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October Program Meeting

by Lori Wood

Pay Equity Today

Speaker: Linda Meric,

National Executive Director

9 to 5 National Association of Working Women

Saturday, October 1, 2011

Colorado Mesa University

Academic Studies Building, Room 314

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\$15.00—includes lunch

Underwritten by: Marj Carey EA

For reservations call

Lori Wood at 970 234-5674 or e-mail

lwood@graystonegroupinc.com

This will be a wonderful luncheon discussing where women are now on the pay scale as compared to men. It will feature a nationally known speaker who we are honored to have come to speak to us. Women are now actually farther behind on the pay scale than they were two years ago when the Lily Ledbetter Act was signed.

Tickets for this delicious luncheon program need to be purchased by **Wednesday, Sept. 28** and are very affordable for an event of this nature. We hope to see you there!!



Hiking Group - Saturday, October 8th

Meet at Devils Kitchen Picnic area. Location: From the east entrance of the Colorado National Monument, travel 0.2 miles (0.3 km). Limited parking is on the left. For additional parking, turn right into the Devils Kitchen Picnic Area. **Hike Mileage:** 0.75 one way (1.2 km)



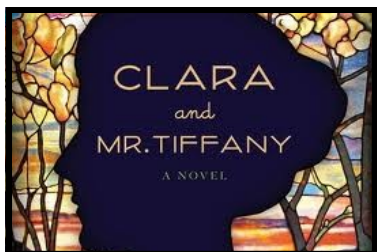
Difficulty Level: Moderate

Average time: 1 hour

- **Usage:** Hiking and horseback riding.
- **Description:** Gradual ascent to a natural opening formed by a circle by huge upright boulders. At the first fork, go right. At the second fork, go left. Follow the trail across the wash. As you proceed up the canyon, you will see the large rock grotto that is Devils Kitchen. Keep on the established trail and follow the carved steps up the slick rock. As you approach the base of the rock formation, go left around it and hike into the rock opening.

Call Lori Wood for details 234-5674.

Jane Quimby Book Group



We will meet **Friday, October 14th** at 9:30 a.m. at Deborah Krabacher's home, 230 Sunset Hills Street. We will discuss the book Clara and Mr. Tiffany. Please call Deb at 243-8308 to RSVP and get directions to her home. We hope to see many of our members there for some delicious refreshments and a great discussion of this book.

Clara Driscoll



Readers Theater Group

We will meet on, Saturday October 22nd at Jane Fitzgerald's home, 2327 Eagle Point Court at 9:30 a.m. New members are welcome. **Please call Jane at 241-9684 or e-mail to fitznfitz@bresnan.net for RSVP by October 19th.**

Readers Theater members gather to read plays, poems or other literature together from scripts. The fun is in meeting together to create drama or literature as a group. No prior experience or knowledge is required.

New Fundraiser—Clothes to Cash for AAUW-GJ

Gently used upscale clothing, accessories, handbags and shoes can now be recycled through Jo's Clothes Consignment at 251 Colorado Avenue (243-4293), for the benefit of the Grand Junction AAUW branch. Everyday clothing and household goods including furniture may be consigned at The Encore Shoppe (242-3662) on 5th and Grand Avenue for our benefit. Clothing must be cleaned and on hangers. Hangers are provided by the stores for your convenience. Since clothing is seasonal, please call the stores to determine the season for which they are accepting consignment. Your donation of goods for this project should be placed under the account for American Association of University Women. AAUW-GJ will realize a 40-50% return from your consignment, if sold. Ladies! Check your zippers and buttons and help us with this effective fundraiser. For additional information, please request the details from Andrea by sending an email to avcclark@aol.com and a copy of the store "rules" will be sent to you.

Message From Your President, Marilyn Zimmerman

We had a great meeting in September with a panel of women discussing their careers in science and engineering. AAUW supports STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs around the country and this is one of our current focuses. There are still fewer women who choose these fields and work continues to encourage more girls to enter these fields. I hope many of you will join us at our October meeting to hear **Linda Meric, National Director of the 9to 5 National Association of Working Women**. She is a great speaker and very knowledgeable on pay equity issues both nationally and in Colorado. Remember, women still only earn 77 cents to the dollar men earn, find out how you can support this issue. I also wanted to report that Erna Ingram has resigned as Program Vice President of the branch. I thank her for serving in this position the last several years. The board has appointed Andrea Clark to fill this important position for the remainder of this year.

Members News!!

- **Virginia Gibson has moved to the Mesa View Retirement Center. Her new address is Mesa View, 601 Horizon Place, Room 135. Her telephone number is still 242-7422. Virginia welcomes visitors.**
- **A Memorial Service for our longtime AAUW member Dorothy Everhart will take place at the First Congregational Church of Christ, 1425 North 5th Street, GJ on Tuesday, October 11th at 11:00 a.m. It is hoped that as many of our members who knew Dorothy and can attend will be there to honor her.**

AAUW

Breaking Through Barriers

AAUW Advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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



Support the Grand Junction branch of AAUW by purchasing gift cards through us. Remember to think about the upcoming holidays and will you be giving gift cards to family and friends. If so, consider supporting AAUW at the same time.

To order, go online to shopwithscrip.com and set up a family account using our organization code 841F7L5328L51 and place your order. Or if you don't want to order on line, you can email or call Marilyn Zimmerman, mz812@earthlink.net or 314-7482 or 712-0474 to place your order.

Checks should be sent to Jane Fitzgerald. Orders received by the end of the month will be placed and available at the next program meeting. Thanks for your support!!!

Mark Your Calendars

October 1 -- Program Meeting

Oct. 14. -Jane Quimby Book Group

October 22— Readers Theater

We're on the web.

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Public Policy Report submitted by Peggy Rawlins, Public Policy Chair



The Public Policy program underscores AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research including women's needs, aspirations, and concerns over her life span.

AAUW stand for quality public education, the foundation of a democratic society. We advocate classrooms and learning climates free of harassment and bullying, academic freedom, protection from censorship, bias-free education and responsible funding for all levels of education, including early childhood education.

Our Public Policy Program is long and so I will write each month a part of the program adopted this past June 2011 at our Annual Convention in Washington, D.C.