



DOUGLAS COUNTY **The Final, 2025**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!

**With fun!
With joy!!
With happiness!!!
With smiles for everyone!!!!**



"Good friends never say goodbye. They simply say 'See you soon.'" – Unknown

thank you

Our Leadership:

Administrator: Marsha Johnson

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

DC AAUW Administrator's Letter

June 16, 2025

Dear Ladies of DC AAUW,



I wanted to send along an update on our disbandment journey with AAUW.

I have been in contact with the state board who have been very gracious and helpful with our process to close our branch. Documents required by National have been sent to Angela Cooper at National and copies sent to the State officers.

We mailed a check to the Sturm Campus of Arapahoe Community College (ACC) as our last donation of this fiscal year in the amount of \$4500. At our Damascus party a few weeks ago, we were informed by Kendra that this amount would be matched by I believe the ACC Foundation.

Great news!! If any of you wish to contribute further donations to ACC Scholarships, please mail a check to:

ACC Foundation
5900 S Santa Fe Drive
Campus Box 43
Littleton, CO. 80160-9002

In the memo of the check you can add: **DC Women for Scholars**. Your donation will be tax deductible since the ACC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. You may contact Kendra O'Hayre if you have further questions.

For those of you who are planning on continuing your AAUW membership with state or national, please contact the State Treasurer: Linda Joseph, 6871 S Marion Circle W, Centennial, CO 80122. Her phone number is 303-794-8630. She can help you with information and get you registered as a state & national member or a national member alone.

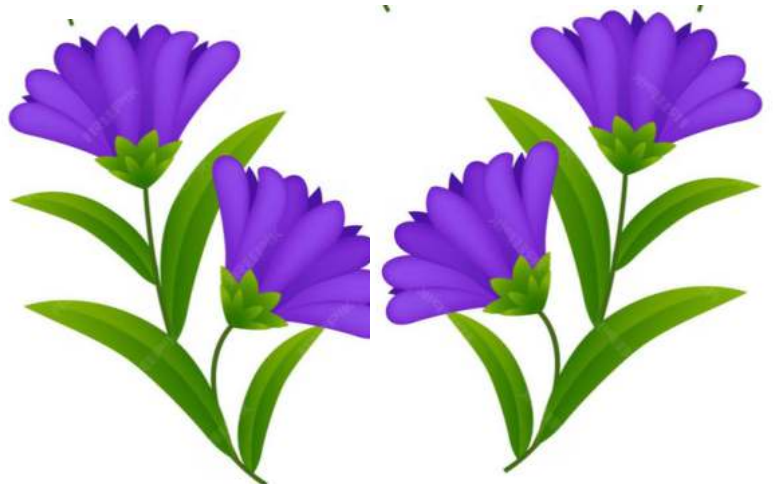
The balance of our checking account is currently around \$518. We are waiting for checks coming from our King Soopers and Safeway fundraisers. Once we receive those, we will close our checking account and send the remaining funds to the state NCWSSL fund.

It has been a pleasure of mine working with our board to get through this process. Thank you to Linda G, Marcia M, Pat S, Pat P, Beryl J, Suzanne K, Dorothy N, Deb S, Kendra O, Diane N and Peggy S. Great team!!

Thank you so much to all.

Let's keep in touch!!

Marsha Johnson
DCAAUW Administrator



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Suggestions to continue:

1. Renew membership as an at-large member. You will be only charged for National dues. Or with the State and/or National. (Address & phone number in President's note above.)
2. You may select to renew membership as a member of the Littleton, Aurora or Colorado Springs chapters. (See Colorado AAUW website.)
3. Join the League of Women Voters which has 300+ members in Douglas and Arapahoe Counties.
4. Continue to participate in the Girl Power and Scholarship Program as a volunteer with Arapahoe Community College.
5. Opt to continue seeing previous members in social settings or ongoing book and/or bridge clubs.

Message from Jill Smith, Colorado AAUW President

To: Marsha Johnson

Re: Douglas County AAUW Branch Disbandment

Date: May 20, 2025

Yes, this is sad news. Your little but mighty branch has worked so hard to 'stay solvent' but in these difficult times difficult decisions need to be made.

We will contact our state Treasurer, Linda Joseph, who will be helping us and you with the process.

We hope that some members will choose other branches as many Boulder members did when they disbanded.

We will be in touch and thank you for this heartfelt notification.

Jill (Smith)

**MAY YOU BE PROUD
OF THE WORK YOU DO
THE PERSON YOU ARE
AND THE DIFFERENCE
YOU MAKE**

All fundraisers have ended.
Many thanks for all the years
you participated!
Your participation brought in a
lot of free money that we put to
good use helping others. Be
proud, very very proud!

marcia, fundraising chair



"As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way." –

Mary Anne Radmacher

DCAAUW Scholarship Update

Recently, Travis Ogburn, ACC Scholarship Chair, notified me of the final 8 applicants for the final DCAAUW Scholarship. I reviewed and evaluated the finalists and made recommendations. Travis and the ACC Financial Aid office then matched the finalists with the available scholarships. They were notified and the funds transferred to their ACC accounts.

On June 26, I sent scholarship certificates, congratulatory letters, and some additional AAUW information to the two selected recipients of our final DC AAUW Scholarships. Travis will deliver the "packets" of information to these deserving ACC students.

It has truly been a rewarding experience working with ACC these past years. Our AAUW Branch should be proud of the support we provided to advancing the educational opportunities in our community. Additional funds we have sent will roll over to the ACC Foundation and will receive matching funds. These can be earmarked for a scholarship under the name of "Douglas County Women for Scholars." In this way, even without the DCAAUW label, our legacy of supporting current and future students will continue!

ACC contributions to scholarships can be sent to: ACC Foundation, 5900 S Santa Fe Drive, Campus Box 43, Littleton, CO 80120

FYI: Our DCAAUW Branch has awarded scholarships to local students since 1965. That's 60 years of supporting continuing educational pursuits in our community. We have also contributed regularly to our Colorado State AAUW leadership/scholarship program and to our National AAUW Scholarship Fund. If you wish, you may continue to support these efforts through the State and/or National AAUW websites.

Kendra O'Hayre, Scholarship Chair



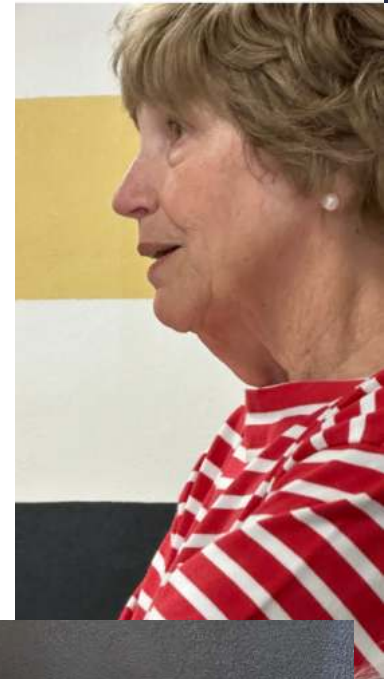
"You've changed me forever. And I'll never forget you." – Kiera Cass

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela



DAMASCUS GRILL -
Farewell Luncheon

Twenty-three in attendance for a great meal,
wonderful guest speaker, and conversation!



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In our memory forever!

Carol Burdick
Leatherman

**August 16, 1945 —
May 31, 2025**



Carol Burdick Leatherman, age 79, died peacefully in her home on May 31, 2025. She was born in Washington, D.C. to Larry and Janet Burdick and spent her childhood in Wheatridge, CO where she attended Wheatridge High School. She started college at SMU and later transferred to the University of Colorado where she met the love of her life, Dennis. During their almost 59 year marriage, they lived in Houston, TX, Charlotte, NC, Deerfield, IL, Pittsburgh, PA, Castle Rock, CO and most recently moved to Erickson Windcrest in Highlands Ranch, CO.

While in Pittsburgh, Carol completed her BS degree in Education at the University of Pittsburgh and worked part time as an independent sales agent in the food industry for over 20 years. She was the loving mother of 2 children, Nancy and Michael and spent countless hours on their activities, sporting events, homemade costumes and crafts. Carol was also active in multiple volunteer organizations including the Junior Women's Club in Pittsburgh and the American Association of University Women in Colorado.

Carol was an avid duplicate and contract bridge player, achieving her Life Master in 2011. She was also a voracious reader, rarely leaving home without her Kindle. Carol was also an accomplished backgammon player, winning many competitions including a national doubles event with husband Dennis in 2000. She loved jigsaw puzzles and games of all kinds. Denny and Carol traveled extensively both in the US and abroad but her favorite destination was Hilton Head, SC where she loved to indulge in her favorite food, crab legs.

Carol is survived by her husband of 59 years, Dennis Leatherman, children Nancy Leatherman (Denver, CO) and Michael Leatherman (Longmont, CO), and her brother Daniel Burdick (Colleen) as well as numerous nieces, nephews and close friends.

Carol was a DCAAUW Member for 25 years!

*"Sometimes memories sneak out of my eyes
and roll down my cheeks." — Unknown*



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ENJOY LIFE AND SMILE EVERY DAY!!!



*“I have to say goodbye to you now but always keep in
mind that we will meet again soon.*

You will always be in my heart!”

Hugs, marcia miller