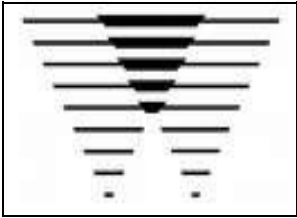


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November AAUW Program

We will meet on **Tuesday, November 8th** at 11:30 a.m. in Room 222 at the Colorado Mesa University Student Center. Our program will be “Programs and Education to Address Discrimination and Bullying in Schools,” presented by Susana Wittrock, Executive Director of Equity for School District #51.

Ms. Wittrock will discuss the School Equity Advisory Committee, its composition, role, and goals. She will also address Title 9, Title 6, MESA programs designed to interest girls and young women in math science and engineering, **and** the resolution of discrimination issues within K-12 Education. Such programs and education are included in the *AAUW Public Policy Principles for Action*, which foster the belief “that quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society. We advocate equitable climates, free of harassment and bullying, academic freedom, civic education, protection from censorship, bias free education . . .” The discussion will be lively and informative. Hope to see you there. Bring a friend.

Following the program there will be a Dutch Treat lunch in the Grill on the ground floor of the Center. Call Lori Wood ahead of time at 234-5674 for campus parking passes for \$2. There are also some limited first come-first served parking spaces in the parking garage on 12th Street in the pay and park section. Sharing rides is encouraged as parking is limited. Questions—call Anita Pisciotte 243-7113.

Susana Wittrock, Executive Director of Equity



is in her 6th year with the district. Susana is originally from Mexico. She immigrated to California in 1978. As a child, she and her family were farm laborers, picking grapes during the summers. This hard manual labor taught her that getting an education was the best way to go. She graduated from Redwood High School in Visalia, attended San Diego State, and National University. She has a Masters degree in school psychology and a B.A. degree in sociology with an emphasis in juvenile delinquency. Susana worked as a social worker in San Diego for 10 years, before she became a school psychologist.

The League of Women Voters of Mesa County

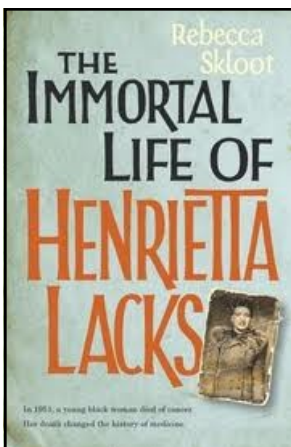


invites AAUW members to programs offered in November and January. All meetings are in the Community Room at Mesa Mall (in the Cabelas hallway) at 7 p.m.

Monday, November 14th “Overview of the Upcoming Legislative Session”, presented by the State League lobbyist. There will be a pot luck dinner at 5:30 p.m.. Bring a dish and your own plate and silverware.

Monday, November 28th, “Colorado Mesa University--from College to University Benefit to Our Community.” CMU Trustee Dan Robinson will present.

Monday, January 23, “The Colorado State Budget, Overview of the Fiscal Health of Our State” presented by Carol Hedges, Department of Fiscal Policy.



Jane Quimby Book Group

On **Friday, November 18th**, at 9:30 a.m. the Jane Quimby book club will meet at "The Flour Shop" in the Safeway shopping Center on the Redlands. Anita Johnson, (268-5618), will present The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. The meeting is hosted by Peggy Rawlins (263-4741).

This book is a New York Times bestseller which was awarded the Kirkus Star. A dense, absorbing investigation of the medical community's exploitation of a dying woman and her family's struggle to salvage truth and dignity decades later.

Fund Raising Change

After many years of selling holiday greens and wreaths, our AAUW Branch Board has elected not to continue this fund raising activity this year. The Board **formally recognizes and honors Ellie Rekemeyer** for beginning this effort years ago and for overseeing the activity for all these years. Many thanks to Ellie and the branch members who worked each season to sell wreaths. The Board is trying new ways to raise funds for our branch and will appreciate your help. In May, we will have a **“Gently-worn” Jewelry Sale**. Please sort out your jewelry box and save pieces that you no longer wear or that you were given but really didn't like. **We'll count on members contributing their jewelry for a fun sale.**

Our New AAUW Branch Fundraiser

Clothes to Cash Update

If you are moving, or clearing out closets, save yourself the hassle of the yard sale by consigning your household goods, furniture, shoes, and gently used clothing for the benefit of our Branch. Two accounts have been established at **The Encore Shoppe** at 5th Street and Grand Avenue: "**Jane Fitzgerald American Association of University Women #37149**" or "**AAUW Jane #37182.**" Write one of these account names down & take it with you. Please call **242-3662** to determine what season is currently being accepted. At this business, once an item is consigned there is a penalty for retrieval prior to the 90 day consignment commitment, and only items priced at \$25.00 or more can be reclaimed at the end of 90 days. If not sold, items will be donated to the Community Service Center.

Higher quality clothing, accessories, handbags and shoes can now be recycled through **Jo's Clothes Consignment** at **251 Colorado Avenue (243-4293)**, Clothing must be cleaned, and on hangers. Hangers are provided by the stores for your convenience. Please call the store 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 Account # 593.**"



AAUW-GJ will realize a 40-50% return from your consignment, if sold. 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.

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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 Colorado Mesa University AAUW Scholarship Fund.

Public Policy Report

submitted by Peggy Rawlins

Well, have you voted?? In spite of all the media claiming retirees don't want to vote for a raise in the School District 51 Budget because "I don't have any children in school, so why should I vote to tax myself," I hope we AAUW members think differently. I tell people who don't think the way we do, "after all someone paid for your schooling."



AAUW Public Policy states: ***"To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness (that's why we got Title IX passed years ago,) equity and diversity. Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)."***

The Diversity standard has not been applied in Alabama's latest law. When police can stop you anywhere because you "look Mexican" and deport you immediately, that does not bode well for diversity in that state.

President Marilyn Zimmerman's Message

We again had an excellent meeting in October with Linda Meric, National Director of 9 to 5 who spoke on pay equity. We continue to focus on those issues that support the mission and work of AAUW at our meetings this year. Check our monthly newsletter for each month's topic and speaker or speakers.



I hope you will consider joining us for our very interesting November meeting and bring a friend as a potential new member.

Also, remember to place your holiday gift card orders by October 28, any orders placed this month will be available at the November meeting.

Ongoing Fund Raiser

Thanks for your support of 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 to pay for the cards should be made out to AAUW and sent to Jane Fitzgerald, our treasurer. Orders received by the end of the month will be placed and available at the next program meeting.

Best Wishes to you and your family

For a Fun Halloween



and

A Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving Day



From Your AAUW Board of Directors