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First Meeting of the Year!

Submitted by Lori Wood

Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM): A Panel Discussion

Join us on **Tuesday, September 13th at 5:30 p.m.** in the Bookcliff Grill in the Student Center of Colorado Mesa University (CMU) on the northeast corner of 12th and Elm Avenue (the building connected to the parking garage.) We will order dinner off the menu with meals costing around \$6.00. Then we will move upstairs to Room 222 for the discussion. Elevators are available. Board members will help you with directions.

Our speakers include Victoria Crowley, engineer with Lewis Engineering; Kristen E. Fox, P.E. Leitner-Poma of American; and Margo Bektell, Ph.D. Professor of Biology at CMS. These women will discuss the factors that led them to their career choice, the reactions of their families and friends, what obstacles they have faced and what they see as obstacles for young women entering these fields today. Visitors are welcome to attend.

There are several options for parking. **1.** Parking passes are available for \$2.00 at Lori's office, 751 Horizon Ct., #115. Call 234-5674 first to make sure someone is there. **2.** You can use one of six handicapped parking spaces available on the left as you first enter the garage. **3.** You can use the Pay-As-You-Go vending machine \$1.00 per hour which is located on the 2nd floor on the north end of the building near the elevator. Use the "Remember Your Number" spaces, **4.** Carpool with a friend

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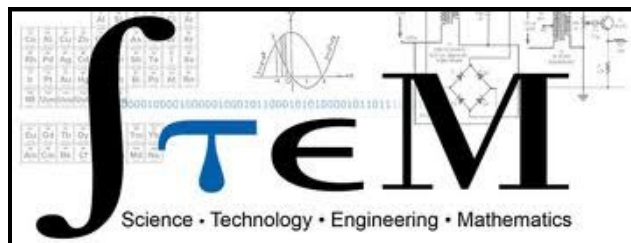
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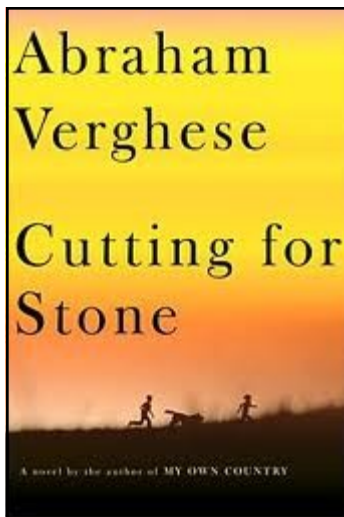
New Hikers Group

submitted by Lori Wood

We will hike Mesa Lakes shore to Lost Lake on **Saturday, September 3rd** with lunch provided by our AAUW member Andrea Clark at her home, 49594 KE Road (about a mile east of the Post Office/general store on Highway 65.) Meet at Crossroads Methodist Church (30 & F Roads) parking lot at **9:00 a.m.** We will drive to Andrea's home and begin hiking at 10:00 a.m. If you want to meet us there, let me know.

We will hike approximately 3 miles one way. Anyone can stop and turn around as needed. The difficulty level is easy to moderate and the elevation climb is only several hundred feet—a gentle climb. We will journey through boulder fields, wildflowers, see three lakes, berries, beaver dams, etc. and we will have a guide. **RSVP to Lori 234-5674 by August 31st** if you plan to attend so that #1—you are not left at the church and #2—Andrea will know if you want to have lunch.

Andrea says there are plenty of rocking chairs on the porch if you await the return of the hikers or if you wish to come and enjoy the lunch only. Hope to see you there!



Jane Quimby Book Group

submitted by Barbara Boudreaux

The first meeting of the Jane Quimby book club will be held Friday, September 19th at Anita Johnson's (ph: 268-5618), home on the Mesa (**8506 Lone Eagle Drive.**) Lois Jarre (464-7784) will present **Cutting for Stone** by Abraham Verghese. Our co-hostess will be Debbie Krabacher. (242-8303). The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. Car pooling is encouraged.

"A riveting tale of love, medicine, and the complex dynamics of twin brothers. There is no doubt in my mind that Cutting for Stone will endure in the permanent literature of our time." Richard Selzer, author of Letters to a Young Doctor

Reader's Theater Group

We're b..a..a..ck! Come to Jane Fitzgerald's home at 2327 Eagle Point Court at **9:30 AM on Saturday, September 24** to discover plans for the coming year. Bring a play to read or your suggestions of plays to read in the future and enjoy a fun time. Call 241-9684 for information and to RSVP.

Reader's Theatre is a special interest group for members who like to read plays together for their enjoyment. No rehearsal is needed as the group meets and reads a play together for their meeting. Often, refreshments are served and everyone enjoys creating a live play together "on the spot."

Newcomers to the group are always welcome!!



Message from Your President— Marilyn Zimmerman

I want to welcome everyone to our new AAUW year. I hope many of you will join us for the September meeting and continue to join us throughout the year for our monthly meetings, programs, and special interest groups. Our Program Vice Presidents have worked with the board this summer to plan great programs for the year on **topics that support the mission and work of AAUW**. I also encourage you to check out our newly redesigned branch website, <http://grandjunction-co.aauw.net>. We will update the site on an ongoing basis so you will find current information there.

We need to continue to grow our membership to ensure that our branch can support the mission of AAUW. **We need the help of every member to identify and recruit new members.** If you know of someone who might be interested in AAUW's mission and work, please contact Erna Kay Ingram, Membership VP or any of the board members so we can invite this person to join us.

If you have ideas or suggestions that you believe will improve the Grand Junction Branch of AAUW, please contact me or any board member. I look forward to seeing you at AAUW meetings and activities.



Building Partnerships with Other Women-focused Organizations

submitted by Anita Pisciotte

The League of Women Voters of Mesa County sponsors issue discussion on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. All AAUW members are welcome to attend.

Monday, September 10th—Health Care for all of Colorado. Speaker: Jon Balassa, Community Hospital.

Monday, September 25th—School District #51 budgets: overview of fiscal challenges and solutions. Location to be announced.

For more information contact Karen Galloway at 361-7718.

Marj Carey, E.A.

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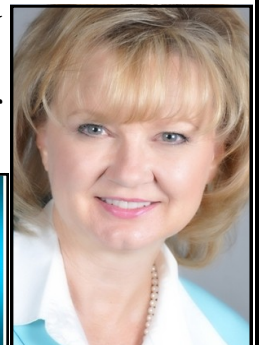
Tax Preparation—Payroll
Small Business Bookkeeping

970-245-3329

Marj Carey will donate to the Colorado Mesa University Scholarship Fund, 15% of the total cost of 2011 tax return for all new clients that are AAUW members or verified referrals from AAUW members.

Lori R. Wood, CRS GRI, TRC
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Working for your future

Upon the real estate closing of a listing, sale or verified referral of an AAUW member, Lori Wood will donate \$500.00 to our CMU scholarship fund.



AAUW Public Policy Report

submitted by Peggy Rawlins

Do you remember AAUW's fight for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (**ERA**) to the Constitution? I do, as I was totally involved as president of a California branch of AAUW. I remember the speeches with a band I hired on the steps of our City Hall, the Congressman's speech, who is still a respected Congressman after over 30 years in Congress, the trip to Sacramento, and the lobbying in Congress, all for naught.

Men simply would not vote to give women equal rights. Why should they? Women don't need equal pay for equal work do they? (Yes, they do!!)

But we do have the 19th amendment and August 26th was Women's Equality Day to recommit to the passage of the ERA to make sure women have full equality under our constitution. It's been too long and it's time for a change.

In case you have forgotten, the 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote. After the Civil War, black men could vote if they dared, but not women.

Senators Udall and Bennet would welcome a call for the Fair Pay Act. They believe in our cause.



AAUW Programs for September—December 2011

by Lori Wood

Location: Colorado Mesa University, Student Center, Room 222, upstairs

Meals: A la cart in the Bookcliff Grill in the Student Center. With the exception of October and May we will meet at the grill first to order our meal and if possible eat there.

Mark Your Calendars

Sept. 13, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.—Panel Discussion of Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Pick up your 2011-2012 yearbook!!

Oct. 1, Saturday, 11:30 a.m.—Pay Equity Today, Public Invited Event. CMU, Academic Studies Building, Room 314. Lunch will be served there.

Nov. 8, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.—School District #51 Advisory Committee

Dec. 10. Saturday, 11: 30 a.m. – Holiday Party, Fun event only. Games, etc..
No speaker

2012 meeting dates and times will be published in the yearbook.