



WOMEN WHO MAKE HISTORY Special Award Luncheon

In Conjunction with National Women's History Month the Grand Junction Branch of AAUW will award its first "Women Who Make History" Award to Jane Quimby.



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A Silent Auction will also be held...more information on page 3.

When: Wednesday, **March 13**....from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Chez Lena Restaurant at WCCC, 2508 Blichmann Avenue, Grand Junction

Menu: Chicken breast and veggies....OR....Vegetarian option
with house salad, dessert & beverage

Cost: only \$17 per person (that includes gratuity).

You will need to bring cash (exact amount please) OR a check payable to AAUW.

Be kind and **RSVP** to Jeannie Dunn **no later than March 8th** by either calling (970) 250-1468 or by emailing at jeannedunn01@gmail.com. Let her know if chicken or vegetarian option.

If you need transportation, please call Jane Fitzgerald at 241-9684.

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About Jane Quimby

The focus of the Women Who Make History Award is to recognize women who make a difference in our community. Jane Quimby has certainly done that!

Jane Quimby grew up in Grand Junction as the youngest of six children, with five older brothers. After graduating from Grand Junction High School in 1977, she attended the University of Utah on a scholarship for women's basketball. Quimby received recognition as a collegiate All-American during her career at Utah. Following graduation (magna cum laude) at Utah, Quimby became a teacher and coach at Alta High School in Sandy, Utah. During her tenure at Alta, she taught history and Advanced Placement American Government and Politics courses, while coaching girls basketball, girls tennis and boys tennis. Quimby was recognized as the teacher of the year in the Jordan School District by the Utah State Legislature in 1989. In 1990, Quimby was recruited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to become a Special Agent. Quimby attended the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Upon graduation she was assigned to the Denver Division of the FBI.

As a Special Agent for the FBI, Quimby investigated a multitude of criminal violations, including bank robberies, fugitives, white collar crime, civil rights, drugs and organized crime, special operations, domestic and international terrorism. Quimby was the case agent for the successful investigation of the Vail ski area arson in 1998 that resulted in the arrest and conviction of multiple individuals associated with a domestic terrorism group known as the Earth Liberation Front. She also served as a police instructor, legal advisor, media coordinator, applicant coordinator and recruiter. During her employment with the FBI, she was certified as a federal mediator, and has provided hundreds of hours of training for federal, state, and local law enforcement organizations.

While working full time for the FBI, Quimby also attended the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, graduating summa cum laude, 3rd in her class. She is currently a member of the Colorado bar, licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado. In 2002, Quimby was transferred to the Grand Junction office of the FBI, where she served until her retirement in 2010. Upon retirement from the FBI, she founded Quimby & Associates, a private investigation and security consulting business.

From 2012-2018, Quimby served as the Director of the Department of Public Safety and a professor of criminal justice at Colorado Mesa University. Quimby was responsible for the administration and oversight of public safety related academic programs, to include the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy, wildland fire management, emergency dispatch, and the EMT-Paramedic programs. Quimby was appointed to the Colorado State Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board in 2016. This Board is responsible for oversight, discipline, and training for all certified law enforcement officers within the State of Colorado.

Quimby is currently "retired", but continues to provide investigation and security consulting services through her private business, Quimby & Associates, LLC. She previously served on the Board for the Western Colorado Community Foundation, and is currently on the Board for the Colorado West Land Trust. Quimby enjoys hiking Serpent's Trail on a daily basis, biking, camping, boating at Lake Powell, playing golf, and traveling with family and friends. She is married to Gerry Cowhig, a retired Mesa County Sheriff's Office lieutenant.

Also, Jane is the daughter of former GJ Mayor, former AAUW member, and for whom our Book Group is named... Jane Quimby.

Silent Auction

In conjunction with the award luncheon, we will have about 40 interesting items which will be available for sale, including a set of clear glass dishes (12), 5 nesting coffee mugs, a juicer, some cute Brandon House (farm fowls/plates), etc. Plan to bring cash or check for payment for these items which are sure to bring joy to your home.



While we all like to get a good bargain, please remember that this is a FUND RAISER for the branch, and bid accordingly. Thank you in advance from the Branch.

Next Month at Chez Lena

The next branch Program Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10, starting at 11:30 am.

The speaker will be **Nina Atencio** who is the Chief Deputy County Attorney working in the Civil Division of the Mesa County Attorney's Office. She should have some very interesting tales to tell about the workings of that office. Please plan to attend.

What You May Have Missed Last Month

Our February speaker, **Kelly Weeks**, informed the group about her work with District 51's InSTEPS (Individualized Student-centered Employment Program Services) in 2016. This is the district's transition program for students 18-21 years old with significant cognitive delays. She told how she collaborates with families, businesses, and community agencies to provide job placement opportunities for her students. Kelly presented a wonderful slide show of the students practicing life, social and vocational skills, as well as having fun.



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