

Fall 2019 Branch Report: Colorado Springs AAUW

- We wrapped up the branch meetings for the year with our scholarship luncheon. Scholarships of \$1,200 were awarded to 6 very deserving students. Their stories of struggle to get an education are compelling, and reminds us of what AAUW is all about.
- Our membership has grown to 254 members. 62 of these are new members. Many of these new members are former docents of the Fine Arts Center. We have tried to meet their needs by creating new interest groups that appeal to them. We have engaged a professor from UCCS and Pikes Peak Community College to teach a monthly class called the History of Jazz. He will take a break this summer, but in his place we will have a professor of theater who is also a Shakespearean scholar teach a class to get us prepared for this summer's Shakespeare in the Park. She is also a new member.
- Our new members come up with great ideas. One of them is launching a new evening group that will listen to and discuss TED Talks. We need more evening groups for our members who are still working.
- We helped sponsor International Womens Day with several other womens groups, a voters forum with the League of Women Voters, and the Pikes Peaks Womens' Wine and Chocolate event.
- We have cultivated a relationship with the editor of the Pikes Peak Newspapers, and one of their reporters. They publish the neighborhood newspapers. The reporter has built his knowledge of AAUW. He is always invited to our branch meetings, and has written some very good articles. Each article has our membership contact information at the end.
- We will have our board retreat on June 25th to install our new board members.

Nancy Holt, President