



November 2nd Program – CONNECTIONS

Come to Western Colorado Community College on **Thursday**, November 2, from **4:30 to 6:00 pm** for tasty treats and conversations. We are meeting in the **Chez Lena Restaurant**. Young ladies who are currently attending Colorado Mesa University are joining us for this meeting. Our recent scholarship recipients are invited. This is an opportunity to learn the challenges faced by current students as they endeavor to complete college degrees.

Delicious hors d'oeuvres provided by the Culinary Department will be served. Members and their guests are asked to pay \$12.00 for this meeting to cover the cost of the food items, which will include: a cheese platter with jams and fresh berries, hot hors d'oeuvres and chocolate dipped cream puffs. A percentage of the fee goes to the student scholarship fund at W.C.C.C. We have secured a donation to pay the cost for our invited student guests.

Please contact me to let me know if you are planning to come or if you are not planning to come by email to jeannedunn01@gmail.com or calling my home phone number, (970) 242-3177. I need the **R.S.V.P. by October 26**. We need to have at least 12 members attending this meeting. Call for transportation.



The address of Western Colorado Community College is 2508 Blichmann Avenue, GJ (off 25 Road between F-1/2 and Patterson). There is convenient parking close to the building.

Please call me if you need additional information. *Jeannie Dunn, Vice-President, Programs*

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Message from the Branch President

The board has been busy with not only programs, but also trying to reach out to the public to grow our membership. Our Mission is: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research." We are working hard to reach out to women who are attending Colorado Mesa University (CMU) and Western Colorado Community College (WCCC), to provide not only the long standing scholarships our branch has funded, but also to advocate and be a support system for them.

We are attempting to be diverse, by offering programs in different locations, at different times to reach out to career women who may not have time to attend program meetings at the times which we are most comfortable with. This is in addition to finding locations that we can offer "snacks" instead of expecting you to pay for a meal. Dr. Jeannie Dunn has found two very nice rooms for the last two program meetings, and also provided a wonderful array of finger foods. All we have asked for is a love donation to offset the cost of the finger foods. If you missed either of the last two meetings, you missed out on amazing speakers.

We have very carefully planned out a budget for the 2017-18 membership year. In our budget, we have set aside funds for at least two board members to attend each state level conference. This includes the Fall Leadership Conference, Public Policy Day and the Spring Conference. We have also had to increase our budget for the cost of printing and mailing our newsletters. We are going to have to transfer almost \$1200 from our reserves to meet this budget cycle. Unfortunately, because not many of us participate (myself included) in the "Shop with Scrip" fundraiser that our branch has, our annual income has decreased greatly.

??? My question to you - would you prefer to do a fund raiser that you have to cajole your family, friends, neighbors, strangers on the street to buy something from you, then return to deliver whatever that was, **OR** would you prefer to "PASS THE HAT" and give \$20 to \$100 to build up the funds available for us to continue growing our branch?

Other news: I had the pleasure of having lunch with CMU student ambassador Hannah Belich recently. She is very excited about AAUW. She shared with me that while she is fortunate enough to not be homeless or hungry, that she knows it is a large issue on campus. She shared that her generation is proud, and does not admit to being homeless or hungry; but it is there. Apparently, there is a food pantry on the university campus, where students are allowed to get what they need. I am waiting to hear how we could donate to this food pantry.

I look forward to seeing many of our membership at the November 2nd program meeting/social at Chez Lena to honor our scholarship recipients. Jeannie does need RSVP's and the cost for members is \$12/person. It would be nice if all of you could attend to be supportive of our students, who are our potential future members.

If you are on Facebook, please follow us on our branch page: [@AAUWGrandJct](#). We also hope you will follow us on our branch website at: <http://grandjunction-co.aauw.net/> ~Virginia Brown

FYI The Culinary Arts program at W.C.C.C. emphasizes techniques of the modern culinary kitchen. Students learn cooking and baking from scratch skills for soups, sauces, meat and seafood production, yeast-raised breads, cakes, pies, and pastries. The program focuses on the fundamentals of nutrition, menu planning, cost control, purchasing, marketing, safety, and sanitation. Students gain practical experience in cooking, dining room management and beverage service in **Chez Lena**, the student-operated restaurant.

What You May Have Missed

October 2nd – AAUW's General Program Meeting was held at School District 51's Career Center with beverages, and a delicious array of cheeses and fruits with crackers, provided by VP Membership Jeannie Dunn

Our very interesting and informative speaker Tony Giurado is currently the District Compliance Officer for Mesa County Valley School District 51. As such he handles most of the charges of any type of discrimination, not necessarily just those related to Title IX. The Athletic Director may handle some other cases in his department. Both report directly to the Superintendent of the District.

Mr. Giurado presented handouts of the district policy for faculty and staff regarding nondiscrimination, as well as pages from the Student and Parent Handbook on the same issues. The handouts also indicate the procedures for filing any complaints.

Complaints may informal, in which case Tony attempts to resolve the issue at meetings with the involved parties. He then makes recommendations to the Superintendent for any actions. Parties may also file a formal complaint, which involves additional paperwork. A formal hearing is held, with Tony again making recommendations to the Superintendent. If the parties are still unsatisfied, they may make an appeal. Informal complaints can at any point be upgraded to a formal complaint. Generic examples were provided.

We all left with a greater appreciation of the work being done by the school district to end discrimination.

Thank you to all the members who attended!

But, Do Not Miss This

**President Virginia Brown invites you to attend an informal luncheon at her home
242 Frontier Street, GJ (Orchard Mesa near Chipeta Golf Course)
On Saturday, December 9th, 11:30 am**



**Please bring your favorite finger food and a donation for the Food Pantry
(Note: the Food Pantry can use donations of feminine products as well as food)**

**This is a great chance for all members to know each other better.
Please call Jane at 241-9684 for transportation, if needed.**

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 contact person for the group.

- November 3 @ 7:30 pm
Fathom Events presents **I'll Push You: A Real Life Inspiration** (*a Camino Journey of 500 miles with 2 Best Friends and 1 Wheelchair*) shown at the Regal Theater (2 hours)
- November 4
Author Party at Museum of the West....fundraiser book event
- November 4 @ 11 am to 3 pm
Cultural Fest, Main Library, Grand Junction
- November 16 @ 7:30 pm
Fathom Events presents *From Studio 54* **Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn: the Broadway Musical** shown at the Regal Theater (2 hours)
- November 18 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presents *Live from the Met: The Exterminating Angel*, opera premier by Thomas Ades shown at the Regal Theater (3 hours)
- November 18
Wild & Scenic Film Festival at the Avalon Theater
- November 19 @ 12:55 am
Fathom Events presents an encore *Direct from the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow: Taming of the Shrew* (ballet) shown at the Regal Theater (2 hours)
- November 19 @ 7 pm
The Zephyr Stage at Calvacade in Fruita performs an original play **Multitudes: a One Man Show about Walt Whitman** written by Kim and Valerie Nuzzo, presented at the KAFM Radio Room
- November 22 @ 1 pm & 6:30 pm
Encore presentation of **The Exterminating Angel** shown at the Regal Theater (3 hours)

Coffee & Chat

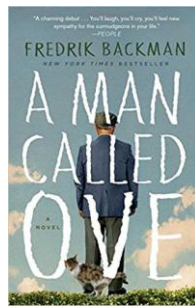
This informal (fun) group normally meets the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM to try to solve world/local problems through discussions. Hope to see you there. On **November 25th** we will meet at the **Artful Cup**, 3090 North 12th, GJ. Call Jane at 241-9684 with any questions.

The Jane Quimby Book Group

The October (2017) meeting of the Jane Quimby Book Group was “a roaring success.” A wonderful presentation of the book **“Sisters-in-Law: How Sandra Day O’Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World”** by Linda Hirshman, which got all of us talking about the Women’s Rights Movement in America, was masterfully delivered by Anita Pisciotte. She discussed a time-line of the Laws enacted all the way back to the Colonial Era up to the present day. We came to the conclusion that women’s rights have been given (granted by law) and later rescinded – not just a few occurrences. It’s been a rocky road. Some of the issues have taken 60-years to come to fruition.

A very special thanks to Katie and Betsy Zollner for all the wonderful treats!

Our November’s read is **A Man Called Ove** – written by Fredrik Backman.



Meet Ove. He’s a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn’t walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?

Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove’s mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents’ association to their very foundations.

A feel-good story, Fredrik Backman’s novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. “If there was an award for ‘Most Charming Book of the Year,’ this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down”.

Friday, November 17th, 9:30 am
American Lutheran Church, 631 26½ Road, GJ

The book will be presented by Karin Hayes. The hostess will be Kaye Wergedal.

Hope you can come, and if possible, bring a friend. (If not especially friendly, well, bring someone you think might enjoy discussing the meaning of the books we’re reading.) - Deb

Note from Jane: The Swedish-made movie follows the book closely, has won several major awards, and is well worth seeing. Or wait to see Tom Hanks as Ove in the American version, which he is producing.

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 upcoming in November.

Wanda Putnam on the 3st

Peggy Rawlins on the 11th.

Order Gift Cards NOW



BARNES & NOBLE

The HOLIDAYS are fast approaching.... upcoming occasions where one might give a gift card. "Guess What"? We have an easy way to purchase these.

You can support our branch activities by purchasing gift cards at www.shopwithscrip.com rather than at a local store. 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%. And your AAUW branch makes money in a very easy & convenient way. No bake sales for you. No selling tickets to strangers. EASY. **Order NOW** to receive in early December.

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 VISA, groceries, restaurants, travel, almost anything you could use. Buy some for yourself too. The enrollment code is 841F7L5328L51. Just put the items in your "cart", and Jane will be informed that the order is waiting for processing.

If you need help with instructions, contact Jane Fitzgerald at mjfitz2cats@gmail.com or 241-9684. She can also order for you. After processing the order, the company mails all the gift cards to Jane for distribution.

Be Aware of the Scam Artists

Within hours of each other, I was an intended target of two different scams. One was an email supposedly from me sent to our incredibly intelligent treasurer Jane, who THANKFULLY called me and asked about it. I immediately knew it was a scam, and advised Jane to not disburse any funds (which she would not have anyway).

The other was a phone call (on my house phone) supposedly from my grandson who had broken his nose in a car accident in the Dominican Republic. He asked that I "keep this just between us" and "not share it" with anyone. Knowing that my just turned 16 year old grandson would not be in the Dominican Republic driving a car - I knew it was a scam.

Please be aware that any phone call or email asking you to give money, or send gift cards, or give them your checking account numbers, or your credit card numbers is MOST LIKELY a scam. Always ask for a number that you can call them back on, and verify the information. I cannot tell you how many times my husband had to go to the bank with his mother to close a checking account because she gave out her account number to someone who called.

Please be aware! Be smart! And, feel free to just say **NOT TODAY!**

~Virginia Brown



Treasurer's Report

2017-2018 General Fund Budget as approved by the Board

BUDGET ITEMS	Approved
Beginning Bank Balance	\$1,043.88
Less Prepaid dues	210.00
INCOME	
Member dues	450.00
Life Member dues	20.00
Branch Participant dues	125.00
Meals	200.00
Snack donations	140.00
Scrip sales	3,000.00
Meeting Sponsorship	300.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
From Money Market Reserves	<u>1,175.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	5,435.00
EXPENSES	
Newsletter Postage/Mailing	125.00
Newsletter Printing	50.00
Yearbook Printing/Mailing	65.00
President expenses	30.00
VP Program expenses	30.00
VP Membership expenses	50.00
Secretary expenses	25.00
Treasurer expenses	30.00
Audit	0.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Scrip Charges	2,850.00
Insurance	190.00
Programs/Room Rent	200.00
Meals	440.00
Speaker Gift	150.00
Conventions	750.00
Community Outreach	100.00
Membership Campaign	100.00
Special events	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,435.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 833.88

THANK YOU

From Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Grant Recipients

Dear American Association of University Women:

I would like to thank you sincerely for reviewing my application and choosing me for your scholarship. This is very generous and will certainly make a difference in my daughter's lives, and mine, especially during these difficult years of schooling. Again, I thank you for your time and generosity!

Sincerely,

Azura Lakin

Dear American Association of University Women:

I am honored and appreciative to be selected as a recipient of Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Endowed Grants Fund. Thanks to your generous support my financial burden will not be as heavy of my family this semester and I will be able to continue towards my goal with your encouragement. Being a single parent and going to school has raised many challenges for my family, but it has also helped me realize how important it is for me to finish my education.

I am currently a senior in the Accounting program and I plan on taking my CPA exam after I graduate. I will be graduating in May of 2018 with 150 credits. I started classes in January of 2015, I have taken large class loads, summer classes and classes during winter break to finish as quickly as possible to mitigate the impact on my family. During this time, I have been able to maintain a 4.0 GPA in my major and a 3.61 GPA overall.

Your generosity is inspiring and in the future, I plan to pay it forward by helping other students that are also in need and proving to excel in their major. Thank you again for investing in my future.

Sincerely,

Nicole L. Taylor
