



Breaking through Barriers

# Grand Junction Branch Newsletter

*Happy Valentines Day*



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## *Executive Board*

### **Grand Junction Branch President**

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### **VP Program**

Lori Wood 434-8103

### **VP Membership**

Andrea Clark 268-5649

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Jane Fitzgerald—241-9684

### **Secretary**

Kathy Kain—242-1323

Newsletter Deadline  
for included articles is  
the 25th of each month.

## **February Program**

submitted by Lori Wood

The Grand Junction Branch of AAUW will have its program meeting on **Saturday, February 11th at 11:30 a.m. in Room 222 at the Colorado Mesa University Center.** We will feature A Panel Discussion of Women Working in Non-traditional Careers. Liberty Palmer, G.J. Fire Department; Laurel Beougher, geology student at C.U. Boulder and currently a worker in the oil and gas field; and Rebecca Speiss, Mesa County Undersheriff will share their career pathways with us. Those who want to, will have lunch together afterward.

**The Nominating Committee** has met and puts forth the following Board Nominees for election:

**Andrea Clark, Vice President for Membership and Kathy Kain , Secretary. Co-Vice President for Program** is open at this time. Lori Wood has done an exemplary job in this position, but needs to take a break. So, we are seeking volunteers for this position. Please contact any member of the nominating committee: Francis Crowell, 243-6245; Helen Rhodes, 2448620; Anita Pisciotte, 243-7113.

**President Marilyn Zimmerman, Treasurer Jane Fitzgerald and Co-Vice President for Program Anita Pisciotte,** have another year to serve in their terms.

We are considering the formation of a program committee to provide support to the Vice President for Program in organizing and carrying out program meetings next year. Members interested in serving the board in this capacity should contact Anita Pisciotte for additional information.

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## Special Interest Groups

Any AAUW branch member who would like to lead a special interest group is encouraged to organize the day of the week, the date, and the time and announce it in the newsletter. Special interest groups are great ways to get to know other members beyond the regular program meetings. Past special interest groups have been the Foreign Film Fans group, the Lifelong Learners group, and the Art Study Group. Call Kathy Kain at 242-1323 if you are interested in renewing any of these groups or starting your own.

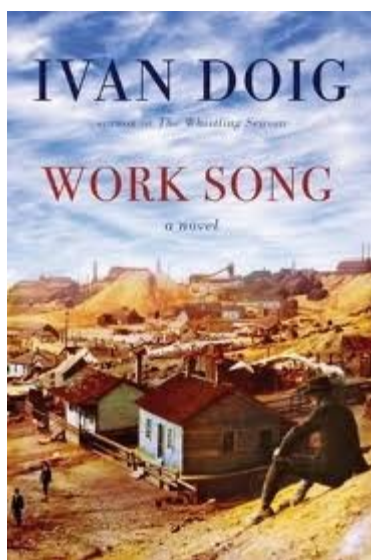
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Upon the real estate closing of a Listing or Sale with an AAUW member or a verified referral from an AAUW member, Lori Wood will donate **\$500.00** to our Mesa State College AAUW Scholarship. Fund.

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



## Jane Quimby Book Group

We will meet on **Friday, February 24h at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Debbie Krabacher, 230 Sunset Hills Street (243-8303).** Jean Yale, (257-0697,) will present **Work Song** by Ivan Doig and Anita Pisciotte (243-7113) will co-host.

The western landscape is a strong component of this novel about Morrie Morgan, who moves to Butte, Montana in the post-war hey day of 1919. Doig also concentrates on the interior spaces of his story: the majestic town library, the dining room of the fetching widow Grace Faraday's boarding house, and the most deeply interior settings of all—the copper mines,

## Reader's Theater

If you would like to read plays or stories aloud with other members to create an on-the-spot "production" of literature, ours is the group for you!! We have great fun gathering and "performing" together. Sometimes we even don a special hat for our character. We will meet next on **Saturday, February 25th at 9:30 a.m.** at Jane Fitzgerald's home at 2327 Eagle Point Court. Call Jane to RSVP at 241-9684 or to get directions.



## President Marilyn Zimmerman's Message

Members who attended the January meeting participated in a great program about women in elected offices. Our discussion panel included Janice Rice, Mesa County Treasurer; Teresa Coons, Grand Junction City Council and Janet Rowland, Mesa County Commissioner. The panelists shared how they first became involved in political action and how they decided to run for office. They also shared challenges they have had as women in an elected office.



We hope you will join us for our February meeting as well as meetings scheduled for the rest of our program year. Remember to bring a friend to a meeting as a potential new member; new members join now can join at half price until March 15..

Our programs this year are based on the AAUW mission: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research." This reminds us all why we became AAUW members whether you are new this year or have been a member for many years.

Please join us in supporting the AAUW mission.

## League of Women Voters' Legislative Coffee



Mark Saturday, February 25th on your calendar if you wish to attend the League of Women Voters' Legislative Coffee. The event will be at Tope Elementary School at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested, this will be a good time to hear what is on the legislative agenda from our Legislators and Senator. Also, on Monday, February 27th the LWV will present an overview of water issues and future planning at 7:00 p.m. at the community room at Mesa Mall. The reception starts at 6:30 p.m.



### For Sale

Grand Junction Branch's

### Chocolate Lovers Cookbook

This great cookbook has delicious chocolate recipes and anecdotes and would make a great **Valentines Day** gift. Call Lori Wood at 234-5674 to purchase for \$10.00.

### Newsletter Space Provided

All members have the opportunity to use our newsletter to announce important news or occasions in your life. If you want to announce for example, a **birthday, anniversary, special event or something for sale**, please send your information to the editor, Kathy Kain at [kkain@bresnan.net](mailto:kkain@bresnan.net) by the 20th of each month.

## 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

February 11th —Program Meeting

February 24th —Jane Quimby Book Group

February 25th —Readers Theater

**We're on the web.**

**coaauw.org**

## Volunteers Needed

The Western Slope Mock Trial Competition will take place at the Mesa County Justice Center on February 17 and 18. There will be 7-8 high school teams participating. Volunteers are needed to act as either scoring judges or courtroom monitors for each of 5 rounds over the two days. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Barbara Butler, Regional Coordinator at [butler221@aol.com](mailto:butler221@aol.com) or Tanya Travis, League of Women Voters Mesa County at [lwvmesa@gmail.com](mailto:lwvmesa@gmail.com).** Please let them know which role you would like to fill and volunteer information and guidelines etc. will be sent to you. If you choose to volunteer as a scoring judge, you will need to attend a brief, 45 minute orientation prior to the competition. This is a great opportunity to help in a fun, interesting and worthwhile event.

## Jewelry Jamboree Fundraiser

Remember the saying, "One person's junk is another's treasure." At our May meeting, our branch will conduct its first Jewelry Jamboree fundraiser and **you** are invited to participate. This is how it works:

- Go through your jewelry items and cull out those rings, bracelets, necklaces, pins and brooches that you no longer wear but that are in good condition and which you are willing to donate to the fundraiser.
- Based on your knowledge of the used piece of jewelry, think about a reasonable asking price and write that price on a piece of paper. Clean the item as best you can and put the item and your suggested price into a plastic, zip-lock snack bag or in with the piece of jewelry if it is in a box.
- **Bring your items to the February, March and April program meetings** and give to Kathy Kain or call her at 242-1323 and she will come to your house to pick up the jewelry pieces that you will donate.
- Then come to the May program meeting and see the various pieces of jewelry that will be for sale for reasonable prices. You may find something new to you which you would love to have. It'll be fun!!

## Support Our Fund Raising Project by Marilyn Zimmerman

Our branch needs the support of our members to make our ongoing gift card sales successful so as to generate income for our branch activities. You can 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 thinking ahead about where you do your shopping and other activities.

- Do you eat out at Applebee's, Chili's, Old Chicago, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, or Red Robin. Gift cards are available for all of these restaurants and others.
- Do you have a home project coming up? Order Lowe's or Home Depot gift cards.
- Do you shop at WalMart or Target on a regular basis? Order gift cards for these stores and support our AAUW branch fund raising efforts.

It is simple and easy to order. You pay the dollar value for the card and our branch receives a percentage of the cost of the gift card. This project involves no selling on your part, just thinking ahead about where you shop and do other activities.

### To Order Gift Cards:

1. 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, payable to AAUW for the total amount to Jane Fitzgerald.




I receive an e-mail notice when orders are placed, then I coordinate all of the orders placed and submit them. The gift cards that you ordered are then mailed to you.

I can help you place an order. You can always call me at 712-0474 or 314-7482 and I can place the order for you.

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

**Thanks for your participation!!!!**



**Marj Carey, E.A.**  
*Making the Complex...Simple*  
 Tax Preparation—Payroll  
 Small Business Bookkeeping  
 970-245-3329

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

## Public Policy Report

by Peggy Rawlins



During the Great Depression, Frances Perkins was asked by President Franklin Roosevelt to be his Secretary of Labor, the **first ever female U.S. Cabinet member**. She agreed on the condition that he sign on to her agenda which included Social Security, unemployment insurance, minimum wage and laws against child labor. He agreed and the New Deal was born. This amazing woman spent 12 years in her position and her programs were controversial then and in spite of their success, continue to be so to most conservatives. The attacks today are extremely virulent being called the “nanny state” and blaming big government for all our problems.

Social Security is on the chopping block even though it does not contribute to the national debt as the program is self financing and has always run a massive surplus. Therefore, our government has borrowed constantly from it to pay for our many wars and now owes more than \$2 trillion to the fund.

Medicare is another problem due to the bill George W. Bush signed for the unfunded prescriptions drug program with a prohibition against government negotiating any drug prices. This could be renamed welfare for BIG Pharma. This is not on the agenda for cutting or negotiation.

As for Medicaid, in 2014 when the Affordable Care Act takes effect, Medicaid will be extended to everyone under 65 living below 133% of the poverty line. But House Republicans voted to turn Medicaid into a block grant program to the states and cut the funding. Those once eligible will no longer be guaranteed to receive these benefits.

What does this mean to women?? Women have fewer and lower funded retirement plans and are the majority of the elderly poor. Since many women outlive men, they need Social Security and Medicaid longer. Family members (women) will have to drop their jobs to take care of the elderly members in their household.

This 80 year old program will be slashed just as Maine’s Republican governor did to the mural in his Department of Labor office where Frances Perkin’s picture was and he erased her name from the Department’s list in his conference room. AAUW has a strong stand on women’s rights. Let us not be erased from our long hard fought rights.



**Happy Valentines Day**  
To you and those you love.

## 10 Secrets to Success

provided by Andrea Clark



*The Investor's Business Daily* has spent years analyzing leaders and successful people in all walks of life. Most have 10 traits that, when combined, can turn dreams into reality.

1. **How You Think Is Everything.** Always be positive. Think success, not failure. Beware of a negative environment.
2. **Decide upon your true Dreams and Goals.** Write down your specific goals and develop a plan to reach them.
3. **Take Action.** Goals are nothing without action. Don't be afraid to get started. "Just Do It."
4. **Never Stop Learning.** Go back to school. Read books. Get training. Acquire Skills.
5. **Be Persistent and Work Hard.** Success is a marathon, not a sprint. Never Give Up.
6. **Learn to Analyze Details.** Get all the facts, all the input. Learn from your mistakes.
7. **Focus Your Time and Money.** Don't let other people or things distract.
8. **Don't be Afraid to Innovate: Be Different.** Following the herd is a sure way to mediocrity.
9. **Deal and Communicate with People Effectively.** No person is an island. Learn to understand and motivate others.
10. **Be Honest and Dependable.** Take Responsibility. Otherwise, 1-9 won't matter.

Excerpted from *The Investor's Business Daily*, this list provided some interesting motivation and reflection for the beginning of the year. My personal favorites are 6, 8, and of course 10.