

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.

- March 6 @ 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm
Fathom Events encore presentation of **Live from the Met: Donizetti's LA FILLE DU REGIMENT** (opera) - shown at the Regal Theater (3 hours)
- March 7, 8, 9 @ 7:00 pm and March 9 @ 1:00 pm
GJ High School presents **INTO THE WOODS** (musical) - in the Grand Junction High School Auditorium
- March 10 @ 12:55 pm
Fathom Events presentation of **The Bolshoi Ballet: SLEEPING BEAUTY (2019)** - shown at the Regal Theater (3 hours)
- March 10 @ 3:00 pm
COMMUNITY CONCERTS OF THE GRAND VALLEY presents **Brad Rossi: The New Houdini** at the Grand Junction High School Auditorium
- March 11 @ 7:30 pm
CMU Music presents **Jazz Ensemble** - in the Robinson Theater of the Moss Performing Arts Center
- March 13 @ 7:30 pm
CMU Music presents **Wind Symphony** - in the Robinson Theater of the Moss Performing Arts Center
- March 17 @ 1:00 pm
Fathom Events presentation of **Gone With The Wind: 80th Anniversary** - shown at the Regal Theater (4 hours)
- March 22, 23
Mesa to Monuments Quilt Show - at Mesa Mall (former Sports Authority Space)
- March 30 @ 10:00 am
Fathom Events presentation of **Live from the Met: Wagner's DIE WALKURE** (opera) - shown at the Regal Theater (5^{1/2} hours)

March 8, 2019 is International Women's Day



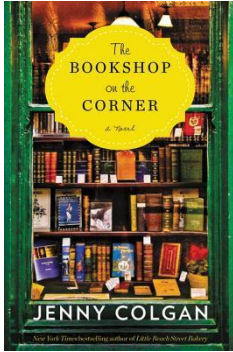
The theme for International Women's Day 2019 is "Think equal, build smart, innovate for change". The theme will focus on innovative ways in which we can advance gender equality and the empowerment of women, particularly in the areas of social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure.

The Jane Quimby Book Group

The Bookshop on the Corner by Jenny Colgan

What's a shy English librarian to do when she's downsized out of a job and her only hope for remaining employed is to become a social media-savvy coordinator of online content?

For 29-year-old Nina Redmond, it's time to pursue her dream of opening a small bookshop. After all, since no one reads anymore, the library system is practically throwing away its books, and no will mind if Nina rescues them like orphans and finds them new homes. Certainly her roommate, the beautiful Surinder, will be pleased to rid their apartment of the architecture-imperiling weight of piles of novels. But real estate is expensive, so Nina decides to buy a van and travel around in a mobile bookstore. She locates the perfect vehicle in Kirrinfief, Scotland, where her real adventures begin. Soon enough, she's relocated to the Highlands, and her life is newly populated with delightfully quirky characters, including Marek, a Latvian train engineer and romantic hero, who begins exchanging love letters and books of poetry with Nina on a tree at a railway crossing; Ainslee, a mercurial teenage girl eager for a job yet wary of revealing anything about her home life; and Lennox, Nina's grumpy landlord, who's separated from his posh wife and who increasingly occupies Nina's thoughts. Amid the gorgeous scenery of Scotland, Nina sets out to find the right book for everyone in her new town. With a keen eye for the cinematic, Colgan is a deft mistress of romantic comedy; Nina's story is laced with clever dialogue and scenes set like jewels, just begging to be filmed. A charming, bracingly fresh happily-ever-after tale.



Friday, March 15th, 9:30 am
American Lutheran Church, 631 26½ Road, GJ

Presenter: Barbara Boudreaux

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 **March 23rd** at **The Artful Cup**, 3090 North 12th, GJ.

Please note that March has 5 Saturdays, C&C meets on the 4th one.

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 March.

No current Members have a March Birthday

Update for Strawberries & Chocolate Event

AAUW had 18 in attendance at the Strawberries and Chocolate event recently. To those who RSVP'd No Thank You, you are much appreciated. I realize that every event is not going to be exciting to every single person. To those RSVP'd Yes and attended, Thank You for not only attending but also bringing a guest. We consumed a good amount of melted chocolate, strawberries, marshmallows, graham crackers, Clementine oranges, rice crispy treats and other goodies. Sam brought a guest who is also a friend of Annessa's guest.

I asked the college affiliates who were present to think of what sort of event they would like next. They are thinking of a Spring Equinox/Equal Pay event (focusing on EQU). It will be interesting to see how they bring the two together to raise additional awareness of Equal Pay. ...by Virginia Brown



Karlee, Kathy, Emma & Sam



Annessa & Dusty



Liz & Svitlana



Thoughts from Virginia Brown, Branch President

Kathy Singer and I travelled to Denver for AAUW's Public Policy Day in early February. We managed to enjoy nice weather over and back. Additionally, we spent the night at Colorado State President Stormy McDonald's home; which saved the branch coffers the cost of a hotel room.

It is always interesting to learn about the different bills in our State Legislature that have potential to impact gender equity. We were able to highlight the different bills being watched by AAUW in last month's newsletter. Our (AAUW CO) dedicated volunteer lobbyist, former State Senator Betty Boyd, has been temporarily sidelined, having had successful coronary artery bypass surgery early this week. She is in rehab and if/when we hear more I will let you know. No matter what stage of recovery she is in, I'm sure cards would be appreciated; her home address is 12527 West Arizona Place, Lakewood, CO 80228.

During Public Policy Day, there was additional discussion on being pluralistic and inclusive. Basically, instead of counting and trying to force the group to be diverse (in ratios equal to local population), it was suggested that by being inclusive to all, diversity would follow.

This month we recognize our first "Women Who Make History" by honoring Jane Quimby. I hope that you will attend this important luncheon. Remember to follow our branch's Facebook page and encourage all that you know to attend our various events and activities.

MEMBERS MOBILIZE A MILLION

Join AAUW's Members Mobilize a Million Campaign!

We need your help to train our first million women through AAUW's [Work Smart Online](#), which teaches women to negotiate for better salaries and benefits and to understand their value. [Register](#) and sample this free tool and share it with every woman you know. We recently made some updates to make the online course more user-friendly. The fastest ways to spread the word is by sending e-mails and using social media. Our [new resource page](#) shows you how to do that easily and effectively with sample language, graphics, video, and instructions to create compelling posts in just a few clicks.



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

Dear AAUW,

I wish to thank you for awarding me a scholarship. I appreciate it very much as any support I receive can help reduce the amount of student loans I have to obtain.

Since I live in Olathe and have to drive to Grand Junction for classes, which also adds to my expenses. I do feel that it will be well worth it when I graduate in the Spring of 2020 with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and a minor in Social work. I am very excited about this as I am 70 years old and fulfilling a lifelong dream of attending College.

I have lived here for almost 40 years and have watched this University grow from a tiny institution to what it is today. I am hoping that with the college adding upper level degrees and classes at the current rate that in time I will be able to obtain my masters degree in the not too distant future at Colorado Mesa University. Thank you again for your consideration and the scholarship.

Sincerely Yours,

Sherry Salveson

Regarding the Branch Annual Meeting on May 8, 2019

AAUW Colorado State President Stormy McDonald has been invited to attend our meeting. We need for you to attend also, as we have important branch business to discuss.

Election of Officers: The Nominating Committee has contacted members to determine who is willing to serve on the Board for the 2019-2020 year which begins on July 1, 2019. Chair Barbara Boudreaux has put forward the following recommendation for officers:

President: Virginia Brown is willing to serve another term, if elected

VP Membership: Kathy Singer (was appointed mid-year in 2018-2019, now should be elected)

Secretary: Becky Zlebnik

VP Programs: open, as no one volunteered to serve....members of the Board will cover this

Current VP Jeannie Dunn is no longer able to serve due to her expanding business, much of which is out-of-town. We very much appreciate all of her hard work these last two years in that position.

Treasurer: Jane Fitzgerald will continue, as her term has another year to run (usually elected in opposite year from the president)

Dues Increase: In the February newsletter was a mention of possible amounts for a dues increase. We will need to vote on the issue, and some possibilities at the annual meeting.

A message from former AAUW Branch Participant Lori Newsome

Dr. David M. Yourtee asked me to co-author his last book. I am listed as an author on the back spine of the book as Lodema Anderson, (my maiden name.)



Please check out "**Offspring!: a novel for the future**" at our Mesa County Library if you want to read it. There are 2 copies. Or, if you wish, you can preview the book on www.blurb.com/bookstore. Once there the book can be found under Yourtee or by title. Enjoy!

The book tells the story of a woman (one of our first female U.S. Combat Marines) who is setting out for higher education to do research toward helping children into a more secure future. (Hint: I am the Marine in the book.)

The book does take the reader through the deep thinking of a wide variety of people. Evidence is that from Lucy there arose the sapiens. These earth inhabitants bear in their mentality a true dichotomy, destructive and constructive! The former mental state promises oblivion fires, as most of us powerlessly expect from Lucy's offspring -- a home tortured to death! The later better mentality even so, is still within these sapiens and on closer consideration has an alternate potential very few recognize. That is magnified in this book...