



May Annual Meeting Report

Minutes from the Annual Meeting Held at Chez Lena:

The meeting of the Grand Junction Branch of AAUW was called to order on May 8, 2019 by Branch President Virginia Brown who introduced Stormy McDonald, Colorado AAUW President. The following officers were inducted by Stormy: Virginia Brown as President and Becky Zlebnik as Secretary. Kathy Singer, who was not present, will be Vice President and Jane Fitzgerald will continue on as Treasurer for one more year. The office of Vice-President for Programs is vacant. There was some discussion about this and Jeannie Dunn said she would help out as much as she is able.

The importance of raising the branch dues was discussed. Jeannie Dunn moved we raise the branch dues by \$8.00. Jean Yale seconded it and the motion was passed unanimously. Total dues for next year including state and national will be \$95.00. The meeting was adjourned.

Stormy Mc Donald explained the project the Loveland Branch is supporting. A Loveland sculptor, Jane DeDecker, has created a bronze statue entitled "Every Word We Utter". It consists of six suffragettes approximately 17 to 20 feet high in a 7 foot diameter circle. A House bill HR473 is currently in sub-committee in Congress. This bill would allow the statue to be erected on the Mall in Washington, DC. It can be viewed on the website <http://everywordweutter.com/the-monument/>. Loveland Branch asks that we tell our friends about it and support the bill as it makes its way through Congress. Jean Yale has a brochure she will pass on to The League of Women Voters.

Dusty Dunbar mentioned she writes to all our public servants and also sends thank you notes when they do something she likes.

Submitted by Jean Yale, Outgoing Branch Secretary

About the 2019-2020 AAUW Dues

The dues should be paid prior to July 1, 2019. For those without an email address Treasurer Jane Fitzgerald has included a form with this newsletter which contains renewal information. Those with email will receive an email that contains a secured link which they can use to renew by credit card, or information on how to renew by check. No going to the website and no login required!

Just think....for less than \$4 per month (the price of a cup of coffee at some places), you can support all of the wonderful things that AAUW does....local, state and national.

Branch President Virginia Brown 201-0386
VP Program Jeannie Dunn 242-3177
Secretary Jean Yale 257-0697

VP Membership Kathy Singer 261-2112
Treasurer Jane Fitzgerald 241-9684
Newsletter Editor Jane Fitzgerald

What You May Have Missed

On May 7th, President Virginia Brown hosted a “Meet & Greet” event for AAUW State President Stormy McDonald which was held at Virginia’s home.



Pictured from left to right....Sam Singer, Kathy Singer, Jodee Cronk, Suzanne Warner, Anela Cronk (back), Annessa Bryant (front), Dusty Dunbar, Kathy Welt, Jeannie Dunn, Stormy McDonald, Liz Sterling, Virginia Brown

CONGRATULATIONS

Annessa Bryant (pictured above) has been selected as a National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarship winner by the American Association of University Women of Colorado. A senior at Colorado Mesa University, Bryant is president of the college’s American Association of University Women affiliate.

She will attend the student leaders’ conference May 29–June 1 at the University of Maryland, College Park, to expand her network of fellow leaders while attending the skill-building workshops and panel sessions.

Yea, Annessa! So Proud of You!

More about the Statue

The Loveland, Colorado Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) are requesting congressional support to authorize the bipartisan bill **HR 473** sponsored by Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2] that was introduced 01/10/2019. The Bill is to establish the **“Every Word We Utter”** monument on the Washington Mall in the District of Columbia as a tribute to the seven-decade effort to pass the 19th Amendment. The sculpture placement will be in time for the 100th anniversary of the ratification giving the women the right to vote for the celebration on August 18, 2020. This is a sculptural portrait honoring Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton with her daughter Harriet Stanton Blotch, Sojourner Truth, Alice Paul, and Ida B. Wells. Under the Commemorative Works Act, the sculpture can be donated to the National Park Service with Congressional Authorization (House of Representatives and Senate need to approve and then be signed by the President). This bill would authorize the private donation and would not cost anything to the Federal government.



Jane DeDecker is the sculptor, a Loveland, Colorado resident, who was deeply inspired by the words of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, “Every word we utter, every act we perform wafts into innumerable circles beyond...” and the courageous persistence of the women who fought for and created constitutional change securing the right to vote for all women. A representation of the Declaration of Sentiments, from the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention, is included in the design along with a depiction of the 19th Amendment Ratification Flag that Alice Paul, National Chairman of the Woman's Party, unfurled from the balcony of Suffrage headquarters in Washington, DC when Tennessee, the 36th State, ratified the 19th Amendment on August 18, 1920.

This monument will speak to the long, continuing struggle for women's rights and equality while highlighting the inclusive, multi-woman effort for the Centennial Celebration of the passage of the 19th Amendment.

We are asking for support and join Congressman Joe Neguse and Scott Tipton for more cosponsor ships and votes on **Bill HR 473**. For more information or to cosponsor, please contact Katie Wallace (katie.wallace@mail.house.gov) in Rep. Negus's office. Here are some links and further info that may help if you have more questions.

https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/473/all-info?fbclid=IwAR3S_e366-G494yx6e7xRQuzNdVhqmgZ2h7ooXj60X24q6rPeD6P87Wp4k4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soPiCIWvw0Y>

<http://everywordweutter.com/the-monument/>

<https://denver.cbslocal.com/tag/every-word-we-utter/>

http://www.reporterherald.com/loveland-art/ci_32388928/loveland-sculptors-suffragette-monument-moves-closer-d-c

http://www.reporterherald.com/loveland-art/ci_32140730/loveland-sculptor-creates-monument-women-who-won-right

<https://www.cpr.org/news/story/dc-could-get-a-women-s-suffrage-monument-created-by-a-loveland-artist?fbclid=IwAR325YLOXIYDNO4yEZldgnEMXCezd4Sfut2nxLy62lyYDPpxXcEsfeivYmc>



Jane DeDecker's *Every Word We Utter* Reading List

Wells, Ida, Edited by Duster, A. (1970) *Crusade For Justice, The Autobiography of Ida B. Wells*. Chicago, Illinois : The University of Chicago Press

Stanton, E.C. , Edited Stanton Blanch, H. (1922) *Elizabeth Cady Stanton, in her own words*. San Bernardino, CA : Big Byte Books

Gilbert, O. based on information provided by Sojourner Truth (1850, 1997) *Narrative of Sojourner Truth/Sojourner Truth*. Mineola, New York : Dover Publications, Inc.

Ferris, J. (1988) *Walking the Road to Freedom, A Story about Sojourner Truth*. Minneapolis, Minnesota : Carolhoda Books, Inc.

Perry, I. , Truth, Sojourner (1850, 2005) *Narrative of Sojourner Truth*. New York, N.Y. : Barnes & Noble Books

Gordon, A. D. with Bettye Collier-Thomas [et al.] (1997) *African American Women and the Vote 1837-1965*. Amherst, MA : The University of Massachusetts Press

Colman, P. (2011) *Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony : A Friendship That Changed the World*. New York, NY : Henry Holt and Company

Stanton, E.C. (1883) *A Brief Biography of Susan B. Anthony*. Columbia, S. C. : A.J. Cornell Publications

Bausum, Ann (2004) *With Courage and Cloth: winning the fights for a woman's right to vote*. Washington, D.C. : National Geographic Society

Ward, G.C. (1999) *Not For Ourselves Alone : The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony*. New York, NY : Random House, Inc.

Wells, I.B., edited by Michelle Duster (1893, 2008) *Ida : In Her Own Words, The Timeless Writings of Ida B. Wells from 1893*. Chicago, Illinois : Benjamin Williams Publishing

Dudden, F. E. (2011) *Fighting Chance : The Struggle over Women Suffrage and Black Suffrage in Reconstruction America*. Oxford, NY : Oxford University Press

Kops, D. (2017) *Alice Paul and the Fight for Women's Rights*. Honesdale, PA : Calkins Creek An Imprint of Highlights

Roberts Boggs, R. (2017) *Suffragists in Washington, D.C. the 1913 Parade and the Fight for the Vote*. Charleston, S. C. : The History Press

Baker Hill, J. H. (2006) *Sisters: The Lives of America's Suffragists*. New York, N.Y. : Hill and Wang

Special Interest Groups

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 **June 28th** at **The Artful Cup**, 3090 North 12th, GJ.

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.

- June 3 @ 7:30 pm
Fathom Events presentation of **National Theater Live: THE AUDIENCE**, starring Helen Mirren - shown at the Regal Theater (3 hours)
- June 19 @ time and place to be announced
Fathom Events presentation of **Live from the Met: Gounod's Romeo et Juliette** (opera)
- July 8 @ time and place to be announced
Fathom Events presentation of **National Theater Live: HAMLET**, starring Benedict Cumberbatch

Please help us with Future Planning

What day of the week do you think works best for our AAUW meetings? What time of day works best? Do you think it is important to meet at a restaurant, or would you be OK with a meeting room where food "can be brought in.

What is your opinion on 4 meetings a year having an informational speaker and the other monthly meetings just having time to socialize and discuss national /state AAUW business.

What type of programs would you like to attend next year? What are your ideas for speakers/topics that you would recommend?

Contact Jeannie Dunn at (970) 242-3177, or at jeannedunn01@gmail.com, or write her at 2625 Birch Court, GJ 81506.

THE JANE QUIMBY BOOK GROUP - BOOKS FOR 2019-2020

September 20th: Wanda Putnam

Leonardo da Vinci...by Walter Isaacson

History's most creative genius, Leonardo's delight at combining diverse passions remains the ultimate recipe for creativity. So, too, does his ease at being a bit of a misfit: illegitimate, gay, vegetarian, left-handed, easily distracted, and at times heretical. His life should remind us of the importance of instilling, both in ourselves and our children, not just received knowledge but a willingness to question it—to be imaginative and, like talented misfits and rebels in any era, to think different.

October 18th: Barb Boudreaux

When Everything Changed...by Gail Collins

An enthralling blend of oral history and Gail Collins' keen research, this definitive look at 50 years of feminist progress shimmers with the amusing, down-to-earth liberal tone that is author's trademark.

November 15th: Katie Zollner

The Library Book... by Susan Orlean

A dazzling love letter to a beloved institution, with an investigation into one of its greatest mysteries. "Everybody who loves books should check out this book."

December 13th: (Yes, the 2nd Friday.) Jean Yale

Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Book Store... by Robin Sloan

A gleeful and exhilarating tale of global conspiracy, complex code-breaking, high tech data visualization, young love, rollicking adventure and the secret to eternal life.

January 17th, 2020:

Madam Fourcade's Secret War... by Lynne Olson

The story of the daring young woman who led France's largest spy network against Hitler. In 1941 a thirty-one year old Frenchwoman, a young mother born to privilege and known for her beauty and glamour, became the leader of vast intelligence organization...the only woman to serve a "Chef de Resistance" during the war.

February 21st:

Where the Crawdads Sing... By Delia Owens

A painfully beautiful first novel that is at once a murder mystery, a coming-of-age narrative and a celebration of nature.....Owens here surveys the desolate marshland of the North Carolina coast through the eyes of an abandoned child. And in her isolation that child makes us open our own eyes to the secret wonders....and dangers----of her private world.

March 20th:

Just Mercy... by Bryan Stevenson

A powerful and true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken Prison System.

April 17thpick next year's books

May 15th:

Miracle on Hope Street... by Emma Harrington

Actions speak louder than words and Ruth Ryan's kindness will create little miracles for everyone ... including her own battered heart.