



March Program

How is Girl Scouts Relevant in Today's World?



Speaker **Cindi Graves** has been with **Girl Scouts** since 2011 and manages the dual role of Fund Development Manager for the Western half of Colorado and Team Lead which manages the program side for 16 counties.

Cindi graduated from Texas State University with a Bachelor of Arts in organizational communication. She formerly worked for Cobb & Associates, a marketing agency in Grand Junction, and for DHI Mortgage as a marketing coordinator.

As the preeminent leadership organization for girls, Girl Scouts embraces their mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Colorado is currently celebrating their 100th year of building girl leaders! In Mesa County, the membership consists of 681 girls and 273 adults in approximately 60 troops. Girl Scouts is a strong, vibrant organization that helps our community in a variety of ways.

AAUW's mission of "advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research" closely ties to that of Girl Scouts. AAUW supports the work of the Girl Scouts by encouraging involvement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, providing funding for anti-bullying programs, and awarding grants for public policy and civil engagement.

Cindi and her husband of 24 years, Trey, have 3 wonderful, intelligent and amazing daughters. Ally, 19, is a freshman at Colorado State University studying Computer Science and is part of the Presidential Leadership Program. Brenna, 18, is a senior at Fruita Monument High School and a Captain of the Cheer Squad. She plans to attend UNC for nursing in the fall. Faith, 12, attends Fruita Monument Middle School and is President of MESA Club and play viola in Orchestra. Faith has set a goal of selling 1000 boxes of delicious Girl Scout Cookies.... and is well on her way to achieving that goal.

Where: Bookcliff Country Club

When: Saturday, March 11....beginning at 11:30 am

Meal: Order from the limited menu....see next page

Reservations: Do Not Contact Jane this month. Instead, please contact Jeannie Dunn at 242-3177 or at j.dunn@bresnan.net to say yes or no for attendance; and, if yes, your menu choice.

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RESERVATION INFORMATION

When you make your reservation (by March 8th please), you will need to let Jeannie know which meal you prefer. Each meal item will cost \$17.90, *which includes TAX and TIP, but does not include any beverage.*

Each person will pay Bookcliff Country Club separately after the meal.

BCC Burger

½ ounce hand patty ground CAB sirloin
Served with French Fries

Portabella Sandwich

Balsamic marinated portabella mushroom, roasted red pepper, fried zucchini, onion, tomato, spinach & brie cheese on a ciabatta bun. Served with French Fries

Salmon Caesar Salad

Grilled salmon, fresh baked croutons, aged parmesan cheese, crisp romaine & creamy Caesar dressing

Soup and Salad

Fresh house Salad and a Bowl of French Onion Soup

Dessert

You may add ice cream as a dessert for \$5.00, *which includes TAX and TIP.*
No need to preorder this.

WHAT YOU MISSED AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Mary Beth Buescher gave us a good picture of the Colorado Commission on higher Education...what the commission can control, and what is out of their bailiwick. Mary Beth was appointed to the Commission in August 2016. Her most surprising statistic was that "By the Year 2020, it is estimated that 75% of jobs will require a Secondary Education"!!!!

Happy Birthday to You

Your AAUW Branch Board wishes to acknowledge its members and let you know we appreciate you. Therefore we wish a Happy Birthday to those with Birthdays in January:

We know of no members having a birthday in March. Very interesting.....

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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. Note: Peggy Rawlins at 263-4741 is the new contact person for the group.

- March 1 @ 6:30 pm (encore performance)
Fathom Events presents *Live from the Met: Rusalka*, an opera by Antonin Dvorak shown at the Regal Theater (4 hours)
- March 2, 3, & 4 @ 7:30 pm and March 4 @ 2 pm
CMU Theater's presentation of **My Fair Lady** in the Robinson Theater
- March 10 & 11 @ 7:30 pm
CMU's Bravo Cabaret production of **Songs of Love & Hate** in the Experimental Theater
- March 11 @ 2 pm
The Art Center presents **Romantic Traditions: Piano Salon**
- March 11 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presents *Live from the Met in HD: La Traviata*, an opera by Verdi at the Regal Theater (3 hours)
- March 15 @ 6:30 pm (encore performance)
Fathom Events presents *Live from the Met in HD: La Traviata*, an opera by Verdi at the Regal Theater
- March 19 @ 10:55 pm
Fathom Events presents *Direct from the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow: A Contemporary Evening...* shown at the Regal Theater (2-1/2 hours)
- March 25 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presents *Live from the Met in HD: Idomeneo*, an opera by Mozart at the Regal Theater (4-1/2 hours)
- March 29 @ 6:30 pm (encore performance)
Fathom Events presents *Live from the Met in HD: Idomeneo*, an opera by Mozart at the Regal Theater

Coffee & Chat

This informal group normally meets the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM to try to solve world/local problems through fun discussions. On **March 25th**, we will meet at the Artful Cup. Hope to see you there. Call Jane at 241-9684 with any questions.

The Jane Quimby Book Group



March Meeting to feature Second in Series of Interesting Women

The March meeting will feature local activist and artist, Vera Mulder. Vera will address the group on the many enjoyable and satisfying opportunities open for citizen participation in our local community. Per Anita Pisciotte, Vera is an artist, educator, volunteer, blogger, writer, activist---determined and speaks her mind, and a wonderfully talented artist, who is a real asset to our community in so many ways. If you want to know more, here are the ways: vmulder@acsol.net ; website: www.artyme.com; blog: herestoallaboutfruitablogspot.com.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 17th
AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
9:30 AM – Social Time
10:00 AM – Speaker Presentation

At the last meeting on February 17th, Deb Krabacher's welcome recap of "The Prize," followed by input from a dozen plus attending members, started the day for the Jane Quimby Book Club. The discussion was a carryover from the January meeting when weather and illness limited attendance, but not interest in Dale Russakoff's timely novel which addressed the many education problems facing our nation today.

The subject then moved to February's novel, "The Storied Life of A.J. Fickry" by Gabrielle Zevin. Presenter Lois Jarre gave background on both the author and her delightful book, and then requested each member relate their earliest reading experiences. It was a fun exercise, bringing new emphasis to the joy and importance of reading brings us all throughout our lifetimes.

Members enjoyed an assortment of tasty refreshments provided by Jan Scheevel.

SAVE THE DATE

League of Women Voters

GJ City Council Candidate Forum

When: Thursday, March 23, 2017

Where: GJ City Hall Auditorium, 250 North 5th Street

Time: Doors open at 6:30 pm; Candidates start speaking at 7:00 pm

Other: Paper & pencils will be provided for audience to write questions

More Info: Peggy Rawlins 263-4741

BRANCH TREASURER REPORT

By Jane Fitzgerald, Grand Junction Branch Treasurer

At the last program meeting, some members expressed an interest in where the branch is financially. Actually, from what I understand, we are better shape than most other Colorado branches.

Our branch maintains two accounts at Alpine Bank: a General Fund checking account and a Money Market Account. AAUW's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30 each year. The local branch Board prepares a budget each year to keep track of income and expenses in the General Fund.

On July 1, 2016, the **General Fund** showed a balance of \$2,010.49, which included prepaid dues of \$360.00. As of January 31, 2017, the balance was \$1,169.21.

- **Income** items to date total \$2,678.97, which is comprised of \$133 dues; \$184.47 meals; \$2,350.00 Scrip card sales; miscellaneous \$11.50.
- **Expense** items to date total \$3,520.25, which is comprised of: \$95.54 for newsletter printing & mailing; \$5.64 treasurer expense; \$215.50 miscellaneous (new banner, Marilyn's farewell); \$2,260.96 Scrip card payments; \$185.00 liability insurance; \$322.27 meals & speaker meals; \$55.70 speaker gifts; \$247.86 convention expenses; \$67.92 community outreach; \$63.86 yearbook printing & mailing.
- The net profit from the Scrip card sales is \$119.04, so far this year.

On July 1, 2016, the balance in the **Money Market Fund** was \$9,105.49. As of January 31, 2017 the balance was \$8,608.17. This fund is split into 4 sub-funds:

- **Scholarship** – this fund began with \$704.86. \$500 was sent to CMU Foundation for the Women Vet Scholarship for the Spring semester, leaving a balance of \$204.86.
- **Miscellaneous** – interest earnings go into this fund. It began the year at \$204.43 and is now at \$206.72. (Bank earnings rate has not been very high for years.)
- **General Fund Reserves** - kept in Money Market for interest earnings. No change at \$3,000.00
- **Eugenia McClure Bequest** – this fund began the year at \$5,196.59, with no change to date.

Now is the Time to Protect Title IX

- Despite record opposition, Betsy DeVos was confirmed as Secretary of Education, when Vice President Pence cast the tie-breaking vote. Senate offices received thousands of calls and emails from constituents, jamming phone lines on Capitol Hill and showing bipartisan, widespread opposition to a nominee whose views do not align AAUW's priorities.
- **Our work isn't over. AAUW cannot stand for a Secretary of Education who does not fully support upholding and enforcing civil rights protections for all our students. Now more than ever, we must hold our legislators accountable for votes they cast and demand that they protect the rights of women and girls.**
- During her hearing, DeVos was asked by several senators about her thoughts on her support for Title IX – the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in schools receiving federal funding. On all fronts, she failed to demonstrate a grasp of the Secretary of Education's role in protecting the civil rights of students and failed to offer clear, unequivocal support for upholding those federal laws.
- **Take action now to urge your senators to work to protect Title IX moving forward and ensure that women and girls have access to education free from discrimination.**

Presidents Notes

by Lori Wood

As the new year of 2017 starts, it signals the end of my two terms as President. Our branch will be looking for a new leader as well as other board officers. WHO is interested in helping our branch to continue? I am looking for non-board members to serve on the Nomination Committee to develop our slate of new officers for the next two terms. We still have lots that can be accomplished in our community and offer our members. If you are willing to serve just a short time on the Nomination Committee or serve on the board, please contact me.

Don't forget about our National website. www.aauw.org. It is an amazing site with up-to-date and topical news articles, relevant stories about issues that our society is coping with and, of course, the nationally recognized studies that bring attention to problems our youth and women are currently facing. Some of the online articles I thought were interesting:

- **AAUW Stands against Bias and Bigotry** – includes a letter written by Albert Einstein to AAUW in 1938. And I did not know that AAUW had a program in 1976 for SE Asia Refugees to help them settle in America!
- **[O'Connor and Ginsburg: Sisters in Law](#)** is an article about the book written by Linda Hirshman, *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*. You can sign up for an online chat with the author which will be held on March 28, 2017, 8:00 p.m. ET. You must pre-register online.
- You can also **Play Presidential BINGO!** What will President Trump say about women and families in his First Congressional Address?

Will you #StandUptoSexism?

You play like a girl. You should smile more. Women are so emotional.

We've heard it all before. Sexist microaggressions, which are often wrapped up in racialized biases, make us doubt ourselves, whether we're second-guessing a great idea, feeling self-conscious about our bodies, or receiving less pay or less respect. Seemingly small acts of sexism (like implicit bias, workplace inflexibility, and prejudiced hiring practices) contribute to the gender leadership gap, and that gap creates a culture where women's work is devalued. It's only a small step from there to devaluing ourselves.

AAUW was founded more than 135 years ago to help empower women and girls across a wide range of issues. But we can't do it alone! Just as small acts of sexism can harm us, small acts of protest can empower us — and help build the change society needs. **That's where you come in.**

Download AAUW's printable flyer at <http://www.aauw.org/files/2017/01/stand-up-to-sexism-sign.pdf>. Fill it out with how or why you fight sexism in your life, and share it with the hashtag #StandUptoSexism.

Speaking up can be revolutionary. Too often, women don't want to make waves for fear of being labeled difficult, demanding, emotional, bossy, or any of the other words our society uses to discipline assertive women. All this gender bias can feel like it's holding us down. But things don't have to stay that way. Write the problem down, call it out, and condemn it! Together, we can #StandUptoSexism.