

## Fall Leadership Conference-- Looking to the Future

Our **Fall Leadership Conference** will be held **September 5 – 6** at **Lion Square Lodge** in **Vail, Colorado**. Lion Square Lodge is located in the Lionshead area of Vail. The group rates are available for up to 2 days prior and 2 days after our conference, subject to availability. This is a great time of year to visit Vail with warm days and cool nights if you would like to plan a mini-vacation getaway.

The Fall Conference is a time for state and branch officers to meet and work together. The conference is open to any member, but branches should be sure to have their officers attend and participate. This is your opportunity to help us look to the future and your input is welcome and needed.



This year's conference will focus on looking at the future for our state organization with the development of a strategic plan. There will be a time for Branch Presidents/Administrators who arrive on Friday afternoon to meet together. This will be an opportunity to get acquainted with your peers and share successes and provide input to the state officers on what support you need. The state board will also be meeting on Saturday.

The tentative schedule, hotel information and registration are included on pages 2-3 in this *Bulletin*. Please note the early deadline for reduced lodging rates and make your plans now!



*Lion Square Lodge Lounge Area*

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# AAUW 2014 Fall Leadership Conference

Friday, September 5 and Saturday, September 6

Lion Square Lodge

660 W Lionshead Place, Vail, CO

To make room reservations, call 1-800-525-1123 and request the AAUW Fall Leadership Retreat Group Rate. Group rates are available up to 2 days prior and 2 days after the conference subject to availability. Reservations should be made as early, preferably by July 1, but no later than July 30 to guarantee the group rates. Available rates are as follows per night:

Lodge/Hotel Room	\$129
One Bedroom Condo	\$169
One Bedroom Condo + Loft	\$229

## Conference Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your present AAUW office (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special accommodations, dietary restrictions or assistance needed

Registration Fee (before August 1)	\$30 _____
Registration Fee (after August 1)	\$35 _____
Registration for Saturday Only (before August 1)	\$25 _____
Registration for Saturday Only (After August 1)	\$30 _____

Friday Night Dinner (Buffet Dinner including Mixed Green Salad, Grilled chicken, Herb Encrusted Salmon, Fettuccine, Roasted Herb Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Peach Cobbler, Bread and Beverages)	\$35 _____
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Saturday Breakfast (Buffet including Seasonal Fruit, Croissants and Muffins with a variety of beverages)	\$15 _____
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Saturday Lunch Buffet (Buffet including Tortilla Chips, Salsa, Black Beans and Rice, Guacamole, Sour Cream, Vegetable a la Mexicana, Carne Asada and Grilled Fish Taco Bar, Cheese Enchiladas, Chicken Enchiladas and Sopapillas with Pineapple Stuffing)	\$30 _____
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Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to AAUW Colorado and mail by August 1 to Marilyn Zimmerman, 509 29 ¼ Rd #F, Grand Junction, CO 81504. No refunds after August 27.**

# AAUW Colorado 2014 Leadership Conference

Lions Square Lodge, Vail, CO

All meetings will be held in the Gore Creek & Columbine Rooms  
(Tentative Schedule)

## Friday, September 5

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Program Committee Meeting
3:30 – 4:30	Public Policy Committee Meeting
4:30 – 5:30	Branch Presidents Gathering
5:30 – 6:15	Meet and Greet Social Hour (Cash Bar with Wine and Beer)
6:15 – 7:30	Dinner
7:30 – 9:00	Overview of the Strategic Planning Process What is Our Vision for the Future?

## Saturday, September 6

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45 – 9:30	Who Does What?
9:30 - 10:30	State Board Meeting
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:45	Critical Issues: What Are Our Strengths and Opportunities?
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	Developing Our Goals?
1:30 – 2:30	How Will We Measure Our Goals?
2:30 – 2:45	Closing and Wrap-Up

# Public Policy

by Diane Fuchs, Public Policy Co-Director

As **Barbara McDaniel** is finishing her term of office as Public Policy Co-Director as of June 30, 2014, we wish to thank her so very much for all her fine work, particularly on the 2014 Public Policy Day.

At the State Convention's Board of Directors meeting in April it was voted that Colorado AAUW will oppose the 2014 Colorado personhood ballot initiative.

We have recently been informed that **Equal Pay Day 2015** is scheduled for **April 14, 2015**.

**Public Policy Day 2015:** The Marriott Denver South has been reserved for our 2015 Public Policy Day on February 7. A block of rooms has been reserved for attendees who wish to stay over night at a rate of \$92.00 for a double or single room. All arrangement for room rental must be made through the hotel. The cost for the day's events and lunch will be \$35.00 and registrations must be in by January 30.

Complete information regarding Public Policy Day will appear in the Winter *Bulletin*.

# from the president. . .

I am honored to be serving as your state president for the next two years. I want to thank Diane Norten for serving the last two years as state president, along with all of the state officers and branch presidents/administrators.

I also want to thank the **Lakewood Branch**, especially **Betty Flaten**, Local Arrangements Chair, and our State Program Vice Presidents, **Elnore Grow** and **Laurel Seppala-Etra** for a great **state convention**. If you missed this convention, be sure to put next year's on your calendar now, April 24-25, 2015, hosted by the Fort Collins Branch.



Summer is always a time of transition for AAUW and this summer is no exception. Many branches will be changing officers, and I want to welcome all the new officers and thank those that are returning for another year or two.

Our **fall conference** this year will focus on developing a statewide strategic plan as we look to the future. We welcome everyone to help us in this important process and want a broad range of input. So plan now to attend--you'll find registration and hotel information along with a tentative schedule in this issue of the *Bulletin*. Make your hotel reservations now by calling Lion Square Lodge, 1-800-525-1123, and requesting a room under the "**AAUW Fall Leadership Retreat Group**" and be sure to send your registration early.

As many of you are aware, I have been working with an exploratory committee to look at the possibility of offering a **Tech Trek Camp** in Colorado. This spring we sent a survey to state board members and branch presidents, based on the survey results the committee felt we were not yet ready to move forward. I will provide some additional information and discussion on Tech Trek during the Branch President's Gathering on Friday, September 5, at the Fall Conference.

With the changes in the bylaws and policies this spring, I am working to strengthen our committee structure and building the new communications committee. If you are interested in serving on one of our state board committees-- program, membership, finance, bylaws, public policy or communications--please contact me.

Also a reminder to branches that requests for the Eugenia McClure grant are due by August 1. An application is included in this issue. **Be sure to put February 7, 2015, on your calendar for our Public Policy Day**--and I hope to see you at the Fall Conference.

I am looking forward to working together the next two years to move AAUW Colorado forward. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, ideas or concerns at [mz812@earthlink.net](mailto:mz812@earthlink.net) or phone **970-314-7482**.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn Zimmerman".

Marilyn Zimmerman

## Denver Branch Member Honored



Congratulations to **Valorie Yarbrough**, the recipient of the **Government Award** presented by the **National Council of Negro Women** at a reception held in April at Denver's Central Library. Valerie is an analyst with the Denver Office of Economic Development, where she was instrumental in helping over 1,000 small businesses gain the certification necessary for them to land contracting opportunities with the City and County of Denver.

*THANK YOU:*

Serving as the State President for the past two years has been a rewarding experience. I have learned so much about AAUW, made contacts at the national office, met many wonderful women, shared and gathered ideas, held meetings with Branch leaders and attended other women's organizations meetings. It is overwhelming to recognize the dedication to promote advocacy for women and girls. About the time the president's term is up, I realize that there are so many things left to do but I know the role of president is being passed to a wonderful leader who will continue efforts in our mission.



During the past two years I have had the privilege of representing and providing information about AAUW at the following meetings and events: the Women's Collaborative, 9 to 5, the Women's Foundation, Women Engaging Globally, Women and Girls Lead, The Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, the United Nations local organization, Girls Lead, Legislative Breakfast and Zonta. It was my goal, when my term started, to establish collaborations with other organizations as I am a firm believer in the power of numbers and so many women's groups have missions similar to those of AAUW. That task, **Working Together, Accomplishing More**, will hopefully continue with each branch. I also acknowledged the need to look at where our future members are coming from and applied for an Organizer Grant with AAUW. We were awarded the grant based on our desire to increase the number of College and University partners and the number of student affiliates. With the help of **Katherine Yelle**, that has been accomplished. Young women are our future.. Our state board recognized the importance of our future leaders by approving a resolution to support NCCWSL for college women. Branches are encouraged to send women to this important event.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for their help and support. The Board members who lead this state are a dedicated group and responsive to our member needs. I also would like to thank all of the branches that I was able to visit for their hospitality and to Colorado members for the lovely glass plaque parting gift. It provides many cherished memories of my term.

Colorado has so many reasons to be proud of our accomplishments. I wish all of the members and the future board my support in their continued work.

Diane Norton.

## **Resolution Regarding National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**

**AAUW Colorado recognizes the importance of educating and training our next generation of women in leadership skills.**

**AAUW Colorado believes Colorado college women would benefit personally and professionally from leadership education and training.**

**AAUW Colorado acknowledges that the AAUW NCCWSL program provides much education and training.**

**AAUW Colorado also recognizes that NCCWSL provides young women with the confidence and skills to take action after returning to campus and to carry those skills into life after college.**

**Therefore, be it resolved that AAUW Colorado supports sending state collegiate representative(s) to the NCCWSL conference.**

**\*approved as amended April 26, 2014**

# State Board Meeting and Annual Meeting Report

AAUW Colorado held its annual State Convention April 26-27 in Lakewood, CO. During that time the State Board met on Saturday morning and the Annual State Business Meeting was held Saturday afternoon.

The State Board approved a resolution regarding NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). A copy of that resolution is included on page 5 in this *Bulletin*.

Policy updates were also approved as recommended by the Bylaws Committee and as printed in the Spring Bulletin. In addition, they approved the following change in policy regarding dues for Student Affiliate Members:

## **N. Dues.**

**2. Each branch shall pay annual state dues of \$10.00 for each member and associate member, excepting those members whose dues are paid directly to the AAUW. E-STUDENT AFFILIATES AND STUDENT AFFILIATES OF A BRANCH SHALL NOT PAY ANNUAL STATE DUES.**

Also approved that AAUW Colorado oppose the upcoming Personhood Ballot Initiative.

At the Annual Business Meeting, the proposed bylaws amendments were approved as presented in the Spring *Bulletin*.

State Officers were also elected: **Stormy McDonald (Lakewood Branch) and Danielle Norris(CO e-Network Branch) will continue as Membership Co-Vice Presidents, Jeane Lindeke (Boulder Branch) as AAUW Funds Director and Cara Koch (Colorado Springs Branch) as Public Policy Co-Director.**

## Nominating Committee Searches for a Few Good Women



While the 2013-2014 fiscal year for AAUW has come to a close, the state nominating committee will be getting to work soon to choose a new slate of candidates to replace outgoing officers. Who are your nominating committee members? **Diane Fuchs (Evergreen), Joan Peterson (Aurora), Margaret Greivel (Lakewood), Laurel Seppala-Etra (Boulder), and Brenda Wolfe (Colo Springs) and Linda Joseph (Littleton-South Metro) as committee alternates. And me, Sarah Behm (Boulder), as the nominating committee chair.**

The nominating committee is looking for candidates to take outgoing officer positions places on the state board starting fiscal year 2015-2016. Positions that we're currently looking to fill are: President Elect, Program Co Vice- Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and one Public Policy Co-Director. Our goal is to have a slate of candidates chosen by the March 2015 publication date of the state *Bulletin*. We will be contacting members starting very soon to consider eligible candidates. Please note that with the exception of the President Elect, each of the selected positions serves a term of two years. The president elect serves a (1) year term in this position, then (2) years as president and finally, (1) year as past president.

Candidates chosen for selected positions will also be expected to complete application forms as part of the selection process.

Please feel free to contact any nominating committee member if you have ideas for potential candidates:

**Sarah Behm (NomCom Chair): (720) 635-8201 [drsar@yahoo.com](mailto:drsar@yahoo.com)**  
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**Linda Joseph (Alternate): 303-794-8630 [Lpjoseph5@msn.com](mailto:Lpjoseph5@msn.com)**



## 2014 State Legislative Round-Up

Many thanks go to all who took action on state bills via [AAUW's Two-Minute Activist](#) e-alerts and to the hard-working members of our 2014 volunteer lobby corps: *Renee Forsythe, Elaine Gardner, Danielle Norris, Connie Paeglow, Lindy Reed, and Amy Blackwell (coordinator)*. Updated 5/31/2014, these are the 2014 Colorado bills upon which AAUW Colorado took a stance. NOTE: The 2014 regular session of the Colorado General Assembly adjourned on 5/7/2014. For the latest status updates on our bills, please see the [Advocacy page](#) of our state website or the [notes section](#) of our Facebook page. For full bill information, please visit <http://www.leg.state.co.us>.

### Actively Support (lobby corps + grassroots member mobilization as needed)

- HB14-1085 (Adult Education And Literacy Programs): sent to governor
- HB14-1154 (Employment Of Community College Faculty): postponed indefinitely
- HB14-1324 (Unlawful Termination Of Pregnancy Civil Damages): postponed indefinitely -- then different version introduced as *HB14-1388 (Civil Damages Unlawful Termination Of A Pregnancy)*, which has been sent to governor
- SB14-001 (College Affordability Act): signed into law by governor
- SB14-005 (Wage Protection Act): signed into law by governor
- SB14-175 (Reproductive Health Freedom Act): bill pulled by sponsor
- SB14-196 (FAMLI Insurance Program Wage Replacement): bill sponsor request to lay over until 5/8/2014 (after adjournment of 2014 legislative session)

### Actively Oppose (lobby corps + grassroots member mobilization as needed)

- HB14-1049 (Offenses Against Unborn Children): postponed indefinitely
- HB14-1133 (Protect Human Life At Conception): postponed indefinitely
- SB14-074 (Repeal Damages State Empl Discrimination Claims): postponed indefinitely

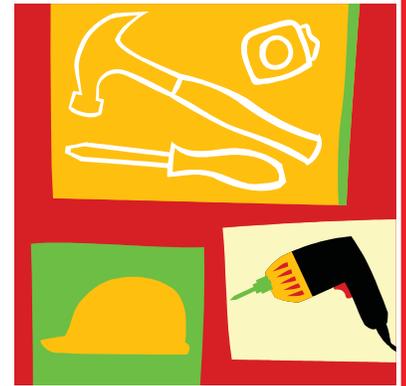
### Support (grassroots member mobilization as needed)

- HB14-1017 (Expand Availability of Affordable Housing): signed into law by governor
- HB14-1045 (Breast & Cervical Cancer Treatment): signed into law by governor
- HB14-1072 (Income Tax Credit For Child Care Expenses): signed into law by governor
- HB14-1124 (In-state Tuition American Indians Tribes Tie To CO): postponed indefinitely
- HB14-1131 (Cyber Bullying): postponed indefinitely
- HB14-1273 (Human Trafficking): signed into law by governor
- SB14-019 (Status of Taxpayers Who May File Joint Returns): signed into law by governor
- SB14-059 (Statute Of Limitations Crime Related To Sex Crimes): signed into law by governor
- SB14-087 (Identification Cards Issuance Standards): sent to governor

### Oppose (grassroots member mobilization as needed)

- HB14-1043 (Create Voter Outreach Through Enfranchisement Act): postponed indefinitely

- HB14-1120 (Tax Increase Approval By 2014 For School Finance): postponed indefinitely
- HB14-1128 (Reduce Voter Identity Theft): postponed indefinitely
- SB14-033 (Tax Credits For Nonpublic Education): postponed indefinitely
- SB14-071 (Mail Ballot Opt Out): postponed indefinitely
- SB14-079 (Challenges To Ballot Cast By Mail): postponed indefinitely



**Watch (no action unless AAUW Colorado changes its stance)**

- HB14-1162 (Protect Rape Victim Where Child Conceived): signed into law by governor
- SB14-003 (Colorado Child Care Assistance Program): sent to governor

*Respectfully submitted by Amy Blackwell, Volunteer Lobbyist & Lobby Corps Coordinator, [ae\\_blackwell@yahoo.com](mailto:ae_blackwell@yahoo.com)*

**BRANCH PUBLICITY POWER TOOLS:  
AAUW COLORADO WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE**

Got an AAUW-mission-based program or fundraiser to promote? Contact Amy Blackwell at [ae\\_blackwell@yahoo.com](mailto:ae_blackwell@yahoo.com). She'll help you spread the word about your branch's work to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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**Loveland**

In April, teachers from two of the elementary STEM schools in the Thompson School district told us about the work they are doing. In addition, parents who are involved in setting up extracurricular STEM activities told us about their work. The Loveland branch was able to have outgoing president, Diane Norten, visit our branch for our May luncheon. We are proud of our branch member, Linda French, whose artwork was chosen by judges to be on the AAUW notecards that came out the week of our luncheon. Most members were involved in our plant sale on the Saturday before Mother's Day - thankfully before the snow fell the next day. The money made from this event will support our graduate scholarship winner.



**Aurora**

In May, the Aurora Branch held our spring luncheon to celebrate the Local Scholarship awarded to student recipients. Among other qualifications, applicants must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, be Aurora residents and be in their junior or senior year of college for the fall term. This year, three \$1,000 scholarships and one \$500 scholarship were awarded to Chelsea Brunner, a junior at Colorado State University majoring in Health and Exercise Science; Maria Garibay Campos, a junior at University of Colorado School of Nursing majoring in nursing; Jose Guerero Baez, a junior at University of Colorado School of Nursing majoring in nursing; Brianna Whitaker, a senior at Colorado State University majoring in Business Administration; and Breanna Snyder, a senior at Colorado State University, was also selected as alternate in case any of our recipients are unable to use their scholarship funds. The AAUW Aurora Branch Local Scholarship program is primarily funded through our annual fall luncheon held at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Our membership also supports the scholarship program through generous individual contributions.

*(more Branch News on following page)*

## Colorado Springs

The branch awarded two \$1000 and two \$500 scholarships to women attending UCCS in the fall semester 2014: Nicole Renfrow, Adrienne Roth, Laura Horvath and Melissa Spencer. Our Local Scholarships Committee, composed of **Susan Bydalek, Charlotte Gagne, Elizabeth Leslie, and Sandy Johannsen**, evaluated the very competitive applications we received, more than in any other year except one in the past ten years, and chose the four winners based on the equally-weighted criteria of Academic Excellence (The grade point averages of all winners were 3.7- 3.9), Financial Need (All winners had serious need), Personal Statement (All winners are in male-dominated, mostly STEM fields), and Letter of Recommendation (All winners had glowing recommendations). Congratulations to these winners, shown here with the Scholarships Committee.



## Gunnison

The Gunnison Branch is celebrating 40 years of promoting original artists and craftsmen. What started out as a way to give local artist a venue to share their original work with the community as part of one of AAUW's areas of interest at that time has grown into an anticipated summer activity supported by the local community with artist from several states promoting original design and work. This allows us to provide 4 scholarships to Western Colorado State University, support the AAUW Foundation, and local projects that promote education opportunities for women and girls. Please join us for a lovely **Art in the Park on Sunday, July 27**, in the **Legion Park in Gunnison, Colorado**.

In May, we were delighted by the presentation the state winners of the National History Day competition in the Junior Team Category shared with the branch. The team of Breanne and Marie are 8th graders. They researched, organized and wrote their presentation on Dr. Suess. There is no money in the school budget to help the participants so the branch decided to award the team a \$600.00 scholarship to help them as they travel to College Park, Maryland for the National Competition.

## Foothills

It is with sadness that we note the passing of **Carol Coon** on April 29, 2014. Carol was a dedicated and active member of the Foothills' AAUW Branch, always giving tirelessly of her time and talents. The Foothills bulletin, which Carol assembled and produced was always outstanding and a great service to the branch. Carol's interests in our Foothills Branch were wide and varied. She was a long time member of the Lunch Bunch interest group as well as the Tea Group (food was important to her and especially breads!!). The computer group provided a diversion and opportunity to share frustrations when working on the bulletin. Carol was also a member of the stitchery group and played poker until this group folded. Each year, Carol attended the AAUW State Convention/Public Policy Day. She strongly believed in the Foothills Las Amigas program as well as in the AAUW Educational Funds Program. She was so invested in these programs that she was selected for the Named Gift/Branch Recognition Award four times. In 2004 Carol received the Daisy Award from the Colorado State Association. Her love of reading was well known, including mysteries, and Colorado history. She was an enthusiastic member of the Arvada Historical Society and History Colorado. Additionally, Daughters of the American Revolution occupied her interest in recent years, leading to her enjoyment of the lectures and researching her family's history--Dottie Brenner.



Carol Coon

After a summer of no peaches in 2013, Foothills members are looking forward go resuming the annual **peach sale**. Information for ordering will be available by flyer or on the website in late June with delivery expected in early August. Western Slope peaches will be a real treat again!

Our other annual event is our **Meet the Authors Luncheon** on Saturday, September 20. We hope to avoid the blizzard that plagued that event in March, 2013. We're extremely pleased to have three wonderful Colorado authors lined up: **Francine Mathews** (who also writes as Stephanie Barron), **Gail Storey**, and **Mary Taylor Young**. We look forward to having members of other branches join us.

## Littleton-South Metro

Members were treated to a wealth of Colorado history during our annual May potluck. Speaker **Theodore A. Borrillo** has recently published a book entitled *Denver's Historic Elitch Theatre - A Nostalgic Journey*, a comprehensive history of this famous theatre that Cecil B. De Mille called "one of the greatest cradles of drama in American history." Elitch's is as well remembered for its beautiful gardens as for the theater, so we continued on with a "garden" theme in June as a fundraiser for Legal Advocacy Fund and Educational Opportunities Fund. We toured the lovely gardens of a member's home; and Master Gardener **Kay Galvan** gave advice on the proper method of planting flower pots and other helpful garden tips.



## Lakewood

The highlight for Lakewood AAUW this year took place April 25-26, when our branch hosted AAUW's State Convention for Colorado. It was well attended (76 participants), informative, and entertaining. A BIG THANK YOU to our members, **Elnore Grow and Betty Flaten**, for their many hours of hard work to make it happen. Thank you also to **Diane Meyer** and the Gourmet Potpourri interest group for providing the amazing food for Friday's reception, and to **Dave Hitztaler and Doug Wylie** for serving as volunteer bartenders for the reception. We also greatly appreciate the many Lakewood AAUW members who volunteered in various capacities, both planning the convention and working at the reception.



*Renewing friendships and enjoying the reception at the Lakewood Heritage Center's 1920 schoolhouse during State Convention 2014.*

# LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP AWARD 2014

The Colorado Awards Committee is pleased to announce the selection of **Betty Flaten** as the recipient of the **2014 Legacy of Leadership Award**. The award is presented in alternating years at the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference. The recipient of this award must have shown leadership in AAUW at the state level and demonstrated a strong commitment to the mission of AAUW.

Betty Flaten joined AAUW in 1984. She currently maintains membership in the Foothills and Lakewood Branches. Her contributions to Colorado AAUW have been extensive and members have benefited from her support and guidance. As a member of the Lakewood branch, Betty served as the LAF chair, branch president and for three years the chair of their Home Fair.

At the state level, Betty has co-chaired the Public Policy Committee, chaired the Education Fund, was co-Vice President of Programs, served as a member of the National Leadership Corp, has been a lobbyist, an AAUW representative on the Women's Collaborative Board and as the Colorado State President from 2006-2008. Her event planning skills were evident as she chaired the arrangements for the 2010 Rocky Mountain Regional Conference and again as chair of the 2014 state convention.



*Betty Flaten (right) pictured with Lilly Ledbetter*

Betty retired from teaching in 1993. After 31 years of being in the classroom, she continued to work with students by tutoring in Aurora and JeffCo schools. She has been involved in educational, political and community activities. She has been the recipient of the following awards for her volunteer activities:

- JCEA Jeffy Award in 1970
- CEA Distinguished Service Award in 1983
- Colorado Education Association PACE Award in 1984
- CEA Lion Award in 1992
- Hazel Petrocco CEA Women's Leadership Award in 1993
- JCAE Leadership Award in 1993
- Who's Who in American Politics

Her colleagues describe her as “efficient and dedicated”, “does not expect or need accolades for her behind the scenes work”, “I am amazed at her energy level”. “Her values are AAUW values”. “She is a strong supporter of women and education and is very deserving of the Legacy Award.” On a personal note, Betty enjoys traveling and has visited all seven continents. She enjoys reading, hiking, spending time with her cat, Maggie and has a weakness for silent auctions. She is currently involved with activities at Rocky Mountain Public Television. AAUW Colorado has benefited greatly from her participation and we are honored to present her with this award.

## AAUW Science Fair Winner

During the **Colorado Science and Engineering Fair**, held in Ft. Collins earlier this spring, participant **Daisy Garcia** was awarded \$200 by AAUW for her project, “*Making Biodegradable Plastic Out of Banana Peels.*” She is from Center High School in Center, Colorado. Daisy’s explanation of her project:



*Daisy Garcia  
with her winning project*

“The reason why I did this project was to create a new, renewable, and environmental friendly method to make biodegradable plastic. I used banana peels because people don’t use them for anything. To prove that the plastic I made was biodegradable, I used energy from a parabolic solar concentration to recycle and melt it. People should care about what I did because it betters our environment, eliminates plastic, and it eliminates banana peels. This method will save our environment. Instead of people buying plastic, they can make their own biodegradable plastic out of banana peels in their very own kitchen. After people are finished using the plastic, all they have to do to get rid of it is just melt it using the sun’s heat. My hypothesis was; if I create a biodegradable plastic using organic refuse, then I will be able to melt it using energy from a parabolic solar concentration. To create the plastic, I used banana peels, sodium metabisulfite, hydrogen chloride, glycerol, and sodium hydroxide. To melt the plastic, I used a parabolic dish, found the focal point, let it heat up for 1 hour, and let the sun’s heat do all the melting. I was successfully able to make and recycle the plastic. I found out that the more banana peels were used, the longer and stronger the durability was. Also, the more banana peels used, the longer it took to melt. With my project, I found a solution to save and better our environment.”

**COLORADO AAUW**

**EUGENIA MCCLURE STATE GRANT**

**Through the generosity of Eugenia McClure, a long time member of the Grand Junction Branch, we are pleased to honor this grant in her memory.**

The **purpose of the grant** is to support Colorado branches for projects that will enhance the mission of AAUW.

**Grant Requirements and Deadline:** Available twice yearly, August 1 and January 1. Completed applications must be submitted to the State President and the Program Vice-Presidents by the deadline. The amount of the grant will not exceed \$500.

Name of Branch/Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Program Title \_\_\_\_\_

Goal of the Program: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include a one (minimum) or two (maximum) page description of the program including the following:

- ◆ plans for implementation
- ◆ how the grant money will be used
- ◆ the number of people affected by the grant
- ◆ the expected outcomes
- ◆ the expected benefit to AAUW and the community
- ◆ any plans for collaborating with other community organizations
- ◆ steps for evaluating the project
- ◆ a tentative time line for the project

Please attach a proposed budget for the plan.

What are your plans for long term follow-up to the program?

Contact Person: Name

Address:

E-Mail or Phone

# Rocky Mountain Regional Conference

by Marilyn Zimmerman

The **Rocky Mountain Regional Conference**, “*Western Women – Beyond the Wagon Train*,” was hosted by AAUW Nevada and held in Reno, Nevada, June 6-8. AAUW Colorado was represented by 4 attendees, **Diane Norten**, Outgoing State President, **Marilyn Zimmerman**, Incoming State President, **Nedra Engelson**, President-Elect Colorado Springs Branch and **Martha DiCicco**, President Loveland Branch.



On Friday morning, two optional workshops were offered by **Deepti Gudipati**, AAUW Vice President, Member Leader Programs. Many of you will remember Deepti was with us at last year’s Fall Leadership Conference. The workshops offered were: “*No More Shooting in the Dark! How to Target New AAUW Members with Wisdom and Precision*” and “*How to Market Your Branch*”.

The conference officially opened on Friday afternoon with “*Women of the West*” a presentation by **Patrice Hauptman**, Senior Project Manager, Project New America. Project New America conducts public polling research. Patrice shared a wealth of information on how today’s western woman embraces and lives out the historical heritage of women pioneers. We also had presentation and a panel discussion by four women writers from Nevada and California who shared their work and thoughts on the settings, traditions, challenges and diversity of the West. Katherine Yelle, State Organizer: Colorado, Nevada, Tennessee gave a presentation titled “*Politics versus Partisan*”.

“*Women’s Suffrage and the ERA*” included a video, a presentation by **Sue Wagner**, Nevada Lieutenant Governor (1991 – 1995) and discussion by **Lisa Maatz**, AAUW Vice-President, Government Relations. This brought us through the history of suffrage and the Equal Rights Amendment through to the unfinished business of the Equal Rights Amendment today.

Six states made presentations on a variety of topics: Arizona: “*The Queen of Hearts and AAUW in Arizona Wonderland*”, Idaho: “*Re-energizing the Membership*”, Utah: “*Empowering Women Artists Since 1981*”, New Mexico: “*Tech Trek and More: STEM in New Mexico*”, Nevada: “*Maintaining a Legacy, Creating an Archive*”, and Colorado: “*Engaging a Wider Audience – Virtually*”.

Saturday evening’s banquet included a keynote address “*Advancing Toward Global Equity*” by **Patricia Fae Ho**, AAUW President. Sunday morning brought the conference to a close with Lisa Maatz bringing us up to date on a variety of public policy issues including: Equal Pay, Campus Sexual Assault, VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) and other current topics.

We were then invited to the next Rocky Mountain Regional Conference to be held in 2016 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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## State Convention Wrapup

The **AAUW Colorado State Convention** was held April 25-April 26 in Lakewood. The Lakewood Branch hosted an opening reception in the Old Schoolhouse at the Lakewood Heritage Center. This was followed by a Jason Marsalis Concert for those who purchased tickets.

Saturday morning began with the State Board Meeting. The Convention opened with **Katherine Yelle**, AAUW Organizer for Colorado, Nevada and Tennessee, presenting an *Introduction to Narrative Story*. **Claudia Richards**, AAUW Senior Branch Relations Manager, then provided an update on AAUW and what’s in store for 2015. This included upcoming research expanding *Why So Few?* focusing on the lack of women in computer science and engineering.

**Susie Von Scoyk**, Principal of Alameda International High School and a recipient of an AAUW fellowship, as well as a former AAUW Lakewood Branch Member shared her inspiring story of how she became aware of the gender inequity in education as a result of the 1993 AAUW research. She then received an AAUW Fellowship to address this in her school. Now she is applying the research from *Why So Few Women in STEM Careers?* in her school, as well as sharing with others within her school district and around the state. Susie was an inspiring speaker. The Annual Business Meeting of AAUW Colorado was held in the afternoon.

The Convention closed with a one women play: *Manya: A Visit with Madame Curie* played by **Susan Marie Frontczak**.

The next State Convention will be hosted by the **Fort Collins Branch, April 24 and 25, 2015**.



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## **AAUW State Convention will be in Ft. Collins April 24-25, 2015**

Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer! Soon the Program Vice Presidents and their committee will start planning next year's **state convention**, but we need YOUR help.

We'd love to have non-state officers on our program committee. Perhaps you have been a branch program v.p. or branch president and you want to do more, but you're not ready to take on the chair of a state committee. We would welcome your input as we plan our next convention. Just email Laurel Seppala-Etra or Elnore Grow, and we'll give you all the details.

We would like our next convention to be even better than our last one (We know, we know, it will be a hard act to follow!). We do have some business to conduct, but we have plenty of time for inspiring speakers and worthwhile workshops. What would YOU like to see at your state convention? Do you know of any amazing speakers that we should include? What types of discussions would you like to hear? Let's think outside the box - just send us contact information and we'll take it from there.

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### **LOOKING AHEAD**

November 8, 2014	Deadline for articles, Winter 2014-15 State <i>Bulletin</i>
February 7, 2015	Public Policy Day, Marriott Denver South, Lone Tree, CO
April 14, 2015	Equal Pay Day
April 24-25, 2015	State Convention, Fort Collins
June 18- 21, 2015	National Convention, San Diego

Continue to check the state website for updates and news. <http://aauw-co.net>