



January Program – What's New at WCCC

COME JOIN YOUR AAUW FRIENDS. GUESTS ARE WELCOME.

Pizza Party!!!

Our guest speaker will be Kelly Reuss, Director of Student Services at Western Colorado Community College. Kelly will share information about her role at WCCC and a new program that provides assistance to freshman students.



Kelly is a graduate of the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, and has been employed at Colorado Mesa University/WCCC since 2015. Prior to that, she was Restaurant and Bar Manager at Kannah Creek Brewing Company. Kelly was originally from Meeker.

Since the Chez Lena restaurant isn't serving food this day, we will be serving pizza for lunch. A variety of yummy pizza choices will be available as well as lemonade, iced tea, or water... and dessert.

When: Wednesday, **January 9**....from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Chez Lena Restaurant
Western Colorado Community Campus (WCCC)
2508 Blichmann Avenue, Grand Junction

Cost: **\$6.⁰⁰** (Please bring a check or exact change)

Be kind and **RSVP** to Jeannie Dunn **no later than January 7th** by either calling (970) 242-3177 or by emailing at jeannedunn01@gmail.com. You will want to be sure she orders enough pizza (and dessert).

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What You May Have Missed Last Month

Much good food and friendship was enjoyed at the Holiday Social held in the Community Room of Ed Bozarth Chevrolet Buick. To our delight, one of the “Marys” grant recipients, Kristina Sines, even brought her family to meet us.



Pictured from left to right: Jane Fitzgerald, Susan Swift, Anita Pisciotte, Jeannie Dunn, Kristina Sines, Becky Zlebnik, Jean Yale, Kathy Singer, Peggy Rawlins, Guest Dusty Dunbar, Guest Samantha Singer, Virginia Brown, and an unnamed Bozarth employee who wanted to get in the photo.

Coming Next Month

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! On **Wednesday, February 13th** we will again be meeting at Chez Lena...eating their delicious food prepared by the culinary program students!

Our speaker will be **Kelly Weeks**, the teacher of a one-of-a-kind educational program in Grand Junction. Kelly provides educational support to high school aged students with special educational needs as they transition to adult life.

Shop with Scrip

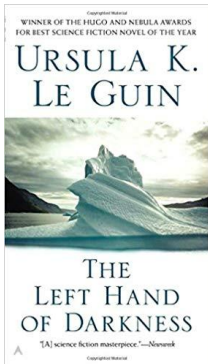
We all spend money for groceries, we all eat out at restaurants, we all get gas for the car, some may buy books, and some may travel. So all *YOU* need to do to support the branch is to purchase gift cards for stores where you already shop. You are able to then spend the full value of the card at the store, but the branch gets nice cash kickback. A very easy way to raise funds.

If you have commuter access, go to www.shopwithscrip.com and hit the “retailer list” tab at the bottom of the page to see what is available. Then, if you want to place an order, go to the top of the main page and hit “sign in”, then “register”. The enrollment code number you will use for our branch is **841F7L5328L51**. This will set up an account under your name. For those of you who have placed an order in the past, you just need to sign in and order. Then send a check to Jane for the total amount of your order.

If you do not have computer access, contact Jane Fitzgerald at mjfitz2cats@gmail.com or 241-9684. She can help you place an order. **Orders placed by the 25th** of each month will be available at the next program meeting.

The Jane Quimby Book Group

This month's read is ***The Left Hand of Darkness***, a science fiction novel by U.S. writer Ursula K. Le Guin, published in 1969. *It* was among the first books in the genre now known as feminist science fiction. ***The Left Hand of Darkness*** has been reprinted more than 30 times, and was voted the Hugo and Nebula Awards for Best Novel by fans and writers, respectively.



The novel follows the story of Genly Ai, a native of Terra, a lone human ambassador who has been sent to Winter, an alien world without sexual prejudice, where the inhabitants can change their gender whenever they choose. His goal is to facilitate Winter's inclusion in a growing intergalactic civilization. But to do so he must bridge the gulf between his own views and those of the strange, intriguing culture he encounters.

Embracing the aspects of psychology, society, and human emotion on an alien world, ***The Left Hand of Darkness*** stands as a landmark achievement in the annals of intellectual science fiction. The theme of gender also touched off a feminist debate when it was first published.

In 1987, *Locus* Magazine ranked it second among all science fiction novels after *Dune* and literary critic Harold Bloom stated: "Le Guin, more than Tolkien, has raised fantasy into high literature, for our time".

Friday, January 18th, 9:30 am
American Lutheran Church, 631 26½ Road, GJ

Presenters will be Everyone in a Group Discussion

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 **January 26th** 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 January.

Becky Zlebnik on the 2nd **Kathy Singer on the 23rd** **Jeannie Dunn on the 28th** **Anita Johnson on the 29th**

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.

- January 10 @ 7:30 pm
Beatles vs. Stones – A Musical Showdown - Concert at the Avalon Theater
- January 12 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presentation of **Live from the Met: Cilea's Adriana Lecouvreur**- shown at the Regal Theater (4 hours) ... Encore performance on January 16 @ 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm
- January 13 @ 4:00 pm **\$5 suggested donation**
Performance by **Heartbeat: Upbeat Eight-Woman A Capella Group** from Telluride - in the KAFM Radio Room
- January 17 @ 7:00 pm
Fathom Events presentation of **Wonders of the Sea in 3D** at the Regal Theater (1 hour 40 minutes)
- January 19 @ 7:30 pm
CMU Music presents **ROCKESTRA: That 70's Show** - in the Robinson Theater of the Moss Performing Arts Center at CMU
- January 19 @ 8:00 pm
CHAD PRATHER: The Star Spangled Banter Comedy Tour at the Avalon Theater
- January 20 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presentation of **Live from the Bolshoi Ballet: La Bayadere (2019)** - shown at the Regal Theater (3^{1/2} hours)
- January 23 @ 7:00 pm
Fathom Events presentation of **Cyrano de Bergerac: presented by Comedie Francaise** (play) - shown at the Avalon Theater (3 hours)
- January 25 @ 7:30 pm
A Celebration of Robert Burns –poetry, songs and traditional Scottish fare– in the KAFM Radio Room

Another Invention by a Woman - Residential Solar Heating



Solar heating for residential housing was invented by Dr. Maria Telkes in 1947. Dr. Telkes was a Psychiatrist in addition to being a Solar-Power Pioneer.

Thoughts from Virginia Brown, Branch President

As the year draws to an end, we tend to look back on what we accomplished, what we could do better at, what we want to improve on and what we want to stop doing. This also applies to the local branch.

One item of concern is the **Shop with Scrip** program which is the only fund raiser the branch has done in years. We have very few folks who now participate in the program, and we are not bringing in any significant funds. So far this year we have only raised \$20.03. We have tried to encourage folks to use the program. We have threatened other fund raisers to raise funds for the branch. At our next board meeting, the board members will need to decide how we are going to raise funds to keep the branch afloat.

I will be honest, in that several of the board members slip our own personal funds into the branch in order to increase our visibility in public. I am making an educated guess that each board member averages \$200 or more each year in these non-documented donations. We need your input on how to most effectively increase funds into the branch coffers so we can reach more people. Please talk with us about your ideas.

On to **more exciting news!** Finally! The house is finished and we are in our lovely home. I can sleep at night knowing I will be warm. Of course, that does not take away my concern for the food and/or housing insecure at the university.

I will be hosting a **Strawberries and Chocolate** social at my new home on Presidents Day, February 18, 2019 from 2 to 4pm. I will provide the chocolate fountain, strawberries and beverages. Please plan to bring something to dip into the chocolate (think pretzels, marshmallows, other fruit, and cheese) and other savory types of snacks to share. I also hope you will bring a close friend, a neighbor, a younger woman, or any or that entire category. Please feel free to be diverse & inclusive in your inviting of another attendee. This event is in addition to our normal monthly program. I look forward to seeing you at our program meetings and for Strawberries and Chocolate.

Kathy Singer has submitted her vitae to the State Nominations Committee for State Treasurer. Please Thank Kathy for running for this state position. She is currently the only candidate for the position.

Public Policy Day 2019 is coming up soon...February 2, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Holiday Inn Denver Lakewood in Lakewood, Colorado. The theme is **AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day: "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: Engaging Members for Action"**. I found this particular event to be very educational last year. I highly encourage you to attend. I will be going, and am willing to have additional car pool participants ride with me. Due to the potential for winter weather, we will be traveling over on Friday afternoon 2/1/19. Plan to either reserve a room at the Holiday Inn, or to make other overnight accommodations nearby. **Lodging reservation deadline: January 25. Conference registration deadline: January 28.** Contact me, Virginia, with any questions. More info can be found on the state website at: https://aauw-co.aauw.net/?fbclid=IwAR3ivQSwGIptA2i6oavBIL-z_w9yvUREiHja_sxIVzx0Ib1xfgdLWjPF3LY.