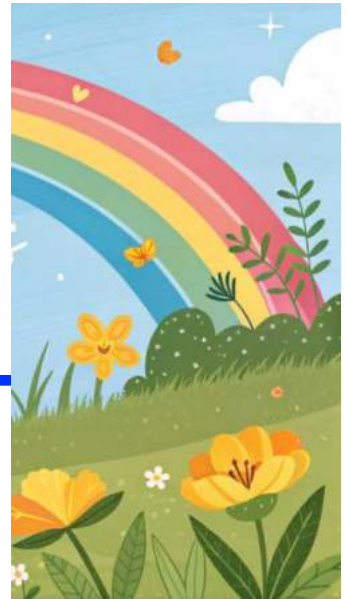




DOUGLAS COUNTY
March/April, 2025



“March is nature’s way of saying, ‘It’s time to bloom.’”

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! !

March 19, 2025	12:30pm	Movie on a Topical Issue*
May 21, 2025	TBD	End of Year Celebration! & Program

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

****March 19th; 12:30 PM Movie starts at 1:00; Discussion to follow Castle Rock Library; Conference Room F Bring a Drink; Popcorn provided!!!***

Colorado AAUW’s 100th Anniversary will be in July, 2026. If you can help with the planning committee for a Douglas County part in this celebration, please let Marsha Johnson know. mimifj714@aol.com

Starting in the near future, our Membership Chair (Linda Gaylo) will send out the newsletter and other info as needed. Pat Proctor has been doing it for years and we thank her for her service!!!

Although the weather was an issue, Girl Power was once again very successful. A BIG thank you to Beryl Jacobson and Suzanne Kroepsch for all their hard work!!! They are meeting with the wonderful coordinators at the Sturm Campus to determine future plans. Pictures at back of this newsletter.

Hello March! Hello April!

Advancing equity for women and girls.



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

Public Policy Update – February 2025

February 1, 2025 was the annual Colorado AAUW Public Policy day held via zoom. The keynote speaker was Colorado House Majority Leader Monica Duran. Her topic was “Violence Against Women-30 Years of Shining the Light.” Important information presented by additional speakers included perspectives on legalities from an attorney, programs to deal with sexual violence on university campuses, missing and indigenous relatives and domestic violence and the law.

The 2025 legislative focus related to AAUW concerns is similar to those of 2025. The current 75th session began on January 8 and will continue until May. Legislative issues that Colorado AAUW actively supports are:

- HB25-1001 Enforcement of Wage Hour Laws
- HB25-1020 Earned Wage Access Service Provider
- HB25-1028 Modification to Address Confidentiality Programs
- HB25-1090 Protections Against Deceptive Pricing Practices
- SB25-0001 Colorado Voting Rights Act
- SB25-0003 Semi-automatic Firearms and Rapid-fire Devices
- SB25-0005 Worker Protective Collective Bargaining
- SB25-0013 Senior Housing Income Tax Credit
- SB25-0014 Protecting Freedom to Marry

Actively support means writing letters of support or testifying in favor of these bills.

Actively oppose means the same thing. Those bills are:

- SB25-0047 Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law
- HB25-1055 Repeal Firearm Dealer Requirement and State Permits
- HB25-1068 Malpractice Insurers Gender-affirming Care Minors

It can be challenging to stay abreast of the progress of these bills but try going to www.Leg.Colrado.gov and search on Status of House Bills or Status of Senate Bills. This site will also provide information on your representatives and an opportunity to get involved.

Diane



“Let’s march forward with hope and courage!”

“March teaches us patience as we wait for the warmth of spring.”



TREASURER'S REPORT via Deb Swiecinski, Treasurer



February 10, 2025

The current checking account balance is \$6,370.61

Recent expenses include \$4,000 for the ACC Scholarship, \$357.38 for the Girl Power Program and \$25 to renew our organization with the CO State Secretary. To date, we have received a total of \$1,059.13 from the Safeway and King Soopers fundraisers and \$17.99 from ebay sales.

A detailed budget of revenues and expenses is attached.

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

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		
Operating Funds				
Branch Dues (45 @ \$11)	\$ 462.00	\$ 495.00		45 members & 4 state officers on roster
King Soopers Fundraiser	\$ 800.00	\$ 304.13		
Safeway Fundraiser	\$ 500.00	\$ 755.00		
ebay Jewelry Sales	\$ -	\$ 17.99		Girl Power Support
Articles of Organization Renewal with State	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	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		\$ 357.38	
Donations towards Fall Scholarships	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	ACC Foundation
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				
BALANCE	\$ 2,482.01	\$ 11,113.13	\$ 4,742.52	\$ 6,370.61
				Agrees to US Bank as of 2/10/2024
Projects (includes Girl Power balance of \$805.69)			\$	4,934.02
Scholarships			\$	1,436.59
Total			\$	6,370.61

Deb

“March: When the weather can’t make up its mind.”



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: Char Sholes, (303) 349-0901, 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, 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

History and Culture Group - meets every month at different venues. Contact: Stephanie Fong, s_fong@comcast.net, 303-249-0112

“April is the month when I finally accept that winter is over... maybe.”

Book Group Books - *contacts are above.*

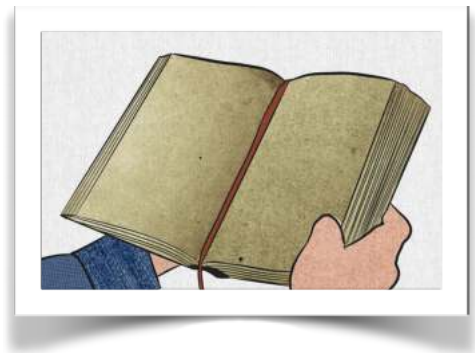
Morning Group: March: **A Woman of No Importance** by Sonia Purcell; The story of Virginia Hale, the American spy who changed the course of WWII.

April: **Full Body Burden** by Kristen Iverson; The author's story of growing up in a small Colorado town close to Rocky Flats, a secret nuclear weapons plant.

Afternoon Group: March: **Tell Me Everything** by Elizabeth Strout; With her remarkable insight into the human condition and silences that contain multitudes, Elizabeth Strout returns to the town of Crosby, Maine, and to her beloved cast of characters ... as they deal with a shocking crime in their midst, fall in love and yet choose to be apart, and grapple with the question, as Lucy Barton puts it, “What does anyone's life mean?”

April: **The Night Portrait** by Laura Morelli; An exciting, dual-timeline historical novel about the creation of one of Leonardo da Vinci's most famous paintings, Portrait of a Lady with an Ermine, and the woman who fought to save it from Nazi destruction during World War II.

Editor's Choice: **Rules of Civility** by Amor Towles; (A) chance encounter and its startling consequences propel Katey on a year-long journey into the upper echelons of New York society — where she will have little to rely upon other than a bracing wit and her own brand of cool nerve.





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



***“Hello, April!
It’s time to embrace challenges and grow stronger.”***

Girl Power, 2025!

Thank you to our members & ACC Sturm Campus!

