



November Program

Domestic Violence and its Effect on Women Financially

November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Our presenter, **Theresa McKenzie**, is well-qualified to speak on the topic since she works as the Volunteer and Special Event Coordinator - Domestic Violence Services @ Hilltop Community Resources. Hilltop operates Latimer House, the shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Theresa has 17 years of experience in the arena of volunteer and event management. Nothing rewards her more than helping a volunteer find his or her service “sweet spot”—a skill that’s abundantly evident in the passionate people who’ve grown into influential, effective leaders under her mentorship.

Theresa began her volunteer leadership career at Mesa, Arizona’s, Central Christian Church as the director of First Impressions, the ministry responsible—as the name implies—for making attendees feel welcome at each of this mega-church’s multiple campuses. In 2010, Theresa migrated to House of Refuge, a transitional housing program, also in Mesa. There she managed and motivated all volunteers and all volunteer events for this community of 88 single-family homes. Many of the events included upwards of 200 volunteers in one-day housing improvement projects.

Now the community relations and volunteer coordinator for Hilltop’s Domestic Violence Services, Theresa is excited to bring her passion—connecting volunteers with their sweet spot—to Hilltop’s mission to serve the communities of Grand Junction, Delta, Montrose, Ouray and the surrounding areas.

Theresa’s favorite things are, in no particular order: family, music, green tea, Hawaii and her cat, Kosmo Kramer.

Please come to see how you can contribute to ending domestic violence.

Where: Bookcliff Country Club, 2730 G Road, Grand Junction

When: Saturday, **November 12**....beginning at **11:30 am**

Meal: Order from the menu...See next page

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Menu for November 12th Meeting Bookcliff Country Club

Indicate your choice when you make your reservation.

Prices include meal, tax and tip. Beverages are additional, as are any desserts.

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| 1. Soup of the Day & House Salad <u>OR</u> Soup of the Day & Caesar Salad | \$11.50 |
| <i>(small salad – indicate which -- and a bowl of soup)</i> | |
| 2. BCC Burger with Fries | \$11.50 |
| <i>(½ lb. Hand patty ground CAB sirloin)</i> | |
| 3. Chef Salad | \$14.05 |
| <i>(Mixed greens, cheddar, Swiss, ham, turkey, egg, tomato, radish & roasted beets with your choice of dressing)</i> | |
| 4. Asian Udon Stir Fry | \$14.05 |
| <i>(Fresh stir fry vegetables & Udon noodles dressed with a sesame peanut sauce)</i> | |

To make your reservation, contact Jane at 241-9684 or mjfitz2cats@gmail.com preferably no later than **10 am on Wednesday, November 9th**.

As a courtesy, please let Jane also know if you do not plan to attend, or if you will attend but do not choose to purchase a meal.

Recap of Last Month's Meeting: AAUW State President, **Amy Blackwell**, fascinated those present at The Fountains, with her various skills and myriad diverse activities...most having to do with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Particularly interesting was her recent stint as a delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women. She spent some time discussing each of the 17 goals of the **UN: New Goals for Sustainable Development**, see <http://www.aauw.org/2015/10/30/un-sdg-goals/>. These goals provide a framework for international cooperation and focus on many issues, including the welfare of women and girls. Amy also explained why AAUW is now promoting its brand (the logo found on page 1), rather than using the full title of American Association of University Women, much as AARP now only uses the 4 letters.

Save the dates – Future Monthly Program Meetings

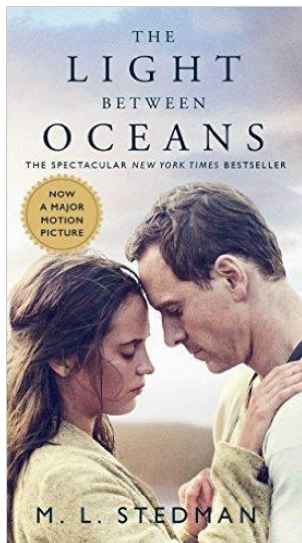
December – No program meeting is scheduled. Enjoy your holidays.

January 14th - Saturday, 11:30 am, The Fountains, Bookcliff Room

February 11th – Saturday, 11:30 am, BCC – Mary Beth Buescher will be the speaker

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Jane Quimby Book Group



Named one of Amazon's [Best Books of the Month, August 2012](#): Tom Sherbourne is a lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, a tiny island a half day's boat journey from the coast of Western Australia. When a baby washes up in a rowboat, he and his young wife Isabel decide to raise the child as their own. The baby seems like a gift from God, and the couple's reasoning for keeping her seduces the reader into entering the waters of treacherous morality even as Tom--whose moral code withstood the horrors of World War I--begins to waver. M. L. Stedman's vivid characters and gorgeous descriptions of the solitude of Janus Rock and of the unpredictable Australian frontier create a perfect backdrop for the tale of longing, loss, and the overwhelming love for a child that is *The Light Between Oceans*.

"A beautifully delineated tale of love and loss, right and wrong, and what we will do for the happiness of those most dear."

--Tova Beiser "The Boston Globe"

Friday, November 18, 2016

American Lutheran Church

beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Our Leader is Lynnda Ebright, and Erna Ingram will be our hostess.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

October's meeting had 19 in attendance, (*we overflowed the space - a wonderful sight*) with Deb Krabacher as our leader and Kaye Wergedal as our hostess. Our thanks to both!

Our discussion of *The Nightingale* resulted in a near-unanimous agreement that declared Kristin Hanna, a truly gifted author in the telling of this fascinating story of two sisters, their father, and how their lives unfolded throughout World War II, in France. We are looking forward to reading more from her.

November 28: Join us in celebrating **AAUW's 135th anniversary** by sharing our mission with others. Check out a special Shop AAUW Sale at <http://aauw.source4.com/b2c/sites/AAUWMember/Home.asp>. Who knew that they sold cool stuff? The sale will run as long as supplies last.

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

- November 4 @ 7:30pm
Murder Mystery – Opera Workshop in Love Recital Hall, Moss performing Arts Center, CMU, FREE
- November 4 @ 6-8 pm (reception)
Culture Fest, Mesa County Public Library
- November 4 & 5 @ 7:30pm
Broadway & the Great American Theater, Mesa Experimental Theater at CMU
- November 6 @ 12:55am
Fathom Entertainment's presentation of **Bolshoi Ballet: The Bright Stream** (direct from Moscow) at the Regal Theater (2 hour, 20 minutes)
- November 11 from 1pm to 8pm
Veteran's Art & Music Extravaganza at The Avalon
- November 15 - watch the Regal webpage for times
Fathom Entertainment presents *Live from the National Theater* **Hamlet** starring Benedict Cumberbatch
- November 18 -20
Fine Art & Craft Fair at Western Colorado Center for the Arts
- November 25 @ 7:30pm
November 26 @ 2pm & 7pm
November 27 @ 2pm
CMU Theater presents **A Christmas Carol** in the Robinson Theater
- November 27 & November 30 @ 2pm and at 7pm
Fathom Entertainment presents the classic film **Breakfast at Tiffany's** at the Regal Theater

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 November 26 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).

President's Message

By Lori Wood, Branch President

The board has decided to take a step back in technology and make use of traditional mail for our newsletters. We all get way too many emails and getting REAL letter in the mail is almost a novelty now! I'm sure that Jane, our Treasurer/Newsletter editor, would appreciate some help with getting the newsletter in the mail. Call Jane if you could help with a few hours or less once a month.

The board has worked hard to provide our membership with interesting and timely programming along with comfortable locations with delicious lunches. We can always use any help that anyone would like to provide, such as: offering to take over as VP of Programming (most of the work has already been done.) Some of the remaining months of this year are not yet finalized, so if you have a great idea and are willing to coordinate the speaker, just let one of the board members know.

Also, there are members that can no longer drive and offering to bring that friend with you would be greatly appreciated by both them and the rest of us who may have not gotten the opportunity to see her for a long time. Please take the time to think of someone: a neighbor, a friend from church, your bridge partner, a co-worker, etc. who may enjoy being a member. We continually strive to increase our membership for the sake of our branch. And remember, we do not exclude anyone. No matter if they have numerous degrees, a certificate from a technical or no degree but, appreciates our mission – all are welcome (that includes males too!)

The Board has been considering ways to provide some type of service to local female veterans. After a year of research, we realized there are many options for female veterans in our area. So...we have voted to do what we do best: a scholarship. Currently there are no such scholarships at CMU – so there is a need. We will be funding it annually for the first few years from our Branch monies. We hope to be able to find a way to endow the scholarship within the next few years. Ideas appreciated.

AAUW Yearbook – Additions & Corrections

Please enter these changes in your yearbook now. During the year, if you have a change to your yearbook entry (moving, new phone, change of email address, new degrees, husband name), notify Jane Fitzgerald. It's easier to keep the roster up- to-date if we do it as things change.

Page 14: Amy Blackwell's education is
MA in History (with focus on the history of medicine), University of Houston
BS in Biology, University of Houston

Page 15: Nicole Cannan's phone number should be 462-4282.

Page 19: Rebecca Zlebnik's birthday is January 2.

Thought for the month....There are three things to leave behind: your photographs, your library, and your personal journals. These things are certainly going to be more valuable to future generations than your furniture! Jim Rohn

What is the Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap?

AAUW's [The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap](http://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/) is here, and the fall edition of the report has more truth in it than ever. How do we explain the 20-cent gender pay gap (a statistically insignificant change from last year), and what do race, location, and career choice have to do with it? See how the gap in your state stacks up to the national number, and learn more about what states are doing to promote (or hinder) equal pay. Plus, new for this edition, we discuss how the gender pay gap is connected to disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

READ THE REPORT

<http://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/>

Once you've read the report, share the findings in your community and take action to help close the gap.

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Share
Your Story



Tell
Congress
to Act



This is What AAUW Is Doing Nationally

Elect Her is the only program in the country that encourages and trains college women to run for student government and future political office. A collaboration between AAUW and Running Start, **Elect Her** addresses the need to expand the pipeline of women candidates and to diminish the longstanding political leadership gender gap.

Elect Her is a one-day, 4.5-hour training. Participants practice hands-on campaign skills, hear from inspiring local speakers, and discuss research on women in government.

Women make up a majority of the electorate, yet they have never been equally represented in the halls of power. Engaging women in politics and electing them to office earlier in life are the key to strengthening and increasing women's representation in government. In fact, 56 percent of women in the current U.S. Congress started their leadership careers in student government.

An important part of encouraging young women to step up and lead starts with participation in student government. Over 1,000 students attended an **Elect Her** workshop on 50 campuses in 2015. 76 percent of 2015 participants who reported running for student office WON!

For more information, e-mail leadership@aauw.org. Would you like to be a local facilitator?

Thank You Letters Received from 2016/2017 AAUW Scholarship Recipients

From Patricia Gibson:

Dear American Association of University Women,

I am extremely grateful to receive the generous Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Endowed Grant. I was surprised and pleased to learn that I had been selected for this honor.

I am pursuing a career in education to share my love for literature and the arts with upcoming generations. I want to share my joy for the fanciful and encourage them to see beyond their immediate environment. I plan to introduce my students to far-off lands and experience other eras through text. With your generous donation to my education, I will be able to focus my time on my studies and become one step closer to my dream.

Thank you again for awarding me this opportunity. I will continue to work hard to achieve my education goals. I will mirror your generosity with my service in education and hope to be an exemplary teacher. Thank you again for your support.

From Myndi Baker:

Dear American Association of University Women,

Thank you very much for the honor of being your recipient of the Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Endowed Grant. I am grateful for your generosity.

I have worked hard at reentering a secondary education and this scholarship will assist me in completing my degree as a Bachelor of Social Work. I will continue to work hard and strive for excellence in my education in my senior year at Colorado Mesa University.

Blessings from a future Social Worker,

For the 2016/2017 academic year, the Grand Junction Branch of AAUW awarded one \$1,000 scholarship from our Western Colorado Community College Scholarship Fund and five \$1,500 scholarships to Colorado Mesa University from the Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Fund.

Happy Birthday to You

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

Wanda Putnam – November 3 **Peggy Rawlins – November 11** **Nicole Cannan – November 30**

Shop with Scrip



Order your Holiday gift cards now!!! Place your orders by the 25th of November. Since there will be no December Program Meeting, special deliveries will be made after December 5.

You can support our branch activities by purchasing gift cards at www.shopwithscrip.com. You just pay the usual value of the gift card, but our AAUW branch then receives a kick-back percentage of the cost varying from 2% to 11%. As an example, if you purchased a \$50 gift card, you would send the AAUW branch treasurer \$50, and she would order the card and there would be the full \$50. BUT, the Scrip company would then send the branch \$2, if the rebate percentage was 4%, or \$4 if the percentage was 8%.

To see what is available, go to www.shopwithscrip.com and hit the "retailers" tab at the top of the page. There are gift 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 Jane Fitzgerald at mjfitz2cats@gmail.com or 241-9684. She can also order for you. After ordering, the company mails all the cards to Jane for distribution.

Have You Voted ??
Have You encouraged someone else to vote??

