

Fall 2019 Branch Report: AAUW Littleton-South Metro

Thank you to the Longmont Branch for a very successful 92nd AAUW-CO state convention! Our branch exceeded the budgeted amount for board members to attend! In addition to a very interested and active board we have four of our members on the state board. Responding to the changes made in the state bylaws, our members voted to amend our bylaws and operating policies as well. As state Bylaws Chair, I encourage all branches to take a look at theirs in order to get them 'up to date'.

In March we were approached by the Society of Women Engineers requesting branch members to be guides and volunteers for their 16th annual "Girls Exploring STEM" (GESTEM) event held at the Auraria campus on May 21st. Some of our members stepped up to this exciting opportunity to share our AAUW support of those seventh grade girls learning how they can have a future in STEM careers.

At the end of March, I participated with the League of Women Voters at an event at Bemis Library informing young adults about being an educated voter AND I was able to pass on information about AAUW's online Work Smart course.

On May 22nd Carolyn Cooley and I presented 2019 AAUW Scholarships to TWO female STEM graduates at Littleton High School. Our branch uses grocery cards for contributions to AAUW Fund and we hold fundraisers for local scholarships. This year's fundraiser was a Mother-Daughter Tea (given by my daughter for her mother's completion of her four-year branch presidency). I appreciate all members who invited friends and family to join in this fun event while supporting our community projects.

We have established a 'memorial' account (donating to the state NCCWSL account) for deceased members.

With the support and suggestions of state Communications Co-Chair, Carolyn Cooley, we started to 'advertise' our branch activities on the state website and Facebook page as well as establishing a branch Facebook page.

Jill Smith, President