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Our goals this year:

1. Increasing our membership
2. Noting and celebrating the 200th anniversary of women getting the vote in our community
3. Developing more of a presence in the community

We hosted some interesting programs by inviting local businesses to our monthly meetings with the intent that a community connection would develop. We also intended and suggested our members bring friends to these informative programs. One business, Plenta Pharm, a local CBD business, conducted a lively class on the benefits of CBD and set up appointments for those members who wanted a consultation. Another program was a member who was a flavorist in a large food company; she taught us about tastes and smells of foods, and also being a woman manager in a male dominated company. We had planned to have one of our member who is a nurse and is currently heading up a local health clinic for the uninsured, as a guest speaker but the talk was cancelled due to poor weather conditions. We had a speaker from SANTS, an organization that provides transportation to folks using volunteer drivers. For our Christmas program we had a local bakery teach us how to decorate cookies. At this meeting we collected dozens of sweats and socks to donate to a local school with a lot of financially challenged children. A local artist was invited to share her art, but the meeting was cancelled due to the Corona virus.

As part of the 2020 Women and the Vote year long celebration in Loveland we had a Susan B. Anthony play at the Loveland Art Museum on March 12, 2020. Ronnie Patterson, a popular Loveland poet, invited her daughter, Carrie, who is an actress in Chicago, to perform a one-woman play depicting Susan B. Anthony. The play was written 20 years ago by mother and daughter and performed at several Loveland schools. The performance in March was well attended with 65 people from AAUW and the community. Proceeds from donations were split between our AAUW scholarship fund and the Every Word We Utter Monument fund. This statue was sculpted by Jane Dedecker and is hopefully going to be placed in the Washington D.C. mall if passed by the Senate next year. The play was also taken to a few Loveland schools and the actress was in costume at our Loveland monthly Friday Night on the Town.

We continue with our monthly book group, often choosing thought provoking books that provide lively, interesting discussions. We started a biweekly fiber arts and crafts/conversation group at various homes. We have the goal of meeting in coffee shops so we can be visible in the community to invite people to our group. We post our activities on our website and face book page for community to peruse. We had a few potluck gatherings with spouses/partners to encourage involvement and invite friends. Our social chairman also planned a field trip to the Dior exhibit in Denver.

Our yearly spring flower sales and yearly autumn Conversations With Author event fundraisers provided three \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships this year.

Our goals to be more of a part of the community, participating in some downtown Loveland festivals this summer has been thwarted by the Corona virus, but hopefully this plan can be pursued next year.