



## Grand Junction Branch Newsletter

### A Special Evening is Planned

Wednesday, **May 4<sup>th</sup>** at Bookcliff Country Club  
 Dinner from 5 pm to 7 pm (order from regular menu)

#### Speaker:




Chief District Attorney **Trish Mahre** will talk about her experiences being a woman in the legal field, about equal pay, and answer our questions.

Trish (Moran) Mahre grew up in Grand Junction, graduating from GJHS in 1984. She thereafter graduated from University of Colorado (B.S. Business, 1988) and from Seattle University School of Law (formerly University of Puget Sound) with a Juris Doctor degree in 1991. Her father was a long time oncologist, her mother worked in real estate, and she has three siblings in the medical and legal fields.

Trish worked as a prosecutor in Vancouver, WA, for many years prosecuting the full scope of crime, such as traffic, domestic violence, drugs, sexual assaults, burglary, and murder. She thereafter served as the municipal prosecutor for the City of Kelso (WA) during a transition to move back to Grand Junction. Since returning to Grand Junction, Trish has worked for the District Attorney's Office for the 21st Judicial District. She serves in the role of Chief Deputy District Attorney under District Attorney Dan Rubinstein. Trish is one of six female attorneys in the 22 prosecutor office. Her responsibilities include supervising the juvenile prosecution and diversion units, supervising the Victim Witness Unit, reviewing and charging incoming felony crimes, and prosecuting murder cases.

Trish has been married for 23 years to Chris Mahre, also an attorney, but in private practice. Together they have two children: Ryland (age 19, attending University of Utah) and Tommy (age 16, attending GJHS). Their interests include attending all their children's various activities, skiing, camping, yard work, and attending theater/performing arts.

#### Entertainment:

AAUW member Virginia Brown's son, **Timothy Breckon**,  will be providing music for us. Virginia says he is adept at keyboards, accordion, brass horn, and the trombone which is his true love. Expect to be pleasantly surprised at which he brings.

#### Installation of Officers:

Following any nominations from the floor, Branch Officers for the 2016-2017 year will be installed in a lovely ceremony.

**\*Please send a Yes, No, or Maybe about your attendance to Jane Fitzgerald at 241-9684 or [mjfitz2cats@gmail.com](mailto:mjfitz2cats@gmail.com) by noon on Monday, May 2. The restaurant needs to know for seating.**

**Branch President** Lori Wood 234-5674

**VP Program** Executive Board

**Secretary** Kathy Kain 242-1323

**VP Membership** Virginia Brown 201-0386

**Treasurer** Jane Fitzgerald 241-9684

**Newsletter Editor** Jane Fitzgerald

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Lori Wood, Branch President

To all of you who helped make this 2015/16 year productive and successful – Thank you! Thank you for all of your diligent work and dedication to making our branch a branch that enjoyed by so many.

In addition to the good food, lovely country club atmosphere, our speaker, and the entertainment, we will be having the Election of officers and the Installation of those officers at our May meeting. Please attend to show support of those ladies who are willing to continue the efforts of our branch.

The Nominations committee consisted of Barbara Boudreaux, Kathy Kain and Marie Filip. They have made the nominations of Virginia Brown as Vice-President of Membership and Kay Wergedal as Secretary. Nominations **or** volunteers for either of these positions will continue to be open until the May meeting. If any additional persons would like to run for office, they will be included in our elections. Winners will then be installed at that time.

The officers who will be continuing their terms of office are myself, Lori Wood, as President and Jane Fitzgerald as Treasurer. Appointed positions will be announced at the May meeting.

The branch is STILL missing a Programming - Vice President. Just like in the 2015/16 year, that position will ultimately be jointly covered by the Board of Directors. We would like to try something slightly different this year though. So, if you have had a topic that you thought should be covered, a speaker you always wanted to hear, an educational presentation that you could make yourself – now is your time!

We are asking for ladies to volunteer to facilitate one program. We will be handing out forms at the May meeting for program proposals. The Board of Directors will choose nine proposals that best fit the mission of AAUW. Those ladies will then be responsible for arranging the details of the program and writing a newsletter article to invite our members to the program. No worries on the location/site details or reservations. The board will continue to handle those details. Both members **and** branch participants are encouraged to facilitate a meeting. If you are unable to attend the May meeting, please email or call me and I will get you a copy of the proposal form.

**Please, volunteer!**

**Help fill the gap that we have on our Board by not having a Program VP.**

## The Next Program Meeting:

No programs or newsletter until next Fall.

However, the **next Board meeting** is at 10:00am on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Lori's office.

## What You May Have Missed at the Last Program Meeting on April 2, 2016:

We had a nice meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016. In addition to our regular members, we enjoyed meeting, Renee Cameron, who is one of our scholarship grant winners, and her husband, Zac Cameron. We also had the pleasure of meeting and greeting a new guest, Angela Barnes, a friend of Lori Wood.

John Marshall, Vice-President of Student Services, was our guest speaker and his topic was on Sexual Assault Prevention Efforts at CMU. Although a hard topic to discuss, it was very educational, and the knowledge that CMU is taking such a proactive approach to the problem is excellent! CMU uses local law enforcement as their campus security and because of it there is a better sharing of what happens on campus and off.

CMU works within and through the guide lines provided by Criminal Law, Title IX, VAWA, Administrative directives under OCR, and the Constitution of the U.S. They have also partnered with non-denominational clergy. Our thanks go out to John, for his willingness to help us learn more about CMU's proactive approach to Sexual Assault Prevention.



*Submitted by Lori Newsom*

## 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](mailto:anitap@bresnan.net) or call Virginia Gibson at 242-7422.

As usual, we enjoyed another outstanding opera "Roberto Devereux" on Saturday, April 16th. The link below will play The Gallery Met Shorts "Roberto Devereux" Video that was played during intermission. Set to music from the third of Donizetti's three Tudor queen operas, the most recent Gallery Met Short is by artist Genieve Figgis.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HraCIDjv4W4>

#### Upcoming Events:

April 23 @ 11am

CPR Radio (103.3 FM) broadcast of the opera **Otello**

April 30 @ 10:55am

May 4 @ 6:30pm (encore)

*Live from the Met in HD* performance of Richard Strauss's opera **Elektra** at the Regal Canyon View Theater

May 1 @ 6:30pm

Grand Junction Symphony Guild's **Tex-Mex Party** at the Travelodge Ballroom.

*Celebrating our cultures through Music, Dance and Food. Featuring Mariachi San Jose de Javier de los Santos and Country Western Music and Dance by Lesly. \$40.*

May 7 from 10am to 10pm

**Cinco de Mayo Celebration.** Main Street, Downtown Grand Junction.

May 12 @ 7pm

Fathom Entertainment's presentation of **Painting the Modern Gardens: Monet to Matisse – Exhibition on Screen** at the Regal Canyon View Theater

May 20-22

**Downtown Music Festival.** Grand Junction's Main Street comes alive for a full weekend of music performed by local and national artists.

June 16 @ 7pm

Fathom Entertainment's presentation of **Teatro Alla Scala: The Temple of Wonders – Exhibition on Screen** at the Regal Canyon View Theater

Many more events can be found at <http://www.visitgrandjunction.com/events-calendar>.

## Coffee & Chat

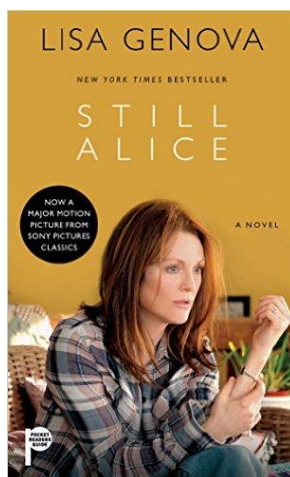


On Saturday **May 28<sup>th</sup>**, we will meet at **The Artful Cup** (formerly known as Cups) located at 3090 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Grand Junction (next to the tall Primary Care Partners building and in front of the Hospice Care Center). So please come at 9:30 AM to try some new coffees, teas, and treats in an intriguing atmosphere. This is a good chance to get to know your fellow AAUW members in an informal way, as well as support the mission of Hope West. Guests are welcome.

*Jane Fitzgerald*

## The Jane Quimby Book Group

The conclusion to April's book group discussion, about *All the Pretty Horses*, by Cormac McCarthy, was that it was not everyone's favorite book on this year's reading list. Uniquely styled without traditional punctuation, and smatterings of phrases and dialogue written in Spanish (sans translation), *All the Pretty Horses* was published in 1992. It won the National Book Award and paved the way for two more novels in the "Border Trilogy": *The Crossing* (1994) and *Cities of the Plain* (1998). McCarthy's writing style has been compared to that of Faulkner and Hemingway. Besides winning the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, *The Road* (2007), McCarthy has won a Rockefeller Foundation grant, a Guggenheim fellowship and a MacArthur Foundation Grant. His personal life was as much of interest to our discussion as his writings. He was born "Charles", but changed his name to "Cormac", after an ancient Irish King; married 3 times; fathered 2 sons, made violence and the dreams of men with complex relationships and social protests all part of his stories, which often have been of questionable interest to the general reading public.



May's meeting, on **Friday, May 20**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at American Lutheran Church, will feature the NY Times Bestseller, (made into a movie), "Still Alice", by Lisa Genova.

"A poignant portrait of Alzheimer's . . . Not a book you will forget." (USA Today) At once beautiful and terrifying, this story of early onset of Alzheimer's is a vivid and moving story.

Discussion will be led by Kaye Wergedal, and our welcoming hostess will be Marge Ebright.

This is our final meeting for this academic year. The Jane Quimby Book Group is open to all. Please come and join us!

*Kaye Wergedal*

## Interim Public Policy Report from AAUW Lobby Corps

Colorado AAUW took support or active support positions on several bills affecting **Women's Economic Security**. Currently one SB 16-022 (Sen. Martinez-Humenik, Rep. Pettersen) to extend to all counties the ability to participate in a pilot program to mitigate the cliff effect for low-income working families receiving child care assistance, has passed the legislature and is signed by the governor.

**Several bills were killed** in the Senate State Veterans and Military Affairs Committee:

SB 16-096 to re-create the Pay Equity Commission

SB 16-114 to require employers to provide employee-earned paid sick time

HB 16-1001 to require state contractors to comply with equal pay laws. This bill passed the House.

HB 16-1002 to allow employee leave to attend a child's academic activities. This bill passed the House.

HB 16-1166 to prohibit employers from asking salary history on job applications. This bill passed the House.

Other **bills in this area that are still in process** include:

HB 16-1003 to restructure the college savings account program to benefit the middle class

HB 16-1050 for a task force to address the child care needs of low-income parents of young children as they seek to advance their own education.

HB 16-1156 for pay transparency to allow employees to share income information with each other.

HB 16-1167 to reward and encourage businesses who follow fairness and pay equity principles for all their employees.

On issues of **Reproductive Choice**, AAUW opposed six anti-choice House bills, four of which died in committee, with the other two expected to have the same result. Two of the expected four Pro-Choice bills have been introduced. HB 16-1294 requires public and private insurers to cover all classes of contraception included in the Affordable Care Act. The bill has passed the House. HB 16-1322 to require contraception prescriptions to allow for purchase in 12-month

HB 16-1260 to **extend the statute of limitations for reporting sexual assault** from 10 years to 20 has passed the House.

On **Education Issues**, one of the two bills for funding full day Kindergarten for all has died and one is pending.

Betty Boyd, AAUW CO Lobby Corps

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AAUW is pleased to announce a **new member benefit** with **Target** that allows members to participate in weekly flash sales. For every sale, AAUW earns up to 5 percent commission. Just click on the Target link on the [member benefits page](#), and all sales or registries you make from there will support AAUW. And make sure you check out our other exciting member benefits, including access to films intended to empower women and girls and discounts on magazines, prescriptions, Office Depot orders, and more.

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Why do men still vastly outnumber women in the top positions of paid leadership? AAUW's newest research report, ***Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership***, explores this question.

## Grand Junction Branch Financial News

The Grand Junction Branch maintains two accounts at Alpine Bank: a checking account and a money market account. The accounts are reported according to the Branch's fiscal year which runs from July 1 to June 30. Just to bring you up-to-date, here is the report as of March 31, 2016:

<b>General Fund Checking</b>	Beginning Balance	\$3,318.28 (includes prepaid dues)
	Income	
	Dues	\$ 223.00
	Scrip Sales	2,625.00
	Misc	<u>25.00</u>
		2,873.00 total income
	Expenses	
	Scrip sales	2,519.71
	Insurance	185.00
	Convention	60.00
	Yearbook	51.12
	Newsletter	45.04
	Programs	50.30
	Misc	<u>92.03</u>
		3,003.20 total expenses
	March 31 Balance	\$3,188.08

**Money Market Account** The beginning balance was \$7,554.67. We earned \$5.99 in interest and spent \$28 for a C&C reimbursement, leaving a balance overall as of March 31 of \$7,529.51. The total is allocated to several funds, of which the current balances are:

<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>\$ 629.86</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>203.06</b>
<b>General Fund Reserves</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
<b>McClure Bequest</b>	<b>5,196.59</b>

You may contact me with any questions or concerns .... Jane Fitzgerald, Treasurer

## Scholarship/Grant News

Awards have been made for the 2016-2017 academic year from the funds maintained for AAUW by the CMU Foundation. Unfortunately, the names of recipients cannot be published without a signed release from said recipient, which we are working on.

The **Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Grant** Committee consisted of Marie Phillip, Kaye Wergedal, Peggy Rawlins and Jane Fitzgerald. From the many applications, five worthy recipients were chosen to receive \$1,500 per year.

The **AAUW Western Colorado Community College Scholarship** Committee consisted of Lori Wood, Becky Zlebnik, and Gwen Brown. One \$500 scholarship was awarded.