

## KICK-OFF EVENT FOR 2012 – 2013

The 2012-2013 year starts with a **Leadership Conference on August 24-25**. The event will focus on Public Policy, Women to Women Voting Campaign, Supporting Women's Organizations and Revitalizing Branches.

The Fall Conference has been moved to an end-of-summer event to enable branches to plan for their fall meetings and include voter/election programs.

Not only is there a new date but there is a new location which should be convenient for most branches. The beautiful **Inn at Palmer Divide** is located between Monument and Palmer Lake, Colorado. Those coming from the north on I-25 can take the County Line Exit and drive through Palmer Lake to the Inn. Those coming from the south can take Exit 161 and drive through Monument to the Inn. The facility can be viewed at [www.InnatPalmerDivide.com](http://www.InnatPalmerDivide.com). **Please make room reservations by August 1**. The rooms are large, each decorated differently, so sharing a room is recommended. A buffet breakfast is included in the cost of the room.



The agenda includes sessions on Public Policy, a panel on Women's Organizations, and counterpart meetings on Programs, Membership, Fund Raising, and other committees as needed. The State Board encourages all branches to send their Public Policy Chairs, President, Membership and Program Vps and as many other representatives as possible. Everyone is welcome. Tentative schedule and registration form are available in this *Bulletin*.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TITLE IX

Forty years ago this June, Title IX, a Federal law passed and a cornerstone in the fight for gender equity in education states "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." There are 10 key areas of gender equity covered under Title IX. It is not just for athletics. The ten are:



**Access to Higher Education, Athletics, Career Education, Education of Pregnant and Parenting Teens, Employment, Learning Environment, Math and Science, Sexual Harassment, Standardized Testing and Technology.**

There are still steps that need to be taken in each area but a great deal has been accomplished. Wish a Happy Birthday and talk to someone who has benefited from the passage of Title IX.

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## **AAUW COLORADO 2012 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (TENTATIVE SCHEDULE)**

### **TIME**

#### **Friday, August 24**

3:00 P.M.

4:00 - 5:00

4:00 - 4:30

4:30 – 5:45

6:00 - 7:15

7:15 - 8:00

8:00 - 9:00

#### **Saturday, August 25**

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

8:00 – 9:00

8:30 – 9:00

9:00 – 9:30

9:30 – 10:15

10:15 - 10:30

10:30 - 12:00

12:00 – 1:00

1:00 – 2:00

2:00 – 2:15

2:15 – 2:30

2:30 – 4:00

### **EVENT**

#### **All meetings in the McShane Room**

Inn available for check in

Registration

By Laws Committee Meeting

Other Committees as needed

Executive Board Meeting

Dinner at Mozaic in Inn

Leadership Activity

Public Policy Committee Meeting

Nominating Committee Meeting

Registration

Breakfast Mozaic in Inn

Convention Planning Committee Meeting

Meet and Greet

Public Policy and Voting Updates

Break

Women's Issues Panel

Lunch

Counterpart Sessions

Quick Counterpart Reports

Break

State Board Meeting

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NATIONAL?**

- AAUW membership grew for the second year in a row. National members increased by more than 2,600. Student Affiliates are up by 67% and College/University Partners increased by 34% to nearly 600.
- AAUW was recognized in 2011 for outstanding financial management and excellence in charitable funding by four groups: Great Nonprofits, Charity Navigator, Independent Charities of American and GuideStar.
- National received a completely clean audit from independent auditors. They are on sound financial footing.
- AAUW can be found everywhere on line: AAUW website, blog-aauw.org. You Tube (youtube.com/AAUWinfo), Facebook (facebook.co./AAUW.national), Twitter (@aauw), LinkedIn, Google+, NING, and Second Life.
- National offers help with free branch websites using Site Resources: site-resources@aauw.org or 202-785-7775.
- More than 500 college women attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
- Four more research studies are in the works: two on the gender pay gap after college, one on student debt, and one on community colleges.
- The latest research study "Crossing the Line" on sexual harassment in schools has had nationwide press. In grades 7-12, 48% reported some form of harassment (56% girls and 40% boys). Only 9% reported it to an adult at school.
- "It's My Vote – I Will Be Heard" is a national Get Out the Vote Project with special focus on 15 states. Women age 18-31 are the main targeted group.
- Two new national programs are coming in late summer. Branches will have the opportunity to host a day or a week long STEM, Tech Trek, or Tech Savvy camp for girls in your community.
- Program in a Box (on the AAUW website) continues to add programs that have been used in branches. Great for branches seeking ideas.

In short, our national AAUW is thriving. Want to keep up with the news? Every member with an email address in the Member Services Database receives "AAUW Mission & Action". Don't delete it: it's a great, succinct summary of what is happening with your AAUW at the national level. You can read it in 3 or 4 minutes, and it will make you proud to be a member.

**AAUW 2012 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 25  
THE INN AT PALMER DIVIDE**

To make room reservations, phone 719-481-1800. Identify yourself as part of the retreat for AAUW. **All reservations must be made by August 1 to ensure a room.** The room rate is \$126 which includes a full buffet breakfast for you and your roommate on Saturday morning. Sharing a room is encouraged as rooms are large with two queen size beds.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City and 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 13) \_\_\_\_\_ \$27.00  
 Registration Fee (after August 13) \_\_\_\_\_ \$32.00  
 Registration for Saturday only (dates apply) \_\_\_\_\_ \$25. (30 late)

**Friday Night Dinner** (Please check one) \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00

includes salad, dessert, beverage, tax and tip

- \_\_\_\_ Citrus Salsa Verde Salmon  
chorizo potato hash, seasoned vegetables
- \_\_\_\_ Colorado Redbird Chicken Breast  
citrus brined chicken with warm pancetta  
spinach and herb risotto
- \_\_\_\_ Moazic Pasta Veggie Style  
housemade pappardelle pasta with ancho  
chili cream, corn, tomatoes, green onions,  
and roasted peppers

**Saturday Breakfast Buffet**

includes hot entrees, eggs, bacon, fruit, etc

no cost for members staying at the Inn on Friday night

Cost for members not staying at the Inn Friday night is \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Lunch** (Please check one) \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

( includes dessert, beverage, tax, tip and afternoon snack)

- \_\_\_\_ Turkey Melt ½ sandwich with choice of soup, Caesar or garden salad
- \_\_\_\_ Hot Pastrami ½ sandwich with choice of soup, Caesar or garden salad
- \_\_\_\_ Veggie Lovers Croissant with choice of soup, Caesar or garden salad

Enclosed total \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Colorado AAUW and mail by August 15 to Diane Norten  
7671 Dakan Road, Sedalia, CO 80135. No refunds after August 17.**



## Spotlight on Public Policy

Amy Blackwell, AAUW Colorado Public Policy Co-Director

# SAVE THE DATE! 2013 AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day on Saturday, February 9

AAUW Colorado and allies will turn out the Millennial women's vote for the November 2012 election by conducting voter registration drives, promoting candidate forums, distributing women's-issues-based voting records and voter guides, etc. Want to help? We'll hold an information/training session on Monday, July 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Tivoli Student Union (Room 640) on the Auraria campus of Metropolitan State University of Denver (name change from Metropolitan State College of Denver effective July 1). This training session is free, but advance registration is required. Contact Amy at 303-710-2031 or [ae\\_blackwell@yahoo.com](mailto:ae_blackwell@yahoo.com) to save your seat *no later than July 15*.



### **Resources for state & federal legislative voting records:**

- Women's Lobby of Colorado <http://www.coloradowomenslobby.org/state-legislature>
- AAUW Action Fund <http://aauwaction.org>

**2012 Colorado General Assembly Session Wrap-up:** Here's a summary of action on bills of interest with AAUW Colorado stances. Many thanks to our volunteer lobbyists and grassroots member advocates for their work this session!

### **Actively Support (lobbyist & member mobilization as needed)**

- SB12-002 (Civil Unions)/HB12S-1106 (Authorization of Civil Unions): 05/14/2012 House Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee Vote - Final Action Failed
- SB12-015 (Optional Category Higher Education): 04/25/2012 House Committee on Finance Postpone Indefinitely
- SB12-056 (Court Appointed Domestic Relations Cases): 04/13/2012 Governor Action – Signed
- SB12-093 (Notice of Hosp Service Not Provided Religious Grounds): 03/21/2012 House Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely

### **Actively Oppose (lobbyist & member mobilization as needed)**

- HB12-1130 (First Degree Murder Unborn Child): 04/11/2012 Senate Committee on Judiciary Postpone Indefinitely
- SM12-003 (Respect For Rights Of Conscience Act of 2011): 04/27/2012 Senate Third Reading Lost

Public Policy (continued from page 4)

Support (member mobilization as needed)

- SB12-022 (Maintain Child Care Assistance Working Families): 04/13/2012 Governor Action – Signed
- SB12-134 (Hospital Payment Assistance Program): 05/07/2012 Governor Action – Signed
- SB12-147 (Prohibit False Election Info Made To Deter Voting): 03/20/2012 House Committee on Judiciary

Postpone Indefinitely

- HB12-1053 (Victims' Rights Changes): 06/04/2012 Governor Action – Signed
- HB12-1100 (Pregnancy & Evidence of Substance Abuse): 03/09/2012 Governor Action – Signed
- HB12-1151 (Human Trafficking and Prostitution): 05/11/2012 Governor Action - Signed

Oppose (member mobilization as needed)

- HB12-1046 (Colorado Works Program Drug Testing Requirement): 03/29/2012 House Second Reading

Lost with Amendments

- HB12-1048 (End CBI Instacheck Duty for Firearms Transfer): 04/23/2012 Senate Committee on State, Veterans & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely
- HB12-1111 (Photo Identification for Voting): 04/04/2012 Senate Committee on State, Veterans & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely

Watch

- SB12-045 (Higher Ed Associate Degree Transfer Students): 04/18/2012 Governor Action – Signed
- SB12-054 (No Retaliation Against Health Employees): 02/16/2012 Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Postpone Indefinitely
- SB12-099 (Expand Access To Academic Model Juvenile Facility): 04/12/2012 Governor Action – Signed
- HB12-1072 (Higher Ed Prior Learning Assessments): 03/24/2012 Governor Action – Signed
- HB12-1214 (Community College Two-year Degree Programs): 05/24/2012 Governor Action - Signed

## Thank You...

*State Representative Mark Ferrandino sent a note of thanks to the state board for their help with support of the recent Civil Unions legislation, which was defeated by the legislature. Here is the email Rep. Ferrandino sent:*

Dear AAUW Board,

I just want to offer you my sincere thanks for your support and encouragement on the Civil Unions legislation. What happened this year at the legislature was offensive to everyone who values the democratic process.

While I am extremely disappointed in the way that the Speaker manipulated that process, I am not discouraged. The issue will be back. For Civil Unions it is not a matter of "if" but when.

The citizens of Colorado understand what Justice For All really means. We will get there.

Sincerely,  
Mark

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# from the president. . .

It is with excitement and a bit of anxiety that I approach the next two years as President of Colorado AAUW. I am honored to represent our state members. Colorado has had outstanding leadership in the past and I especially want to thank Brenda Wolfe for sharing her knowledge and mentoring me through the past year as incoming pres. Brenda has been a wonderful example of how to manage leadership, a full time job and a family. I look forward to her guidance throughout my term.

Congratulations go to the Douglas County Branch for hosting the 2012 convention. Organizers, Stephanie Fong and Cheryl Hansen, with assistance from many branch members delivered an educational, fun and classy event. Kudos to everyone who helped with the planning.



There are lots of exciting things happening with branches this fall. Some of them are featured in other parts of this newsletter. Be sure to post your events in the *Bulletin* and on our website. Let's support our branches by trying to attend each other's events.

There is an opportunity to get financial support for branch projects by applying for the **Eugenia McClure Grant**. Ms. McClure was a member of the Gunnison Branch and provided funds for projects that support AAUW's mission. The application is in this *Bulletin*. It is available twice a year so consider applying.

During my year as Incoming President, I have had the opportunity to represent AAUW at meetings of several organizations whose missions are similar to that of AAUW. The number of organizations whose purpose it is to promote women's issues is large and growing. Yet we know little about each other. One of the goals for my tenure is to learn more about how women's organizations can support each other. What a force we would be if we worked together. **Working Together, Accomplishing More** will be a focus, and I encourage your branches to form partnerships with other organizations and consider working together on a project. The STEM programs continue to be a major focus of AAUW and we will continue in our efforts to get more girls into Science, Math and Technology areas.

As Branches present programs this year, I suggest that you invite members to have a “**Call to Action**” plan related to each program topic. It can be as simple as researching a topic on line, sharing the information with a friend, making a donation to an organization, or as involved as developing a community project. Always walk out of a meeting with a plan to do something with what you have learned.

Mark your calendars for our **Early Fall Leadership Conference**. The information and registration is in the *Bulletin*. I will look forward to seeing you there. The conference is not just for officers, it is open to all members. The location is new. I have visited it several times and am impressed with the services they can provide. **But remember, the room reservations must be made by August 1**. The rooms are large so I would suggest sharing them with another member. If you would like to find out more about the Inn, check their website at [www.innatpalm-erdivide.com](http://www.innatpalm-erdivide.com). For those of you who would like to come a little early on Friday, there are some wonderful shops on Second Street in Monument and lunch at the Wisdom Tea House is outstanding.

Diane Norten

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## GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW STATE OFFICERS

Two new Membership Officers were elected to the State Board at the April State Convention. They are Stormy McDonald and Danielle Norris. They will be in touch with the Membership Chairs at the Branch level and encourage current and potential members to direct questions and ideas to them. Their email addresses are: [stormy.mcdonald@yahoo.com](mailto:stormy.mcdonald@yahoo.com) and [info@daniellenorris.com](mailto:info@daniellenorris.com).

Stormy McDonald for the past three years arranged mission-based programs as Lakewood Branch's Program Co-chair, has worked with two branches on bylaws, and will serve as Lakewood Branch's Public Policy Rep in the new year. She, as well as Danielle, have been involved in the development of the new eNetwork branch. She has attended Public Policy Days and the the Fall Leadership conferences, networked with other branches and attended some of their meetings to bring more to her home branch. Long ago she was a member of branches in West Texas and Southern California. She served as Big Spring Texas Branch President. As a first step of retirement, she and her husband joined the Peace Corp. She has served four years on the Returned Volunteers of Colorado's Board and coordinated their mentoring program for returning volunteers. She values AAUW's mission of bringing equity to women and girls and enjoys integrating that awareness into her local and global interests.

Danielle Nicole Norris was the past Chair for the National Association of University Women Student Club at the University of Colorado

at Colorado Springs as well as the Pikes Peak Coalition Liaison, Equal Pay Day Event Coordinator and Public Relations Coordinator. She was a two time winner of the NCCLWSL Scholarship and was a presenter at the 2012 Fall Leadership Workshop in Vail. Danielle graduated in May 2011. She is employed by AspenPoint in Social Enterprise Development and is currently in the process of starting a new business in Colorado.

Diane Norton becomes the next State President on July 1, 2012. She started her relationship with AAUW by joining the Colorado Springs Branch in 1975. She knew that this was an organization that would be important to women and girls for many years and promptly became a Life Member (back when it was \$185). She continued her participation in the North Syracuse Branch when she moved East and was honored to be their nominee for Outstanding Young Woman for the JCC. The next move was to North Dakota where she served as President of the Pembina County Branch during the time it was recognized as the Outstanding Branch in the State. Her current membership is with the Douglas County Branch. During her years with each branch, she has served in many positions, including two terms as President. Although currently retired from education, she has been a teacher, a guidance counselor and adjunct professor at UCCS. She is currently kept busy volunteering with several community organizations and personal interests. She can be reached at [dmnorten@wildblue.net](mailto:dmnorten@wildblue.net).

Barb McDaniel joined the Alameda, California, branch of AAUW in 1991. Having moved to Englewood in 1995, she immediately looked up the local branch and became a member. She has served as branch President, Program Chair, Treasurer, Membership Chair and Public Policy Chair. In California she owned a Montessori Family Day Care, Presently she is a partner in Denver Custom Signs, LLC and RMD Signs, LLC in Englewood. She was chosen as DTC Colorado Business Woman of the year in 2011. Her volunteer passion is public policy. Barb was re-elected and will be serving her second term as Colorado Public Policy CO-Director with Amy Blackwell.

The AAUW Colorado Awards committee is pleased to announce the selection of **Lois Florkey** as our recipient of the 2012 **Legacy of Leadership award**. This award is presented in alternating years at the Rocky Mtn Regional Conference and the recipient of this award must have shown leadership in AAUW at the state level and demonstrated a strong commitment to the mission of the organization.

Lois Florkey joined AAUW in 1989 and is an AAUW Life member – currently belonging to the Foothills branch. She is out-going State Parliamentarian and continuing as Co-Director of the State Bylaws committee. Her contributions to AAUW have been extensive over the years and all CO state presidents the past fifteen years have benefited from her expertise and guidance.

Originally a member of the Chatfield Branch, Lois served as Treasurer, Co-Editor Newsletter, International Relations Chair, Initiative for Educational Equity Chair, Co-Educational Foundation Chair, Co-Legal Advocacy Fund Chair, Jeffco AAUW School Board Endorsement Committee Chair. Recently, as part of the Foothills Branch, she served as Parliamentarian and Branch Administrator.

For AAUW Colorado, Lois has served as Initiative for Educational Equity Director, Representative to the Colorado Womens Leadership Coalition, Research pollster for Girls Count on Title IX, State President 1996-98, Co-chair Legislative Breakfast on Women's Issues, Co-Public Policy Director, Parliamentarian, and Bylaws Director. Nationally, she has served on the AAUW National Leadership Development Member Resource Team, and a member of the 2003-2005 AAUW National Nominating Committee.

She has attended eight AAUW Conventions including presenting a workshop at the AAUW Convention in Orlando-1995.

When advised of her selection, Lois responded, "I am fortunate to belong to a state that has a very strong commitment to AAUW's mission. This is evident in Colorado's active Lobby Corps and Public Policy Committee, our coalition building activities throughout the state in promoting gender equity for women and girls, and our continuing desire to develop and strengthen state and branch leadership."

Lois joins an elite group of women in our state who have been honored with this award : Judy Sanderson, Sue Bodis and Betsy Loague. Please plan to attend Fall Conference where we will continue to celebrate this award with Lois.



## DENVER

The Denver Branch is endeavoring to host an **educational symposium at the Auraria Campus on Saturday, October 20**. Essentially we are hoping to reach out to first-year college students for this event, with the goal of providing tangible skills and sustainable resources so they will be successful. Many AAUW programs have shown that students thrive with community connections. By bringing in people from many different ethnic backgrounds and career fields an educational symposium will offer students a truly multi-cultural, interdisciplinary experience. Connections to AAUW members will present opportunities to provide students with new perspectives which enhance a college education.

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The colleges on the Auraria Campus provide students with an exceptional education as well as opportunities for personal and professional development. The educational symposium is designed to reach out to the non-traditional students at the Auraria Campus who do not have adequate support. The main purpose of the educational symposium is to enhance the college experience for those students who are at risk for dropping out during or after the first year due to not knowing how to “do college”. Since Auraria campus has students from many school districts, the Denver Branch invites other branches to join us in this endeavor.

There are many reasons students fail during the first year of college, but largely it is because few students are prepared for college and have difficulty adjusting to a college setting. Each fall a new crop of first year college students wavering between high hopes for the future and intense anxiety about their new status walk into college classrooms. They have been told repeatedly that college is the key to a well-paying job and financial security. Unfortunately many of them, research suggests over thirty percent, will not complete or return after the first year. The educational symposium is a bold approach to filling the gaps for those students who may face invisible barriers and is shaping up to be a gap year program -a way to help students successfully transition the first year of college. The programs will be based on these top five issues: budgeting and personal finances; vocational fit; dress for success; work/study ethic; exercise and eating healthy. All programs will be rigorous, fun, supportive and will guide students through the first year of college.

Our program will create a pathway for students to find mentors through both college and community connections. Many AAUW members shared their story of a mentor who gave words of praise and offered some personal observation, direction, and encouragement. Most of us have had an experience with a mentor who had an amazing effect on our life because they took a person interest in our potential for growth and success. Mentors can see promise in students that they don't see for themselves. They can affirm the educational choices of students have made and the directions they're headed in, or they can radically change the course of their college plan. Either way, mentors have the power to positively affect the course of someone's life.

The Denver Branch invites other branches to participate in this educational symposium. This is the first year to conduct the educational symposium and we definitely want it to be a success, a positive experience for the students, and something we will continue doing each year. If you know someone who would be interested in being a presenter and/or donating funds, gifts, etc., please contact them and let us know. Should you require additional information or updates on the educational symposium, you will find it on the Denver Branch Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/AAUWDENVER>), the Denver Branch website (<http://denver-co.aauw.net>) or by contacting **Connie Paeglow** via email ([aauwdenter@gmail.com](mailto:aauwdenter@gmail.com)) or telephone (303-756-3572). We look forward to your feedback and thoughts about what programs you would like to see presented. --Submitted by Connie Paeglow

## Colorado Springs

This year two of our members reached the 50 year milestone for membership in AAUW and were honored at the May 5th branch meeting.

**Wynn Weidner**, a Seattle native, moved to Colorado Springs in 1959 after graduating from American University of Beirut in Lebanon and receiving a Master's degree in history and journalism from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She taught social studies and English at Horace Mann and Irving Junior High Schools and history and sociology at Doherty High School. After retiring in 1988, she started a new career as a geologist and earned a Master's degree in geology and environmental science in 1992 from UCCS. Wynn has served as president, treasurer and parliamentarian of the local branch and treasurer and board member of the state organization.



**Candy Crumb** is a native of Goodland, Kansas, who stayed in the Springs after graduating from Colorado College in 1961. Candy taught English and social studies at Russell Junior High and then moved to Palmer High School, where she also coached track and field and basketball. Her sister, Judith, convinced her to join AAUW right out of college. She serves on the local branch's board, helps with fundraising and has been state finance chair. PICTURE Here is a picture of Colo Springs 50 yr members ( with the Pres) who received their honora Life memberships this year --Wynn Weidner and Candy Crumb

*Brenda Wolfe with Wynn Weidner (r) and Candy Crumb*



## Littleton-South Metro

Hoping for a perfect summer afternoon on June 16th, members of the Littleton-South Metro branch of AAUW gathered at a poolside location to celebrate their 'Golden Jubilee.' This was the culmination of a year's reflection on the branch's longevity and the idea of a social gathering to simply spend time with friends, old and new, while indulging in cake and ice cream, seemed like a great way to bring the year to a close.

A cake was ordered, formal invitations were sent out to our past branch presidents, tables and chairs were borrowed, the branch archive boxes were opened up and pertinent documents were selected for display, while beverage containers, ice cream scoops, table cloths, napkins and balloons were tracked down. The chosen location included a covered area, which, it was felt, would be perfect if the afternoon proved to be too hot and people needed shade. The only uncertainty was, of course, the weather and as the organizing committee spread plastic cloths on the tables set up on the grass beside the pool they were thankful that someone had remembered the duct tape to hold them down – it was becoming quite breezy.

At 2:00 p.m. promptly members began to arrive and were soon engaged in lively conversations and pouring through a scrapbook that dated back to the early 1980s.

There were plenty of laughs as we looked at the fashions and the 'big hair' of that era. Twelve of our past presidents and co-presidents were able to attend the event, all of whom continue to be active members of the branch (please see the attached photos.) Our AAUW state archivist, Betsy Loague, was unfortunately unable to join us, but she compiled a short written history of our branch, demonstrating the role it has played within the wider state organization.



To suggest that those who attended were 'blown away' by the afternoon would be an understatement. Cake and ice cream had no sooner been served and consumed than the sky, which had looked threatening since lunch time, turned a deeper shade of black, the temperature dropped precipitously, and what seemed like hurricane force winds created white caps on the water in the swimming pool. Plates, napkins, cups, and sun hats flew in all directions (they had not been duct taped down,) and people huddled together under the covered area to keep warm. These



*Presidents Past & Present(L-R):*

*Rose Getty, Kathy Baker, Margaret McDonnell, Marybelle Menzel, Winnie Plummer, Kathleen Wagner, Barb McDaniel, Mary Ann Travis, Marilyn Hansen, Diana McMeeking(current*

*Littleton-South Metro President*

were not exactly the conditions the organizers had envisioned for our relaxing summer ice cream social, but while some members made a dash for their cars, others braved it out and forty-five minutes later the sun reappeared and the wind died down. It was certainly a memorable afternoon in more ways than one and our thanks go to Sally Brandes for hosting the event and to Marybelle Menzel (branch historian) and her team of willing helpers -Donna Carmack, Mimi Iverson, Kathleen Wagner, and Judy Halley – who made it all possible. Finally, when the organizational notes are filed away into the archive boxes a note will be added advising the branch to plan an early morning event for our 'Diamond Jubilee' in 2022, given the vagaries of Colorado's weather.--Diana McMeeking.

## FOOTHILLS

### Just peachy!

Wonderful freestone peaches, direct from the grower on the Western Slope, are coming to Jefferson County--and early this year! Price is \$31.00 for a 20-pound box. Place your order NOW (**deadline July 13**) for pickup in early August. The peach sale is sponsored annually by the Foothills branch, and proceeds will support various Foothills' programs including Las Amigas, a mentoring program.



The location for pickup will be the Maple Grove Grange, 3130 Youngfield Street, just north of eastbound I-70 exit 264 and just south of the 1st Bank on the corner of 32nd and Youngfield. Those who prepaid will be notified by phone of the exact date of the pickup. Because there are no storage facilities, the peaches must be picked up on this specified arrival date.

To order, please include the following information: Name, Address with Zip, and Phone number (for pickup notification). Mail to Betsy Loague, 5913 Urban Court, Arvada, CO 80004, along with your check payable to Foothills AAUW. Questions? Please contact **Jackie Perleberg at 303.526.0142** or **Lindy Reed at 303.421.9414**.

## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Summary

Representatives from all six Rocky Mountain states (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming) braved the heat of the desert to attend the Regional Conference in Phoenix this past June 8-10. They were joined by the five members from AAUW Colorado: **Brenda Wolfe, Diane Norten, Amy Blackwell, Candy Crumb and Barb Slattenow** – who proudly displayed Colorado flags on their name tags. These flags have been a tradition since they were made by Lillian Moore of Grand Junction, many years back.

Friday's program included presentations by three states: Colorado President, Brenda Wolfe, highlighted the STEM projects which have taken place over the past two years; Nevada highlighted their Public policy Impact Grant to "Get out the Vote"; and Utah covered their "Elect Her" focus. Brenda's presentation gave ideas for both big and small branches and has been emailed to Colorado Branch presidents. The evening speaker was author Betty Webb of Phoenix, who is a journalist turned fiction writer. Her books have been described as "stories with a conscience". She gave an entertaining overview of her Lena Jones Mysteries series. Check it out at [www.bettywebb-mystery.com](http://www.bettywebb-mystery.com).

The keynote speaker was **Carolyn Garfein, National AAUW President**. Carolyn outlined her dreams for AAUW in the next 30 years. They included:

1. The pay gap will be narrowed to 90 cents for men's \$1.00.
2. There will be 75 female CEO's of Fortune 500 companies.
3. There will be a gender balanced Congress.
4. Our grandchildren will graduate from college debt free.
5. There will be five female Supreme Court Justices.
6. Children will no longer be subjected to bullying.
7. AAUW will be cited in the press in regards to women's issues.
8. Women enrolled in STEM programs will increase by 50%.
9. AAUW membership will triple.
10. Contributions for AAUW missions will increase.



(L to R): Barb Slattenow, Candy Crumb, Amy Blackwell, Diane Norten and Brenda Wolfe

She encourages all organizations, including AAUW, to be **Focused** on what is important in your community, **Fast** like the *Two-Minute Activist*, **Flexible** to change, **Flat** to decision making at all levels, **Friendly** in establishing a culture of trust between national and branches and last of all **Fun**.

A presenter on Bullying discussed a 5-6 week program for middle school students to teach them about respect and responsibility. The key point of the presentation was recognizing and utilizing power. Power is the source and solution of bullying. Her belief is that there are no victims of bullying, only targets, and encourages young people to look fear in the face and that no one can make you feel inferior without your permission. The mantra she teaches her students is "When you \_\_\_\_\_, I feel \_\_\_\_\_, and I need \_\_\_\_\_."

The luncheon speakers on Saturday outlined a program to assist women in determining how money it takes to be self-sufficient, mentoring women and educational talent searches for girls. A speaker that held everyone's attention was a police sergeant who discussed human trafficking, a women talking about a program called Dignity which assists women in moving into reentry into respect. Also featured was a Girl Scout program entitled *Just Us*. More information can be found at [www.teensontrafficking.com](http://www.teensontrafficking.com).

After the presentation on Human Trafficking on Saturday the attendees were so moved as to formulate a proclamation over the course of the weekend to send to our Public Policy team at National:

**WHEREAS, for over one hundred and thirty years, AAUW has worked to secure educational, social, and economic equality for women and girls in American society, and worldwide,**  
**AND WHEREAS, AAUW recognizes that a growing problem in the United States and worldwide is the trafficking of women, girls, and boys for the purpose of sexual exploitation,**  
**AND WHEREAS, human trafficking is a particularly revolting form of exploitation that exists in many communities in our society,**  
**BE IT RESOLVED, that members of AAUW-Arizona, a part of the Rocky Mountain Region of AAUW will work to publicize this problem in our communities and states, and will work with public officials and other like-minded organizations to reduce and ultimately eliminate the trafficking of persons wherever it occurs.**

**Respectfully submitted at the June 2012 AAUW-AZ Board of Directors meeting, and the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, June 2012, Phoenix, AZ.**

**Jeanne Clarke, Past President, AAUW Tucson Branch**

The Regional Conference will continue – Mark your calendars for June 2014 – for a fun time in Reno, Nevada!!

## **COLORADO eNETWORK**

The **Colorado eNetwork branch** was slated for official approval at the national board meeting in late June. Although endorsed in concept, the national board felt that their branch approval procedures as well as the guidelines on electronic voting needed to be re-examined before any additional electronic branches such as New York and Colorado were approved. But that's not holding up progress – we've already scheduled an online discussion with one of Colorado's prominent woman politicians, and will soon announce our fall programming.

The eNetwork Coordination Council continues to meet via conference call on the first Saturday of the month. As well, teams of volunteers meet virtually via various online tools such as Google+, Skype, join.me, and Trello to plan for membership, programming, marketing and branch organization. If you'd like to join the fun, please contact [CoeNetworkAAUW@gmail.com](mailto:CoeNetworkAAUW@gmail.com).

### **Looking Ahead:**

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| <b>August 24-25, 2012</b> | <b>Early Fall Leadership Conference</b>  |
| <b>August 14</b>          | <b>5:30 -7:30 – Douglas County Fundraiser<br/>“Tacos and Tunes” in Castle Rock</b>         |
|                           | contact <a href="mailto:kendraohayre@gmail.com">kendraohayre@gmail.com</a> for information |
| <b>September 15</b>       | <b>Author Presentations and Lunch,<br/>Loveland Branch</b>                                 |
| <b>October 20</b>         | <b>Denver Branch Symposium</b>   |
| <b>October 27</b>         | <b>Authors Day, Colorado Springs</b>   |
| <b>February 2013</b>      | <b>Public Policy Day</b>   |
| <b>April 26-27, 2013</b>  | <b>State Convention in Durango</b>   |
| <b>June 2013</b>          | <b>National Convention in New Orleans</b>  |