

“The Next Four Years: Full Steam Ahead”

AAUW Colorado Springs Welcomes You to the 2017 State Convention!

April 28 and 29, 2017



Highlights:

- **Dr. Jill Tiefenthaler, President of Colorado College – Keynote Speaker**
- **Mark Hopkins, Interim CEO of AAUW National**
- **Jean Dubofsky, First Woman Justice on Colorado Supreme Court and Lead Council for Plaintiffs in Successful Supreme Court Challenge on Gay Rights**
- **Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Program Manager for the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE)**

**Look for the registration form with more details
about our exciting, upcoming convention!
We'll see you in Colorado Springs!**

AAUW, Art and Adventure Await You in the Springs

Plan to make the 2017 AAUW Colorado State Convention a mini vacation. Come early or stay over on Saturday night and enjoy the culture and wealth of attractions in Colorado Springs.



We begin Friday afternoon with a tour of the **Fine Arts Center** (www.csfineartscenter.org), an outstanding arts venue which draws people from all over the west. Now a property of Colorado College the museum focuses on artists of the west. You have to see the **Dale Chihuly Blue Sapphire chandelier**. Our docent led tour begins at 1:30 with plenty of time after to check into the Antlers before the official events. The tour is \$10.00 and is listed with payment information on your convention registration form.

The Dale Street Bistro, 115 East Dale Street is down the street from the museum and you may make lunch reservations on your own prior to the tour. Contact the Bistro at 719-578-9898 or online at www.dalestreetbistro/coloradosprings.

Walk or take the hotel shuttle the four short blocks from the hotel to the **Pioneers Museum** (www.cspm.org) for our evening reception. The municipal museum of Colorado Springs, located in the former El Paso County Courthouse (1903), portrays the history and culture of the Pikes Peak Region in exhibits emphasizing the unique character of this uncommon Front Range Community.

Anyone remember Michelle's? Come share in wine and hors d'oeuvres and tour the magnificent rooms and historic displays.



Following Saturday's dynamic AAUW convention, stay over another night at the Antlers then, on Sunday hike Garden of the Gods, tour the Olympic Training Center, visit more museums, or have brunch at the Broadmoor.





AAUW COLORADO 2017 STATE CONVENTION

Tentative Program Schedule

April 28-29, 2017

“The Next Four Years: Full Steam Ahead”

Hosted by the Colorado Springs Branch

Antlers Hotel, 4 S. Cascade Avenue Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Friday

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| 1:30 p.m. | Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center Tour |
| 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | State Executive Committee Meeting – Antlers Hotel,
President's Suite |
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. | Registration |
| 5:30 p.m. | Reception and Museum Tour, Pioneer Museum,
215 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 |

Saturday

Antlers Hotel, Summit III Ballroom

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| 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Registration |
| 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | State Board Meeting |
| 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Welcome |
| 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Dr. Jill Tiefenthaler, President, Colorado College |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Mark Hopkins, Interim CEO, AAUW National |
| 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon. | Jean Dubofsky, First Woman Colorado Supreme Court Justice |
| 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. | Lunch, Award Ceremony, Speaker
12:00 noon – 12:15 p.m. – Set up for lunch
12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Lunch
12:30 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. – Kathleen Fitzpatrick, STEM Speaker
12:50 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. – Award Ceremony
1:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. - Break |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Mark Hopkins, Interim CEO, AAUW National |
| 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Break |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | State Annual Business Meeting |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Closing |

Registration for AAUW Colorado State Convention 2017

Hosted by AAUW Colorado Springs
April 28-29, 2017

Hotel Information:

Antlers Hotel, 4 S. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Reservations must be made **individually** with the **Antlers Hotel**, Phone: (719) 955-5600; FAX: (719) 955-0259; www.antlers.com as soon as possible to reserve a standard room at the **AAUW group rate of \$139.00**. Overnight parking (\$10), taxes, and other fees are not included in the base rate. Parking for the day on Saturday is free. Breakfast is not included; the restaurant is open at 6:30 a.m. The deadline to receive this special offer is **12 noon on March 29, 2017. AAUW will not guarantee reservations after noon on that date.**

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Relationship _____
Phone _____ Email _____

AAUW Branch or Branches (also list your current AAUW offices, if applicable) _____

Please check all that apply: Guest? ☐ 1st Time Attendee? ☐ Currently Attending College ☐

Special accommodations, dietary restrictions, or assistance needed? _____

Registration Fee (before April 18)	\$50 _____
Registration Fee (after April 18)	\$60 _____
Non-AAUW Member	\$60 _____

Friday Tour of Fine Arts Center	\$10 _____
Friday Reception – Heavy Hors d'oeuvres	\$15 _____

Pioneers Museum, 215 S Tejon St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dinner on your own; many choices in downtown Colorado Springs

Saturday Lunch – Southwest Chicken Salad (chicken omitted for vegetarians)	\$27 _____
Includes Water, Coffee and Tea, Dessert	
Total	\$ _____

➤ To pay by check (payable to AAUW Colorado)

Send completed registration to: *Bev Dare, 12846 West Iliff Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80228*

➤ To register online and credit card payment by PayPal: aauw-co.aauw.net

REGISTER BY APRIL 18, 2017 – ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 21, 2017

Please let us know if you don't want to be photographed

Meet Our Fantastic Speakers

Jill Tiefenthaler became Colorado College's 13th president on July 1, 2011. President Tiefenthaler worked to realize the potential of the college's pioneering Block Plan, and to enhance the college's distinctive place of learning here in the southwest, supporting an engaged and globally connected academic community as well as to embody our regional and historical identity. She has moved to diversify the increasingly selective student body, faculty, and staff; to bring distinguished scholars, artists, and innovators as visitors to campus; and to develop a Campus Master Plan. The five years under her leadership have been the most successful fundraising stretch in CC's history.



Jill is a leading scholar in the field of the economics of higher education, and is also regularly called on to speak about the value of the liberal arts. Her essay on the economic challenges for liberal arts colleges appears in "Remaking College: Innovation and the Liberal Arts" (Johns Hopkins University Press, October 2013), and she has offered her expertise on this issue in numerous presentations across the country. As professor of economics at the college, she regularly teaches a class in the department of economics.

After receiving her Ph.D. in economics from Duke University, she joined the faculty of Colgate University in 1991, also serving as department chair, associate dean of the faculty, and senior adviser to the president. She also served as provost and professor of economics at Wake Forest University interdisciplinary research and collaboration, and integrating the university's undergraduate and graduate business schools.

Jill is originally from Iowa, where she grew up on a farm and worked for her family's popcorn business before attending Saint Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana. She is married to a research professor in economics at Colorado College. They have two teenaged children.



Mark Hopkins is interim chief executive officer of AAUW. He was appointed to this position by the Board of Directors upon the retirement of the former CEO on July 29, 2016. Mark will manage all AAUW activities and programs while the search is underway for the next CEO.

Prior to taking this position, Mark was chief strategy officer of AAUW and had responsibility for marketing, media and public relations, online content and social media, as well as all revenue generation, including membership and fundraising, strategic alliance and collaboration development, and strategic planning

with the other AAUW executive staff members, among other duties. He will continue to manage the majority of these responsibilities as interim CEO.

With more than 25 years of experience working for and with nonprofit organizations, Mark has been an executive with the American Lung Association, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and USO World Headquarters. As a consultant in his own practice, he has worked with Target Corporation, Estee Lauder Companies, Nike, JP Morgan Chase and Company, World Medical Center, and several others on innovation development, strategic alliance and business development projects, as well as strategic philanthropic efforts.

Meet Our Fantastic Speakers

Jean Dubofsky is an attorney who has represented litigants in state and federal courts -- primarily appellate courts -- in constitutional, tort, workers' compensation, commercial, criminal, civil rights, and family law cases.

Jean served as a justice on the Colorado Supreme Court from 1979 until 1987, the first woman appointed to the court. She was lead counsel for the plaintiffs in the successful constitutional challenge to Amendment 2 to the Colorado Constitution; the case, *Romer v. Evans*, is the first time - 1996 - that the United States Supreme Court recognized gay rights.

Awards she has received include the ABA Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, the ACLU Carle Whitehead Memorial Award for "exceptional commitment and dedication to civil liberties and the state of Colorado," and the Boulder Daily Camera Lifetime Achievement Pacesetters Award. Jean was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in 2008.

She has served on the boards of Bell Policy Center, the Colorado Center for Law and Policy, Rocky Mountain Wild and Boulder Community Hospital. Jean is a 1967 graduate of Harvard Law School and a 1964 graduate of Stanford University.

She is married and has two sons and two young grandsons. Another grandchild is due in May.

Appealing for Justice, by Sue Casey, is a riveting behind-the-scenes legal drama and an intimate and powerful portrait of Jean Dubofsky's journey of justice. Copies of this new book will be on sale during our luncheon for a special price of \$20.



Kathleen Fitzpatrick is the Program Manager for the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE). In this role, Kathleen assists a national team of equity professionals that build educators' capacity to implement effective solutions for increasing student access, educational equity and workforce diversity.

Kathleen's passion has always been in promoting the STEM message for the next generation. In addition to her role at NAPE, Kathleen is Executive Director for the Southern Colorado Girls' STEM Initiative (SCGSI), a regional organization that supports 400 middle school girls in exploring careers in STEM. Kathleen has conducted extensive research and is a sought-after speaker on the topic of Girls in STEM, including gender equity in the classroom.

Kathleen sits on the leadership board for the statewide, Colorado Collaborative for Girls in STEM (CoCoSTEM) as well as other statewide and local STEM initiatives. Previously, Kathleen contributed at the Center for STEM Education (CSTEME) at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS), directing the programs that supported the longitudinal research on what attracts and retains students in STEM. Kathleen also is instructor on Entrepreneurship for the Bachelor of Innovation TM program at UCCS.

Prior to joining academia, Kathleen worked in industry as an engineering consultant and as the process engineering manager for Hewlett Packard's Colorado Springs site, being the first woman engineer on the production floor. Kathleen was part of the first class of women at Claremont McKenna (Men's) College graduating with a B.A. in Management Engineering. She also received a B.S. and M.S. in Industrial Engineering from Stanford University.

from the president. . .

AAUW is political yet nonpartisan.

What does that mean?

In essence, we hold our elected and appointed officials accountable on every level of government – local to international – and work with them to advance our political agenda of gender equity. During partisan and nonpartisan elections, we inform voters through candidate forums, voter guides, and other educational vehicles about candidate stances on issues that we hold dear per our member-approved AAUW Public Policy Program positions. For a good overview of political-versus-partisan DOs and DON'Ts, see the following AAUW blog post. www.aauw.org/resource/political-vs-partisan-guide



AAUW refocusing its mission priorities

From a recent state president briefing by AAUW Board Chair Patricia Fae Ho: “[F]or the past two years the AAUW Board of Directors has been conducting an organizational review and analysis regarding the long-term sustainability of AAUW programs and their alignment with our mission. Part of that process was the formation of the Resource Sustainability Task Force in February 2015, composed of current and former board members. As the result of the two-year analysis we identified the need to focus AAUW efforts and programs. To this end the board enacted budget priorities for the next fiscal year that realign budget priorities with mission priorities. These mission priorities are:

- Pay equity (through programs, research, and advocacy)
- Campus leadership programs (NCCWSL, student organizations, our college/university members, and our National Student Advisory Council)
- Research (informing AAUW’s public policy platform and programs) and increasing the number of women and girls in STEM through our research and advocacy.

This realignment included the reorganization of some departments and positions within AAUW. Healthy organizations regularly analyze their operations in this manner, and you may rest assured that AAUW will continue to provide strong advocacy in accordance with the public policy platform adopted by members, a robust funding of fellowships and grants, and leadership development and programs for women and girls now and in the future.”

State Convention season is upon us!

State officers and branch presidents: Please submit your State Convention booklet reports to the following addresses, **no later than APRIL 1**: lkg.reads@comcast.net, bflaten@rimail.net, and ae_blackwell@yahoo.com.

See you in Colorado Springs in April!

AAUW Colorado President Amy Blackwell

AAUW Colorado NCCWSL Scholarship Applications Due April 1

Many thanks go to all who have contributed to this state scholarship fund – to which the Douglas County Branch has been especially generous! We

look forward to sending another Colorado attendee to **AAUW’s National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)**. This year’s conference is **May 31-June 3 at University of Maryland, College Park**. Please encourage Colorado college/university women student leaders to apply for our scholarship by **April 1** at bit.ly/NCCWSL-CO. Full conference registration and program details are available at nccwsl.org.



Denver Public Library Seeking Photos & Items from Women’s March on Denver

If you have something to donate, please contact the Western History and Genealogy Department at history@denverlibrary.org or call 720-865-1821. More info on what DPL seeks: <http://dpo.st/2l6Bz7w>

Slate of Officer Nominations Respectfully Submitted by the Colorado AAUW Nominating Committee, 2017

The AAUW Colorado Nominating Committee is proud to announce the 2017-2019 candidates for the state Board of Directors. These candidates will be voted on at the state convention in Colorado Springs, April 29, 2017. "Elected officers shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected and assume office. The term of each officer shall begin on July 1."

President-Elect:



Stormy McDonald rejoined AAUW on moving to Colorado in 2007 and quickly found herself involved in Program Planning for the Lakewood Branch for 3 years, then took on Branch Public Policy for a year. She became a founding member of the CO e-Network Branch and still supports their planning efforts. She is also a member of the Lakewood and Littleton-South Metro Branches. She has served on our state board as Membership Co-Chair for 2 terms and the Nominating Committee. She has attended AAUW Fall Leadership Workshops, our State Conventions and three National Conventions and looks forward to working with AAUW branches and others interested in our goal of gaining equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy.

Program Development Co-Vice Presidents:

Betty Flaten has been a member of Lakewood branch for close to 40 years, was a dual member of Foothills branch and currently belongs to the Boulder branch as a dual member. Her AAUW background is extensive including serving as state Public Policy Director, Educational Foundation Chair, Co-Program Vice-President and state President. She currently is appointed to the position of State Program Development Co-Vice President to fill a vacancy. She served on the 30th Anniversary Committee and was a presenter for the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame; is a member of the steering committee of the Women's Collaborative of Colorado; is a member of the Volunteer Advisory Team and Super School News of Rocky Mountain PBS; and was the National Friends of Public Broadcasting Volunteer of the Year in 2015.



Linda Groth is running for a second term as Program Development Co-Vice President. She is a member of the Boulder Branch and has been a member of AAUW since 1987. For the Boulder Branch she has served in the position of Co-President and is currently the newsletter editor. While a member of the Oakton-Vienna branch in Virginia, she held the positions of President, Program Vice-President, and Treasurer. She was also a dual member with the McLean Branch. For Colorado State AAUW, she has also served one term as Secretary.

Slate of Officer Nominations Respectfully Submitted by the Colorado AAUW Nominating Committee, 2017 (continued)

Public Policy Co-Director:



Melinda (Lindy) Reed is currently a member of Lakewood Branch. For the Foothills Branch she served twice as Co-President, several times as Program Vice-President, and in various other offices. She also served one term as Colorado AAUW State Secretary. She is a Choice Coalition representative and has been a member of the State Public Policy Committee for approximately 10 years as well as serving as a volunteer lobbyist from 2009 to 2012. She has been a Planned Parenthood volunteer speaker for 10 years.

Treasurer:

Bev Dare is running for a second term as Treasurer. She joined AAUW in 1976 and is a member of the Lakewood Branch. She is currently the branch treasurer, and has also served as Co-President, Community Representative, and Diversions Representative. She has served on numerous committees, often with financial responsibility, including Finance Review Committee, Home Fair Finance chair, Home Fair Tags chair, Garage Sale/Book sale chair, Flower Sale finance representative, State Convention finance representative, and Nominating committee. She has good organizational and bookkeeping skills and is an experienced Excel user.



Secretary:



Carolyn Cooley has been a member of AAUW for approximately ten years in the Littleton-South Metro Branch. She has served in several board positions including: website administrator, Public Information Chair, and newsletter (TWIGS) editor. She was instrumental in the design and implementation of the branch website coordinating with National Site Resources and branch members and continued to maintain the website for several years. She is currently Co-President of the Littleton-South Metro Branch and is Colorado State AAUW Secretary as appointed by the Executive Committee upon a vacancy in that position. She has also served on a Colorado State AAUW Nominating Committee.

The Colorado AAUW Nominating Committee Members are: Chair Eileen Young (Colorado e-Network), Diane Norten (Douglas County), Barb Slattenow (Fort Collins), Jill Smith (Littleton-South Metro) and Melissa Johnsen (Colorado e-Network). Removed from the committee upon being considered for an office were: Stormy McDonald (Lakewood) and Carolyn Cooley (Littleton-South Metro). These individuals were replaced by committee alternates, Jill Smith and Melissa Johnsen.

MEMBERSHIP Matters...



of Colorado

AAUW Colorado Winter Newsletter – Membership

Membership Highlights, 2016 - 2017

- o Mailed out AAUW Colorado MAL list to all branch membership chairs approximately 700 MAL on list;
- o Sent out Fall Leadership Conference notification to all MAL members;
- o Had one initial membership meeting with previous Colorado membership vice president, Stormy McDonald, to understand Membership VP responsibilities and expectations;
- o Attended Fall Leadership Conference to introduce Membership goals for 2016-17;
- o Sent letters to branch membership chairs from Terry and me to identify potential members to participate in Colorado membership committee.
- o Developed monthly membership newsletter and sent to branch membership chairs;
- o Provided membership tips to Intercouncil Branch Presidents during Public Policy Day;
- o Updated membership roster for each branch;
- o Provided links on inclusion and diversity to branch membership chairs in monthly newsletters.

AAUW COLORADO

BRANCH	End of 6/30/16	Life	2/10/2017 Total
Aurora	87	6	93
Boulder	66	12	78
CO eNetwork	16	1	17
Co. Springs	172	12	184
Douglas County	66	5	71
Durango	75	2	77
Ft. Collins	45	8	53
Grand Junction	26	6	32
Gunnison	17	6	23
Lakewood	103	9	112
Littleton-So Metro	108	9	117
Longmont	59	6	65
Loveland	32	3	35
Totals	872	85	957

Presented by:

Terry Campbell Caron and Eileen Young

AAUW Colorado Vice Presidents

March 5, 2017

Our Mission

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Public Policy Day 2017-February 4, 2017: A Wrap Up

Advance Women's Health--Advocacy and Networking

Betty Boyd, Public Policy Co-Director, did a fantastic job of developing and providing a superb program for the day. **Martha King**, our first speaker, who directs the Health Program at the National Conference of State Legislatures, presented an excellent program on effective networking and advocacy. Following Ms. King was **Sarah Taylor-Nanista**, Vice President of Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, who was very candid in her remarks about what Planned Parenthood has done to help the women of the Rocky Mountains with their health care and needs. *Please refer to the Colorado AAUW website to see the slides presented by these two wonderful speakers.*

Betty Boyd then reviewed the Colorado AAUW stances on bills forthcoming in the 2017 State Assembly. The Public Policy Committee reviewed some 28 bills currently in consideration by the State Assembly that directly apply to AAUW 2015-2017 Public Policy Program. These bills are posted on our Colorado AAUW website and it is noted as to the status of these bills. On the next page of this *Bulletin*, status updates are also posted.

After lunch we had a panel on reproductive health and choice in Colorado. **Gena Ozols** of NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado. Gena was honest in her advocacy for reproductive rights and access to abortion. Ms. Ozols, along with **Karla Gonzales Garcia**, Program and Policy Director of COLOR (Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive rights) were so passionate in their presentations. It was refreshing to realize that women in their 20's, 30's and 40's are continuing the challenge of protecting women's reproductive rights. Gena and Karla were followed by **State Senator Beth Martinezh Humenik**. Senator Humenik chairs the Local Government Committee and is the Vice-Chair of the Health and Human Services.

Public Policy Program Committee

Georgina Burns, Mary Hassler, Ingrid Lindemann, Betsy Loague, Sally Matthewson, Joan Peterson, Debra Parcheta, Lindy Reed, Gail Wilson, and Amy Blackwell, ex officio

Public Policy Co-Directors: Betty Boyd and Diane Fuchs

We met June 18, 2016 to begin the planning process for Public Policy Day and Colorado AAUW Lobby Corps directives. Betty Boyd is the Lobby Corps Coordinator and Director. Each Public Policy Committee member is in charge of following certain bills and issues at the State Assembly. Diane Fuchs does the site coordination for Public Policy Day and prepares articles for the *Bulletin*.

PUBLIC POLICY DAY 2018 NEW LOCATION ANNOUNCED!

Golden Hotel

Golden, Colorado

As Public Policy Co-Director, I wanted to give you a heads up as to Public Policy Day 2018, scheduled for February 3, 2018. Due to the increasing costs of holding the event at the Marriott South, we will be holding the 2018 event at the Golden Hotel in Golden, Colorado. Please be aware that if you are planning on spending the night, all reservations need to be made directly with the hotel prior to January 2, 2018. I have been able to negotiate a reasonable rate for the rooms. If you go to the website of the Golden Hotel, it is a boutique hotel with a high rating and it is indeed beautiful. Please watch for the Fall/Winter *Bulletin* for more details.

Diane Fuchs
Public Policy Co-Director



First half update on 2017 CO AAUW Legislative Program

SB 17-003 Repeal State Health Benefit Exchange	OPP	S Approp
SB 17-039 Income tax credits for private school tuition	A OPP	S Approp
SB 17-061 Additional funds for charter school operations	OPP	S 2nd Read
SB 17-067 % of Teacher Evaluation based on Student Growth	SUP	PI
SB 17-102 Prohibit use of student on religion/citizenship	SUP	PI
SB 17-107 Reward public ed entities for arts educ.	MON	S Approp
SB 17-114 Ed Accountability emphasis on academic growth	MON	S ED
SB 17-118 Expand disclosure on Private Occupational Schools	SUP	PI
SB 17-123 Seal of Biliteracy on HS diploma	MON	Concurrence
SB 17-126 Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board	SUP	S Approp
SB 17-128 Higher Ed Behavior Policies	SUP	PI

HB 17-1001 Employee Leave for child's academic activities	A SUP	S SVMA
HB 17-1002 Child Care Expense Income Tax Credit	A SUP	H FIN
HB 17-1003 Strategic Plan to reduce teacher shortages	MON	H Approp
HB 17-1036 Allow concealed carry in public schools	OPP	PI
HB 17-1038 Prohibit Corporal Punishment of Children	SUP	S JUD
HB 17-1042 Increased funding for full day Kindergarten	MON	H Approp
HB 17-1068 Require use of prevailing wage for CDOT Projects	SUP	S PI
HB 17-1072 Human Trafficking for Sexual Servitude	SUP	H JUD
HB 17-1085 Women's Health Protection Act	A OPP	PI
HB 17-1086 Abortion Pill Reversal Information Act	A OPP	PI
HB 17-1099 No Higher Ed funding for aborted fetal tissue	A OPP	PI
BH 17-1108 Protect Human Life at Conception	A OPP	PI
HB 17-1116 Continue LEAP Program indefinitely	SUP	H Passed
HB 17-1121 Fingerprint based background check for Health Li	SUP	H FIN
HB 17-1122 Gender ID on Birth Certificates	SUP	H JUD
HB 17-1127 Sales tax exemption – feminine products	MON	H Approp
HB 17-1186 Health Coverage Contraceptive Supplies	SUP	H 2nd

Addendum to CO AAUW Legislative Program for 2017

House Bill 17-1021 Wage Theft Transparency – Department of Labor shall release information regarding employer wage theft as public information
SUPPORT

Rep. Danielson – Sen. Cooke (Passed House, in Sen. BLT)
Often the victims or employer wage theft are women.

House Bill 17-1156 Prohibit Conversion Therapy by a licensed mental health care provider for patients under 18.
SUPPORT

Rep. Rosenthal – Sen. Fenberg (Passed House awaiting Sen. Committee)

House Bill 17-1184 Modern Technology Education in Public Schools would develop more resources for technology education for public schools
SUPPORT

Rep. Duran – Sen. Grantham (Passed House awaiting Sen. Committee)

House Bill 17-1185 Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect –would allow mandatory reporter if they continue to have relationship with child, to access records of abuse and neglect. Adds county health and human services workers to list of mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse.
SUPPORT

Rep. Singer – Sen. Smallwood (PHC)

House Bill 17-1188 Adds Physical or mental disability and sexual orientation to categories described in the harassment statute to make it consistent with Colorado's law concerning bias motivated crimes.

SUPPORT

Rep. Foote – Sens. Moreno & Coram (IUD)

Senate Bill 17-142 Breast Density Notification Required – Specific Breast Density information must be included in mammography report to patients
SUPPORT

Sen. A. Williams – Rep. Danielson (Passed Senate, in House PHC)

Senate Bill 17-193 Research Center for Prevention of Substance Abuse Addiction – to be established at CU Health Sciences Center – Prevention and treatment strategies for opioids, controlled substances and alcohol

SUPPORT

Sens Lundberg & Jahn – Reprs. Rankin & Pettersen (Passed HHS, in APP)

branches



Longmont and Boulder

March blew in for the Longmont and Boulder branches with a special meeting and luncheon on March 11. The luncheon featured a CU student whose engineering focus is on local environmental issues relating to wastewater treatment. Longmont's Coffee and Conversation meetings are enjoyed on a regular basis at "The Brew," 314 Main Street in Longmont. The latest meeting was on March 8, and the photo of caffeinated Longmont AAUWers was from the February 8 get-together.



Colorado eNetwork In an effort to bring AAUW's great programming to more people, the Colorado eNetwork has been broadcasting branch programs online. Thanks to Douglas County for hosting our February efforts, and to the Littleton branch for working with us to air their March 13 program! Melissa Johnson's presentation '*Reproductive Rights and Impact of the General and Colorado Elections*' was streamed live using a service from **FreeConferenceCall.com**. This allows users to dial in using either their phone or their computer's speakers to listen in. We'd like to collaborate with more branches to stream more presentations this year, and expand our online interaction from listeners. Perhaps your branch as members not wanting to drive in the evenings, or who can't get to your in-person meeting? This is the perfect opportunity to stay in touch, virtually. If your branch would like to share your program or host a viewing party for one of our upcoming events, contact **COeNetworkAAUW@gmail.com** to see how we might work together.

If you want to explore this tool on your own, you can test it at any time from your own computer. Full instructions on logging in to the site are posted at the bottom of <http://co-virtual.aauw.net/events/>. And, we'll be hosting a '**Virtual Happy Hour**' in May if you'd like to join us for a live event and see how it works 'in person'! Sign up for email announcements in the right-hand column at our website, <http://co-virtual.aauw.net/> and we'll keep you posted on upcoming webinars and events.

Plus, you can join in for our **online book club**, too. Each month this summer, we'll host an online discussion of a title that's important to and for women. RSVP to receive our book list and read along with some or all of our Summer Book Club titles: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-colorado-enet-work-summer-book-club-tickets-32176570990?aff=PromoLinkBOOKCLUB>

Littleton South Metro Littleton-South Metro branch has completed initial planning efforts to select a venue for the 2018 State AAUW convention. Options for the convention were reviewed with State AAUW Co-Program Development Vice-Presidents, and the decision was made to use the Hilton Gardens in Highlands Ranch.



Over 20 AAUW Littleton-South Metro members participated in the January 21st Women's March. One of our members made signs to carry at the march. AAUW Colorado has purchased these signs, and they are available for other branches to use. The branch has a Community Giving fundraiser coming up on May 6. The event will be held at Las Brisas restaurant, and the speaker will be **Andrew Romanoff**.

Colorado Springs Colorado Springs began 2017 with a first quarter of enlightening programs featuring the Women's Resource Agency in January where members donated 114 items for women doing professional interviews. February's focus was Homeless Youth and the Services provided by Urban Peak. A used book sale accompanied this meeting. March highlighted International Women's Day where 160 women gathered to hear dynamic speakers involved in STEAM. We continue to support and empower women to reach their potential and to make a difference.

Aurora--The AAUW Aurora Branch met in January at the Aurora History Museum. Carol Tobiassen introduced **Peggy Ruden** from CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, who gave an impassioned, heart-felt presentation about their work on behalf of children who have ended up in the social services system. They may be contacted at www.add4children.com, 303.695.1882.



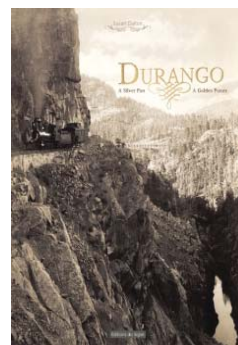
Grand Junction “Fifteen years ago, I (President Lori Wood) was installed as Branch President for the first time on our 70th Anniversary. After some time off, I was re-elected for what was to become a two term Presidency. I’ll finish my final term on our 90th Anniversary. How amazing is that?!? Our Branch IS NINETY years old this year! I wonder what our founding mothers, Mary Rait and Josephine Biggs, would say if they knew that their endeavors to start a branch in Grand Junction would still be appreciated 90 years later.

In an effort to continue the work of our illustrious founders, Jane Fitzgerald and I met with Rick Adleman, Director of Development for Colorado Mesa University, last week. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding for our third Scholarship to CMU. It will benefit a female veteran – working on any degree. Other than maintaining the standard level of a GPA that is required by our other scholarships, the only requirement is that they served in America’s military. They can also be a current Reservist. Lori Newsom, a Marine veteran who served in Vietnam and Desert Storm, also served on the committee and helped with great insight as to the needs of female veterans.”

Lakewood We’re excited to provide funds for the first time for a Red Rocks Community College student to attend NCCWSL in May. We have been pleased to celebrate extraordinary women through our monthly branch programs this year. We are celebrating Women’s History Month in March, as we are pleased to introduce Megan Schulze, Society of Women Engineers, Rocky Mountain Section President and Project Manager for Dewberry. The Society of Women Engineers, will present their goals for attracting girls and women into STEM fields, particularly engineering. It is meaningful to recall the lives of Mary Jackson, Katherine G. Johnson, and Dorothy Vaughn. These three brilliant African-American women mathematicians and scientists were portrayed in Hidden Figures, “The forgotten women who helped win the space race!” Also, we provided scholarships for girls from the Girls and Boys Club to attend Expanding Your Horizons in Boulder in February. Twenty-four members attended Public Policy Day and more than ten marched in the Women’s March. We continue to provide monthly meals for the Action Center shelter. Our main fund raiser will be May 21, 2-4:30. We will hold our event (a tea and silent auction) at Rolling Hills Country Club. Our special guest speaker will present on Feng Shui: The Art and Science of Making Our Homes a Place of Comfort, Beauty and Good Fortune.

Durango will hold their **AAUW Annual Book and Author Luncheon** on Saturday, March 18, 11:30 a.m., in the Vallecito Room at Fort Lewis College. This year honors **Susan Dalton**, author of **Durango: A Silver Past; A Golden Future**, which tells the story of a town founded by the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad.

An eclectic assortment of graphics including antique prints, historical photos, old paper memorabilia, paintings, maps, and vintage postcards illustrate the history of Durango, Silverton, and the network of railways that connected the San Juan Basin.



Loveland Thanks to the Loveland branch for posting this timely article on their website:

Here’s Who Would Win March Madness Based on Schools’ Gender Pay Gaps (highlights)



March Madness, the annual NCAA basketball tournament, kicks off this week. But to us, the real madness is that women and people of color still don’t have equal pay in 2017! If you’ve followed March Madness with AAUW for the past few years, you’ve seen our brackets that display the gender pay gap between schools’ male and female coaches and between their male and female graduates.

It’s no secret that the gender pay gap exists immediately after women and men graduate from college. The unfortunate reality is that this pay gap grows even larger as they continue in their careers. This year, AAUW’s pay gap playoff brackets will take a deeper dive into how much the gender pay gap grows or shrinks over time. We’re rooting for the teams whose graduates see a narrower gender pay gap over time—and we hope you’ll join us! We calculated the pay gap for each competing school’s female and male students six years and ten years after entering college. In each matchup, the school whose gender pay gap grows more during those four years is knocked out of the tournament! For example, if School A’s pay gap grows by eight percentage points, while School B’s pay gap grows by just two percentage points, School B would advance to the next round. Root for the teams with the smaller percentages!

Men’s Tournament Bracket Winner: Princeton University

The Princeton Tigers take home the trophy because their graduates actually see their gender pay gap shrink over time. Six years after entry to Princeton, women graduates are paid just 56 percent of what their male counterparts are paid. Ten years after entry, however, women with Princeton degrees are paid 81 percent of what men with Princeton degrees are paid — a narrowing of the pay gap by 25 percentage points. We applaud this unusual example of the gender pay gap narrowing for a group of graduates!

Women’s Tournament Bracket Winner: University of California

The Cal Bears are the winners of our women’s bracket with a gender pay gap that shrinks by 6.8 percentage points over time. This victory in particular caught our eye because the University of California hosts AAUW salary negotiation workshops on campus. Good salary negotiation knowledge can play a key role in closing the gender pay gap, a trend demonstrated by the university.

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Looking Ahead in 2017:

April 4	Equal Pay Day	
April 28-29	AAUW State Convention	Antlers Hotel, Colorado Springs
May 31-June 3	NCCWSL	University of Maryland
June 14-17	AAUW National Convention	Washington DC
August 25-26	Fall Leadership Conference	DoubleTree by Hilton, Thornton