



**DOUGLAS COUNTY**

**January, 2025**

“  
A new year  
has tiptoed in.  
Let’s go  
forward to  
meet it.”  
Anusha Atukorala

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**January 25, 2025 8:00am Girl Power!!!\*\***  
**February 7, 2025 9:00am Public Policy Day**  
 Friends and family are always welcome at our meetings!!!

**Save the Date:**  
 Go to the CO State Website to register.  
 Don’t miss this one!!! It will be on zoom and they will send you the link.  
 Very easy to join the conversation!

**AAUW** of Colorado **PUBLIC POLICY DAY**  
 Saturday, February 1, 2025  
 9am—Noon on Zoom

**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:  
 30 Years of *Shining the Light***

The Violence Against Women Act turns 30 this year. What does the Act do? It provides funding and programs to help the recovery of female victims of violence. The renewed act expanded federal protections to LGBTQ+ individuals, Native Americans and immigrants. Public Policy Day 2025 will explore Colorado’s efforts to counter Violence Against Women.

*Featuring:*

 <b>State Rep. Monica Duran</b> House Majority Leader Representative for House District 23	 <b>State Rep. Meg Froelich</b> Representative for House District 3 Proposition KK Sponsor
<b>Elizabeth Newman</b> Public Policy Director, Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault	<b>Roshan Kalantar</b> Executive Director, Violence Free Colorado
<b>Llen Pomeroy</b> Associate Vice Chancellor and Title IX Coordinator for the CU Boulder campus	<b>Debi Hunter Holen</b> Victim’s Rights Advocate, Colorado Victims for Justice

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF COLORADO

**\*\*GIRL POWER!!!**  
**Saturday January 25, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.**

**Sturm Collaboration Campus 4500 Limelight Ave Castle Rock**

Plans are well under way for our second Girl Power Event with Sarah Homer ACC, Sturm Campus Navigator, again our lead organizer. She has the presenters for the four sessions for the 8th grade girls arranged as well as the sessions for the parents. Thank you to Pat Smith for volunteering to give an introductory welcome from AAUW and for leading the parent session. Also, thank you to all the other AAUW members who readily volunteered to fill the needed slots. A few members will need to be juggled around but what a great response to make this a memorable day for the girls, even with the change of date. We need a few more pizza servers just around “rush hour” between 12 and 12:15. It would be great if members already there for the morning could stay an extra 15 minutes to help at this time. Your reward will be all the pizza you can eat.



*Beryl*

Contact Suzanne ([suzanne.kroepsch@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.kroepsch@gmail.com)) or Beryl ([berylmjacobson@gmail.com](mailto:berylmjacobson@gmail.com)) if you can help!



***PUBLIC POLICY REPORT*** via Diane Norten, *Public Policy Chair*

Be sure to join in Public Policy Day! Info above and on the State Website.

*Diane*

**TREASURER'S REPORT** via Deb Swiecinski,  
Treasurer

Hello, January.

December 27, 2024

The current checking account balance is \$10,113.54.

The final membership count for 2024-2025 is 45. We recently added one new member to the roster. Welcome Jane!

Also, I want to remind everyone that if you do not already participate in the Safeway or King Soopers fundraisers, please contact Marcia Miller (millermarcia@me.com) to sign up. It's a great way for us to earn extra income for our projects. So far this year, we received a total of \$437.67 from Safeway and King Soopers. Payments this past year included \$200 for liability insurance and \$160.14 for the scholarship meeting and holiday party expenses.

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

*Deb*

DOUGLAS COUNTY AAUW - US BANK RECONCILIATION - JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025				
APPROVED FY2025 BUDGET				
	Budget	Income	Expenses	Notes
Savings/Future Projects	\$ 3,811.86	\$ 3,811.86		
Balance Scholarship Fund	\$ 4,027.46	\$ 4,377.46		
Donations for Girl Power (9/1/24)	\$ 805.69	\$ 805.69		
Eugenia McClure Grant for Girl Power		\$ 500.00		
Miscellaneous Donations		\$ 26.00		
Payment due to State (Koller, Hecker)		\$ 20.00		
<b>Operating Funds</b>				
Branch Dues (45 @ \$11)	\$ 462.00	\$ 495.00		45 members & 4 state officers on roster
King Soopers Fundraiser	\$ 800.00	\$ 157.67		
Safeway Fundraiser	\$ 500.00	\$ 280.00		
ebay Jewelry Sales	\$ -	\$ -		
Articles of Organization Renewal with State	\$ 10.00		\$ -	File in February
Liability Insurance	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	January 1, 2025 - January 1, 2026
Member/Officer Expenses	\$ 200.00		\$ -	
Programs (speaker & site expenses)	\$ 500.00		\$ 160.14	Schl Mtg Refreshments; Holiday Party
Girl Power Event	\$ 1,500.00		\$ -	
Donations towards Fall Scholarships	\$ 4,000.00		\$ -	
Colorado NCCWSL Donation	\$ 600.00		\$ -	National Scholarships
National AAUW Fund Donation (\$20/member)	\$ 900.00		\$ -	45 members @ \$20/member
2025-2026 Membership Dues \$11				
2025-2026 Scholarship Donations \$50				
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 2,497.01</b>	<b>\$ 10,473.68</b>	<b>\$ 360.14</b>	<b>\$ 10,113.54</b>
				Agrees to US Bank as of 12/27/2024
Projects (includes Girl Power balance of \$805.69)			\$	5,298.41
Scholarships			\$	4,815.13
Total			\$	10,113.54

"I have found that if you love life, life will love you back." —Arthur Rubenstein

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF US FOR OUR HARD WORK! READ ABOUT OUR AWARD!**

**From:** "Parquet, Tremayne" <parquett@aauw.org>  
**Date:** December 16, 2024 at 11:29:06 AM MST  
**To:** MIMIFJ714@aol.com  
**Subject:** Congratulations on your Five Star Achievement!

Dear Branch President,

It is with great pleasure that I share some exciting news—AAUW Douglas County (CO) Branch has achieved two stars in AAUW's **FY24 Five Star Program**! Your branch attained the **Advancement and Programming** stars. This recognition is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and commitment of your branch members to advancing AAUW's mission of gender equity for women and girls.

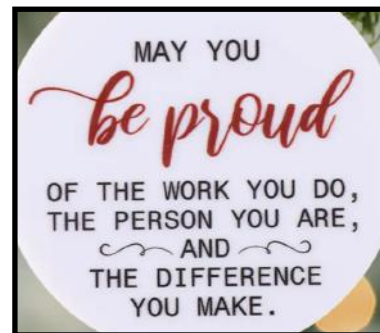
The Five Star Program is designed to honor branches that align their work with AAUW's strategic priorities in areas such as Advancement, Public Policy & Advocacy, Governance & Sustainability, Programming, and Communications & External Relations. Earning two stars is an incredible accomplishment, and we are thrilled to celebrate this success with you.

While we will be updating the AAUW website soon to reflect all the branches that have earned stars this year, we wanted to ensure your branch received this good news first. Your achievement will be highlighted alongside other winning branches, showcasing your vital role in supporting AAUW's mission both locally and nationally. State leadership will be informed in the coming days.

Congratulations again on this well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to creating a more equitable world. If you have any questions or would like additional resources to help your branch continue its progress in the Five Star Program, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards and Happy Holidays,

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Deputy Director of Advancement  
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**Free Money! All you do is EAT! Too Easy!**

**SAFEWAY/ ALBERTSON FUNDRAISER** uses a reloadable card. If you would like a card, let Marcia know. No cost.

**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 or use your phone number. Our club number is Club **YN919**. Holler if you get stuck. Contact is Marcia Miller; [millermarcia@me.com](mailto:millermarcia@me.com)

## INTEREST GROUPS

Chair: Dorothy Nugent, [dorothynugent@comcast.net](mailto: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: Char Sholes, (303) 349-0901, [char37sholes@gmail.com](mailto:char37sholes@gmail.com)

**Couple's Bridge** - meets 1st Saturday monthly @6:30 p.m. in member's home. Contact: Margaret Boone 303-688-3728.

**Morning Book Club** - meets 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 10:00 a.m. at the Castle Rock Library. Contact: Susan Berger, [susanrae68@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lindacwashburn@gmail.com)

**History and Culture Group** - meets every month at different venues. Contact: Stephanie Fong, [s\\_fong@comcast.net](mailto:s_fong@comcast.net), 303-249-0112

**Book Group Books** - contacts are above.

**Morning Group:** **Circling the Sun** by Paula McLain. “The story of a bold young woman whose unconventional upbringing transforms her into a woman with a desire to fly.”

**February:** **All That is Secret** by Patricia Raybon. “Professor Annalee Spain, teaching in Chicago is called home to Denver to solve the mystery of the murder of her estranged father.”

**Afternoon Group:** New list will be out soon!

**Editor's Choice:** **The Heiress** by Rachael Hawkins. “The victim of a famous kidnapping as a child and a widow four times over, Ruby ruled the tiny town of Tavistock from Ashby House, her family’s estate high in the Blue Ridge Mountains. But in the aftermath of her death, her adopted son, Camden, wants little to do with the house or the money—and even less to do with the surviving McTavishes. Instead, he rejects his inheritance” ... or does he?



“Every moment is a fresh beginning.” —T.S. Eliot



Our *Leadership:*

Administrators: Marsha Johnson & Dorothy Nugent

VPs of Programs: Peggy Servaas

VP of Membership: Linda Gaylo

Treasurer: Deb Swiecinski

Website: Pat Smith

Directory and Emails: Pat Proctor

Scholarships: Kendra O'Hayre

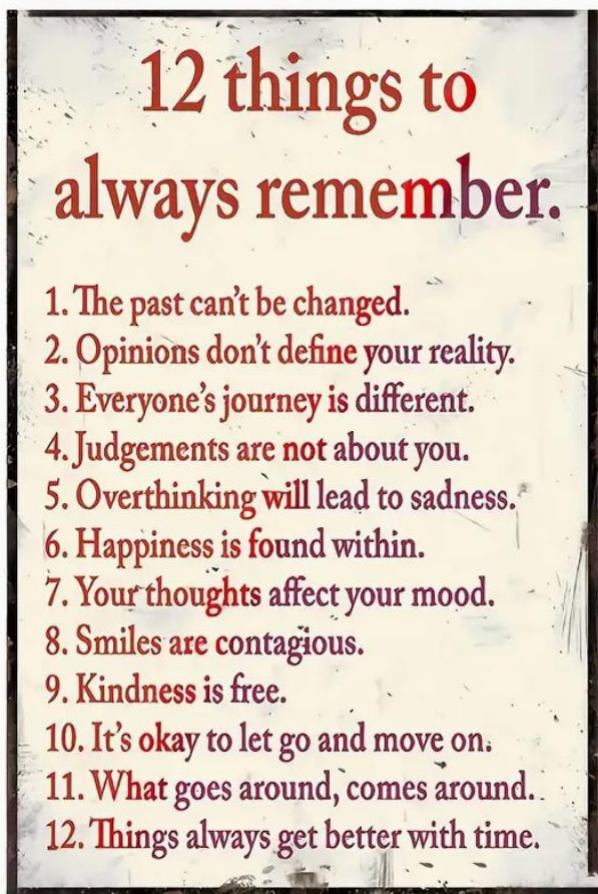
Public Policy: Diane Norten

Secretary: Pat Smith

Newsletter: Marcia Miller

Interest Groups: Dorothy Nugent

Historian: Beryl Jacobson



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**HOLIDAY PARTY, 2024**

*Great friends, great food, great day!!! Winners all!!!*



*Advancing equity for women*