



October Meeting – Ballot Issues Forum In Co-Sponsorship with the League of Women Voters

Come and learn more about what you will be voting for/against.

The issues that will be addressed:

- (1) **Ballot Issue #73:** Funding for Public Schools
- (2) **Ballot Issue #97:** Setback Requirement for Oil and Gas Development
- (3) **Ballot Issue #74:** Just Compensation for Reduction in Fair Market Value by Government Law or Regulation
- (4) **Amendment Y:** Congressional Redistricting and **Amendment Z:** Legislative Redistricting
- (5) **Amendment V:** Assembly Age
- (6) **Mesa County Issue 1A:** Accepting State Grants without Tabor Limitations



When: Wednesday, October 10....starting at 6:00 pm

Where: Whitman Educational Center at the Museum of Western Colorado
248 South 4th Street, GJ (There is parking available in the Museum of the West lot next to Whitman, or on-street parking is free after 4 pm and, if you park on Colorado or in the city lot on Colorado, you can cut thru the alley behind Whitman or walk down 4th (a scant half block).

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VP Membership Kathy Singer 261-2112
Treasurer Jane Fitzgerald 241-9684
Newsletter Editor Jane Fitzgerald

Thoughts from Virginia Brown, Branch President

My thoughts are very scattered right now. I sold our house in Orchard Mesa. I am in the process of packing and getting everything out. Unfortunately, our new house in Whitewater is not yet completed, which means we will be “camping” in the travel trailer on site until we can move in. In the meantime I have moved my business to Keller Williams, Colorado West Realty, which means more moving and some update classes. I will write more next month when things should be more settled. In the meantime my contact phone number is the same. Change my yearbook address to: 31845 Willow Bend Road, Whitewater, CO 81527.

Interested in supporting the Girl Scouts ??

We hope you all will plan to attend the **2018 Western Slope Women of Distinction Breakfast** to be held on November 8 at the Two Rivers Convention Center from 7:30 am – 9:00 am. The Women of Distinction program brings together a group of women dedicated to raising funds to support Girl Scout leadership programs.

This year’s honorees were selected by a committee of their peers, and chosen based on their contributions to the community, both professionally and personally. They are shining examples of corporate, civic, and philanthropic leadership and serve as role models for our female leaders of tomorrow.

- Sister Barbara Aldrich SCL, VP of Mission Integration, St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center
- Jeni Brown, Chief Financial Officer, J.G. Management Systems, Inc.
- LeAnn Zetmeir, Philanthropist and Community Leader

If there is sufficient interest, Jeannie Dunn is planning to reserve a 10-person table to be designated as “AAUW - Grand Junction”. Any member (and their guest) who would like to attend this breakfast event and sit at the AAUW table needs to **let Jeannie Dunn know ASAP**. The minimum ticket is \$25, but since Jeannie will be underwriting the table cost of \$50 per person (which includes some advertising for AAUW), it would be nice, if our budget allows, paying more than the minimum. A portion of the ticket price may be partially tax-deductible.

Coming Next Month

Dr. Tammy Parece, Instructor of Geography at Colorado Mesa University will be the speaker at the November 14 meeting at Chez Lena: Bring a non-perishable food item to contribute to the CMU Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is available to college students with limited funds for food, making sure all students are better nourished. Also, bring item(s) to contribute to the AAUW Silent Auction on December 8.

And on the following month: December 8th will be an AAUW Social Event, 11:30 - 1:30 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 Silent Auction items. Money raised with our Silent Auction will go to our AAUW Funds.

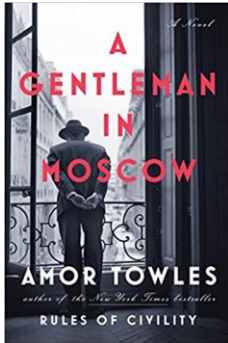
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Jane Quimby Book Group

At the September morning meeting, the members discussed how they really enjoyed Last Hope Island by Lynne Olson. A true account of WWII and all that transpired that one never knew about.

The group decided that they do not need refreshments, just coffee. Whoever is presenting the book is in charge of the meeting and will make and set up the coffee, with help from the other members. Because there is no presenter scheduled for this year's January and May meetings, there will be a general book discussion instead.

The read for the October meeting is **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles. When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the Count Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery.



Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

While the book is a work of fiction, and a very good one at that, the Hotel Metropol is very real. I Googled "Hotel Metropol" and enjoyed seeing actual places described in the book, especially the Grand Ballroom....Jane F

Friday, October 19th, 9:30 am
American Lutheran Church, 631 26½ Road, GJ

Presenter will be Anita Pisciotte

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 **October 27th** 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.

- October 4, 5, & 6 at 7:30 pm and October 6 at 2:00 pm
CMU Theater presents **1776** with an all-female cast (musical) -- Robinson Theater in the Moss Performing Arts Center
- October 5 & 6
Downtown Arts Festival, Grand Junction
- October 6 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presentation of *Live from the Met*: Verdi's **AIDA** (opera) shown at the Regal Theater (4 hours)
- October 10 @ 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm
Fathom Events encore presentation of *Live from the Met*: Verdi's **AIDA** (opera) shown at the Regal Theater (4 hours)
- October 10 @ 7:30 pm
CMU Music presents **Men's & Women's Choral Invitational** – Love Recital Hall in the Moss Performing Arts Center
- October 17 @ 7:00 pm
Western Colorado Writer's Forum presents **Rabbit Holes – an evening of song, dance, and poetry** at the KAFM Radio Room
- October 20 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presentation of *Live from the Met*: Saint Saens' **SAMSON ET DALILA** (opera) shown at the Regal Theater (3-1/2 hours)
- October 24 @ 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm
Fathom Events encore presentation of *Live from the Met*: Saint Saens' **SAMSON ET DALILA** (opera) shown at the Regal Theater (3-1/2 hours)
- October 25 @ 7:30 pm
CMU Theater presents **Bang Bang You're Dead** (1 act play) at the Experimental Theater in Moss Performing Arts Center
- October 27 @ 10:55 am
Fathom Events presentation of *Live from the Met*: Puccini's **LA Fanciulla del West** (opera) shown at the Regal Theater (3 hours, 45 minutes)
- October 31 @ 1:00pm and 6:30 pm
Fathom Events encore presentation of *Live from the Met*: Puccini's **LA Fanciulla del West** (opera) shown at the Regal Theater (3 hours, 45 minutes)

Report on the Colorado AAUW Fall Leadership Conference

Two Grand Junction branch members, **Virginia Brown** and **Kathy Singer**, attended the state Fall Leadership Conference in Denver on August 24th and 25th. They were accompanied by two of CMU Affiliate student members, Annessa Bryant and Tatiana Lopez. It was a great way for all of them to meet with other Colorado branch members, share ideas, and learn about the ongoing mission of AAUW. The keynote speaker at luncheon meeting Saturday, August 25th, was **Kim Churches**, the new national CEO as of July 2017. She was a very dynamic speaker and shared with all the visions for AAUW going forward. She talked a lot about the mission of AAUW *"to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy."* Everyone realizes this is a lofty goal but one that can be reached by all members working together toward a common goal.

The conference made an impact on all attendees and in the words of one of the CMU Affiliate members, **Annessa Bryant**:

"The AAUW state conference was exhilarating to say the least. We shared time, ice breaking activities, meals, laughs, and tears. Many relationships were established for collegiate groups to meet, tips and tricks for treasurers to excel in their position from local to state level. Women from all around the state shared much needed discussion on becoming more inclined to social media use for relaying information about our branches at a local and state level. I am looking forward to future conferences and rekindling with friends and mentors."

And another CMU Affiliate member, **Tatiana Lopez** wrote:

"The AAUW Fall 2018 Conference was even more insightful and motivational than I had anticipated. Throughout the conference there was an underlying enthusiasm for the Grand Junction branch because of our college branch and ability to connect, and recruit individuals who may be different from us. I felt personally touched by the messages that were conveyed at the conference, Kim Churches spoke about AAUW at the national level and their work to decrease the gender pay gap as well as the need to make our membership more diverse, inclusive and community oriented, something we strive so hard to do here in Grand Junction. It is important for us to remember why we joined AAUW in the first place, because we believe in the work that we can do together. The fall conference was a great reminder of that."

Other great things happening at the state level are **AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day**, Saturday, February 2nd, 2019, at the Holiday Inn, Lakewood, and the **AAUW Colorado State Convention** April 26th and 27th, 2019 in Longmont. See <https://aauw-co.aauw.net> for more details. We hope members from the Grand Junction branch will be able to attend these meetings.

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 in October.

Eleanor Hoefner on the 10th, SarahBeth Walsh on the 23rd, Annessa Bryant on the 30th

Can You help earn funds for the Branch ??

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 sign in 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)

ANNOUNCING GJ BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FOR 2018-2019

We are pleased to be able to provide these scholarship funds for deserving students.

AAUW – WCCC Scholarship \$500 to Katherine Galvan....Aviation Tech: Fixed Wiring

AAUW Women's Veteran Scholarship \$1,000 to Andrea Burkner....Nursing

Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Endowed Grant

\$1,500 to Michelle LaVonne....Pre-Business Administration

\$1,500 to Kristina Sines....Nursing

\$1,500 to Shamira Bird....Nursing

\$1,500 to Randelyn Snow....Administrative Office Tech

\$1,500 to Svetlana Mcgrady....Pre-Criminal Justice

\$1,500 to Jenna Ysasi....Nursing

We wish them much success in the coming years ahead.