

May Annual Meeting



Featuring: AAUW Colorado State President Stormy McDonald



Stormy McDonald is looking forward to meeting all of the Grand Junction Branch members, and talking about the great things AAUW Colorado has planned for the future. She was elected as Colorado State President for 2018/2020. Stormy is a member of the Lakewood Branch of AAUW. Her Face book page indicates that she once served in the Peace Corps and is originally from Pueblo.

Notice: You will need to be present at this meeting if you wish to vote for or against a possible dues increase of \$8 per year, which would bring the yearly total to \$95, beginning July 1, 2019.

And, we will be electing officers for 2019/2020. The Nominating Committee has recommended: President - Virginia Brown; VP Membership - Kathy Singer; Secretary - Becky Zlebnik. Other nominations may be made from the floor, or perhaps someone might volunteer to be Program VP.

When: Wednesday, **May 8**....from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

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

Menu: Your choice from the delicious daily offerings

Payment: Chez Lena will no longer accept payment from individuals in a large group. Therefore, please mark your menu with your name and the items you ordered. Hand the menu to Jane (the treasurer). She will calculate the new total to include the tax and gratuity. Please then make a check payable to AAUW for that total or cash in the exact amount. (Be aware that we will not have unlimited funds for change). Jane then pays Chez Lena.

Be kind and **RSVP** to Jeannie Dunn **no later than May 6th** by either calling (970) 242-3177 or by emailing at jeannedunn01@gmail.com.

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
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What You May Have Missed Last Month

Our program meeting at Chez Lena on April 10 was super interesting. First, Jeannie Dunn went over the items on which to vote in the AAUW National Election, and discussed how to get the ballot.

Next was speaker Mesa County Chief Deputy County Attorney Nina Atencio who told us that has been a lawyer for 18 years, 16 of those with Mesa County....first in Human Services working with child welfare for 12 years, and then in the Civil Department working on employment law. She is only 1 of 3 attorneys in that department, along with 2 support staff, whose job it is to deal with Mesa County's 1100-1200 employees, their employment contracts, as well as vendor contracts (such as the County Fair). She also works on property tax reviews, and advises County Commissioners on legal issues.



Nina grew up in Bayfield. She shared that a guidance counselor at Bayfield High had planted a seed of doubt when he told her that as a Hispanic she probably was not meant for college, and that job prospects would be limited. Ignoring his advice she went to Adams State College where she became interested in studying the law when she aced a pre-law class. After graduation, she continued her education at Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas.

Her first job as a lawyer was as a City Attorney in Alamosa, which is where she met her husband. They now have 2 daughters....Abby who is almost 12, and Zoë who is nine and in Girl Scouts.

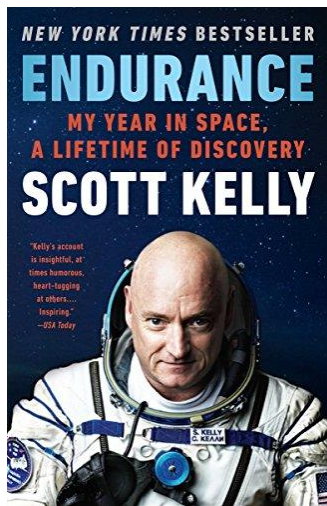


SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Jane Quimby Book Group

This month's read is
Endurance: My Year in Space, a Lifetime of Discovery by Scott Kelly

The veteran of four space flights and the American record holder for consecutive days spent in space, Scott Kelly has experienced things very few have. Now, he takes us inside a sphere utterly inimical to human life. He describes navigating the extreme challenge of long-term spaceflight, both existential and banal: the devastating effects on the body; the isolation from everyone he loves and the comforts of Earth; the pressures of constant close cohabitation; the catastrophic risks of depressurization or colliding with space junk, and the still more haunting threat of being unable to help should tragedy strike at home--an agonizing situation Kelly faced when, on another mission, his twin brother's wife, Gabrielle Giffords, was shot while he still had two months in space.



Kelly's humanity, compassion, humor, and passion resonate throughout, as he recalls his rough-and-tumble New Jersey childhood and the youthful inspiration that sparked his astounding career, and as he makes clear his belief that Mars will be the next, ultimately challenging step in American spaceflight.

Friday, May 17, at 9:30 am
American Lutheran Church, 631 26½ Road, GJ

General Discussion...No Facilitator

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 **May 25th** 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.

- May 1 @ 7:00 pm
Fathom Events presentation of **Broadway's: 42ND STREET: THE MUSICAL** - shown at the Regal Theater (2 hours, 35 minutes)
- May 2 @ 7:30 pm
CMU MUSIC presents **Best of Student Chamber Ensembles** – Warehouse 2565, GJ *free*
- May 6 @ 7:30 pm
CMU MUSIC presents **Guest: Jazz Festival Final Concert, featuring Kevin Brunkhorst, Guitar** – in the Robinson Theater of the Moss Performing Arts Center
- May 7 @ 6:30 pm
Fathom Events presentation of **Tolkien: Live from the Montclair Film Festival with Stephen Colbert** – shown at the Regal Theater (2^{1/2} hours)
- May 9 @ 7:30 pm
CMU MUSIC presents **Men's & Women's Choirs Spring Concert**– in the Robinson Theater of the Moss Performing Arts Center
- May 10 @ 7:30 pm
CMU MUSIC presents **Wind Symphony**– in the Robinson Theater of the Moss Performing Arts Center
- May 11 @ 10:00 am Encore on May 15 @ 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm
Fathom Events presentation of **Live from the Met: Poulenc's DIALOGUES DES CARMELITES** (opera) - shown at the Regal Theater (3^{1/2} hours)
- May 11 @ 4:00 pm
CMU MUSIC presents **Celltheamo**– in the Love Recital Hall of the Moss Performing Arts Center *free*
- May 12 @ 7:30 pm
CMU MUSIC presents **String Orchestra**– in the Love Recital Hall of the Moss Performing Arts Center
- May 14 @ 4:00 pm
CMU MUSIC presents **Sampson Music Competition**– in the Love Recital Hall
- May 17, 18 & 19
DOWNTOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL, Grand Junction
- May 19 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presentation of **The Bolshoi Ballet: CARMEN SUITE / PETRUSKA (2019)** - shown at the Regal Theater (2 hours, 20 minutes)

- May 22 @ 6:00 pm
RHYTHMS FOR AFRICA, a benefit for the hospice in HopeWest's sister city in Tanzania - held at Two Rivers Winery, 2087 Broadway, GJ
- May 23 @ 7:30 pm
Fathom Events presentation of **The Cold Blue**, Director William Wyler's documentary about WWII pilots of the 8th Air Force - shown at the Regal Theater (1 hours, 35 minutes)
- 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

What happened at the AAUW College Affiliate Brunch

We have been working with the AAUW Affiliates at CMU to host activities that are both fun and interesting to the students. On Saturday April 13, we had a brunch social and created our Easter hats. *Please keep in mind that even though my mother was very artistic and able to create just about anything; I seriously did not inherit those skills.* However; this social was a BLAST! Remember that you are always invited to attend these events with our students.....Virginia Brown



Thoughts from Virginia Brown, Branch President

Time seems to continue marching forward. Soon April will have passed and May will be here. Just because we are coming up on the summer months does not mean that your Board is on hiatus. We will be planning our next year's meetings soon and ask for your input. We have noticed that lunch meetings seem to be the preferred meeting time, but we will most likely need to change the day of the week to be a weekend so the members that work can attend. We have noticed that social events seem to bring out more members, but yet we want to keep offering events that highlight the amazing women in our community. **We want and need your input as to what you would like to see for AAUW activities.** Please feel free to call a board member or send us an email with your ideas.

I suspect that many folks are not aware of all the different areas in which many of us are involved with in the community. I personally attend many meetings that have to do with Growth and Development or Government Affairs. I also attend as many Club 20 meetings as possible. Why do I mention this? Our community is blessed with many people who are concerned about a variety of different concerns. **Katie Zollner's daughter** Rebekah Scarrow happens to be one. I have personally seen the difference that Rebekah has made in the Associated Members for Growth and Development which she is (temporarily) heading up. Kudos to Katie for raising a daughter that is not only intelligent but is also not afraid to dig in and fight for reasonable fees in growth and development.

I would love to hear more about the other groups that you are involved in. What are these groups doing to make a difference? Please feel free to share.

As April winds up, several of us are headed off to the AAUW State Convention in Longmont. Annessa Bryant (CMU) is taking the time to continue learning more about AAUW and to grow the student membership.

Please take the time to learn more about **Salary Negotiation** via the AAUW Work Smart Salary Negotiation training at: <https://salary.aauw.org/salary-negotiation/>. While you may not personally need these skills, being able to speak about the issue is important, and your friends' children may be able to use the skills.

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 May, June, July & August.

Jan Scheevel on May 2 Della Mottram on May 30

Erna Kay Ingram on June 2 Mary Beth Buescher on June 8

Barbara Boudreaux on July 2 Lorelee Kerr on July 14 Virginia Brown on July 29

Jean Yale on August 26