

## Notice of Annual Meeting



**Thursday, May 3rd .... 11:30 am to 1:00 pm**  
**The Egg & I Restaurant, 120 West Park Drive, GJ**

### **YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS MEETING**

In addition to the usual business meeting,  
members of the Board and Student Affiliate Tatiana Lopez  
will present a unique history of the Grand Junction Branch of AAUW.

As of this printing, the Nominating Committee has been unable to put forth a name for Membership VP. Please call Kathy Singer at 261-2112 to volunteer for this position. The Board will assist you in your duties.

As a courtesy, please **RSVP** for this meeting by May 1st.  
Email [jeannedunn01@gmail.com](mailto:jeannedunn01@gmail.com) or call (970) 242-3177.

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### **AND ALSO DO NOT MISS** **SPECIAL EVENT on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>** **from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Come meet 24 AAUW members from Colorado Springs who are visiting the Grand Valley. They've spent the past several months learning information about the Grand Valley - geography, history, economics, etc. ---and will be visiting many of these special sites. They have requested that members from our branch meet with them for a get together with a speaker, lunch, and wonderful conversations. Don't miss this fun opportunity!

Current planning is to meet in an historic building on Main Street - the newly renovated Pineapple Place, 510 Main Street. There is parking behind the building, as well as on Main Street or in the parking lot south of Main Street.

Further information will be sent to you later in the month. We'll have a speaker talking about the uniqueness of the Grand Valley. And we plan to have a lunch from Spoons for \$15.

**Note:** The Colorado Springs Branch of AAUW currently has 208 members with 42 new members who have joined the branch in 2017-18. Please come and talk to these women to discern their membership secrets.

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**Branch President** Virginia Brown 201-0386  
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**VP Membership** Open  
**Treasurer** Jane Fitzgerald 241-9684  
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## NOTIFICATION of CHANGES TO BRANCH POLICIES

We have been directed by National to change our Branch Policies. We need to remove Paragraph 2 as Branch Participants are not allowed. We additionally need to clarify that visitors may only attend 2 interest group meetings before they are expected to join the branch as a fully vested member of AAUW. As a result, we are removing the words "or general program/membership meetings" from Paragraph 1 under Membership.

Our understanding is that since this is under the direction of AAUW National, we are not required to vote on the changes. Please make the following changes in your 2017-2018 branch yearbook on page 23.

### POLICIES

#### 1. Membership

Those eligible for membership in AAUW may not attend more than 2 interest group ~~or general program/membership~~ meetings unless they join the branch. If a member chooses not to continue to pay their dues, they may not continue to attend meetings, including special interest group meetings.

#### ~~2. Branch Participants~~

~~As a community outreach service, the branch offers participant status to those who are ineligible for membership but who attend our activities and share our AAUW goals and objectives and work with us to achieve them, and through their participation, offer us another means to network with other women's groups in the community. Branch participants are not members of AAUW and may not hold office or chair any interest group. Branch participants pay only the dues amount approved by the Board, currently \$25.~~

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## Mark Your Calendar for June 30

AAUW Grand Junction Branch is pleased to have been invited by Rotary Club to participate in the No Man's Land Film Festival. Proceeds from ticket sales will be divided among several women & girl empowering organizations such as AAUW GJ, Girl Scouts, Girls on the Run and others. Our local branch will use funds towards the Female Veterans Scholarship at CMU, which is currently unfunded, and to raise awareness of AAUW in the community.

## No Man's Land Film Festival at the Avalon

No Man's Land re-defines feminine in adventure and sport through film. This all-female film festival highlights and connects like-minded individuals who have a desire to experience their passions and environments through a uniquely female lens. No Man's Land cultivates an interest in exploring the vastness of our planet and strives to create a history of motivating audiences to implement and inspire change. This festival is a platform for progressive thought and movement in the outdoor industry.

Doors at 5:00 PM    Panel 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM    Film 6:45 PM - 9:00 PM with 15 minute intermission

Tickets available via Monumental Tickets or via:

<https://monumentaltix.com/events/30-jun-2018-no-mans-land-film>

Pass the word and invite your friends....this will help our local branch !

## *Thoughts from Virginia Brown, Branch President*

This last year has been busy and a year filled with lots of learning. AAUW Grand Junction Branch has had struggles and successes. One of our struggles was being told by National that we may no longer have a branch participant membership category. If a person wishes to be a part of AAUW Grand Junction, they need to also be members of AAUW State and AAUW National. This was complicated locally because most of those who are currently branch participants did not realize that they actually meet the current qualifications to be full members of AAUW. Currently, membership in AAUW is open to any\* graduate holding an **associate or equivalent**, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution.

What does this mean to us, here in Grand Junction? It means that those who have enjoyed being only "Branch Participants" will need to complete a membership application form (so that we have the info to send to National). Jane or I can assist with this. The completed application should be sent to Jane with the now required \$87 full member annual dues (\$59 to National, \$10 to State and \$18 to the GJ branch) prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

One of our great successes is really because Jeannie Dunn thought outside of the box. She planned a fall program meeting where we honored our scholarship recipients. As a result of several young women attending that event, we finally have an official College and University Partnership with Colorado Mesa University. Lehua La'a, Annessa Bryant and Tatiana Lopez have all taken on leadership roles in the AAUW GJ - CMU group. They have been busy raising funds, applying for different opportunities to expand their horizons with AAUW, and planning future events. This goes to prove that change often starts best from the bottom up.

One of the major learning opportunities that both Lehua and I attended was the AAUW Public Policy Day event in February. A good portion of the day was learning about Human Trafficking. Previously, my mind would go immediately to exploitation of women and sex. I was amazed to learn that Human Trafficking is not limited to gender, education, or particular trades. Men are prostituted. College educated people from other countries are tricked into moving to a different country for a "high paying job" and then their supposed employers confiscate their legal documents upon arrival and force the person into a slave-like situation. Colorado actually has a pretty serious issue with all types of Human Trafficking. If you did not come to the April program meeting at CMU, you missed out on learning about Human Trafficking in Western Colorado. A large *Thank You* to Lehua who coordinated with Dr. Tom Acker (Professor at CMU) to present this topic. Dr. Acker requests that we all attend a training session on Human Trafficking. Contact him at [ocoa\\_1953@yahoo.com](mailto:ocoa_1953@yahoo.com) or 970-260-9465 for further information on the training or on Human Trafficking. You never know, with the knowledge you gain you may just save a person.

For more general information on Human Trafficking, please see:

<https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/humantrafficking/publicawareness.html>. On this webpage are several different videos. I encourage you to watch them all.

The board will soon begin planning next year's programs. We invite you to share your ideas, wants and needs for a successful 2018-19 membership year.

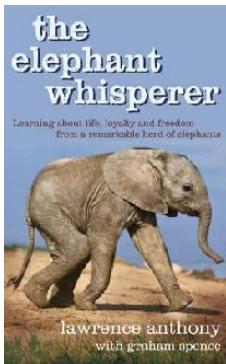
*\*In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.*

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### The Jane Quimby Book Group

Attendance at the April meeting was compromised by illnesses affecting some members, and also by the fire near Fruita (which blocked the Interstate for a while!). Nevertheless, our guest speaker, Kate Thorne, gave a very interesting presentation on "The History of the West". The material presented was gleaned from her own research and her book Historic Tales of Colorado's Grand Valley. I think we could have gotten more stories from her ~

The book to be discussed for the May meeting is **The Elephant Whisperer** by Lawrence Anthony, with Graham Spence..... When South African conservationist Lawrence Anthony was asked to accept a herd of 'rogue' elephants on his Thula Thula game reserve in South Africa, his commonsense told him to refuse. But he was the herd's last chance of survival - notorious escape artists, they would all be killed if Lawrence wouldn't take them. He agreed, but before arrangements for the move could be completed the animals broke out again and the matriarch and her baby were shot. The remaining elephants were traumatized, dangerous, and very angry. As soon as they arrived at Thula Thula they started planning their escape...As Lawrence battled to create a bond with the elephants and save them from execution, he came to realize that they had a lot to teach him about life, loyalty and freedom. Set against the background of life on the reserve, with unforgettable characters and exotic wildlife, this is a delightful book that will appeal to animal lovers everywhere.



**Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (the last for this year), 9:30 am**  
**American Lutheran Church, 631 26½ Road, GJ**

**Presenter will be Peggy Rawlins      Hostess will be Erna Kay Ingram**

We also compiled our upcoming list of books for the 2018 – 2019 reading schedule and hope that this book selection will motivate more members to not only read the books – but to come to the meetings to discuss them. Lastly, our best wishes and prayers go out to Anita Johnson!

September 21 (2018): Last Hope Island, by Lynne Olson.

October 19: A Gentleman in Moscow, by Amor Towles.

November 16: The Cowboy and His Elephant, by Malcolm MacPherson.

December 14: One Man's West, by David Lavender.

January 18 (2019): The Left Hand of Darkness, by Ursula LeGuin.

February 15: The One-Hundred-Foot Journey, by Richard C. Morris.

March 15: The Bookshop on the Corner, by Jenny Colgan.

April 19: Book discussion for 2019 – 2020.

May 17: Endurance, by Scott Kelly.

## 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.

- May 2 @ 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm  
Fathom Events encore presentation of **Live from the Met: Massenet's Cendrillon** (opera) shown at the Regal Theater (3<sup>1/4</sup> hours)
- May 3 @ 8:00 pm  
**Weird Al Yankovic** at the Avalon Theater
- May 4 and May 5 @ 7:30 pm  
**CMU Retirement Masterwork Concert – Monte Atkinson Conductor** at the Robinson Theater
- May 5 @ 6:30 pm  
**CMU Bravo Cabaret – Guilty Pop Pleasures** at Charlie Dwellington's
- May 5 @ 2-5 pm  
**Tulips & Juleps Derby Party** at the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens
- May 6 @ 7:00 pm  
**Grand Junction Symphony Variety Show** at CMU's Love Recital Hall
- May 8 @ 4:00 pm  
**Sampson Music Competition** at CMU's Love Recital Hall *FREE*
- May 9 @ 7:00 pm (encore on May 12 @ 12:55 pm)  
Fathom Events presentation of **PUFFS – Filmed Live Off Broadway** shown at the Regal Theater (2 hours)
- May 9 @ noon  
**Rimrock Winds – A Little Noon Music Series** -- at the First United Methodist Church *FREE*
- May 15 @ 7:00–9:00 pm  
**Stray Grass – Music in the Grapevines Concert Series** at Two Rivers Winery
- May 17 @ 7:00 pm  
Fathom Events presentation of **National Theater Live: Macbeth** shown at the Regal Theater (3<sup>1/2</sup> hours)
- May 18 & 19  
**Four Peaks Downtown Music Festival** – Grand Junction
- May 20 @ 3:00 pm  
**GJ Centennial Band – an International Music Tour** at the Avalon Theater
- May 24 @ 7:30 pm  
**Chris Hillman & Herb Pederson – Riverfront Concert Series** at the James M. Robb Colorado River State Park in Fruita

## Coffee &amp; Chat



This informal (fun) group normally meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM to try to solve world/local problems through discussions. Hope to see you there. On **May 26<sup>th</sup>** we will meet at **The Artful Cup**, 3090 North 12<sup>th</sup>, GJ. Call Jane at 241-9684 with any questions.

## Happy Birthday to You

Your AAUW Branch Board wishes to acknowledge its members and let you know we appreciate you. Therefore we wish a Happy Birthday to those with birthdays upcoming this summer.

**MAY**

**Jan Scheevel on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Della Motram on the 30<sup>th</sup>**

**JUNE**

**Erna Kay Ingram on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mary Beth Buescher on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Ruth Edfast on the 28<sup>th</sup>**

**JULY**

**Barbara Boudreaux on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Loralee Kerr on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Virginia Brown on the 29<sup>th</sup>**

**AUGUST**

**Lynnda Ebright on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kathleen Kain on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Jean Yale on the 26<sup>th</sup>**


## AAUW at CMU News

The AAUW student affiliate group has been very active in the last month with two very successful fund-raisers for their group. First was the sale of Hawaiian food in the Quad, prepared by Lehua. Next was the sale of Krispy Kreme donuts, imported from Utah. Congratulations!

**VOTING IS NOW OPEN FOR THE THREE AAUW NATIONAL BALLOT ISSUES**


Cast your ballot online. Or if you opted to receive *Outlook* magazine, in print copy, you should receive it in your mailbox around April 25. If you have questions or challenges submitting your online ballot — or would like to vote via paper ballot — you may request one by contacting us at [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or calling **800.326.2289 Monday through Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. ET**. Requests for paper ballots must be received by **May 7**, and paper ballots must be postmarked by **May 21**. Voting closes on **Saturday, June 9, at 9 p.m. ET**. Results will be announced on **Sunday, June 10**, on AAUW's website.





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## AAUW Member Survey

The Branch Board really needs your honest input to help us make decisions going forward. *Please complete the survey and return it today* to Jeannie Dunn at 2625 Birch Court, Grand Junction, CO 81506 or email to [jeannedunn01@gmail.com](mailto:jeannedunn01@gmail.com), or bring to the May 3 meeting. The Board needs to review the results at the Board Retreat on June 4<sup>th</sup> when next year's programs will be planned.

### PROGRAMS

There have been 9 monthly programs this year: Dr. Angela Christensen talking about the School District 51 Foundation; Tony Giurado of School District 51 talking about Title IX; Connecting with our scholarship awardees and other CMU students; an informal holiday luncheon; Mary Harmeling of the GJ Police Department talking about the Victim Assistance Program; STEM Programs in areas schools; Barbara Traylor Smith on Financial Planning for Women; Dr. Tom Aker on human trafficking in GJ.

How many of these programs did you attend \_\_\_\_\_ If you did not attend, why not

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If you did attend, which did you like/dislike and why \_\_\_\_\_

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What type of programs would you like to attend next year \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list speakers/topics that you would recommend \_\_\_\_\_

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What day of the week is best for you \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Day \_\_\_\_\_

Which location do you prefer \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer a meeting which includes a meal \_\_\_\_ includes alcoholic beverages \_\_\_\_

What is the maximum amount you are willing to pay for a meal \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Board feels that one good way to grow our membership is to have more SIGs. Some groups that exist in other AAUW branches are: Hikers, Technology, Dinner Book Club, Bridge, Southwest Studies, Luncheon Novel, Chocolate Lovers, Amiable Amblers, Women Who Write, Mah Jongg, Exploring Lives & Culture, Local History, Friends of the Grape, Memoirs, Great Decisions, and Dinner Novel.

If you would be willing to start a group, please contact Jeannie so that we can assist in planning.

*Please use the back of this page for further information you wish to share.*