



**BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022**

**Due: May 31, 2022**

<b>Branch:</b>	Colorado Springs		
<b>President:</b>	Felicity (Pip) Bodkin	<b>Date:</b>	May 26, 2022
<p><b><u>Education &amp; Training</u></b></p> <p><i>Addressing the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women.</i></p>			
<b>Goals:</b>	<p><i>What goals did your branch set this year that are in alignment with this macro area of National's Strategic Plan? Please prioritize your list and indicate after each goal what the current status is (i.e. completed, % completed, estimated completion date, etc.).</i></p>		
<p>Covid had an enormous impact on our goals for 2021/2022. We had to cancel almost all our programs, including our STEM event which has now been regenerated and revitalized. We have been awarded a State grant of \$500.00, which will be used for the upcoming STEM program scheduled for September 2022.</p>			
<b>Programs:</b>	<p><i>Did you identify and/or hold any programs/activities/events that were in alignment with this macro area of National's Strategic Plan? If yes, please give a brief description of each and the date in which it was held/conducted.</i></p>		
<p>In addition to our STEM Program above, we held a very successful Anti-Racism Branch Meeting with a panel of Colorado College Professors in January 2022, created by our newly established DEI Committee. In February, we held a panel discussion on the effects of Covid on the Latina Community of Colorado Springs. The Latina Community is in the process of building an Initiative for and by Latinas, which was conceived after receipt of AAUW, National's report on this subject.</p>			
<p><b><u>Economic Security</u></b></p> <p><i>Ensuring livelihoods for women.</i></p>			
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Our main goal for this year was to continue to support our primary mission of giving meaningful scholarships to deserving women and girls. At our traditional Author's Day and Silent Auction, in April, we raised close to \$9000.00 plus an additional \$5000.00 donated by one member for a memorial fund created for her friend and fellow member who passed away last year. This was the second time this generous member has given \$5000 for this special fund. Also, for the second time, and through the generous support of one of our members, their donation of \$250 was matched x3 by the Gates Foundation, bringing in a total of \$1000 to our scholarship fund.

At the February Board Meeting, it was agreed that we establish an ad hoc committee to research investment opportunities for funds currently held in a Certificate of Deposit (as of 1/31/2022 \$10,822) which is currently earning very little interest. At the May Board Meeting, the committee reported that they had met with Pikes Peak Community Foundation, and it was a promising organization with which we could invest our funds.

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The annual Welcome Coffee was held in September 2021. We awarded \$2000 each to five students. In addition, we awarded \$2500 each to three additional scholars, recipients of the Addie Mae Memorial Fund, awarded to students specializing in early childhood education or counseling.

**Leadership**  
*Closing the gender gap in leadership opportunities.*

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The branch sent 1 student from Colorado Springs to the virtual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in May 2022.

**Governance & Sustainability**  
*Ensuring the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW well into the future.*

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The primary goal for Colorado Springs for this year was to build on past successes and increase our membership numbers that suffered severely during the catastrophic pandemic. In 2021-2022 we gained 20 new members.

As President of the Colorado Springs, I announced that my theme for this year was a simple one. Hope and Hopefulness was what I wanted to achieve for our branch, our state and our country.

Our Public Policy Director, Anna Lopez presented at a panel discussion on Equity for and in the Latina Community.

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See previous entries.