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April 2015

Grand Junction AAUW

is 88

Join the Festivities at

Fiesta Guadalajara Restaurant

Entertainment

Installation of Officers

Door Prizes

May 14 ... starting at 5:30 PM

Please **RSVP** (yes or no) to Jane F. by May 12
Phone (241-9684) or email (mifitz2cats@gmail.com).
And, please bring friends and/or spouses.

President's Notes

By: Lori Wood

Our scholarship committees are in the process (or soon) of meeting to finalize the list of recipients. The list will be announce soon.

Since we won't have a specific person holding the Program VP position, the board will be working on that jointly. If you have any ideas please let one of the board members know. We are in the process now of compiling ideas and will be going over them during our Board Retreat this summer. Don't get jealous now—when I say Retreat—it isn't at some fancy spa in Vail, but it will be held at Virginia Brown's lovely home who so graciously offered to host. It will be June 13th, 10-2pm. Everyone interested in helping build our branch is welcome to attend. Call me for more info.

Save the date for the next Cocktails and Conversation to be held at the Ale House again. July 15th, 5:30-7pm—open house style. We gained two new members at the last event. Please print out the Invite on page 6 and give to a friend or neighbor.

Next Board Meeting

May 16th, Sat. at 10 am at my conference room. 751 Horizon Ct.

Special Interest Group News...

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The Jane Quimby Book Club

Submitted by: Barbara Boudreaux

On May 15th, Erna Kay will present: "Me Before You," by Jojo Moyes. We meet at the American Lutheran Church, 631 26 1/2 Rd., at 9:30 am. Call Barbara at 858-3359 for info.

There are books you can't put down. There are also, books where you become so invested in the characters, you force yourself to stop reading to prolong the experience because you don't want the story to end. And that's what can happen when you read Jojo Moyes' latest book: "Me Before You." You'll find yourself laughing, smiling, feeling angry and, yes crying. My only suggestion: "Me Before You" should be sold with a box of tissues.

Coffee and Chat

Coffee & Chat will meet on Sat. at 9:30 AM at Main Street Bagels, for spirited discussions on a wide range of topics. Call Jane at 241-9684 for info. The decision whether to continue over the summer months will be discussed. No need to RSVP—just stop by!

The Culture Club

Grand Junction Centennial Band Summer Concerts:

May 29th - Juco Championship Game*- Suplizio Field

June 18th - GJ Farmers Market - 4th & Main

June 25th - GJ Rockies* - Suplizio Field

July 2nd - Fruita Civic Center, 325 E. Aspen, Fruita

July 9th - Spring Valley II

July 11th - Western Colorado Botanical Gardens*

July 16th - Rocket Park

**tickets to events may be required

Grand Junction Symphony

Rocker Ball IV: "Back to the Future,"

June 13th, 5:30pm, CMU Ballroom, \$75



Anita Pisciotte: 260-4016 or

Virginia Gibson: 242-7422.

Membership News

Contributed by: Virginia Brown, Membership VP

Welcome to our new members! Jeannie Dunn and Holly Schrader!!!

Please add our new member's contact info to your Membership Yearbook.

Jeannie Dunn, 2625 Birch Ct., Grand Junction 81506. J.dunn@bresnan.net 970 242 3177. Jeannie is a 1997 graduate of the University of Northern Colorado, with an Ed.D in Educational Leadership

Holly Shrader, 470 Michael St., Clifton 81520. Bandh-shrader@bresnan.net 970 523 8117. Holly is a 1968 graduate of Southern Illinois with and Associate of Arts degree in Dental Hygiene.

Hopefully, both ladies will be sharing a little bit about themselves in the near future. I would like all of us to actually share, so that those of us that are new to the organization can get to know those of you with years of experience. I will start with who am I?

I am Virginia Brown. I graduated from Colorado Christian University in 2010, as a non-traditional student. I am married, have 2 adult children, 2 adult step-children and one step-step-daughter (my husbands step daughter from his late wife). We have 11 grandchildren, which is all the husbands fault!

I work for William H. Smith Associates as a draftsman. The company specializes in Professional Land Surveying. I've previously worked for Girl Scouts of Colorado, and the City of Grand Junction, an architect, a coal mine and a professional engineer. I have also taught AutoCad drafting.

I firmly believe that we need to continue to encourage girls and women to strive for their potential and to be active in what matters to them. For me, the what matters changes over time. When my daughter was young, I volunteered with Girl Scouts. Now, I am trying to educate our communities on Equal Pay. Women in our area of western Colorado earn 77% of what our male counterparts earn for the same job/type of work. Is that right? Do our daughters and granddaughter deserve to be paid less?

Member Illness

Betsy Zollner has recently broken her hip, again, and is currently at Larchwood Care Center.

AAUW Annual Dues Renewal— 2015/16

Submitted By: Anita Pisciotte, Treasurer

It is that time again!! Your annual renewal date for your dues for the coming fiscal year. AAUW membership dues are \$77.00. Of this amount, \$49 are national individual membership dues, of which \$46 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution and \$3 is not deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section (501©(4) Lobby Corps and get-out the vote activities. Our local branch receives \$18.00 per membership, the rest (\$10) goes to State dues. Checks should be made out to AAUW and sent to Anita Pisciotte, Treasurer, 2815 Granite Court, Grand Junction, 81507, or you can go to the AAUW web site and renew on-line. Anita will be sending an email to members through the National Association as a reminder.

Our AAUW Branch also provides a branch participant membership for those who are not eligible for national membership (associate or equivalent, baccalaureate of higher degree) for \$25.00 per year. We are so pleased to have such wonderful and active branch participants! Again, send your check made out to AAUW to Anita at the above noted address.

News from...

CMU Symphony Orchestra

May 8, 2015, 7:30pm, \$8 for seniors, Robinson Theater.

A Little

Noon Music

May 13th, Noon, 1st Methodist, 522 White Ave. Peter Zollner, Piano.

Art Center

New Exhibit & Installation Reception. May 9th. At the Avalon Theater Rooftop Terrace 6-9pm. 245-9697.

Museum of Western Colorado

Lecture: Making a Little Candy for a Few of Our Friends, May 7, 2015 7-9pm, 248 S 4th St. Doug Simmons, speaker.

Western Slope Concert Series

Concert for Percussion, Violin & More. May 16th, 3pm, 536 Ouray, Unitarian Universalist.

Rocky Mountain Children's Choir

June 7th, 4:30pm. Tickets are \$5 & available through: www.rmchildrenschoir.org.

That's all Folks!! May is the last Program meeting for the year. We will continue them in September. Jane has done a wonderful job with programming this year and has brought us many interesting speakers. The Culture Club & Coffee & Chat will continue through the summer as long as there is interest. In the meantime, please enjoy your summer!!

Gift Card Fund Raiser

If you would like to place an order over the summer, please contact Marilyn. When she has enough orders to make it financially feasible to place the order, she can. You will receive your full donation back in the form of gift cards. Our branch benefits by receiving back a percentage of your purchase—sometimes as high as 12%! Easiest fundraiser ever!! For more info, please contact Marilyn at: mz812@earthlink.net or calling 314-7482.

AAUW 2015 National Election One Member, One Vote

By: Marilyn Zimmerman

Do you need help voting on line or don't have access to a computer? Attend our May meeting and bring your AAUW Spring Outlook with you. Lori will be bringing a computer to the meeting and we'll help you place your vote.

You should have received the AAUW Spring Outlook in March. This issue includes a complete guide for voting in the upcoming AAUW National Election. On line voting will begin on April 15 and continue until June 19th.

Also take the time to review everything and make decisions on how you will be voting before the meeting.

The voter's guide will provide you with all the information you will need to vote on changes to AAUW's Public Policy, Bylaws amendments and the election of national board members.

It is important to review the guide thoroughly so you can make decisions that you feel will benefit AAUW. Take the time to review the candidate information and select those candidates that you feel can best serve the organization as well as represent members and branches across the country. Before voting, be prepared. Know how you will be voting on policy changes and bylaws amendments and which candidates you will support.

You can also review the information on the AAUW website.

To vote from your home computer, you will need your AAUW Member ID which will be located in the address section of your Outlook as well as the Pin # assigned to you for voting.

If you wish to vote by paper ballot, you will need to contact AAUW at 1-800-326-2289 or email connect@aauw.org between April 1 and May 8. Then be sure your ballot is postmarked no later than May 19.

Remember this is your opportunity to have a voice in the future of AAUW.

8 Awesome Ways We Pushed for Equal Pay

- 1. Rallied at state capitols.** If we want to see pay equity sooner than [100 years from now](#), we need action from elected officials. AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz [joined](#) equal pay allies and elected officials at the U.S. Capitol, where she [helped lead the call](#) for passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act. The [AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps](#) lobbied the Senate on paycheck fairness, visiting more than 50 offices. And AAUW supporters in Delaware, Massachusetts, Missouri, North Dakota, and Texas visited their state capitols to encourage their officials to take action.
- 2. Mobilized college students.** The gender pay gap starts to affect women just one year after college graduation, and it only gets worse from there. This Equal Pay Day, AAUW college and university [partner members](#) held events at 50 campuses across the country, including panel discussions, issue forums, AAUW [Start Smart](#) salary negotiation workshops, and more.
- 3. Took the fight to the streets.** In cities and communities across the country, AAUW supporters took to the streets to push for equal pay legislation, donning red to symbolize that women are still “in the red” because of the pay gap. In Chicago, AAUW supporters rallied at Daley Plaza. In New York, we joined [PowHer New York](#) to call for swift passage of the state’s Equal Pay Bill. We had big wins in Nevada, where the state senate unanimously passed an equal pay [bill](#), and in Phoenix, where the city council passed a [bill](#) to ensure that city contractors are paying their employees.
- 4. Sweetened the day with candy.** Who says feminists aren’t funny? In California, AAUW supporters handed out PayDay candy bars to passersby and talked to them about the gender pay gap. In North Dakota, AAUW supporters [gifted the treats](#) to state legislators, adding some sweetness to an otherwise bitter day. Not to mention our dozens of equal pay-themed bake sales at campuses and community centers across the country, some of which offered a 22-cent discount to women. After all, everyone wants the whole cookie, not just 78 percent!
- 5. Celebrated fair pay champion Lilly Ledbetter.** Coincidentally, Equal Pay Day 2015 fell on fair pay champion [Lilly Ledbetter](#)’s birthday. Lilly brought her pay discrimination [case](#) to the Supreme Court and to Congress, and her story spurred on the movement for equal pay. With your help, we honored both Lilly’s birthday and Equal Pay Day by sending more than 17,000 messages to Congress [urging action on the Paycheck Fairness Act](#).
- 6. Encouraged governments to officially proclaim Equal Pay Day.** At AAUW’s request, a number of local governments [proclaimed](#) April 14 Equal Pay Day, including Oklahoma and [Virginia](#), Milwaukee, San Francisco, and Tahlequah, Oklahoma. “We should already be at a point where we are dollar for dollar,” [said](#) San Francisco Board of Supervisors President London Breed, who sponsored the city’s Equal Pay Day resolution. “We have a long way to go.”
- 7. Organized equal pay advocates at (un)happy hours across the country.** AAUW supporters held (un)happy hours in Idaho, New York, Texas, Florida, and Wisconsin. AAUW’s national office also pulled out all the stops at our [\(un\)happy hour](#) in Washington, D.C, where we enjoyed wallet-friendly snacks and beverages while signing petitions and rallying hard for equal pay!
- 8. Made nationwide headlines and trended on Twitter.** AAUW branches across the country placed op-eds and letters to the editor in their community papers, and AAUW earned coverage in the [Huffington Post](#), [Washington Post](#), [CNN Money](#), [Mashable](#), [Fast Company](#), and more. AAUW CEO Linda D. Hallman penned an [op-ed](#) with Gap Inc. Executive Vice President Sonia Syngal urging employers to follow Gap’s example in ensuring equal pay for equal work. And it didn’t stop there. With your help, social media was abuzz on Equal Pay Day! #EqualPayNow trended on Twitter in the nation’s capital, drawing responses from big names like Patricia Arquette, Valerie Jarrett, Lilly Ledbetter, and President Barack Obama.

This is a synopsis of a post written by AAUW Social Media Manager Renee Davidson.

Please join us! Bring a Friend. RSVPs great—not required

Cocktails



Conversation

July 14th, 5:30-7 pm

The Ale House

12th St. & Patterson, Grand Jct.

Cocktails and Conversation is a 'happy hour' for community women to gather together in a casual setting for interesting conversation. Complimentary appetizers will be provided. Drawing for gift basket.

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