



November Meeting – Celebrating National Geography Week

Speaker Dr. Tammy Parece, Instructor at CMU, will talk about the importance of geography instruction, what she focuses on, and how she teaches to university students. Please bring a guest who may be interested in this topic or in AAUW.

Tammy Parece, PhD, is a non-traditional academic. She completed her BS part-time while working full-time in the insurance industry. With the urging of a Human Geography professor, she completed a Graduate Certificate in GIS and applied to graduate school.



Parece completed her MS in Geography in 2010 and her PhD in Geospatial and Environmental Analysis in 2016, both degrees are from Virginia Tech. Parece actively works with AmericaView and VirginiaView whose missions are K-16 outreach and education involving Geospatial Technologies. She is also a registered Geo-Mentor with the Association of American Geographers.

Parece's education and research enables her to teach traditional geography courses such as Human Geography and World Regional Geography, and also provides her with expertise in all Geospatial Technologies (GPS, GIS and Remote Sensing).

In addition, Parece is the faculty advisor for the student affiliate chapter of the American Association of University Women on campus.

When: Wednesday, November 14....starting at 11:30 am

Where: Chez Lena Restaurant on the WCCC Campus

Be kind and **RSVP** to Jeannie Dunn **no later than November 11** by either calling (970) 242-3177 or by emailing at jeannedunn01@gmail.com. She needs to alert the restaurant as to the number of guests.

- Please bring a non-perishable food item (ramen noodles, peanut butter, etc.) to contribute to the **CMU Food Pantry**, which provides food to college students with limited funds.
- Also please bring an item for next month's **Silent Auction**. The item should be something with a value of \$50 or less that you don't want, but that someone else might want & enjoy. Attach a note with each auction item indicating the value and bidding will start at a price less than value.

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Thoughts from Virginia Brown, Branch President

This fall has been a busy time for me. My husband and I are enjoying living in the 5th wheel while finishing our new house. We are fortunate that we can be “camping” on our property at this time.

Because of lower temperatures at night, we go through a lot of propane, which led me to think about students at CMU who may be feeling anxious about their housing and sources of food.

While we specifically help a few students with our scholarships, we should consider how we could help more students in general. If at all possible, please donate non-perishable foods and other basic needs to the CMU Food Pantry on campus. If you don't know where this is, please let me know and I will assist in getting the items to the proper location.

The fall Voters Forum that AAUW co-hosted with the League of Women Voters and KWSI-LP radio was very well attended. I was thrilled to see so many in attendance.

In the meantime, I was sad to lose one of our long time members, Ruth Edfast, but I was thrilled to see so many of our members in attendance at Ruth's services. I feel very strongly that we need to be there for the families that are left behind when one of our members passes. The photos that the family posted of Ruth's life were a wonderful way to remember her.█

I was equally dismayed to realize that another long-time member, Eleanor Hoefner, has also recently passed away on August 29. Our deepest sympathies to her family at this time of sorrow.

Please, if you have not already written a Will, set up a Trust, or prepared a Living Will, please do so now. Speak with your family members as to what your wishes are. The fact that my father had spoken to me many times of his wishes made it so much easier for me to make the best decision for him. Your family will thank you for thinking ahead.

Coming Next Month

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Saturday, December 8th will be the **AAUW SOCIAL EVENT of the SEASON!!!** Let's all join together from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Community Room, Ed Bozarth Chevrolet. Bring a cooked food item to share, if you want. We'll socialize, enjoy delicious treats, and bid on the displayed Silent Auction items. Bidding will open at 11:00 am and winners will be chosen at 12:45. Winners will be called if they have already left the social event. Money raised with our Silent Auction will go to our branch's General Fund.

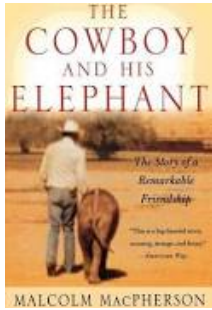
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Jane Quimby Book Group

This month's read, *The Cowboy and His Elephant*, is a story of mutual friendship, of genuine love and compassion, and foremost, this is an American story with roots that run deep in the values and traditions of the American West.

In the late 1980s, a female baby elephant was born on the plains of Southern Africa. In a "cull," her family was slaughtered. Only the newborn female's life was spared. Terrified and bewildered the young elephant was transported to America to be sold.

Bob Norris is a cowboy with an enormous empathy for animals. Handsome as a movie star, he was the Marlboro Man, with his face appearing on billboards around the world. But something was missing. When the hurt, vulnerable little elephant, Amy, came into his life, an incredible bond between the most unlikely of friends was forged.



Bob adopted Amy and through close observation, gentle training, humor, and endless perseverance, this accomplished horseman gradually coaxed Amy into overcoming her mistrust of humans, and her fear of the world. Amy became a beloved member of the Norris family, and partner to the ranch hands, but Bob knew from the start that the ultimate goal was for Amy to regain her confidence and her independence - even, if it were possible, to go back to the savannahs of Africa.

Friday, November 16th, 9:30 am
American Lutheran Church, 631 26½ Road, GJ

Presenter will be Jean Yale

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 **November 24th** at **The Artful Cup**, 3090 North 12th, GJ.

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 November.

Wanda Putnam on the 3rd, Peggy Rawlins on the 11th

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.

- November 8 @ 7:30 pm
Fathom Events presentation of **HYMN: Sarah Brightman in Concert** - shown at the Regal Theater (2 hours)
- November 8 @ 8 pm
John Prine with Nathaniel Rateliff – Concert at the Avalon Theater, Grand Junction
- November 8 @ 7:30 pm, November 9 @ 7:30 pm , November 10 @ 2:00 pm
CMU Theater presents **Clybourne Park** (play) - in the Robinson Theater of Moss Performing Arts Center
- November 9 @ 6 pm to 9 pm
Mountainfilm on Tour at the Avalon Theater
- November 10 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presentation of *Live from the Met*: Nico Muhly's **Marnie** (opera) - shown at the Regal Theater (3 hours, 20 minutes)
- November 11 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presentation of *Live from the Bolshoi Ballet*: **La Sylphide** - shown at the Regal Theater (2 hours)
- November 13 @ 7:00 pm
Fathom Events presentation of **Cirque du Soleil in Cinema: Kurios –Cabinet of Curiosities** - shown at the Regal Theater (2 hours)
- November 13 @ 7:30 pm
CMU Music presents **William Atkins, Oboe & Arthur Houle, Piano** - in the Love Recital Hall of Moss Performing Arts Center
- November 15 and 19 @ 7:00 pm
Fathom Events encore presentation of **Bandstand: the Broadway Musical** - shown at the Regal Theater (2 1/4 hours)
- November 16 @ 7:30 pm
CMU Music presents **Opera Scenes** - in the Love Recital Hall of Moss Performing Arts Center
- November 18 @ 3:00 pm
Home for the Holidays - Grand Mesa A Cappella Chorus - in the Love Recital Hall of Moss Performing Arts Center, CMU
- November 30 @ 7:30 pm
CMU Dance presents the **Fall Dance Concert** - in the Robinson Theater of Moss Performing Arts Center

In Memoriam

This month we have learned of the death of two of our Honorary Life members.
(to qualify one must be an AAUW member a minimum of 50 Years)

Ruth Carolyn Edfast

June 28, 1915 - October 7, 2018



Ruth Edfast, age 103, passed away quietly in her home on October 7, 2018, with her children by her side.

Ruth was born on June 28, 1915 in Castlewood, South Dakota, to Allen and Caroline (Shanks) Curtis. She grew up in South Dakota and attended high school in Aberdeen. She graduated from Yankton College with a BA, before going on to obtain a degree at Minnesota University and begin a career as a medical technologist.

She fell in love with and then married Weston P. Edfast on August 13, 1944. They celebrated nearly 50 anniversaries together before he passed in 1993. They spent many years together in Pueblo, Colorado, where they adopted their two children before finally settling down in Grand Junction.

She spent many years traveling extensively across the United States and internationally. She was a member of Eastern Star, a lifelong member of AAUW and PEO, as well as being a founding member of the VMCCA Chapter of Western Colorado. She was also a longtime and very active member of the First Congregational Church.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Weston, and brothers, Neil, Malcolm, and Charles Currie. She is survived by her sister, Margaret (Ralph) Mosher; son, Curtis; daughter, Carolyn (Robert) Van Matre; grandchildren, Robert Van Matre and Kaitlin (William) Pierce; great-granddaughter, Chloe Pierce; many nieces, nephews, and extended family, and her loving cat, Quirk.

Memorial donations may be made to HopeWest Hospice, 3090B N. 12th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81506 or the First Congregational Church, 1425 N. 5th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

Eleanor Morland Hoefner

October 10, 1920 - August 29, 2018



Eleanor Morland Hoefner, age 97, died August 29, 2018, following a brief illness. Born October 10, 1920, in Robinson, IL, she was the daughter of Benton DeFord Morland and Goldye Fidler Morland. Eleanor graduated from Morton West High School in Berwyn, IL, and from the University of Illinois in Urbana, IL. She married Victor Casper Hoefner, Jr., on January 1, 1942.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Kenneth Morland, and sister, Leona Whiston.

She is survived by her sons, Victor and Kenneth; daughters, Susan and Elizabeth, as well as seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Eleanor was employed as her husband's medical office manager. She owned and operated "Yarn Cellar" and was also a real estate broker. She enjoyed knitting, painting, flower gardening, skiing, reading, and bridge.

Eleanor served in P.E.O., A.A.U.W., United Methodist Church, Scouting, and the Auxiliary of the American Osteopathic Association.

She was interred in her husband's columbarium at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado on September 25th. Please consider making a memorial contribution in Eleanor's name to HopeWest Hospice, 3090B North 12th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

Editor's Note: Eleanor was elected AAUW Colorado State President in 1979, and led the Colorado contingent to the AAUW National Convention in 1980. She was also a leader of the AAUW "Puppeteers", which provided shows in Grand Junction for many years.

AAUW is mobilizing a movement to close the gender pay gap — and we're counting on you to help!

Be part of our signature initiative — [Work Smart](#) — a program that's empowering women across the country to negotiate for a raise, promotion, or new job.

[Work Smart](#) is effective: Nearly all participants report having more confidence and better negotiating skills. After attending a Work Smart program, nearly half are able to negotiate for a raise, promotion, or higher-paying job.

[Work Smart is now available online — for free!](#) And we are asking every AAUW member to take the course now, even if you are now retired. We are also asking every member to share the course with 20 of your friends, family members and wider network.

Work Smart will teach you essential negotiation skills and important facts about the status of gender pay gap. And it will prepare you to be an ambassador for AAUW's efforts.


Please share [Work Smart Online](#) on social media! And send an email to your friends, family, and followers to let them know that one hour of online learning can lead to a lifetime of higher earnings!

Order Gift Cards Now



FYI - your local branch is struggling financially to support our necessary branch activities.

We know that most members are not able or willing to be active in hosting an event or selling raffle tickets, etc. However, we all spend money for groceries, we all eat out at restaurants, we all get gas for the car, some may buy books, and some may travel. So all *YOU* need to do to support the branch is to purchase gift cards for stores where you already shop. You are able to then spend the full value of the card at the store, but the branch gets nice cash kickback. A very easy way to raise funds.

If you unfamiliar and want to see what cards are available, and if you have commuter access, go to www.shopwithscrip.com and hit the "retailer list" tab at the bottom of the page. Then, if you want to place an order, go to the top of the main page and hit "sign in", then "register". The enrollment code number you will use for our branch is **841F7L5328L51**. This will set up an account under your name. For those of you who have placed an order in the past, you just need to  and order.



If you do not have computer access, contact Jane Fitzgerald at mjfitz2cats@gmail.com or 241-9684. She can help you place an order. After ordering, immediately send a check to Jane for the total amount of your order. She then okays the transaction and the company mails all the cards to Jane for distribution. **Orders placed by the 25th** of each month will be delivered at the next program meeting, or other arrangements made with you.

PSit is alright with us if you also make purchases for gifts to others (hint...Christmas is a 'coming)

