



Grand Junction Branch Newsletter



November Program Dr. Jeannie Dunn

Dr. Jeannie Dunn will present a program on a unique technique to discover reading and perceptual disabilities using color. This very fascinating assessment tool will be of interest to members with regard to themselves personally and perhaps a family member.

Jeannie owns Learning Associates of the Grand Valley and is an Irlen Syndrome diagnostician. Irlen syndrome is a visual processing dysfunction which affects 1 in 5 people and almost half of the people with reading problems.

Dr. Dunn is a former special education teacher and a former principal of Tope Elementary School in Grand Junction.

Our branch is very fortunate to have Dr. Dunn joining us as an AAUW member. Bring a friend for this very interesting program.

Date: **Saturday, November 7**

Place: **Garfield's Off Broadway Restaurant**

Time: **11:30 AM**

We will be ordering individually from the menu.

Please contact Kathy Kain at kkain@bresnan.net or at 242-1323 so that the restaurant will know how many of you lovely people to expect.

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Message from Branch President Lori Wood

On October 10th, I was honored to be asked to substitute for the moderator for the Panel of Power. This panel was part of an event called: **Journey to Leadership: Women on the Western Slope of Colorado** which was organized by the Colorado Women's Leadership Circles of Influence. The panel featured: Mary Beth Pyle, Jayne Bilberry, Martelle Daniels, Jeriel Brammeier. Keynote speaker was: State Senator Morgan Carroll, who is now running for Congress for the 6th Congressional District. Other presenters were Pat Waak, who is also with AAUW on the Eastern Slope, and County Commissioner Joan May of San Miguel County. The "Strong Sisters: Elected Women in Colorado" film trailer followed the speaker portion of the event; you may watch at www.StrongSisters.org. The event concluded with a provided lunch where we could chat with other attendees. Jane Fitzgerald, Kathy Kain and Peggy Rawlins were also in attendance as we held our AAUW board meeting just prior. It was an enlightening and inspiring day.

The organization is fairly new - starting in Colorado in 2014. Their mission statement is: Colorado Women's Leadership Circles of Influence is a statewide membership-based organization dedicated to the identification and organization of women around the state of Colorado for the purposes of promoting change in public policy that benefits women, families and society at large. Their website is www.circleswomens.us.

Please take a look at the last three issues of Grand Valley Magazine. They feature the winners of the fairy tale contest (starring girls, no princesses allowed) which were judged by AAUW. The stories and artwork are wonderful. In each of the three issues, AAUW Grand Junction was thanked for their participation in the contest. It gave us some really nice exposure to the community. I'll bring copies to the November meeting so that everyone can see them. Thanks to Jean Yale, Marie Filip and Barbara Boudreax who volunteered as judges.

Please try to attend the upcoming program that is being presented by one of **our new members**: Jeannie Dunn. Please see the Program article for details.

Is there anyone who might be interested in helping to organize an event benefiting the female veterans in Mesa County? Please call either myself or Jane if you would like to be part of this first of a kind event locally. We are hoping to start brainstorming soon on what kind of event would be most productive.

For the time being, we will be discontinuing Cocktails and Conversation. Even though it did prompt several new members to join, the lack of membership involvement was problematic.

Note from the Editor: Lori is prominently featured in the current issue of CMU's Maverick Magazine, page 37. The article describes Lori's work as a realtor, her work with AAUW and other community activities. Look for the magazine, or read it on-line at www.supportingcmu.org/maverick.

Welcome New Members

Kaye Wergedal is an old – new again - member of AAUW. When she previously lived in Paonia, she was President of the (now defunct) AAUW Delta Branch. Having recently moved to the Grand Valley from the Albany, New York area, Kaye comes to the Grand Junction Branch at the invitation of Jan Scheevel. She was Jan's guest at several meetings and participates in the Book Club.

Kaye and her husband, Jerry, have four grown children, two of whom live in Colorado, one in California, and one in New York. Kaye enjoys their nine grandchildren, ages 11 to 23. Jerry's brother, Jon, has just moved from California to Grand Junction to merge his household with theirs.

Kaye is a (last century) graduate of Whittier College in California, retired from Littleton Public Schools, and enjoys singing (wherever they'll have her), being a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), participating in the Sons of Norway organization, and volunteering with RSVP (Recruiting Seniors for Volunteer Positions). She also loves live theater, and will be part of the upcoming High Desert Opera production of The Music Man, in December.

Add to your yearbook:

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NAME BADGES

If you would like to have a plastic name badge with a magnetic back, complete with AAUW logo and your name, please let Jane Fitzgerald know by email to mjfitz2cats@gmail.com or in person. Cost will be \$5. Orders will be processed in January, if there is enough interest.

DOES ANYONE KNOW

At one time former member Helen Rhodes' husband crafted a very nice wood box with slots to hold the name badges (rather than using mailing envelopes). Somewhere several years ago, this has been misplaced. Has anyone seen it?

Special Interest Group News

Culture Club



The AAUW Culture Club is a loosely organized effort to inform interested members about movies, music and other cultural events in the Grand Valley. It is also a way to find others to attend these events with. If you are interested in these activities, email Anita Pisciotte anitap@bresnan.net or call Virginia Gibson at 242-7422.

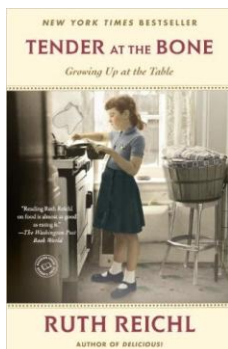
Upcoming live performances of the Metropolitan Opera may be seen at Regal Cinemas: *Tannhauser* (4 hours, 50 minutes) on October 31, 10:55 AM) with an encore on November 4th at 6:30 PM and *Lulu* (4hours, 50 minutes) on November 21 at 10:55 AM with an encore on December 2nd at 6:30 PM. Ticket prices are Adult \$24, Senior \$22 and Child \$18.

Coffee & Chat



This informal group meets the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM to try to solve world/local problems through fun discussions. This month we will meet at Java Junction on October 24, and next month on November 28. Java Junction is located on the back side of Teller Arms Shopping Center, across from the VA Hospital.

The Jane Quimby Book Club

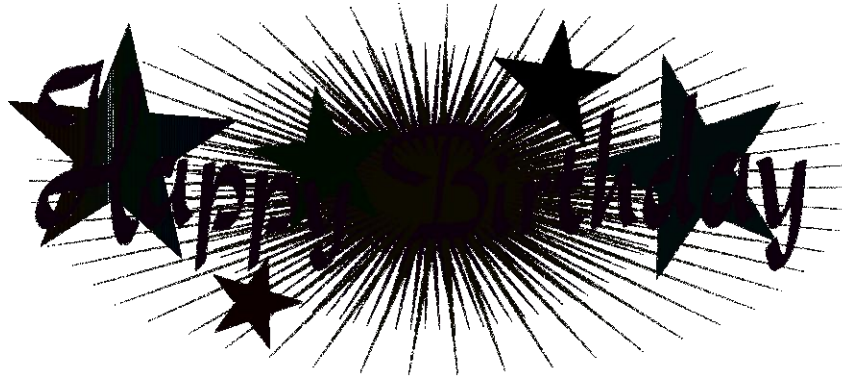


On Friday, November 20th, the Jane Quimby Book Club will meet at the American Lutheran Church at 9:30 AM. Deborah Krabacher will be the hostess.

Marie Filip will present "*Tender at the Bone: Growing Up at the Table*" by Ruth Reichl."

Ruth tells the story of a life determined, enhanced and defined in equal measure by a passion for food, unforgettable people and the love of tales well told.

Spiced with Reichl's infectious humor and sprinkled with her favorite recipes, *Tender at the Bone* is a witty and compelling chronicle of a culinary sensualist's coming of age.



Virginia Gibson

invites AAUW members to her **90th** birthday party

Saturday, November 21, at 3 PM

Mesa View Retirement Residence

601 Horizon Place (7th & Horizon).

Members are advised to car pool, as parking is limited.

Join us to celebrate with Virginia!!!

Virginia has been an AAUW member since July 1, 1997.

League of Women Voters News

LWV's next meeting will be on November 9 starting at 6:30 PM at Unitarian Universalist Church of the Grand Valley, 536 Ouray, GJ. Topic will be **Does Slavery Still Exist?** Members of Western Slope Against Trafficking, representing the community, governmental agencies and nonprofits, will discuss the existence of human trafficking, and the many forms it may take, in our community and in Colorado.

League meetings are open to the public.



Shop with Scrip

Have you ordered Scrip cards recently? The holidays are coming. You can really support our branch activities by purchasing gift cards at www.shopwithscrip. Go to this web site to see all the wide variety of cards available.

You can order on line by setting up an account. If you need help with instructions, contact Marilyn Zimmerman at mz812@earthlink.net or calling 314-7482. She can also order for you.

THANK YOU

August 19, 2015

Dear Mrs. Wood

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to my continuing education. I returned to college after a lengthy break (to raise and homeschool my 3 children) and your scholarship award will go a long way in keeping the remainder of my education more affordable.

Because I took so long to complete my education, I have been very mindful of how fortunate I am to be doing so. I have really enjoyed my experience thus far, earning grades good enough for the Dean's List (Fall 2014) & the President's List (Spring 2015).

Again, thank you for assistance and for all that you do for the students of Colorado Mesa University.

Sincerely,

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