



## September Meeting – Fall Kick Off

Come join us as we celebrate our Grand Junction Branch of the American Association of University Women. We have so many talented women who have interesting experiences to share. For our first meeting of the 2018-2019 year, members will have the opportunity to learn about each other. Also, exciting information from the Colorado State Fall Leadership Conference will be shared with us.

NEW THIS YEAR...We are planning to have our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and we are excited that most will be at the Chez Lena Restaurant on the campus of Western Colorado Community College (WCCC). The restaurant is located in Building B (by the flagpole) on the WCCC campus at 2508 Blichmann Avenue, Grand Junction, 81505. There is parking in the front lot or in a lot behind the building where the restaurant is located. You can learn more about this restaurant by visiting its Facebook page at Chez Lena Restaurant or its website at [www.chezlenagj.com](http://www.chezlenagj.com).

Chez Lena features super-delicious lunch entree items costing less than \$10, and a salad or soup for even less. While the menu will vary from month to month, there will always be pasta, seafood, and burger options. We are glad to be supporting the WCCC culinary arts students by buying lunch at this restaurant. For the September meeting, we will order lunch items from the restaurant menu.

## Wednesday, September 12 .... 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Chez Lena Restaurant on the WCCC Campus

Please **RSVP** to Jeannie Dunn **no later than September 9** by either calling at (970) 242-3177 or by emailing at [jeannedunn01@gmail.com](mailto:jeannedunn01@gmail.com). She needs to alert the restaurant as to the number of guests. Be sure to invite a friend or someone you think may be interested in participating in AAUW. You can let Jeannie know you invited a guest when you RSVP.

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## Thoughts from Virginia Brown, Branch President

The Grand Junction AAUW branch is working hard to plan inclusive activities and program meetings. We heard you say that you wanted a specific day of the week, week of the month and time of day for the meetings. We look forward to seeing you at Chez Lena in September. Look for more details in this newsletter.

Did you know that AAUW has changed the mission statement? Yes, they took out a word and reordered the others. The **new mission statement** is: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

The rewording of the mission is in line with the new strategic plan. AAUW is focusing in on the mission and working to maximize our impact. We are working for PAY EQUITY by closing the pay gap by 2030. YES, you did read that correctly. AAUW has already taught 33,000 women to negotiate their salaries through our in-person AAUW Work Smart workshops. Our national office is completing work on a free online module that will train 10 million women in salary negotiation techniques by 2022. These workshops are a crucial part of AAUW's efforts to secure pay equity for women and are fueled by your members who have become trained salary negotiation facilitators. AAUW National CEO Kim Churches and AAUW Colorado State President Amy Blackwell were meeting with the mayor of Denver on Friday August 24th.

Your local board is looking at either changing, or adding a 501(c)(3) to, our current 501(c)(4) designation to be able to raise funds to offset the cost of the Start Smart and Work Smart workshops. We will be asking you to think of ways that are not labor intensive to raise the funds needed to do our fair share of work to train more women in salary negotiation. *For those unfamiliar with these designations.... "To be tax-exempt as a social welfare organization described in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 501(c)(4), an organization must not be organized for profit and must be operated exclusively to promote social welfare." and "An organization with 501(c)(3) status does not pay income taxes related to its nonprofit mission and purposes, is able to receive tax-deductible contributions, and is eligible for foundation grants."*

We are looking at a time for growth of our local branch. I invite you to invite a friend to each and every AAUW program meeting. I invite you to invite your friends to follow AAUW National, AAUW Colorado and AAUW GJ on the web, via Facebook and other social media platforms.

## Coming Next Month

**We will NOT meet for lunch at CHEZ LENA on Wednesday, October 10.**

Instead, you are encouraged to attend the **Ballot Issues Forum** that our branch is co-sponsoring with the League of Women Voters (LWV). This event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and will be held at the Whitman Educational Center, 248 South Fourth 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 4<sup>th</sup> (a scant half block).

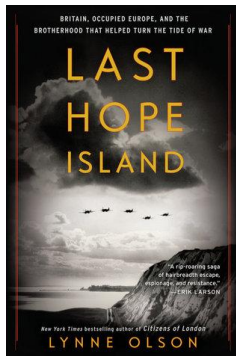
## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### The Jane Quimby Book Group

The May meeting of the Jane Quimby Book Group featured an excellent presentation by Peggy Rawlins on “The Elephant Whisperer” by Lawrence Anthony. The book documented Anthony’s journey to securing a refuge for a group of “rogue” elephants who had been judged irredeemable and scheduled for death. The author’s amazing connections and ability to win the animals’ trust against seemingly impossible odds, plus many unforeseen adventures along the way, makes the book a true page turner. Peggy, who had made numerous trips to Africa (and elsewhere), included some fascinating souvenirs pertinent to the material. The conversation was enhanced by several members had also participated in African safaris.

The excellent refreshments were provided by Peggy Rawlins and Erna Kay Ingram.

The fall schedule will start with “**Last Hope Island**” by Lynne Olson, an engrossing account of how Britain became the base of operations for the exiled leaders of Europe in their desperate struggle to reclaim their continent from Hitler.



When the Nazi blitzkrieg rolled over continental Europe in the early days of World War II, the city of London became a refuge for the governments and armed forces of six occupied nations — Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Norway, Czechoslovakia, and Poland — who escaped there to continue the fight. So, too, did General Charles de Gaulle, the self-appointed representative of free France. As the only European democracy still holding out against Hitler, Britain became known to occupied countries as ‘Last Hope Island’.

In this epic, character-driven narrative, acclaimed historian and *New York Times*–bestselling author Lynne Olson takes us back to those perilous days when the British and their European guests joined forces to combat the mightiest military force in history and restore order to a broken continent.

**Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 am**  
**American Lutheran Church, 631 26½ Road, GJ**

**Presenter will be Wanda Putnam**

**Hostesses will be Katie & Betsy Zollner**

## Coffee & 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. Call Jane at 241-9684 with any questions.

Join us on **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **The Artful Cup**, 3090 North 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

- September 7 @ 7:00 pm  
**VINTAGE VOLTAGE: Live in the Vines Concert Series** at the Wine Country Inn
- September 11 @ 7:00 pm  
**EXIT 42: Music in the Grapevines** at Two Rives Winery & Chateau
- September 13 @ 6:30 pm  
Sight & Sound Theaters' presentation of **MOSES** (filmed before a live audience) shown at the Regal Theater (2 hours)
- September 15 @ 12:55 pm  
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- September 24 @ 7:30 pm  
Sandstone Concerts presents **Stephen Stills & Judy Collins** at the Avalon Theater
- September 27 @ 7:00 pm  
Fathom Events presentation of **National Theater Live: KING LEAR - shown** at the Regal Theater (3 hours, 40 minutes)
- September 27 @ 7:30 pm  
Community Concerts of the Grand Valley presents **Not Fade Away: the Ultimate Buddy Holly Experience** at Grand Junction High School
- September 29 @ 12:55 pm  
Fathom Events presentation of **ABOVE & BEYOND: NASA's Journey to Tomorrow** shown at the Regal Theater (1 ½ hours)
- October 6 @ 10:55 am  
Fathom Events presentation of **Live from the Met: Verdi's AIDA** (opera) shown at the Regal Theater (4 hours)

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## 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 September.

**Susan Swift on the 3rd, Jane Fitzgerald on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Lois Jarre on the 27th**

## Help AAUW raise funds for the Branch

As you can see from the Branch's Annual Report on the next page, 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](http://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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup>** of each month will be delivered at the next program meeting, or other arrangements made with you.



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

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## *Annual Report from the Branch Treasurer*

The Grand Junction Branch maintains two bank accounts at Alpine Bank. The information from the main account... a checking account... can be found on the following page.

The other account is a Money Market Account which has minimal activity. Overall at the beginning of the fiscal year (7/1/2017), the balance was \$8,609.97: at the end of the fiscal year, \$7,711.83. This account is divided into various sub-funds:

Scholarship: Beginning balance \$204.86 – income \$98 donation – paid to CMU for Vet Scholarship \$302.86  
Ending balance - \$0

Miscellaneous: Beginning balance \$208.52 – income \$3.86 interest - paid to CMU for Vet Scholarship \$208.85  
Ending balance \$3.53

General Fund Reserves: Beginning balance \$3,000.00  
Ending balance \$3,000.00

McClure Bequest: Beginning balance \$5,196.59 - paid to CMU for Vet Scholarship \$488.29  
Ending balance: \$4,708.30

*Jane Fitzgerald, Treasurer*

## AAUW GRAND JUNCTION BRANCH

Annual Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for fiscal year ending 6/30/2018

Beginning Bank Balance (less prepaid dues of \$210) \$833.88

Ending (less prepaid 2018 dues) \$263.24

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	2017-2018 Budgeted	2017-2018	2017-2018 Difference
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Receipts</b>	
Member Dues	\$ 450.00	\$ 452.00	\$ 2.00
Life Member Dues	20.00	20.00	
Honorary Life Member Dues	-	-	-
Branch Participant Dues	125.00	125.00	-
Meals	200.00	129.00	(71.00)
Snack donations	140.00	25.55	(114.45)
Scrip Sales	3,000.00	3,615.00	615.00
Newsletter Advertising	-	25.00	25.00
Meeting Sponsor	300.00	197.62	(102.38)
Miscellaneous	25.00	19.96	(5.04)
From Money Market Reserves	1,175.00	-	(1,175.00)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 5,435.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,609.13</b>	<b>\$ (825.87)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>Disbursements</b>	
Newsletter Postage/Mailing	125.00	\$ 97.04	\$ ( 27.96)
Newsletter Printing	50.00	74.90	24.90
Yearbook Printing/Mail	65.00	62.33	(2.67)
President Expense	30.00	-	(30.00)
VP Program Expense	30.00	19.92	(10.08)
VP Membership Expense	50.00	19.92	(30.08)
Secretary Expense	25.00	-	(25.00)
Treasurer Expense	30.00	-	(30.00)
Miscellaneous	100.00	36.45	(63.55)
Scrip Expense	2,850.00	3,490.58	640.58
Insurance	190.00	185.00	(5.00)
Programs/Room Rent	200.00	50.00	(150.00)
Meals/Speaker Meals	440.00	365.49	(74.51)
Speaker gift	150.00	80.00	(70.00)
Conventions	750.00	598.14	(151.86)
Community Outreach	100.00	100.00	-
Membership Campaign	100.00	-	(100.00)
Special Events	150.00	-	(150.00)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,435.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,179.77</b>	<b>\$ (255.23)</b>

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**Southwest Studies' "Grand" Adventure, May 21-25th, 2018....by Cindi Zenkert-Strange**



Annually, the Southwest Studies interest group selects an interesting southwest destination, typically within a day's drive, to explore in depth. In the year leading up to the trip, members research and share topics related to our planned travels, from the area's topography and natural wonders, to its history and cultural heritage. Then we go to experience it all, first hand!

This past year, we zeroed in on Montrose, Palisades and Grand Junction...and the journey proved to be just peachy! Twenty-three of us left Colorado Springs on Mon. May 21st, fortified with snacks and a carefully planned itinerary, thanks to our stellar trip committee. Here's the highlight reel:

- \*Exploring one of the four National Parks in Colorado: Black Canyon of the Gunnison, where we were awed by the incredibly steep gorge carved through the eons by the Gunnison River and marveled at the Painted Wall Cliff.
- \*Visiting the Ute Museum where we learned about Ute history through dynamic interactive exhibits, paid our respects at Chipeta's grave and were treated to an impromptu Native American flute "concert" by the museum director.
- \*Hiking with our guide on private land, located on the eastern edge of the Uncompahgre Plateau, to explore the extensive Shavano Valley petroglyphs, rock carvings dating back to 1000 BC, and other sites sacred to its earliest inhabitants.
- \*Touring the breathtaking Colorado National Monument, where each new vista seemed better than the last. Incredibly, we had the park almost to ourselves!
- \* Sampling some of Palisades many local wineries, tasting their wines and browsing their gift shops, amidst flower-bedecked fields and vistas. For free, or for a modest fee, wineries poured samples of their wares, including a memorable, peach-infused white. Watch for bottles purchased for the Southwest Studies' gift baskets at the Authors Day auction!
- \*Journeying through 1000 years of Colorado history on a docent-led tour of Grand Junction's Museum of the West, including a fine collection of prehistoric Southwest pottery and exhibits dealing with Colorado's troubled uranium mining history.
- \*Lunching with the Grand Junction AAUW group, followed by a chance to shop the many vintage and book shops in Grand Junction and buy Enstrom's world-famous toffee. Our sojourn ended with a birthday celebration at a local café, topped off by a mellow concert featuring Chris Hillman, of Byrds fame, backed by towering river bluffs.

And just when we thought our adventure was over, the trip home on Friday was temporarily way laid by a bear-motorcycle-Fed Ex truck accident. Result? Serendipitous lunches in Breckenridge, Glenwood Springs and other picturesque locales, and for one group, a close encounter with two cream-colored buffalos (not albinos, but crossbreeds) that made for a fitting ending for our "Grand" trip!



## Upcoming Girl Scouts Event

Because we in AAUW love to support our sister organizations, especially those that aid young women in developing their leadership skills, and because Girl Scouts of Colorado is one such organization, 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 your budget allows, paying more than the minimum. A portion of the ticket price may be partially tax-deductible.

## AAUW Opposes Judge Kavanaugh's Confirmation to the Supreme Court

Last month, President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to a lifetime appointment on the U.S. Supreme Court and the stakes are enormously high. Despite the fact that his full record has not been released, the Senate has scheduled his confirmation hearings beginning on September 4. AAUW has carefully considered his record and one thing is clear: Judge Kavanaugh would put at risk the issues that are central to AAUW's mission.

The Supreme Court is the arbiter of so many of the rights essential to women and girls, and if confirmed Judge Kavanaugh will have a say in those decisions for decades to come. But Judge Kavanaugh's record shows that he is willing to do grave harm by undermining positions central to AAUW's mission, including upending employment and labor rights, curtailing reproductive rights and access to healthcare, entangling public education and religion, and restricting voting rights.

Further, Judge Kavanaugh has shown little support for workers' rights, including low wage workers and workers of color. While on the bench, Judge Kavanaugh argued to weaken protections for race and age discrimination, and routinely argued to limit workers' rights to organize and to narrow the scope of our labor laws. Judge Kavanaugh also has a record of limiting access to the ballot box.

**Judge Kavanaugh has shown he won't stand up for the health, education, and economic security of women and girls – and we won't stand for that.**

## Call Your Senator at 1-855-973-0824

Your senators need to hear directly from you about what's at stake if Judge Kavanaugh is confirmed. Call and once you're connected, the message for your senator is simple: *Judge Kavanaugh's record makes it clear he won't support women's constitutional and civil rights. I urge you to oppose his confirmation and to call for his full record be released to the American public.*

Be sure to identify yourself as a constituent. We encourage you to share any personal stories about what's at stake for you – from health care coverage for pre-existing conditions to access to reproductive health services.