



Breaking through Barriers

# Grand Junction Branch Newsletter

*Happy St. Patrick's Day*



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## *Executive Board*

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Newsletter Deadline  
for included articles is  
the 20th of each month.

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## **Women and Girls Worldwide—The Philippines**

The lifestyle, current education and employment opportunities for women and girls in the Philippines will be the topic of our next program meeting. Irene Shea, our speaker, was born in the Philippines and is a current Grand Junction resident.

We will meet on

**Sat., March 12 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church,  
330 White Ave. Look for signs to Community Room.** The presentation will take place first with the Annual meeting and luncheon taking place afterwards.

**Contact Jane Fitzgerald: [fitznfitz@bresnan.net](mailto:fitznfitz@bresnan.net) or 241-9684 to order your box lunch.**

Three choices available:

Buffalo Chicken on white, Italian Grinder on wheat or a Club on wheat with chips and cookies.

Plus an offering of various sodas & iced teas.

*Meals are optional. Vegetarian is available.*

For any questions, please call Lori Wood at 234-5674 or [wood@graystonegroupinc.com](mailto:wood@graystonegroupinc.com).

**Potential new members, friends and family are always welcome.**

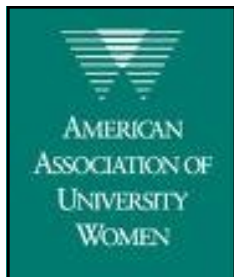
## ***Upcoming Programming Highlights:***

\* Uganda in April

\* International Evening Event

with Entertainment and Installation of Officers in May

## BRING A FRIEND



Just a reminder, to bring a friend to a branch meeting. This is a good time of year to recruit new members, as they can join at half price

through March 15th for this year and after March 15th they can join for next year. We need to increase our branch membership and ask that you help us do that by inviting a friend to a meeting.

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Upon the real estate closing of a Listing or Sale with an AAUW member or a verified referral from an AAUW member, Lori Wood will donate **\$500.00** to our Mesa State College AAUW Scholarship Fund.

**Lori R. Wood, CRS GRI, TRC**

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**GraystoneGroup**



## Table Games Group

Our "**Table Games Group**" meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. We now meet with the **Scrabble Club** which meets downstairs at the Mesa County Central Library on the first and third **Wednesdays** from **6:00 to 7:45 p.m.** We have a great time and we'll be joining them again! RSVP to Kathy Kain at 242-1323 or [kkain@bresnan.net](mailto:kkain@bresnan.net) so that we can look for you to join our table on **March 2nd and 16th at 6:00 p.m.**

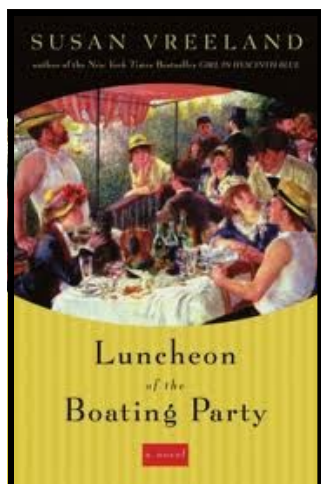
Want to keep your mind active? Interested in socializing with other members?? Come and play with us!! All levels of players are welcome!!



## Jane Quimby Book Group

submitted by Barbara Boudreaux

The book club will meet **Friday, March 18th, at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Marj Ebricht, 314 Country Club Park. Ph: 245-4202. Betsy Zollner is co-hostess. Frances Crowell is the presenter of "**Luncheon of the Boating Party**" by Susan Vreeland. New members and guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Marj Ebricht. Hope to see many there for this interesting presentation and discussion.



## Social Media And You—2nd in a three-part series

**Twitter** is a website, owned and operated by Twitter Inc., which offers a social networking and microblogging service, enabling its users to send and read messages called **tweets**. Tweets are text-based posts of up to 140 characters displayed on the user's profile page. Tweets are publicly visible by default; however, senders can restrict message delivery to just their followers. Users may subscribe to other user's tweets—this is known as *following* and subscribers are known as *followers*. All users can send and receive tweets via the Twitter website, compatible external applications (such as for smartphones), or by Short Message Service (SMS) available in certain countries. While the service is free, accessing it through SMS may incur phone service provider fees.

The website is based in San Francisco, California. Twitter also has servers and offices in San Antonio, Texas and Boston, Massachusetts. Since its creation in March 2006, and its launch in July 2006, Twitter has gained popularity worldwide and is estimated to have 190 million users, generating 65 million tweets a day and handling over 800,000 search queries per day. It is sometimes described as the "SMS of the Internet."

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## President's Message

submitted by Marilyn Zimmerman

I want to thank our members who have ordered gift cards to support our branch activities to date. We want to make this a successful fundraising effort for our branch and to do that we need gift card orders from our members.

It is a simple and easy way to support the branch. Just purchase gift cards at their face value and our branch receives a percentage of the cost of the gift card. This project involves no selling on your part. Just think ahead about where you do your shopping and other activities.

It is simple and easy to order.

1. To order gift cards, go online to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).
2. Create your family account, using our enrollment code **841F7L5328L51**.
3. Order gift cards from the companies in the amounts you want.
4. Mail a check to Jane Fitzgerald, treasurer, **payable to AAUW** for the total amount.

I receive an e-mail notice when orders are placed, then I coordinate all of the orders placed and submit them.

If you don't have internet access, we will have a computer at meetings and I can help you place an order or you can always call me at 712-0474 or 314-7482 and I can place the order.

This is an easy, simple way to support our AAUW branch with your every day purchases.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

**AAUW**

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

**Mark Your Calendars**

March 2nd & 16th —Table Games Group  
 March 12 — Program Meeting  
 March 18 —Jane Quimby Book Group

**We're on the web.**  
[coaauw.org](http://coaauw.org)

*Christie Burns Photography*



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Twitter is mainly used by older adults who have not used a social media before.

Users can group posts together by topic or type by use of **hashtags**— words or phrases prefixed with a "#" sign. Similarly, the "@" sign followed by a **username** is used for mentioning or replying to other users. To repost a message from another Twitter user, and share it with one's own followers, the retweet function is symbolized by "RT" in the message. Recent articles in the newspaper have cited social media, including Twitter as playing a role in the Middle East revolts.

**Source: Wikipedia.org**

**Twitter**

- Type** Private
- Founded** San Francisco, CA  
March 2006
- Founders** Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, Biz Stone
- Headquarters** 795 Folsom St. Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94107
- Area Served** Worldwide
- Revenue** \$150 million for 2010
- Employees** 351 (2010)
- Slogan** "What's happening?"
- Website** [twitter.com](http://twitter.com)

## Public Policy Report

submitted by Public Policy Chair Peggy Rawlins

I recently sat in on the White House Conference calls on the budget, women and girls and health care. Budget funds are listed for improved funding for STEM (Science, Technology and Math), health clinics, better foster care fund and training for workers, Title X (which Congress has lined out for funding this year,) family planning and teen pregnancy issues, health clinics for preventative care, and women's and veteran's health care (an ignored issue.)

The Violence Against Women Act needs better funding. Data show violence against women and girls and dating violence has increased this past year. Examples show a 45% rise in domestic violence in Rhode Island and a 29% rise in homicides in Wisconsin. College data show 1 in 5 freshman women are raped every year. Colleges need better responses and trainings to cope. There are 22,000 callers to the National Domestic Hot Line annually concerning rape and violence. This hot line needs better funding for workers.

Law enforcement needs better and more rape kits and training for their officers. Girls, after date or family rape, get D and F grades in school, commit suicide or try, get diseases, experience Post Traumatic Stress and need counseling. The staff has been cut nationwide for such help. Three women are killed in the U.S. daily by spouses and three almost killed by abuse. A women's clinic in Massachusetts started two years ago and has reported no deaths having occurred since opening the clinic. Women need funding in order to get the help need to get out of their abusive homes.

Funding for women and families includes paid leave for women care givers. California and New Jersey already have this. The plan is to help other states initiate this plan. Most businesses do not allow such time off. Head Start needs continued funding as well. Those of us involved know the benefits to the children and the nation from the Head Start Program.

Also, there is a need to expand financial aid for colleges to boost the number of graduates via the Pell Grant. The was much more discussed in the conference call, but the point is women of all ages need more help.



**Marj Carey, E.A.**  
*Making the Complex...Simple*  
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## C O U P O N

Marj Carey will donate to the Mesa State College Scholarship Fund, 15% of the total cost of 2010 tax returns for all new clients that are AAUW members or for verified referrals from AAUW Members.

## ANNUAL MEETING submitted by Marilyn

Our March meeting is our annual meeting and we will have 2 important items of business on which to vote.

**First** is the election of officers, for information on the nominees, see the Nominating Committee Report in this newsletter.



**Second** is the approval of new branch bylaws. When we began to review the current bylaws and looked at changes needed, we decided to propose new bylaws as recommended by AAUW rather than make many revisions to our current bylaws. The new proposed bylaws are a streamlined version of past bylaws. There are only of couple of changes from our current bylaws, other than making the general language of the bylaws clearer and simpler.

The first change is the elimination of an executive committee. In our current bylaws we had both a board and an executive committee. Since our branch is much smaller than it was when this was adopted, we are recommending that we have only a board of directors, consisting of the elected officers and 2 - 4 appointed members to help us carry out the work of the board.

The second change is to the quorum requirement for meetings at which official business is conducted. The current bylaws require that a quorum of 15% of members be present at a meeting. Over the last several years, we have had not met this quorum at many meetings, but have conducted business anyway. The proposed bylaws state that a quorum will be those members in good standing that our present at the meeting.

Copies of the proposed bylaws can be requested by contacting Marilyn Zimmerman, President. We will also have copies available for review at our March meeting.



At our annual meeting, there will also be a silent auction for a beautiful gift basket called "Spring Renewal." This basket will feature lotions, soaps, and other women's items featuring some spring-themed pampering. Don't miss this opportunity to bid on this basket to give to someone special in your life as a gift or for yourself!! Come one, come all!! The highest bidder gets the goods.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Nominating Committee (Jane Fitzgerald, Frances Crowell and Helen Rhodes) is very pleased to report that the current Branch Board members have graciously indicated they are willing to serve another term in office.

In addition, it was determined that the duties of Vice-President Programs were such that a Co-Vice-President would be very helpful. Anita Pisciotte has indicated that she would be willing to take on this responsibility. Thank you Anita!!

The slate, therefore, is as follows:

**President:** Marilyn Zimmerman

**Vice-President Programs:** Lori Wood

**Co-Vice-President Programs:** Anita Pisciotte

**Vice-President Membership:** Erna Kay Ingram

**Treasurer:** Jane Fitzgerald

**Secretary:** Kathy Kain



The formal election of officers will take place at the annual meeting of the Branch on **Tuesday, March 8th**. The Nominating Committee makes recommendations, but it is YOU, the members, who actually elect the Branch officers. In that regard, the By-laws allows for other nominations from the floor at the meeting.

The Branch sincerely thanks the members of the Nominating Committee for their service and most especially thanks the members of the Branch who are willing to serve as Board members.



## Congratulations

submitted by Peggy Rawlins

Our congratulations to the League of Women Voters in celebrating its 91st Birthday!! Don't forget, we women have not always been allowed to own property or to vote.

Several of our AAUW members are League of Women Voters members as well. Our two organizations share many goals.