



NO BRANCH MEETING THIS MONTH

Meanwhile, consider attending the

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Saturday, August 20, 2022

Via Zoom Webinar - 9:00-12:30

Title: *Together We Design and Develop*

The Excitement Begins

Let's revive our AAUW passion by coming together for this year's Fall Leadership Conference. You will be joining a dynamic group of people focused on the fight for equality, STEM education, social justice issues, advocacy, and research. This year's emphasis is to rebuild our membership and enthusiasm to carry on the important work started by our foremothers. We have effervescent and energetic speakers who will start our batteries again for the work ahead.

Come and join us. Put together "watch parties" for your home viewing this year.

Click [here](#) to register

Coming on Saturday, September 17, at 9:30 am

A Special Branch Meeting !!

Save the Date !

Branch Administrator Jane Fitzgerald 970-241-9684

VP Programs Open

Secretary Loralee Kerr 970-523-5510

VP Membership Open

Treasurer Virginia Brown 970-201-0386

Newsletter Editor Jane Fitzgerald 970-241-9684

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TWO Featured Speakers on Saturday Morning

**Linda Newell, MA, SPHR**

Former senator in the state of Colorado. Linda is a writer, instructor, facilitator, and conflict and DEAI coach.

In her work and in life, Linda Newell brings a holistic approach; knowing that we are all interconnected and that everything we think and do has an impact on ourselves, each other, and the whole. It is her personal mission to embody and promote ethical and just ways of being together on this large ball we call Earth. She has a strong belief in the ever-evolving human potential so is committed to explicitly being part of that.

As a consultant/facilitator and certified Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), Linda now specializes in conflict transformation, diversity, equity, accessibility, inclusion (DEAI), and belonging. Using her chaplaincy and anti-racism/anti-oppression training, Linda focuses her decolonizing work on infusing organizational systems with human dignity from a trauma-informed, socially-just lens.

In 2017, Senator Newell was termed out of the Colorado State Senate after eight years of public service. She led alternative dispute resolution, restorative justice efforts, and significant reforms in child protection, education equity, and early childhood. She sponsored some of the nation's first legislation removing zero-tolerance school discipline policies to help break the school-to-jail pipeline harmful to children of color, kids with disabilities, and those in foster care. Sen. Newell sponsored the nation's first Conflict Resolution Month and taught her constituents and fellow legislators models of conflict management and consensus-building using community collaboration techniques.

In 2020, Linda earned a Master's in Social Justice and Ethics at Iliff School of Theology where she received the Academic Award for the program that year. While in seminary, she also studied restorative practices and Clinical Pastoral Education in interfaith chaplaincy. Now, she is an adjunct instructor there teaching Conscious Conflict and will be teaching leadership at the Daniels School of Business at the University of Denver in the fall.

Linda is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government and was a Henry Toll Fellow with the Council of State Governments. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Drama from UC Irvine. A lifelong learner, Linda continues to learn cultural humility, deeper systems thinking, and how to align our values and ethics with justice.

Linda grew up with AAUW in her home with a mother who served in many capacities, including chapter president. Then, Linda served as the Educational Foundation Chair where they performed Witness Womankind together for fundraising events across southern California.

**Dianne Owens**

Former AAUW State President for
California

Dianne is a long-time member of the Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch, AAUW having joined in the early 70's while her husband was stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base. She has served as President twice and most other offices. She was an elected member of the AAUW California Board, and the AAUW National Board as the AAUW Educational Foundation Chair. She recently finished her term as President of the AAUW California Board of Directors, 2020-2022. Dianne Owens is a member of the Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board (WDB) and Chair of the WDB Youth Committee. She is a former Santa Barbara County Supervisor from the 4th District and worked as a facilitator/trainer of job search workshops for the unemployed for over 17 years. Dianne trained with aha Process, Inc. in 2010 to become a community facilitator/trainer of "Bridges out of Poverty." This one and two-day workshop is based on the research of Dr. Ruby Payne and identifies principles for improving outcomes with individuals from generational poverty.

Dianne is a native of South Dakota and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from South Dakota State University in Consumer and Family Sciences. She pursued graduate work at Arizona State University and is a certified facilitator for the Institute of Cultural Affairs and a Master Certified Trainer with Curtis & Associates. She is a graduate of Leadership California and Leadership Santa Barbara County.

Happy Birthday to You

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

Members celebrating a Birthday in August are:

Jean Yale on August 26th

Coffee & Chat Special Interest Group



This informal (fun) group will meet on **Saturday, August 27 at 9:30 am.... The Patio at Spoons Bistro & Bakery**, 3090 North 12th Street, Grand Junction. The group's only agenda is to chat, about whatever topics come up, from the frivolous to the serious. Come when you can; bring a friend. Call Susan at 970-361-6517 with any questions.

Branch Updates

Branch President has resigned

Kathy Singer wrote "I have stressed for some time now trying to find the right words for what I am going to say. In 2021, COVID fatigue is real, and to be honest, I still am struggling with that as well as all the other changes that have been made in my life in a very short amount of time, which many of you are aware of. Therefore, I am resigning my position as President. I am very sorry that I agreed to do this and have not lived up to the standards that are needed for the position."

Branch Board Update

In order to cover the board positions required by AAUW National to have a functioning Branch, Jane Fitzgerald has volunteered to serve as Branch Administrator, and Loralee Kerr has volunteered to serve as Secretary for the coming year.....subject to confirmation at an upcoming meeting. Virginia Brown will continue as Treasurer. The positions of VP Program and VP Membership are as yet unfilled.

News about Member Peggy Rawlins

After recent surgery for a detached retina, then weeks later a reported heart attack with a trip to St Mary's Hospital where at one time she was removed from life support, followed by a brief stay in rehab at Mantey heights, we are happy to report that Peggy is back to her usual self and has decided that it is best for her to now permanently relocate to The Commons. She welcomes cards or visitors. Her new address is:

Peggy Rawlins, Room #369, The Commons, 625 27-1/2 Road, GJ 81506 Phone: 970 773 2061

New Member

Karen Piefer Hildebrand recently joined the branch. Several of you met her at the last Coffee & Chat meeting. Karen holds a BA from Angelo State University (Texas) in Sociology and a MPA from the University of Texas (Permian Basin) in Public Administration. She has lived in Grand Junction for 2 years after moving from Dallas and earlier from Odessa. She can be contacted at: **3167 Saddle Gulch Drive, GJ, CO 81504 432-312-4747 kphildebrand@gmail.com**

Membership Renewals

If you have not yet renewed your 2022-2023 AAUW Membership, please do so ASAP

1. If you will renew by credit card online
 - Go to [Login - AAUW](#) and log into your Personal Portal.
 - **Click the blue *Renew* button** at the bottom to renew your National, State-CO, and Branch-Colorado Springs dues by scrolling down to locate and check each box.
2. If you will renew by mailing a check: Mail your check for **\$103.00** made payable to AAUW to: Virginia Brown, Treasurer, 31845 Willow Bend Road, Whitewater, CO 81527-9608