



ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING

combined with

COFFEE & CHAT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022

Time: 9:30 am

Location: The Patio at Spoons Bistro & Bakery
3090 North 12th Street, Grand Junction, CO



Coffee & Chat is an informal (fun) group which meets to try to solve world/local problems through discussion. We also really get to know each other.

Greetings from Branch President, Kathy Singer

Things are a little crazy right now for me. As many of you know, my business (Mesa Feed Mart) closed last month. Then, given my husband's fairly recent heart surgery, we decided that a two-story home no longer met our needs and listed the home for sale, which necessitated a lot of cleaning and sorting to get it ready to show in the last few weeks. We have just sold our house, and need to move into our new place by May 23. In between now and the 23rd I have to schedule movers, cleaners and put many items in storage. So, that is why our AAUW Annual Meeting is scheduled later in the month this year.

Said annual meeting will be short as no one has stepped up to nominate anyone or to volunteer for our numerous board member openings.

Branch President Kathy Singer 261-2112
VP Programs Open
Secretary Samantha Singer 261-2216

VP Membership Open
Treasurer Virginia Brown 201-0386
Newsletter Editor Jane Fitzgerald 241-9684

April General Meeting

Speaker **ANNE WENZEL**, the President and CEO of the Western Colorado Community Foundation, talked about all the ways her foundation is attacking the hunger issue locally. She also discussed other ways in which the foundation is making a difference for the Grand Valley.



Virginia Brown, Virginia's mother, Anne Wenzel, Barbara Boudreaux, Barbara's daughter

Happy Birthday to You

Your AAUW Branch wishes to acknowledge its members and let you know we appreciate you.

Members celebrating a Birthday in May, June & July are:

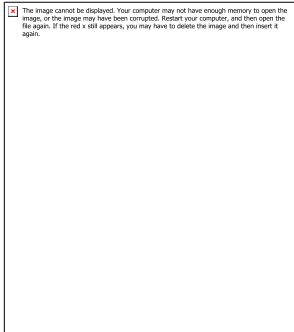
**Jean Greenfield on May 9th, Mary Beth Buescher on June 8th, Dusty Dunbar on June 16th
Barbara Boudreaux on July 2nd, Lorelee Kerr on July 14th, Virginia Brown on July 29th**

Remembering a long-time Grand Junction Branch member

Virginia Jacobs Gibson

November 24, 1925 - November 23, 2021

Virginia Jacobs Gibson passed away peacefully November 23, 2021. She was holding the hand of her son, Todd. It was one day before her 96th birthday.



She was the tough stuff of eastern Colorado farmers. And she was very sweet and loving. She grew up in Brush, Colorado, where they raised sugar beets. Virginia was the youngest of five daughters born within seven years. She was predeceased in death by sisters, June, Lavinia, and Mildred and is survived by Thelma (98 years old). All the sisters went to college, as education was the way for these Germans-from-Russia to get ahead in their new country. Mother Molly, who emigrated in 1907, and father John, who arrived in 1912, were lucky to leave Russia before 1917. Virginia was almost four when the Stock Market crashed, and knew of that hardship growing up. It formed that generation. College was in Greeley and Fort Collins. She worked nights for the phone company, sleeping when the switchboard wasn't busy. Her degree was in Home Economics.

After graduating, she moved to Grand Junction. In her first year as a teacher, she met Marion Jacobs. They married in 1949, after "Jake's" summer band camp and before the start of school. Three boys followed: Stephen, Kent and Todd.

She taught, raised a family and traveled with the band and orchestra on their tri-annual trips. Music was an everyday part of her life with Jake's music lessons every evening and on Saturday mornings.

Her Jake died too early in 1979, two years after his retirement. She later married Lee Gibson, a dear friend and former band parent, who died in 1989. They had seven wonderful years together, with lots of travels and gardening. She loved her roses and flower gardens. She continued to travel the world, visiting her parent's homestead in Russia after the collapse of the USSR.

One day she "couldn't get up from pulling weeds in the garden" and moved into independent living. Later she moved to Centennial to be near Kent and Stephen. She never had COVID, but, over the two years of isolation, her health failed from too much inactivity. She suffered pulmonary embolisms and couldn't recover her health. She had six grandchildren.

We will always keep her memory in our hearts.

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Special Interest Groups

Culture Club



The AAUW Culture Club is a loosely organized effort to inform 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. Peggy Rawlins at 263-4741 is the contact person for the group.

- May 11 @ 7:30pm
CMU Music presents **Wind Symphony** – Moss Performing Arts Center – Robinson
- May 11 @ 1:00pm and 6:30pm
 Fathom Events presents **Live from the Met: Puccini's Turandot (2022)** Encore – at the Regal Theater 3 hours, 30 minutes
- May 12 @ 6:30pm
 Pepper Entertain presents **Kansas**– Avalon Theater
- May 13 @ 7:30pm
CMU Music presents **Orchestra**– Moss Performing Arts Center – Love Recital Hall
- May 14 @ 7:30pm and 10:00pm
CMU Theater presents **Guilty Pop Pleasures** – at Charlie Dwellington's
- May 15 @ 4:00pm
Kokopelli Handbells Spring Ring – First Presbyterian Church
- May 21 @ 10:55am (encore May 25 @ 1:00pm and 6:30pm)
 Fathom Events presents **Live from the Met: Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor (2022)**
 at the Regal Theater 3 Hours, 45 minutes
- May 24 @ 7:00pm (doors open 6:00pm)
Music in the Grapevines with **Stray Grass** – Two Rivers Winery & Chateau
- May 27 @ 6:30 pm
Celtic Women: Postcards from Ireland – Avalon Theater
- June 4 @10:55am (encore June 8 @ 1:00pm and 6:30pm)
 Fathom Events presents **Live from the Met: Hamlet** by Brett Dean, libretto by Matthew Jocelyn - at the Regal Theater 3 Hours, 45 minutes
- June 7 & June 14 @ 7:00pm
Forever Golden: A Celebration of the Golden Girls – Regal Theater