

AAUW Douglas County Branch Report 2019-2020

The Douglas County Branch actively supports the AAUW mission to advance equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Programs

Douglas County Branch provides programs for members that are also open to the public, addressing women's concerns in these rapidly changing times.

Our season began with a Coffee/Membership drive at Linda Gayle's home. Diane Norten, former State and Branch President spoke about the purpose of AAUW and how we strive to continue the organization's mission of women's equality. Vice President of membership, Ruth Lundgren distributed a newly designed brochure highlighting what the branch has to offer. Doris MacDougall, Vice President of programs talked about those scheduled for the upcoming year. Signup sheets were made available for prospective new members.

Membership

AAUW Douglas County Branch has 55 members. We are always trying to attract new members through our monthly published newsletter and outstanding informative meetings.

Meetings

In October Jo Feder from the League of Women Voters presented the November ballot issues. We also presented our annual AAUW scholarship awards to two women who are committed to their education, the global community, and the missions designated by AAUW.

November's meeting was an informational meeting about CELL (Counterterrorism Educational Learning Lab). Two colleagues from Denver CELL office presented a Community Awareness Program (CAP). This is a critical prevention and preparedness training on how to recognize and report suspicious activity. The training was developed by CELL in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Public Policy

Eleven of our members attended Public Policy Day where we were updated on current State legislation. What an inspiring and informative experience.

Communication

AAUW publishes (online) a monthly newsletter for information about our Interest groups and upcoming programs.

Finance

A successful audit of our finances was completed. Our monthly account balance is published in our newsletter as a budget report.

Coronavirus

Our meetings concluded after Public Policy Day due to the COVID19 epidemic. We had three exciting programs scheduled that will be presented when our meetings resume.

The current board will remain in place until we can get together again.