

Holiday Social



Plan to join us for our annual holiday gathering and celebration.

Take a break from your busy tasks to connect with friends,
and possibly make new friends.

Wear your favorite holiday sweater?

Spouses, family and friends are welcome.

This year's scholarship recipients have been invited.

Come and hopefully meet these outstanding women.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, if you want.

(the room has outlets available, and a small kitchenette)



When: Saturday, **December 8**....from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Where: The Community Room at Ed Bozarth Chevrolet Buick
Located at 2595 US Hwy 6 & 50, Grand Junction



From North Avenue (aka Hwy 6) turn into the Bozarth vehicle sales lot. Drive straight back to the 2-story building. The Community Room is located on the 2nd floor of that building. Once inside, an elevator is located past the stairs and to the right.

*Note: The Silent Auction planned for this date has been postponed until the March Special Event meeting.
If you have items you wish to donate for the auction, please contact Becky Zlebnik.*

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What You May Have Missed Last Month

Speaker Dr. Tammy Parece, the only geography instructor at CMU, totally wowed the audience. We all apparently thought that geography was the study of countries and their place on a world map. She said geography is a spatial science...covering, who, what, where, when, how and why.... but in the age of computers has become so much more with geospatial technology. Her PhD work in geospatial technology involved mapping urban agricultural areas to determine the best sites for community gardens.

The GPS technology we use in our cars is built on that concept. GPS was originally developed by the US Department of Defense on condition that the technology would be made available to the public. The system works by satellites sending info to remote sensing stations which then feeds the info to GPS systems on the ground.

One way Tammy also works with K-12 students by taking a giant map of Colorado and spreading it out on the floor so that children can walk on it to find locations.



Coming Next Month

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! On **Saturday January 9th**, 2019 our speaker will be **Kelly Reuss**, Director of Student Services at Western Colorado Community College. The Good News is we will again meet at Chez Lena Restaurant on the WCCC Campus. The Bad News is that since the culinary students are not yet back to classes, they will not be preparing our lunch. The Good News is that we will meet in the same room, and plan to bring in pizza for lunch. More Good News is that with classes not yet in full swing, there should be plenty of parking available. And even more Good News is that Kelly Reuss will be speaking.

Movie Night

Be sure to attend a showing of the movie **Iron Jawed Angels** at the next LWV meeting, December 10, starting at 6:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation Church, located at 536 Ouray Avenue. Popcorn will be available; if you want pizza, RSVP to 243-7113 no later than December 8. **Iron Jawed Angels** is the story of two women who led the struggle for the passage of the **19th Amendment** to the Constitution giving women the right to vote. Arrested for "traffic violations", they went on hunger strikes to protest being imprisoned for demanding equal voting rights. They were then force-fed, which how they came to be known as "iron jawed angels". (LWV borrowed AAUW's CD copy of the movie, which was provided by National years ago, believing that it was important for AAUW members to view.).

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Culture Club

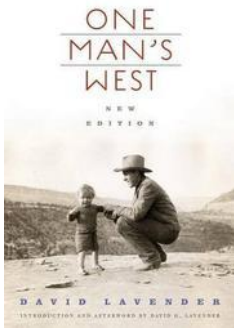


The AAUW Culture Club is a loosely organized effort to inform interested members about movies, music and other cultural events in the Grand Valley. It is also a way to find others to attend these events with. Note: Peggy Rawlins at 263-4741 is the contact person for the group.

- December 6 @ 7:00 pm
Fathom Events presentation of **National Theater Live: Anthony & Cleopatra** - shown at the Regal Theater (3 hours, 40 minutes)
- December 7, 8, 14 and 15 @ 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm
The Theater Project presents **Annie: the Musical** - in the Grand Junction High School Auditorium
- December 8 @ 3:00 pm **FREE**
CMU Music presents **Best of the West Final Concert** in the Robinson Theater of Moss Performing Arts Center
- December 9 @ 3:00 pm **FREE**
Grand Junction Centennial Band presents **A Community Christmas Concert** at the Avalon Theater
- December 10 @ 7:00 pm
Moscow Ballet's presentation of the **Great Russian Nutcracker** - shown at the Avalon Theater
- December 15 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presentation of **Live from the Met: Verdi's La Traviata** - shown at the Regal Theater (3 ^{1/2} hours) ... Encore performance on December 19 @ 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm
- December 21, 22, and 23 @ 2:00 pm and @ 7:00 pm daily
Absolute Dance & Performing Arts presents **The Nutcracker** – in the Robinson Theater of Moss Performing Arts Center
- December 21 @ 7:30 pm
Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra presents their annual **Sinners & St. Nick Concert** – the Chateau at Two Rivers Winery
- December 22 @ 7:00 pm
Bar D Wrangler's **Christmas Jubilee** – at the Avalon Theater
- December 23 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presentation of **Live from the Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (2018)** - shown at the Regal Theater (2 ^{1/2} hours)
- December 29 @ 7:30 pm, December 30 @ 1:30 pm, and December 31 @ 7:30 pm
High Desert Opera presents **Mama Mia: the Broadway Musical** - in the Robinson Theater of Moss Performing Arts Center at CMU

The Jane Quimby Book Group

This month's read is a memoir, *One Man's West*, written by David Lavender, which was published in 1943. David Lavender was born and raised on a cattle ranch 20 miles north of Telluride, Colorado, then a fading mining town. During his early years, he worked as a gold miner and a cowboy.



In later years, David Sievert Lavender became a well-known historian of the Western United States, nominated twice for the Pulitzer Prize. He was an articulate and deeply knowledgeable speaker on the political and social history of the American West.

"The country in which I grew up---the rugged areas of southwestern Colorado was changing rapidly in the 1930s. I sensed that something unique in the nation's experience was ending, and I tried to capture a segment of the passing on paper---the breakup of the great cattle ranches and mines and the last efforts of the old-timers to hang on in the face of declining profits and increasing mechanization

they themselves could not afford."-David Lavender

His story is realistic and readable...he puts on record some of the most engaging characters in the modern literature of the West.

Friday, December 14th, 9:30 am
American Lutheran Church, 631 26½ Road, GJ

Presenter will be Erna Kay Ingram

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. Call Jane at 241-9684 with any questions.

Join us on **December 22th** at **The Artful Cup**, 3090 North 12th, GJ.

Happy Birthday to You

Your AAUW Branch wishes to acknowledge its members and let you know we appreciate you. Therefore we wish a Happy Birthday to those with birthdays in December.

Katie Zollner on the 7th **Anita Pisciotte on the 12th**

Thoughts from Virginia Brown, Branch President

Another month has marched by quickly. I hope that everyone had something to be Thankful for over the Thanksgiving Holiday. I personally am thankful for having shelter, a warm place to sleep at night, food that I enjoy eating when I am hungry. The husband and I are still living in the 5th wheel. As a result, I find myself worrying even more about our housing-and-food-insecure students at the local university. They need high protein, but portable, food that they can easily slip into their backpacks and be eaten on the go. Keep the young adults that are striving to get an education for a better life in your thoughts. If you can donate to the food closet at CMU, I know it would be appreciated.

As we near the end of the calendar year, our local branch of AAUW needs to be thinking about two things:

1) **Scholarship Committee:** This committee reads all the applications for the scholarships, determines of the funds available how many different students that will be supported by each scholarship and whom are the top selections.

2) We also need to be thinking about a **Nominating Committee** for the branch elections. It looks like terms are ending for Branch President, Program VP, and Secretary, so this coming May at the Annual Meeting we will need to elect (or re-elect) members to fill these positions. I will be contacting members to see about putting together a nominating committee in the near future.

Please consider how you wish to be involved in either committee or if you would like to serve on the board.

Speaking of scholarships, the **Women Veterans Scholarship** has not been funded for the upcoming school year. In fact, only because of a donation from one of our members were we able to provide this scholarship last year. This is actually a scholarship that seems to bring current awareness to AAUW, thanks to SarahBeth Walsh who received the scholarship a couple of years ago. I challenge you to make a donation of funds to support the continuation of this particular scholarship before February 1, 2019 (so that we can timely notify CMU if the scholarship is not continuing). You can send a check made out to the CMU Foundation to Treasurer Jane Fitzgerald, specifying that the funds go to the Women Veterans Scholarship.

In other news: our very own Kathy Singer has been asked to run for AAUW State Treasurer. If you have not yet met Kathy, you may wish to as she is really amazing. She owns and runs Mesa Feed Mart. I have purchased some pretty neat items in there not only for my pets, but also for my clients and myself.

If you have not yet heard, Women shattered historic glass ceilings in the 2018 midterm elections, but now we must hold all elected officials accountable to ensure these policymakers are representing your interests and working to enact policies in line with AAUW's public policy priorities. Help us do that by becoming a member of the [AAUW Action Network](#). Then urge your member of Congress to support women by protecting [voting rights](#), fighting for [fair pay](#), passing [paid leave](#), and [more](#)!

Any time women come together with a collective intention, it's a powerful thing. Whether it's sitting down making a quilt, in a kitchen preparing a meal, in a club reading the same book, or around the table playing cards, or planning a birthday party, when women come together with a collective intention, magic happens.

..... Phylicia Rashad



From the recipient of the 2018-2019 AAUW Women Veterans Scholarship:

Dear AAUW,

I am writing to thank you for your very generous scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as a recipient of your scholarship.

Currently, I am a Junior, studying health sciences. I plan to pursue a career in nursing and Respiratory therapy. I hope to graduate within two-years! Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal.

By awarding me the AAUW scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden tremendously. Hopefully I will be able to pay it forward by helping another fellow veteran reach their education or employment needs in the future, just as you have helped me.

Sincerely and greatly thankful,

Andrea Burkner

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From a recipient of the 2018-2019 Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Endowed Grants Fund:

Dear AAUW,

My sincere thank you for the scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year. It is a great honor to receive your scholarship. Your generosity enables me to further my education at Colorado Mesa University in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.

During my second semester as a nursing student, I will be clinically rotating at the local hospital and a few doctors' offices. Thus, I will be overflowing with new knowledge, perplexing challenges, and immeasurable skills that I will have for many years to come. My classes and my beautiful daughter are keeping me incredibly busy and optimistic.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support. I will work hard to give back to my community and hopefully, one day give a scholarship to a future, non-traditional, female nursing student like myself.

Sincerely,

Kristina Sines