting

Hope to see you on September 20th

Thank you for supporting and encouraging future leaders!

Kendra

Our October Meeting: Our guest speaker for our October 18 meeting will be our own Douglas County resident, Marianne Neifert, MD, MTS, also known as Dr. Mom®. Based on her cumulative impactful contributions, Dr. Neifert was selected as a 2020 Inductee into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame. Marianne will share highlights from her journey and the fulfillment and meaning she has found in using her signature strengths in multiple life arenas. Dr. Mom's full bio is at the end of the newsletter.

After the meeting, members are asked to help prepare items for the Girl Power event. With all of us, it won't take long.



Our November Meeting:

GIRL POWER !!!

Our project to empower 8th grade girls is moving along nicely with the welcoming of Sarah Homer to our committee. Sarah is a staff member at ACC's Sturm Campus and her title is Sr. Campus Navigator and Admissions Counselor. Girl Power fits right into her job description. Not only is she enthusiastic about our project but she is an excellent manager. With her aid, our Saturday Girl Power event is scheduled for November 11, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. on the Sturm Collaborative Campus in Castle Rock. Sarah has coordinated with the school district event promoter to enroll 100 girls along with their parents for this event. While the girls attend their 4 classes, the adults will be attending informational meetings regarding financial planning and more.

AAUW members are needed to help with the many tasks to make this successful. Those of you who signed up for the 2022 event will be contacted to verify your willingness to help on November 11, 2023.

Reminder of Committees:

- Greeters
- Classroom Assistant
- Handing Out Bags
- Registration Table
- Help with Pizza Lunch



Thank you for continuing to support our efforts in encouraging young women to learn about the STEM programs available to them.

Suzanne & Beryl

Our December Meeting:

Holiday lunch for members only. Location: Pino's. We will have a [book exchange](#). Bring a wrapped book to exchange. We will exchange books and explain why we've brought them to share. In the spirit of the season, please also bring a children's book to donate to the "Birthday Room" at the Health and Hope Center of Douglas County



PUBLIC POLICY INFORMATION via Diane Norten, Public Policy Chair

Su Ryden, Public Policy Co-Director

AAUW Public Policy Committee Report to the Fall Leadership Conference

2023 Action Priorities

- 1) To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, diversity and inclusivity, and to address the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women and girls.
- 2) To achieve economic security for all women.
- 3) To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society.

Let's Look At the 2023 Colorado Legislative Session Review

AAUW Scores on the Scorecard:

AAUW Actively Supported -- 44 Bills

12 Pay Equity/Economic Empowerment *7 Gun Safety
5 K-12 Education/Teachers *5 Reproductive Health
3 Behavioral Health *2 Title IX/Harassment
37 passed and were signed by the Governor
5 were Pl'd (killed)
2 died on the calendar

AAUW Supported -- 40 Bills

33 passed and were signed by the Governor
7 were Pl'd or died on the calendar

AAUW Active Opposition 15 Bills

All were Pl'd

AAUW Opposition -- 2 Bills

Both were Pl'd

....2023 - Ballot Measures Preview for November

....On the ballot: November, 2023

.....Referendum Prop HH -- Property Tax Relief

.....Referendum Prop II -- Retain excess tobacco tax revenue to expand the state's free preschool programs



Diane



TREASURER'S REPORT via Deb Swiecinski, Treasurer

The checking account balance is \$8,099.47.

Forty-three (43) members have registered for the 2023-2024 year contributing \$473 in membership dues and \$2,214 in scholarship funds to the upcoming year's budget.

The 2023-2024 Budget was approved by the Board. In addition to operational funds for liability insurance, web site, and other miscellaneous administrative expenses, it includes \$1,000 set aside for the Girl Power Event on November 11th, \$500 for programs and speakers, and \$2000 for the ACC Foundation scholarship.

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. We earned \$582.70 from Safeway and \$968.31 from King Soopers this past year.

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

Deb



FUNDRAISING CONTINUES!!!

JEWELRY/WATCH 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. Another check coming in September.

All you do is EAT!

SAFEWAY/ ALBERTSON FUNDRAISER uses a reloadable card. If you would like a card, let Marcia know.

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**. Holler if you get stuck.

Contact is Marcia Miller; millermarcia@me.com

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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 Wednesday of every month in a 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 - contacts are above.

Morning Group: September will be time to review our summer reads.

October's book is **Olga Die's Dreaming** by Xochitl Gonzales; "A story that examines political corruption, familial strife and the notion of the American dream."

Afternoon Group: September is **The Rose Code** by Kate Quinn; "... heart-stopping World War II story of three female code breakers at Bletchley Park and the spy they must root out after the war is over."

October's book is **Little Souls** by Sandra Dallas; "... gripping tale of sisterhood, loyalty, and secrets set in Denver amid America's last deadly flu pandemic."

Editor's Choice: **We Were the Lucky Ones** by Georgia Hunter; "Inspired by the incredible true story of one Jewish family separated at the start of World War II, determined to survive—and to reunite..."



Our Leadership:

***Acting Administrator: Marsha Johnson**

VPs of Programs: Suzanne Kroepsch, Anne Herrington, Betty Rossen

VP of Membership: Linda Gaylo

Public Policy: Diane Norten

Treasurer: Deb Swiecinski

Secretary: Pat Smith

Newsletter: Marcia Miller

Website: Pat Smith

Directory and Emails: Pat Proctor

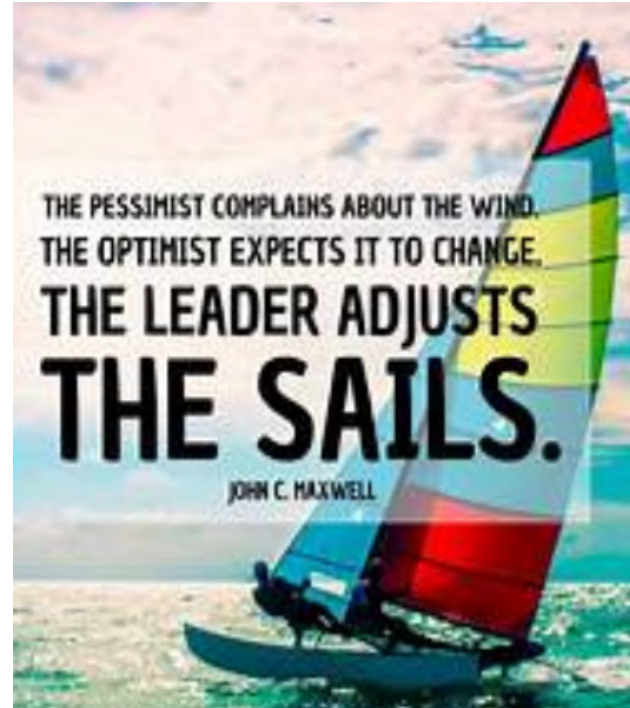
Scholarships: Kendra O'Hayre

Interest Groups: Dorothy Nugent

Historian: Beryl Jacobson

Stem Program: Beryl Jacobso & Suzanne Kroepsch

***OPEN POSITION. Please volunteer!!!**

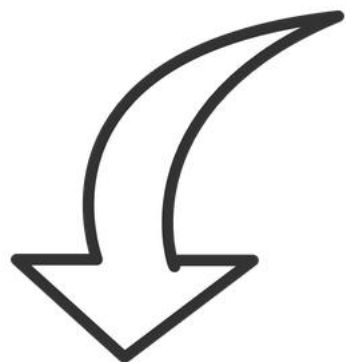
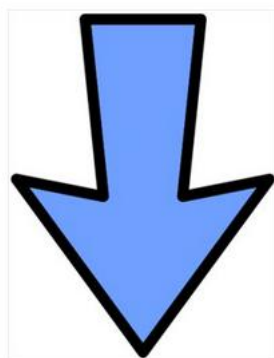
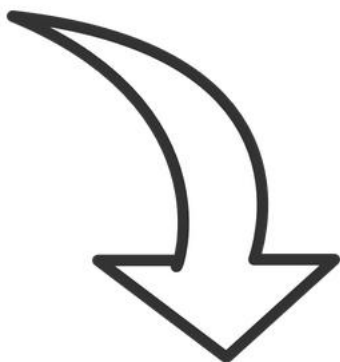


Contact Marsha Johnson with questions or to help. It takes all of us!!!





Book Group with yummies to celebrate the book!!!



Biography for Dr. Mom

Our guest speaker for our October 18 meeting will be our own Douglas County resident, Marianne Neifert, MD, MTS. Over nearly five decades, Dr. Neifert has educated health professionals on breastfeeding and lactation management throughout Colorado and in all 50 states. In 1985, she co-founded the first US model of comprehensive lactation care, which served as a prototype for optimal in-patient and out-patient breastfeeding services. Her enduring efforts have helped to elevate breastfeeding from a woman's "personal choice" to a public health priority warranting society-wide support.

Also known as Dr. Mom®, Marianne gave birth to five children between 1968 and 1975 while completing her medical training, making her an inspiring female physician pathfinder and role model prior to the influx of women into medicine. She has shared empowering positive parenting strategies through her five books, hundreds of magazine articles, frequent media appearances, and positive parenting presentations. Marianne is the proud grandmother of 7 grandchildren between 12 and 20 years.

A woman of deep faith, Marianne returned to school in midlife to earn a Master of Theological Studies at Iliff School of Theology. She was recently honored as Programs Volunteer of the Year at Douglas County Detention Center where she teaches Life Skills and Positive Parenting classes and leads Religious Services among female inmates.

Based on her cumulative impactful contributions, Dr. Neifert was selected as a 2020 Inductee into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame. Marianne will share highlights from her journey and the fulfillment and meaning she has found in using her signature strengths in multiple life arenas.

Criteria Info for our Scholarship Program

Last spring, we decided to pursue a partnership with Arapahoe Community College for the administration of our AAUW Scholarship. This collaboration allowed for a much more diverse base of potential scholarship applicants. As ACC has expanded its reach into Castle Rock and Douglas County, our purpose is to support an ACC student to continue her/his pursuit of a post-secondary degree. We decided to fund this initial scholarship with \$2,000 with the option of continuing that funding to the recipient or selecting another greater amount or an additional recipient the following year. We agreed to continue our collaboration with ACC for 3-5 years unless there was an unforeseen change in our branch's funding source.

Specific criteria were developed to ensure a high quality of applicants for this scholarship. The criteria includes: -a 2.5 GPA or greater, -be degree seeking and carry at least 12 credits, -write a short essay on their career goals and how a scholarship will help achieve those goals, -demonstrate community involvement, -be a resident of Douglas County OR be enrolled in classes at ACC Sturm Collaborative Campus, -provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher or community member.

Selection Process: Applications were reviewed by two ACC Review committee members and one AAUW member (currently Kendra O'Hayre). ACC Scholarship and Financial Aid staff follow up on checking for compliance with all criteria and release funds to the verified recipient after drop class date is passed.

Our ACC Scholarship contact is Travis Ogburn who has been very responsive to our ongoing questions throughout the year. We are now ready to award our DC AAUW Scholarship on **September 20**. We have asked the recipient's to attend our September 20th Awards meeting so our membership will hear about her educational and career goals. The young woman, who received a top score by all the reviewers, has an impressive history and ambitious career goals.

While it has taken a year to develop the structure and details of our collaboration for this scholarship, I believe it provides an excellent framework for supporting needy and deserving post-secondary students.

