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FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008 will go down in Colorado AAUW's history as one of the highlights of its first 100 years. Such an important date demands documentation by those who experienced it; not by someone recapping history at a future date.

In order to maintain a continuum, it is necessary to begin immediately after the 2001 Durango convention where the "COAAUW 75-Year History" culminated. The researcher stated the hope "that members in 2026 will look back on another productive 25 years." Little did one dream of the outstanding accomplishment that would take place in just the next seven.

2000s

The message brought back from the 2001 Association Convention in Austin, Texas, was that change was once again in the air at the Association level, as the delegates had adopted a proposal to reduce the size of the Association's board by almost half. They knew that more changes were inevitable in the 21st century. At Colorado's Fall Conference in Vail, the members focused on addressing organizational changes at all levels of AAUW. Why were changes needed? Once identified how do members go about implementing these changes? How do they surmount the barriers and adapt to the new methods?

In the winter of 2002 members were concerned as it became apparent that state bulletin editor Judy Sanderson's health concerns would delay the spring issue, featuring the Fort Collins convention. A long-time advocate and activist, Judy had served the organization at the local, state, and Association levels since joining the Colorado Springs Branch in 1959. In 2002 she was not only the co-editor of the state bulletin, but co-director of Public Policy, and director of Voter Education. She also was serving Association as their Leader On Loan coordinator. (See page 8.)

Through numerous phone calls and mailings, the convention information was distributed. The theme "Seventy-Five Years: Changing, Surviving and Thriving" was a celebration of COAAUW's Diamond Jubilee. Saturday night's dinner featured an anniversary cake and presentation of the last third of "COAAUW's 75-Year History." (The previous fifty years had been presented at the 2000 Trinidad convention, and the 2002 Fort Collins convention) After the awards were given Sunday morning, the discussion focused on the status of the state bulletin. In the midst of this, the topic shifted when President-elect Marybelle Menzel (Littleton-Englewood Branch) made a proposal, "Would it be possible to honor Judy by raising funds for an Educational Foundation endowment or fellowship?" For a moment there was complete silence, and then the buzzing began. What a great idea, but just how could it be implemented? And from that date, Sunday, April 28, 2002, to Friday, April 25, 2008, lays a story that would govern the actions of COAAUW for the next six years.

During the 2001-2002 year, the state board members voted to raise the rate of mileage paid to executive committee and board members from \$0.10 to \$0.20 per mile traveled over 200 miles roundtrip. The Lakewood branch celebrated its 30th anniversary and Grand Junction its 75th. Larissa Anfinson-Miller of Fort Collins was honored with the Young Leader Award. Membership for the year totaled 1,497 in 28 branches, a drop of almost 500 members in three years.

The “Need for Change” in the 21st century was AAUW President Nancy Rustad’s address at the Tri-Regional Conference in Reno in June 2002. She stated that members needed to connect their fundamental activities of the past with the needs facing women and girls in the future, especially in the field of technology.

Thanks to work by Marybelle Menzel, President, and Kathleen Wagner (Littleton-Englewood Branch), Educational Foundation chair, the Judith C. Sanderson named unit was established in the fall of 2002 with an initial contribution of \$2,500. Once \$10,000 was donated it would be designated as an American Fellowship, that would be fully funded at \$100,000, to be completed within twenty years. The American Fellowships Fund supports women doctoral candidates completing dissertations or scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave from accredited institutions. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence, teaching experience, and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in the candidates’ communities, professions, and fields of research. Branches were asked to designate their Educational Foundation monies to be added to the Sanderson Fund.

The Colorado web site continued to evolve as more information was added. Several branches now had links to their own web pages. In February the 40th annual Public Policy Day focused on health care costs and issues at the Lakewood Holiday Inn. For the ninth year a Science Fair Award of \$100 was given to a middle school student for her project in the annual Colorado Science and Engineering Fair in Fort Collins. At the Littleton-Englewood state convention, Young Leader Awards were presented to Sarah Behm, Boulder, and Erin Holmes, Grand Junction.

Delegates at the 2003 Association Convention in Providence, Rhode Island, chose not to pass the proposed changes in membership requirements. However, the delegates did pass a resolution to begin a structured Association-wide dialogue regarding membership requirements and categories. The choices were to leave the requirements the same, add membership categories, or drop the educational degree requirement for membership. The core question was whether the membership requirement, currently a baccalaureate or higher degree, could be changed while still fulfilling the mission of promoting education and equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. The delegates did vote to accept an annual \$2.00 dues increase.

The 2003 state fall meeting brought news that the Sanderson Fund had reached \$32,000. In November the state officers, chaired by Lois Florkey (Chatfield Branch), sponsored an English-style tea and tour of the Cherokee Ranch Castle south of Sedalia. The ranch featured a Scottish-style castle filled with art and collections from all over the world, a working cattle ranch, and over 3,000 acres of open space. Forty-two members and guests attended this event which, with donations, raised over \$1,500. (See page 9.)

During the 2003-2004 year, members voted to increase the state dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and to cut the bulletin from four to three issues a year. There were now 24 branches as Brighton, Estes Park, Delta County, and Ouray branches ceased to function.

Several members from branches throughout the state, joined a pro-choice march in Washington, D.C, co-sponsored by AAUW, to demonstrate overwhelming support for a woman's right to choose safe, legal abortion and birth control. It was estimated that over one million people joined the April 25, 2004 march on Washington's National Mall.

Colorado AAUW continued to prosper in many ways in spite of the fact that four more branches disbanded in the fall of 2004: Chatfield, Evergreen, Parker and Yampa Valley. In November, a second fundraiser for the Sanderson Fund was held at the Fine Arts Center in Colorado Springs. (See page 10.) The event, attended by twenty-five members, raised \$900. An exhibit of photographs of Paris after World War II, by Frenchman Robert Doisneau, was the main feature, but the museum was also known for its collection of native American and Hispanic folk art. In order to help publicize the Fellowship, a brochure was printed highlighting Judy's accomplishments, and an explanation of the fellowship's goals, for distribution at both the state and Association conventions. (See pages 11 & 12.)

Seth Chase, Association Senior Grass Roots Coordinator, came to the 2005 Denver Convention. He was kept busy answering members questions about what was going on in Washington and, at the same time, was impressed with all that Colorado members were doing, especially in the area of public policy and legislative issues. Lobby Corps chair, Elaine Gardner's (Foothills Branch) annual Legislative session recap revealed the extent of AAUW's involvement at the state house. Also at the convention, a new state membership brochure was available, and delegates held the requested membership dialogue, which revealed that most members were not open to changes in the membership requirements. Once again, two Young Leaders were recognized, Kathi Solt Dangerfield, Longmont and Astrid Maute, Boulder.

The previously hinted changes on the national level became realities as the organization experienced declining membership and investment income. The Association refused to pay dues to the IFUW (International Federation of University Women) even though AAUW was a founding member of the federation. Offices were consolidated in Washington to vacate two floors of their building in order to raise funds by renting out this space. With all these facts in mind, the delegates at the 2005 convention in Washington, D.C. voted to accept members with an "associate degree or the equivalent" as full voting members. A new programmatic theme, "AAUW: Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security," was unveiled, and financial difficulties facing the Legal Advocacy Fund Corporation forced its merger with the Educational Foundation, as a Limited Liability Corporation.

In September the Fall Conference was moved to Breckenridge. Sabrina Sahle, an AAUW International Fellow from Eritrea talked about her country, one of the newest in Africa having gained independence from Ethiopia. She was currently a student at the University of Colorado at Denver. Members explored the possibilities of Association's new "Gateway" theme and learned what the qualifications were for associate degrees in order to understand the new membership requirements.

The 2006 Public Policy meeting featured Andrew Romanoff, Colorado Speaker of the House, speaking on "Colorado's Political Climate: Partisan, Polarized or Patriotic?" Members were basking in the Democratic majority in both state houses and had high hopes for the legislative session.

The Longmont Radisson was the site of the 2006 convention which focused on Economics, one of the themes under the “Education as the Gateway to Women’s Economic Security” banner. The keynote speaker, a financial advisor, requested questions from members prior to convention in order to gear her talk to areas of interest for the attendees. Lois Florkey unveiled a new fundraising technique for the Sanderson Fund, “Dames Who Donate.” Members who contributed \$25.00 or more, throughout the year, would receive a gold lanyard for their convention name tag. (See page 13.) The fund total was nearly halfway towards its goal. The state web site now included information about upcoming state meetings and branch functions. The state bulletin was online as was the “75-Year History of COAAUW,” and a link to the Auraria Archives. With the impending demise of Trinidad, 18 branches remained with 1,238 members. Even with the new membership changes membership numbers were declining at an alarming rate.

At each state meeting an evaluation sheet was included with the program agenda. From these comments event organizers often get ideas for future programs or speakers as well as valuable information on how to meet member’s requests. While some comments were helpful others provide puzzled head shaking. Some of the favorites: “The strawberries were too big and the parking spaces too small,” “Loved the cookies,” “Food was not interesting” and “Sorry I didn’t attend more sessions – chose to enjoy the hotel and room service.” At least she was honest!

Prior to the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Casper, Wyoming, Colorado Co-Presidents Sally Mathewson (Colorado Springs Branch) and Sherry Hitztaler (Lakewood Branch) had initiated the idea of each state honoring an outstanding AAUW leader who personified that special “Legacy of Leadership.” Colorado chose Judy Sanderson. In the Summer 2006 state bulletin, Sally and Sherry wrote that, “Judy’s accomplishment and AAUW successes are known to most members, but that is only half of her legacy; the other half is her constant and often subtle and not-so-subtle ways of mentoring, visualizing, questioning, and yes, pushing others to consider issues, conduct-in-depth research, and act accordingly!” Judy received a plaque honoring her “Legacy,” and a book of congratulatory cards and letters from AAUW members throughout the state.

Fall Conference in Breckenridge featured rain, snow and sun. There now was \$67,000 in the Sanderson Fellowship. The state Bylaws, Policy Sheet and Public Policy Program were in the process of being added to the newly designed web site. The “Maroon Leadership Notebooks,” in every state officer’s files, were now a relic of the past! Members heard that Sterling and Greeley had joined Trinidad as inactive and disbanding branches.

November 28, 2006 was AAUW’s official 125th Anniversary, but the Association planned a year long celebration, culminating with the 2007 convention in Phoenix. The “Legacy of Leadership” was celebrated in many different ways. Several *OUTLOOKs* featured articles on the “Founding Mothers,” “War Bonds,” and “AAUW in the Postwar Era” telling tales of AAUW’s past and leading members into the future as well as signaling the news that more changes in the organization would be forthcoming.

Public Policy Day 2007 addressed “Challenges Facing Women.” Recognition was given to Elaine Gardner (Foothills Branch), head lobbyist for 30 years, Ida Berger (Aurora Branch) and Bette Hutchinson (Foothills Branch) who were all retiring from the Colorado AAUW Lobby Corps. These three women lobbyists had attended each legislative session focusing on pending legislation and issues pertaining to the AAUW Public Policy Program and the state platform. Thus, challenges were also facing COAAUW as to how future state legislative sessions would be covered.

Foothills hosted the 2007 convention at which it was noted that Public Policy Co-Directors Sue Bodis (Aurora Branch) and Joan Peterson (Aurora Branch) had applied for an Association Public Policy Impact Grant to be used to “develop a lobbying effortwith the intention of engaging more branches and members in grassroots advocacy on public policy priorities.” An AAUW Timeline, created by Lisa Maas Martin (Littleton-Englewood Branch), covered one wall of the meeting room. Attendees left the convention knowing that less than \$12,000 was needed in order to complete the Sanderson Fellowship. Excitement was mounting. Surely this goal would be reached by years’ end.

After a decade in Vail and Breckenridge the Fall Conference was moved back to the Holiday Inn in Frisco. Preparations were begun to publish the bulletin electronically for those with access to the internet. The Impact Grant had been awarded to the state at the Association’s Phoenix convention so Sue and Joan were ready to implement it into action. Saturday morning was devoted to a training session for branch public policy chairs, and other members, in grassroots advocacy as how to effectively communicate with all members concerning issues related to the public policy platforms of both the Association and the state.

“AAUW + Public Policy Issues = Advocacy & Action” was the theme of Public Policy Day 2008. Thanks to the Impact Grant, Lecia Imberry, a member of Association’s public policy staff, came for the meeting and conducted an interactive exercise based on the Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout manual developed by AAUW. Members learned how to effectively advocate for, or against, certain initiatives related to AAUW Public Policy. Everyone kept asking about the Sanderson Fund but all Janet Weisheit (Lakewood Branch), Educational Foundation chair would say was that “we are close” to \$100,000. Convention was going to be the big celebration so the exact total was not to be revealed! The revised job descriptions were presented by Sue Bodis and approved by the Executive Committee. The Committee also approved the acquisition of a debit card for the state.

April 22, 2008, was designated as Equal Pay Day. Twelve members joined the rally on the steps of the state Capitol which was co-sponsored by COAAUW. Pay Equity had been a focus in the year’s public policy, and would also be addressed at the state convention.

Finally, the gathering that members had been waiting for arrived, the state convention in Colorado Springs. Friday night, April 25, 2008, at Moose Lake Lodge at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, under the direction of niece Brenda Wolfe, members were set to celebrate the completion of the Judith C. Sanderson American Fellowship. (See pages 14 & 15.) Fueled by donations from most of the branches, and individual members, the Fellowship totaled over \$125,000. In spite of a huge drop in membership, Colorado had completed the fund in less than six years. And to add to the festivities, Judy was not only able to join the group for the dinner celebration, but expressed her thanks, and directed them to “keep up the good work!” Among the many tributes expressed her niece, Karen Musick, shared personal moments about her aunt.

The oldest of four children Judy demonstrated her leadership skills early in her youth. While Judy had no children of her own, she was always interested in the lives of her nieces and nephews. From making school clothes for her nieces to organizing family gatherings, her love of family has been an important part of her life. Judy’s leadership was evident throughout her teaching career and nearly fifty years in AAUW. Although slowed by health problems, in recent years, Judy was attending

AAUW branch meetings and a Foreign Policy Interest group whenever she was able. When Karen asked what advice she would have for future leaders Judy replied, "Be honest with yourself, work hard, have self-confidence." Karen also related that "Judy is very proud of this honor and cites this as one of the greatest accomplishments/honors of her educational career and leadership."

Judy has held most offices in the Colorado Springs Branch, some several times, been a state president, and the Rocky Mountain Regional Director. Not only was she a leader in the organization, she was also a mentor, and guided and encouraged other members to reach their full potential. Judy has been a tireless and enthusiastic proponent of AAUW's mission, and has provided the momentum for Colorado to be a vibrant part of the organization. Her counsel is sought on all subjects "AAUW."

Leadership strategies and the importance of Pay Equity for Women were two of the topics featured at the convention meetings. The position of District Directors was removed from the bylaws and operating policies by a vote of the delegates. With the ease of communication in the electronic world it was felt that these positions were no longer needed. Information was relayed as to the change in direction for the Legal Advocacy Fund. The fund would no longer support only academic/tenure cases. Instead, the board would work with other organizations in expanding their support for cases that address significant issues which would have an impact on all women, especially in the areas of pay equity and workplaces free of sex discrimination.

Awards were presented at the Convention Banquet Saturday night where one of the highlights was having the winner of the 2008 annual Colorado Science and Engineering Fair express her thanks to the organization for their support.

To complete the year, members attended the June Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Salt Lake City. At what might be the last regional meeting, Sue Bodis was recognized as the second recipient of Colorado's "Legacy in Leadership" award. Sue had held many offices in the Aurora Branch, served as Colorado State President, and Rocky Mountain Regional Director.

Once again, the Association made headlines with the release of its latest research report: *Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education*. Colorado members soon learned that AAUW's Bylaws Committee was in the process of drafting new bylaws for approval by the delegation at the 2009 Association convention. Whatever direction AAUW decides to take, Colorado can be proud of its accomplishments throughout the past eight decades. With its group of strong dynamic leaders, Colorado has been an integral part of AAUW.

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COLORADO AAUW PRESIDENTS

2000-2002	Paula Cady	Denver
2002-2004	Marybelle Menzel	Littleton-Englewood
2004-2006	Sherry Hitztaler	Lakewood
	Sally Mathewson	Colorado Springs
2006-2008	Betty Flaten	Foothills

COLORADO CONVENTIONS

April 26-28, 2002	Fort Collins
May 2-3, 2003	Littleton-Englewood
April 23-25, 2004	Pueblo
April 29-30, 2005	Denver
April 28-29, 2006	Longmont
April 27-28, 2007	Foothills
April 25-26, 2008	Colorado Springs

YOUNG LEADER AWARD Recipients

Brenda Wolfe	Colorado Springs
Dr. Lisa Maas	Boulder
Cristin White	Durango
Dr. Cynthia Patton	Grand Junction
Deborah Miller	Boulder
Rachel Kittelson	Gunnison
Larissa Anfinson-Miller	Fort Collins
Erin Holmes	Grand Junction
Dr. Sarah Behm	Boulder
Astrid Maute	Boulder
Kathi Solt Dangerfield	Longmont
Jenny Lehl	Canon City

Judith Case Hertneky Sanderson

1954 Graduated from Kansas State University with a BA in English/Education

1961 Master's *cum laude* in Speech Education, Journalism and Drama

1955 - 1959 taught High School in Phillipsburg and Colby, Kansas

1959 – 1987 taught in District 11 junior high schools, sponsored the yearbook, school newspapers, school plays, and ski trips. English Department Chair.

1987 retired from District 11

1987 - 1997 taught English and Speech at Pikes Peak Community College.

Joined the Colorado Springs Branch of AAUW in 1959

Branch level:

Educational Fellowship Chair

Study Groups Chair

Topic Chair

Public Policy Chair

Program Vice President

President

Newsletter Editor

Current: Educational Foundation Chair

State level:

Bulletin Editor 1986-2004

President 1982-1984

Educational Foundation

Director of Research and Development Grants

Public Policy Director (helped establish annual Public Policy Day - 1964)

Voter Ed Director

Current: Public Policy Committee

Association level:

VoLT leadership trainer

Rocky Mountain Region Representative to the Nominating Committee

Rocky Mountain Regional Director 1989-1991

1989-1990 served on the Board of Directors

1990-1991 served on the Executive Committee

Program Committee 1991-1993

Leader On Loan Coordinator 1991 – 2003

Judy has attended nearly all Association conventions since 1963, all state conventions and Public Policy Days since its inception

Biography compiled by Candy Crumb and Karen Musick

Cherokee Ranch & Castle Tea and Tour

Benefit for The Judith C. Sanderson Fellowship

Saturday, November 15, 2003

1-3 p.m.

Cost: \$50

Sponsored by Colorado AAUW

Join us for an English style afternoon tea and tour of the Cherokee Ranch & castle located off Highway 85 just south of Sedalia. Cherokee Ranch & castle is a unique combination of a Scottish style castle filled with art and collections from all over the world, a working cattle ranch, and over 3,000 acres of open space. Cost for the tea and tour is \$50 (non-refundable). \$20 of this amount is tax deductible to the AAUW Educational Foundation and will be credited to your branch. Space is limited to 50 people. Contact Lois Florkey for information and tickets, 303-978-9192 or loiszach@aol.com.

Directions: (www.cherokee ranch.org) From central Denver take Interstate 25 South to exit 188/Castle Pines Parkway. Turn right and continue until Castle Pines Parkway ends. Turn left on Daniels Park Road and continue for 1.9 miles. The entrance is on the right.

From west Denver take Colorado Highway 85 South through Sedalia. Turn left on Daniels Park Road. The entrance is 1.3 miles ahead on the left.

From points south take Interstate 25 North through Castle Rock. Exit at Founders Parkway/Meadows. Go left, past the entrance to the Prime Outlets to Highway 85 (Santa Fe Blvd). Turn Right on Highway 85. Continue north to Daniels Park Road. Turn right on Daniels Park Road, proceed 1.3 miles. The entrance is on the left.

Checks payable to Colorado AAUW. Mail to Lois Florkey, 5185 S. Dover St., Littleton, CO 80123

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Branch _____

2nd Annual Benefit for The Judith C. Sanderson Fellowship



Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center Tour and Luncheon

Saturday, November 6, 2004

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cost: \$50

Sponsored by Colorado AAUW

Colorado

Colorado AAUW is proud to sponsor the 2nd Annual Benefit for the Judith C. Sanderson Fellowship at the Fine Arts Center in Colorado Springs. Our docent lead tour of the museum will include a special exhibit of the works of Robert Doisneau. Best known as an icon of romantic images such as *Kiss at the Hotel De Ville* (1950), Doisneau was one of France's most respected and prolific reportage photographers. *Robert Doisneau's Paris* represents 117 images of raw humanity. Starring the city of Paris and its people, this exhibition will show you the birth of a new era in Paris after W.W.II.

Lunch will be served in the Fine Arts Center restaurant, Cravings on the Terrace. Cost for the museum tour and lunch is \$50 (non-refundable). \$25 of this amount is tax deductible to the AAUW's Educational Foundation and will be credited to your branch. Space is limited. Contact Lois Florkey for information and tickets, 303-978-9192 or loiszach@aol.com.

Directions: (www.csfineartscenter.org) The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center is located near the Colorado College campus at 30 W. Dale St. From Interstate 25 take the Uintah exit. Go east on Uintah to Cascade. Turn right on Cascade which takes you right past the college. There is a stop light at Cache La Poudre. Turn right at the next corner which is Dale St. The Fine Arts center is on the right; the parking lot is on the left.

Checks payable to Colorado AAUW. Mail to Lois Florkey, 5185 S. Dover St., Littleton, CO 80123

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Judith C. Sanderson American Fellowship

AAUW of Colorado is asking for your help in honoring Judy Sanderson by contributing to the AAUW's Educational Foundation *Judith C. Sanderson American Fellowship*.

The AAUW Educational Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Please mail your tax-deductible contribution to:

AAUW of Colorado
c/o Betty Flaten
8110 West 90th Ave.
Westminster, CO 80021

Make checks payable to:
AAUW of Colorado-EF

Name: _____

Address: _____

Colorado Branch: _____



*Judith C. Sanderson
American Fellowship*

**The American Association
of
University Women
of
Colorado**



American Association of University Women

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

AAUW is open to all graduates who hold the baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

AAUW Educational Foundation

One of the world's largest sources of funding exclusively for graduate women, the AAUW Educational Foundation supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

AAUW's American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations or scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave from accredited institutions. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence, teaching experience, and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research.

Named American Fellowships provide financial support to women completing doctoral dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research, or preparing research studies for publication. American Fellowships also fund Selected Professions Fellowships, which support women seeking professional degrees in fields where women are underrepresented and women of color completing degrees in medicine, law, and business.

A Named American Fellowship is established with a minimum contribution of \$10,000 and approval by the AAUW Educational Foundation Board of Directors. Successive gifts designated to a particular fellowship continue to build that fellowship's balance toward completion. Judy's fellowships may take up to 20 years to reach \$100,000. At that level, a fellow is named in recognition of the sponsor's significant contributions.

Why Create a Fellowship for Judy?

AAUW of Colorado voted in 2002 to establish the *Judith C. Sanderson American Fellowship* as a tribute to Judy honoring her lifelong commitment and dedication to AAUW. As our former state president Marybelle Menzel states, "No one else in Colorado has done as much at all levels of AAUW as Judy has over the decades." Marybelle recalls a member who once said she would go anywhere, anytime to hear Judy speak because Judy knows so much about AAUW.

Judy has given an exceptional amount of time to leadership training within AAUW. She gave her time and expertise to help with VOLT training and has been Association's Leader-on-Loan Coordinator since 1991. State leaders have turned to her for advice for many years.

Such personal dedication to the mission of AAUW is the reason Colorado AAUW members are striving to establish a fellowship in Judy's name. The Judith C. Sanderson American Fellowship will fund scholars in the tradition established by previous recipients such as Joyce Brothers, Susan Sontag, Elena Castedo, Judith Resnick and Nannerl O. Keohane.

Judith C. Sanderson

Judy was born in Goodland, Kansas and graduated from Sherman Community High School in 1950. She earned a bachelor's degree in English and Education from Kansas State University in 1954 and a master's *cum laude* in Speech Education, Journalism and Drama in 1961.

She taught for two years in Phillipsburg and three years in Colby, Kansas, and from 1959 to

1986, she taught in Colorado Springs School District 11. During those years, Judy sponsored year books, school newspapers, school plays, skits and cheerleaders.

When she moved to Colorado Springs in 1959 she joined AAUW and it has been a major part of her life ever since.

Judy's AAUW History

Branch Experience:

- Fellowship Chair
- Topic Chair
- Program Vice President
- Newsletter Editor
- Public Policy Chair
- EF Chair
- President

State Experience:

- Bulletin Editor, 1986-2004
- Educational Foundation
- Director of R&D Grant
- Public Policy Director
- Voter Ed Director
- President

Association Experience:

- VOLT Trainer
- **Rocky Mountain Regional Director, 1989-1991**
- Program Committee, 1991-1993
- **Leader on Loan Coordinator, 1991 to present**

Please join us in honoring Judy Sanderson by donating to the Judith C. Sanderson American Fellowship!

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*The JUDITH C. SANDERSON AMERICAN
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AAUW'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



Be a "Dame Who Donates"

Contribute \$25 or more to the Judith C. Sanderson American Fellowship (the designation number is #4235). Receive special recognition for your donation and help increase your branch's contribution to the Educational Foundation.

Make checks payable to AAUW-Educational Foundation.
Send your contribution today!

Contact: Lois Florkey
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March 13, 2008

Betty A. Flaten
State President
8110 W 90th Avenue
Westminster, CO 80021

Dear Betty:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you and the AAUW Colorado state members on the completion of the Judith Sanderson American Fellowship during the 2008 fiscal year. From this day forward, a fellow will have the privilege and good fortune of being sponsored by your fellowship annually.

I hope you and the Colorado state members will communicate with the awardee who is the recipient of your generosity. I know that you and the state members will be proud of the many women who will benefit from this fellowship throughout the years to come.

The American Association of University Women Educational Foundation's mission is grounded in the promotion of equity, lifelong education, and positive societal change. As the world changes in new and unexpected ways, the value of education as a vital link to opening doors for women remains a constant.

Once again, our sincere thanks to you and the AAUW Colorado state members for completing the Judith Sanderson America Fellowship. This is truly an accomplishment to be celebrated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara L O'Connor".

Barbara L O'Connor President

Cc: Joan M. Peterson, President - Elect
Cc: Janet Weisheit, State EF Chair
Cc: Judith C. Sanderson

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Recognizing the completion of the

Judith Sanderson

American Fellowship

The American Association of University Women
Educational Foundation, is honored to present this
certificate of thanks and gratitude to the

AAUW Colorado State Members

For their dedication, commitment, and significant
contributions to the organization's mission, the
Foundation extends a grateful thanks.

Dorothy L. Olson

March 13, 2008