



COLORADO BULLETIN

Winter 2017-2018

Presidential Ponderings

Wouldn't it be productive for the AAUW mission -- advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research -- if we members

- Offer a truly welcoming environment that meets prospective member expectations? We're stronger together! AAUW Diversity and Inclusion Toolkit www.aauw.org/resource/diversity-and-inclusion-tool-kit
- Teach as many women as possible how to negotiate fair pay and benefits? AAUW Start Smart and Work Smart workshops salary.aauw.org
- Remind our communities that college students are often parenting, working near-to-full time, facing food insecurity (and sometimes homelessness), and amassing piles of debt? AAUW's research report "Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans" www.aauw.org/research/deeper-in-debt (includes PowerPoint presentation and free report download)



Let's move the needle in our state and municipalities, folks.

AAUW Colorado President Amy Blackwell

2018 Public Policy Day

AAUW Colorado has a wonderful Public Policy Day and Betty Boyd is an awesome lobbyist but making sure good things happen at the legislature can be enhanced by help from everyday citizens, i.e. branch members. Yes, that's you!

But things happen fast at the legislature and you can't all be expected to get online and follow bills. So Betty and the Public Policy Committee need contacts in each branch. Over half the branches have a Branch Public Policy Chair, which is great! But for those that don't, it would help to have a specific person who could keep branch members informed of needed action. This would involve helping your members become part of the Action Alert system for national legislation and identifying members who would be willing to call or email their state representative or senator occasionally. To volunteer if you are not already a PP Chair or if you have questions, contact Lindy Reed, mkhreed@comcast.net or 303-421-9414.



Questions about Public Policy Day registration or to request a college student scholarship - Contact: Lindy Reed at 303-421-9414, mkhreed@comcast.net

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING – IT'S CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

AAUW COLORADO PUBLIC POLICY DAY

FEBRUARY 3, 2018, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

THE GOLDEN HOTEL - 800 11th Street, Golden, Colorado 80401

Featured Speakers

MARIA TRUJILLO and CHRISTIAN GARDNER-WOOD

**Colorado Human Trafficking Council, Colorado Department of Public Safety
and ... A BIPARTISAN LEGISLATIVE PANEL**

Register by Monday, January 15, 2018

Cost: \$45 (includes registration and lunch-no breakfast is provided)

Current College Students are Eligible for Public Policy Day Registration Scholarships

OVERNIGHT RESERVATIONS: Reservations must be arranged individually with The Golden Hotel no later than January 3, 2018 to receive the special group rate of \$155 (plus tax) for a standard guest room, single or double occupancy. The number for THE GOLDEN HOTEL reservation desk is 303-279-0100. Ask for the American Association of University Women's Block Rate.

Lunch Menu

Grilled Chicken and Mixed Green Salad Plate, Artisan Rolls and Butter

Assorted Mini Cheesecakes, Coffee, Iced Tea

AAUW Colorado Public Policy Committee

Sue Bodis, Georgina Burns, Diane Fuchs, Mary Hassler, Betsy Loague, Sally Mathewson, Joan Peterson, Debra Parcheta, Gail Wilson, Donna Zimmerman, and Amy Blackwell ex officio

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2018 AAUW Colorado

Public Policy Day

February 3, 2018

The Golden Hotel, Golden, Colorado

8:30-9:15	Registration and Networking
9:15-9:30	Welcome and Announcements
9:30-11:45	Human Trafficking 101: 3-unit presentation with a 15-minute break between units 2 and 3
	Presenters: Maria Trujillo – Program Manager, Colorado Human Trafficking Council in the Division of Criminal Justice, Colorado Department of Safety
	Christian Gardner-Wood – Assistant District Attorney, First Judicial District (Jefferson & Gilpin Counties). Member of the Colorado Human Trafficking Council
11:45-12:15	Lobby Corps Report
12:15-1:15	Lunch and Announcements
1:15-2:30	Panel Discussion
	Sen. John Cooke (R), Rep. Leslie Herod (D), Rep. Terri Carver (R), Kelly Zebroski, Jefferson County Department of Human Services
2:30	Call to Action and Adjourn

2018 AAUW COLORADO PUBLIC POLICY DAY

February 3, 2018

REGISTRATION

NAME _____

AAUW OFFICE _____

ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, ZIP) _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Relationship _____

AAUW Branch or Branches _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Guest? _____ 1st Time Attendee? _____

Currently Attending College? _____

To donate toward the Public Policy Day Registration of a College Student

Please add \$45 (or any desired amount) to your Registration Check

Any meal alterations? _____

Luncheon item: Grilled Chicken and Mixed Green Salad Plate

COST: \$45

To pay by check (Payable to AAUW Colorado)

Send check and completed registration to:

Mary Hassler, 4230 Corriente Place, Boulder CO 80302-1629

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 15, 2018

No Refunds after January 22, 2018

To Register Online / Credit Card Payment by PayPal:

aauw-co.aauw.net

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

Membership

AAUW Colorado Membership Status per National Records, 09/25/17												
BRANCH	9/25/17	10/17/16	9/25/17	10/17/16	9/25/16	10/17/16	9/25/17	10/17/16	Diff	Dual	Outstate	Students
	<u>Unpaid</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Life</u>	<u>Life</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>				
Aurora	14	15	75	77	6	6	95	98	-3	2		1
Boulder	10	20	63	64	12	13	85	97	-12	4	1 FL	
CO eNetwork	7	1	12	16	1	1	20	18	2	6	1NC	1
Co. Springs	37	39	143	150	13	12	193	201	-8	1		1
Douglas County	0	1	62	66	5	5	67	72	-5	3	1CA	
Durango	11	11	74	71	2	2	87	84	3	1		
Ft. Collins	14	7	43	42	9	9	66	58	8	1		2
Grand Junction	4	2	23	25	6	6	33	33	0	1		
Gunnison	8	1	9	17	6	6	23	24	-1	0		
Lakewood	12	17	94	104	9	9	115	130	-15	4		
Littleton-So Metro	19	24	87	89	9	9	115	122	-7	4		
Longmont	18	9	47	55	4	6	69	70	-1	2		
Loveland	10	6	27	24	3	3	40	33	7	1		
Totals	164	153	759	800	85	87	1008	1040	-32	30	3	5
Dual members minus outstate							27	27				
CO AAUW Members							1035	1067	-32			

July 1, 2017 began another AAUW year with each branch striving to meet or surpass last year's membership numbers. Colorado eNetwork added 2 new members and Colorado Springs added THIRTEEN new members which are not reported on this list. Branch Membership Vice Presidents (including me) are diligently working with their branch treasurers to close the gap of unpaid members. Douglas County has found the secret and kudos to you! Hooray to Durango, Fort Collins, Loveland and eNetwork for increasing branch memberships, while Grand Junction kept steady. As AAUW National announced an increase in membership dues, we anticipated some fallout in membership, however, having said that, our membership vice presidents will close the gap!

Terry Campbell Caron and Eileen Young, AAUW Colorado Membership Co Vice Presidents

Interbranch Council (IBC) Begins Second Year

Presidents (or their representatives) from ten of AAUW-Colorado's thirteen branches convened at the Annual Fall Leadership Conference on Friday, August 25. Jill Smith (Littleton-South Metro) was re-elected Chair, Paula Munger (Colorado Springs), Alternate, and Marilyn Leist (Boulder), Recorder. An amendment to the IBC Guidelines was created for election of IBC officers to have the state president (or other member of the state board) convene a phone meeting after July 1st each year to elect the officers for the IBC one-year term. Discussion was held about branch vs. state responsibility for state conventions and while members are aware of difficulties they were open to new ways of planning. New State Archive Chair, Laurel Seppala-Etra, provided guidelines for collecting and submitting archive items to the Denver Public Library, the new depository. Laurel is willing to work with each branch's individual needs. IBC is a supporting and empowering section of the state leadership structure and welcomes ideas and questions from branches. Nan Andersson (Longmont) shared her branch's "Conscious Conversations" training

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sessions for helping members to talk with friends and family about difficult and disparate issues. The next meeting will be on the eve of Public Policy Day, late afternoon on February 2.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee stands ready to assist your branches and communications volunteers in their efforts, as part of our responsibilities with AAUW Colorado. Recently, AAUW leaders from across the state provided input to a communications plan for AAUW in Colorado. Identified strengths include the state Facebook page with 1300 followers, while we have the opportunity to increase the use of conference calls as a way to engage even more members in activities, programs and meetings. Find info on using conference calling when you log in to the AAUW Colorado Member Center at <http://aauw-co.aauw.net/members/> where you'll also find another communications tool, an editorial calendar guide.

An AAUW National Communications Task Force found that branches need to have more timely communications, current mission statements and logos, and social media administrators who are active on an almost-daily basis. In an effort to help, the Communications Committee is tracking branches who have updated the mission statement in their newsletter and website. (Find a list by branch and update yours at <http://bit.ly/2fNOq9Y>.)

- Need other resources to help in your updates? Search at <http://www.aauw.org/resources/> for terms like 'social media' 'letter to the editor' 'communications' 'photos' or 'newsletters.'
- Remember to share your newsletter--one that tells stories, shows engaging graphics, and is concise--widely by sending to potential members and stakeholders and posting to your branch website.
- Concerned about not having a social media presence? Simply promote these AAUW sites to keep people engaged: Facebook @AAUWColorado (See the page at <https://www.facebook.com/aauwcolorado/>) and Twitter @AAUW (<https://twitter.com/AAUW>)

Nominating Committee

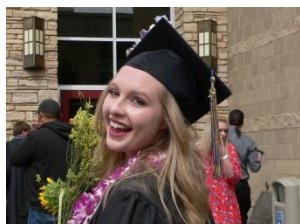
The AAUW Colorado Nominating Committee is accepting applications for the following 2018-20 state board positions: Membership Vice Presidents, Public Policy Co-Director, and AAUW Funds Director. Descriptions of the board positions and curriculum vitae forms may be found on the home page of the state website, aauw-co.aauw.net, under the heading, "Applying for the State Board?"

Interested AAUW Colorado members are encouraged to apply for these positions as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the nominating committee chair, Susan Damon, at ssdamon@gmail.com.

NCCWSL (AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) Scholarship Recipient Report

The conference was a very fun opportunity, and I am very thankful for everyone who made it possible for me to go. I am inspired by AAUW and NCCWSL to continue to advocate for women throughout my year with AmeriCorps. I am both thankful and grateful to have attended the 2017 NCCWSL Conference. Reflecting on my experience, I remember the conversations I had with the other women from our delegation as well as the other women in attendance. It was inspiring to be in a room full of women, all in similar positions yet from extremely diverse backgrounds, who were willing and able to come together to talk about the change we want to see and partake in.

And although every speaker was a joy and privilege to hear, Jessamyn Stanley was the most empowering when it comes to enacting the necessary change in our own lives. I was particularly impressed with her authentic and genuine presence and her passion for empowering other women. The message I walked away with was a gentle reminder that we are never in this alone, and that we are stronger together as soon as we realize that. Overall, this experience offered a much-needed perspective on the role of university women across the country, and I am very thankful to AAUW Colorado for their assistance in making it possible!



Lauren Watson

2017 Fort Lewis College Graduate

2017 AAUW Colorado NCCWSL Scholarship Recipient

Branch News

Aurora Branch

- September 9 Program – Shelley McKittrick – Aurora's first Homeless Program
- October 21 – Annual Local Scholarship Fundraiser - Carrabbas Italian Grill
- November 11 Program – Marla Keown – International Photographer and Iraqi War Veteran
- Ongoing Program – King Soopers Cards – Monies collected are donated to AAUW Funds **Pam Jones**, President

Douglas County Branch

- At its September meeting, the Douglas County Affiliate awarded three \$1,500 scholarships to deserving Douglas County women. Pictured from left to right are Lauren Hallstrom, Gretchen Stulock and Leah Porter.



- Lauren Hallstrom is in her third year at CSU studying English and Creative writing. She published two award winning young adult novels by the age of 15. She volunteered at the Parker library which led her to being hired there as its first teenage employee. Her goal is to become a youth librarian.

- Gretchen Stulock is a high school English teacher and is pursuing a masters degree in curriculum education at the University of Northern Colorado.

- Leah Porter is studying business management and human resources at the University of Colorado,

Denver. Last spring, she earned her associates degree from Arapahoe Community College maintaining a 4.0 GPA while raising two daughters as a single parent. She was the only student member of the State Board of Community Colleges. Porter grew up in Malaysia and came to Colorado 10 years ago.

- Douglas County Affiliate plans to send information to these recipients to encourage them to apply for a NCCWSL scholarship. **Beryl Jacobson**

Colorado eNetwork

- The eNetwork conducts all of its programs through online webinars, allowing guests to view or listen from their own homes. Our use of freeconferencecall.com allows us no-cost access to

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webinar and live video from some of our great speakers, like July's program on reproductive rights from Karla Gonzales Garcia of COLOR. You can visit our website's Past Programs page to replay the recordings: <http://co-virtual.aauw.net/events/link-to-past-events/>

Want to stay in touch with the eNetwork? Enter your email on the right column under 'Get Updates' at <http://co-virtual.aauw.net/> to subscribe to our eNews. You'll receive, thanks to our use of the free online tool MailChimp, a bi-weekly summary of eNetwork programs, Colorado AAUW announcements, and links to pertinent AAUW National information. **Melissa Johnsen**

Fort Collins Branch

- Branch awarded five (5) scholarships - CSU Senior (1); CSU Junior (1); Front Range Community College Sophomore (1); CSU Freshman (2) 2017 high school graduates.
- Branch members attended the last Co-op Reunion – Co-op House was owned and managed by the branch for 30 years and provided room and board for 12 girls at a time while they completed their education at Colorado State University. Proceeds from the sale of the home have been used and still being used for scholarships.
- AAUW College/University Partner at Colorado State University focus is to recruit AAUW E-Student Affiliates Members and Start Smart Workshops. **Barb Slattenow**

Gunnison Branch

- Had a very successful Art in the Park--perfect day lots of community support.
- Supported two high school students who attended the NHD in College Park, Maryland. Their presentation on "blue babies" won the National Medical Association award for most informative medical subject. Both girls were blue babies themselves and were lucky in their medical care which has significantly advanced since they were born. We were very impressed with their presentation.
- Supported another girl who spent two months in Japan. We plan to hear about her experience in October.
- Will be able to award scholarships of \$600 each to four non-traditional students at Western State Colorado University. **Sharon Schlegel**, President

Lakewood Branch

- The theme of our fall kick-off meeting was "Wonder Women." Following a delicious "salad-by-committee" supper and fellowship time, we heard from several inspiring speakers.
- Leading off was our NCCWSL scholarship recipient, Paula Garner. A single mom, Paula has completed her Associate Degree at Red Rocks Community College and is now pursuing a degree in Education at CU Denver.
- Mag Strittmatter, Executive Director of The Action Center, told of growing up in a large rural family. She was one of the first women students in the country to be awarded an athletic scholarship. She stills holds several records at Penn State.
- Mag introduced Anna Davis, who was a former client of The Action Center. As a mother of several children (plus also taking care of her sister's children for a time) Anna was a top student while working and also being a campus and community activist.
- Representative Brittany Pettersen, Majority Whip in the Colorado House, was the first in her family to graduate from college.
- All of these women successfully overcame significant challenges growing up including parental substance abuse, family financial straits and spousal abuse. Their achievements make them amazing role models for young women. They are truly "Wonder Women".
- Our October meeting on Thursday October 12 will feature a forum of candidates for Jefferson County School Board.
- We are excited to be beginning a partnership with Red Rocks Community College. We are planning to host a Start Smart workshop there in the spring. We are also working to bring more awareness of AAUW and our branch to students and faculty. **Donna Connolly**, Co-President

Littleton-South Metro Branch

- The AAUW Littleton-South Metro Branch participated with Arapahoe Community College during their National Voter Registration Event on September 26. Our Public Policy officer had AAUW buttons for us to wear and made labels (with AAUW website information) for bottles of water and protein bars to distribute to the students. We assisted about 20 students to register, check their registration or change their addresses with the Secretary of State. We even had some interest in our AAUW branch! We're excited to be starting a collaboration with ACC!
- The first meeting of Littleton-South Metro's branch was membership focused. The 12 Interest Group Chairs informed members of their activities, answered questions and collected contact information for interested participants.
- Carolyn Cooley and Linda Joseph, Co-Chair of the State Convention (April 27-28) gave updates and asked for help for the event. President Jill Smith introduced the board of directors, explaining elected, appointed, and committee chair distinctions.
- Four new members joined and were welcomed. The business meeting required votes for budget acceptance, fundraiser plans, and community giving designations.
- New Public Policy Chair, Donna Zimmerman, requested help for Arapahoe Community College's Voter Registration Day event, Sept. 26th. New Program VP.
- Susan Brodie shared survey results and plans for our 2017-2018 programs. The meeting room at the Southglenn Library was just the right size for an intimate meeting (44 attendees) and the Corner Bakery catered luncheon was tasty and generous. Plans and ideas learned at Fall Leadership Conference are in process! **Jill Smith**

Longmont Branch

- On behalf of AAUW Longmont, I would like to thank AAUW Colorado for awarding us the Eugenia McClure Grant. This will enable us to offer Start Smart at Front Range Community College, beginning in early 2018. We appreciate your support as we promote equity for women and girls. **Nan Andersson**

Loveland Branch

- Loveland had the first meeting of the year in one of our member's homes. We had a short presentation about behavioral health issues and needs in Larimer County and spent the rest of the time getting to know each other better.
- Now we are preparing for our annual Conversations with Authors on October 14 which is a fundraiser for the two \$2,000 scholarships we give to graduate students each year. **Martha Diccio**

In Memory of AAUW Colorado Leader

ELAINE GARDNER



AAUW of Colorado has lost one of its outstanding members. Colorado's legislative "guru", **Elaine Gardner**, passed away September 20, 2017. The state Lobby Corps was established in 1982 under Elaine's leadership. Along with Bette Hutchinson and Ida Berger, these lobbyists attended each legislative session focusing on pending legislation and issues pertaining to the AAUW Public Policy Program for twenty-five years. Monitoring both Houses of Representatives and Senate, they attended hearings, sometimes testifying, followed the progression of bills, and lobbied legislators. In addition, Elaine published the **Legislative Update**, a newsletter written to keep members informed of actions by the Colorado legislators, and to share information about upcoming legislation.

Elaine led the annual Legislative Update session at the state's February Legislative meeting, apprising members of bills already introduced and of possible future issues expected for the current session. It was always one of the highlights of the meetings.

Upcoming local November elections dominated much of Elaine's time in September and October as branches requested her help as branch speaker, forum moderator, or member of a panel. Her work at the state house afforded her the opportunity to know legislators throughout the state, thus she was a valued source of statewide information. If legislative activities were involved Elaine wanted to be involved – it was her passion!

Elaine joined the Foothills Branch in 1972 and became a LIFE member ten years later. She served the branch in many positions, frequently as Legislative/Public Policy Chair. Most members are unaware of her strongest focus - that of education. She was always involved in branch fundraisers for the Educational Foundation and encouraged members to promote Association/National educational programs both actively and financially. It was one of the reasons she had joined and continued to support the organization. Financial support of the Legal Advocacy Fund could be considered a third passion within AAUW's mission. Elaine chaired this fundraiser for many years and initiated a "Blessings" sheet consisting of a list of items, from material possessions to individual accomplishments, with a suggested monetary value attached (from \$.25 to \$5.00). The totaled amount on members sheets were suggested donations for LAF. It became a fun activity as members figured up their individual "worth."

Health problems had sidelined Elaine's involvement in recent years but after each meeting, be it National, state, or branch, she wanted a report. Age had not dulled her mental capacity and she still wanted to be kept up-to-date on the latest information. During the winter of 1987, the editors of the state newsletter instituted a "Daisy Award," in recognition of a member's contribution to Colorado AAUW, and to their branch. In recognition for her work with the Lobby Corps, Elaine Gardner became the first "Daisy" recipient and her accomplishments were highlighted in an article in the bulletin.

After all these years Elaine still deserves the title of "Daisy", as well as "Legislative Guru". She was the master and her dedication has been the guide for those who have followed. Her leadership has been missed the past few years, but her passing leaves a tremendous void in the hearts of members who cherished and loved her as a friend. -- **Lovingly written by Betsy Loague**

Important Dates

- January 1 - Eugenia McClure Grant application deadline, (branch application criteria and nomination form online at aauw-co.aauw.net)
- January 15 - AAUW Colorado Legacy of Leadership Award nomination deadline (nomination criteria and form online at aauw-co.aauw.net)
- February 3 - AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day, Golden
- March 15 - AAUW Colorado Judith C. Sanderson Young Leader Award nomination deadline, (nomination criteria and form online at aauw-co.aauw.net)
- April 1 - AAUW Colorado NCCWSL Scholarship application deadline (criteria and application available at aauw-co.aauw.net)
- April 10 - Equal Pay Day
- April 27-28 - AAUW Colorado State Convention, Highlands Ranch
- June 22-24 - AAUW Rocky Mountain Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah

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SAVE THE DATE: 2018 STATE CONVENTION

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2018 AAUW COLORADO STATE CONVENTION

Calendars and day timers for 2018 are arriving just in time for AAUW Colorado members to mark the 2018 State Convention dates of April 27 – 28, 2018. Hosted by the Littleton-South Metro Branch, the event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1050 Plaza Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126.

The fun-filled Friday begins with an early afternoon tour of the Littleton Historical Museum. Rebecca Kast, Littleton-South Metro Branch member, will give a talk on the history of Littleton, and then we will visit the museum and grounds. The State Executive Committee and Interbranch Council have meetings at the hotel later in the afternoon. Those not attending meetings are encouraged to enjoy the amenities of downtown Littleton shops and boutiques. The historical Littleton Art Depot and caboose will be the scene of our evening reception with works by local artists to admire and purchase. Plans are being made to accommodate the night owls among us with later evening activities at the hotel.

“The AAUW Mission and Community Collaboration” is the focus of Saturday’s meeting. Your planning committee is seeking a dynamic and well know individual as the keynote speaker. That name will be announced at Public Policy Day, February 3, 2018. Sessions that include panel discussions and workshops on collaboration will create conversations that will begin the journey to community collaboration. We want everyone to leave convention with a wealth of ideas and strategies to take back to the branches. The noon luncheon features member recognitions and awards. “Save the Date” April 27 – 28, 2018 and join old friends and make new friends while living and practicing the Mission and passion of AAUW.



Hilton Garden Inn



Littleton Historical Museum



Littleton Art Depot

