



Grand Junction Branch Newsletter

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The **Colorado State Health Care System Initiative**, also known as **Amendment 69**, will be on the November 8, 2016 ballot in Colorado as an initiated constitutional amendment. Amendment 69 was called **Initiative 20** during circulation, and many supporters and members of the media refer to it as **ColoradoCare**.

ColoradoCare would contract with healthcare providers to pay for certain healthcare benefits and be responsible for administering Medicaid, children's basic health programs, and all other state and federal healthcare funds. The financing would be partly through an additional 10 percent tax, shared by employers and employees, providing approximately \$25 billion per year in revenue.

Come and learn the Pros and Cons of Amendment 69 from our two speakers



PRO – Rich Garigan



CON – Christine Bogott

Bookcliff Country Club

Saturday, September 10, starting at 11:30 am

We have planned a lovely buffet of Wraps (Chicken Caesar, Grilled vegetables, and Black Forest Ham with Swiss) *Yum*, PLUS! 2 delicious sides (Garden salad and Seasonal fruit). Coffee, tea, and iced tea are included. All this for the reasonable price of \$16.60, which includes tax and tip.

Bookcliff will want to know how many for which to plan, so...please make your reservations no later than 10am on Wednesday, September 7th. This month **reservations will be taken by Virginia Brown** at 201-0386 or email virginiabrown1313@gmail.com. (NOTE: Jane will not be available to take reservations.) As a courtesy, please let Virginia also know if you do not plan to attend, or if you will attend but do not choose to purchase a meal.

This is an **important issue** for the state, and possibly for us as individuals. **Please bring** as many friends, relatives, neighbors, spouses, etc. as you can to hear this discussion.

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Message from President Lori

None this month.

Lori's mother passed away last week and she has been occupied with funeral plans and closing up a house.

KUDOS to Lori Wood

On September 14th she will be inducted as President of the Grand Junction Area Realtors Association (GJARA)



Are you unsure of where candidates stand on various positions that are important to women in the upcoming election? If so, AAUW Action Fund has resources to help you. The 2016 Voter Issue Guide is now available at www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/2016. Here, you can find factual information on issues along with what to listen for when candidates speak and what questions to ask candidates on various issues.

Voter guides are also available that include where candidates stand on a variety of positions that AAUW supports. They do not endorse any candidates but provides information provided by the candidates. Included in the guides are the President and Vice President candidates as well as Colorado Senate Candidates. This information is also available with a link on the AAUW CO website <http://aauw-co.aauw.net/>

All of this information and much more can be found on the AAUW website, www.aauw.org.

While we are sure that all of our branch members are registered to vote, you may know others that are not, especially young adults. Encourage anyone not yet registered to vote to do so, it is easy and can be done on line at <http://govotecolorado.org> Also this is the website to check your own voter registration to be sure that your address and other information is up to date.

Next month, we will include information on AAUW Colorado positions on ballot initiatives in the upcoming election.

Marilyn Zimmerman

Save the dates - Monthly Program Meetings

This year all of our programs are planned for the 2nd Saturday of the month starting at 11:30am, with the exception of December (which will have no program) and May (which will be an evening program). So...., if you would write those dates on the calendar now, you won't have any conflicts and the rest of us can enjoy your presence.

Next Month's meeting will be on Saturday, October 8 in the Bookcliff Room at the Fountains Assisted Living Center. AAUW State President and Grand Junction Branch member, **Amy Blackwell**, will speak about AAUW and its relationships with the United Nations.

League of Women Voters News

Here's a list of LWV Mesa's September 2016 events. Most events are planned for the Unitarian Universalist Church, 536 Ouray Avenue. Most events start at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you soon!

- ☐ Thursday, September 8—Stop by our booth at the downtown Farmers' Market!
- ☐ Monday, September 12—Screening of the documentary ***Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot***, followed by a discussion of the importance of the right to vote moderated by a CMU professor.
- ☐ Monday, September 26—**4th Annual Air Quality Forum**; update by *Citizens for Clean Air* about their projects over the past year.

Shop with Scrip



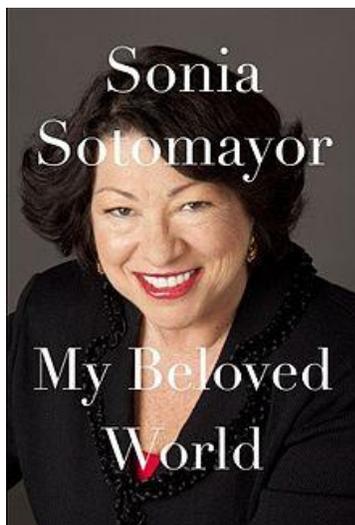
OK, it is early, but have you thought about giving gift cards as holiday gifts? You can really support our branch activities by purchasing gift cards at www.shopwithscrip. You just pay the usual value of the gift card, but the nice thing is that our AAUW branch then receives a kick-back percentage of the cost varying from 2% to 11%. Last year the branch netted \$219.90 on sales of \$4,750. As an example, if you purchased a \$50 gift card, you would send AAUW branch the \$50, and we would order you the card and there would be the full \$50 available on it. BUT, the Scrip company would then send the branch \$2, if the rebate percentage was 4%, or \$4 if the percentage was 8%.

More than 600 companies have gift cards available. Examples are Cabela's (3%), Lowe's (4%), Home Depot (4%), Wal-Mart (2.5%), Amazon.com (3%), and Barnes & Noble (9%). There are cards for groceries, restaurants, travel, almost anything you could use.

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. After ordering, the company mails all the cards to Marilyn. Orders received by the 25th of each month, will be available at the next AAUW General Program Meeting.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Jane Quimby Book Club



“I think this fish has found her pond.”

That’s what Sonia Sotomayor told a friend after her first day in open court as a new federal judge back in 1992. She had been so terrified, she recalls in her new memoir, that her knees were literally knocking together as she began addressing the courtroom from the bench. And yet the minute she jumped in with a question for the litigants, the panic passed, and she realized she would be just fine.

Read about how she grew up poor in a Bronx housing project at a time when gangs were carving up the neighborhood, learned she had juvenile diabetes when she was 7 and lost her father a couple of years later. She would go on to Princeton (where she won the prestigious Pyne Prize), Yale Law School, the Manhattan district

attorney’s office and ultimately the Supreme Court, where she became the nation’s first Hispanic justice.

This year’s *kick-off* book for the Jane Quimby Book Group, *My Beloved World*, is highly recommended reading. Get a copy and join us at our first meeting for the year, on Friday, September 16, 2016 American Lutheran Church beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Leading the ‘always lively’ discussion will be Wanda Putnam, and our hostess is Lois Jarre.

Kaye’s Remembrance of Things Past: We have come to the end of another year of the Jane Quimby Book Group’s scintillating discussions about the books we read. May’s discussion was no less so as we shared our reactions to Lisa Genova’s brilliant writing of *Still Alice*. The “oh, so human” portrayal of the vibrant, woman named Alice, who was diagnosed with Early Familial Alzheimer’s Disease (EFAD), and the resulting struggles of her life, and the life of those around her, was both feared and admired by all. Ms. Genova, a writer and a neuroscientist, brought equal amounts of compassion and scientific information to the telling of the story through Alice’s own feelings, thoughts, and words. How she thought . . . how she felt . . . how she faced the diagnosis . . . how she became disoriented from her world, little by little, over the period of several years . . . and how the relationships with her family and her world were changed – forever. The last book of the year, it was also one we will not quickly forget.

Thanks to all the members of the group who led discussions this year, served as gracious hostesses for the meetings, to Barb Boudreaux for her leadership, and to “Mugsie”, our guest speaker. It was a great year for all of us who love to read and share.



The Jane Quimby Book Group presents

THE READING LIST FOR 2016-17

SEPTEMBER 16	My Beloved World....by Sonia Sotomayor Wanda Putnam, Leader AND Lois Jarre, Hostess
OCTOBER 21	The Nightingaleby Kristin Hanna Deb Krabacher, Leader AND Kaye Wergedal, Hostess
NOVEMBER 18	The Storied Life of A.J. Fickaryby Gabrielle Zevin Lynnda Ebright, Leader AND Erna Ingram, Hostess
DECEMBER 9	The Light Between the Oceans....by M.L Stedman Barb Boudreaux, Leader AND Katie and Betsy Zollner, Hostesses
JANUARY 20	The Prize by.....Dale Russakoff
FEBRUARY 17	Hammerhead by.....Nina MacLaughlin
MARCH 17	(Guest Presenter)
APRIL 21	The House on Seventh Street.....by Karen Vorbeck Williams
MAY 19	The Girl on the Train.....by Paula Hawkins



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 at anitap@bresnan.net.

- September 29, 2016 at the Avalon theater
[ENTREFLAMENCO SANTE FE \(GJ symphony orchestra\)](#)
- Stay tuned for upcoming events at the Regal Theater, which begin in October.

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 on September 24th at the Artful Cup Coffee House which is located at 3090 North 12th Street (the yellow house in the same parking area as the Hospice Care Center and Spoons Restaurant).

EQUITY - a new movie

In 2015, only 5 percent of the companies in the Standard and Poor's 500 index had female CEOs. We see this inequity reflected on the big screen also. *Trading Places*, *American Psycho*, *Margin Call*, *Wolf of Wall Street*, *The Big Short* ... the list of blockbuster films depicting the moneyed world of Wall Street are overwhelmingly written by men, directed by men, produced by men, and — you guessed it — starring men. Women in powerful business roles are sparse.

“In our industry, it’s about if you can’t see it, you can’t be it,” said producer Sarah Megan Thomas. That’s why she got to work on a story about Wall Street that showcases powerful women. When AAUW of New Jersey member Candy Straight read the script, she was moved by the story of powerful women, so she teamed up with Reiner and Thomas to help raise money for the film. The new financial drama, *Equity*, focuses on Naomi (*Breaking Bad*’s Anna Gunn), a senior investment banker; Erin (*Backwards*’ Thomas), a vice president at the same firm; and Samantha (*Orange Is the New Black*’s Reiner), a prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney’s Office. The film is also a living, breathing illustration of the gender bias delineated in AAUW’s research report [Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership](#). When it comes to portraying the experiences of women in business and leadership, Reiner and Thomas did their research, interviewing more than 200 men and women working on Wall Street and imbuing the film with their stories.

The website Rotten Tomatoes has given this movie an 82% favorable rating by critics. When this film comes to our “happy valley”, **do not miss it.**