



Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July

Notes from the Branch President

I hope that you all are having an enjoyable summer, and staying cool.

Your Branch Board will be having a retreat soon. One of the items will be planning next year's programs. We would love to have your input about our monthly General Program Meetings:

What meeting space did you like? Which space would you rather not go to again, and why? Do you know of another space where we could meet....hopefully with food service?

Which of last year's programs did you find the most interesting or enjoyable, and why?

What type of programs are you most likely to attend....learning about a non-profit? Learning about a local person and their benefit to education or the community? STEM topics? Health issues? Other ideas?

Is cost of a luncheon a factor in your attendance? If so, is there a maximum dollar amount? Were you aware that attendance without buying a lunch is an option?

Do you know of speakers or topics that others may be interested in hearing?

Please send me an email with your thoughts.

I have received several recent emails from Theresa Kahl, who operated Colorado West Performing Arts Company, and who was our speaker last May. The company has re-branded the name to Colorado West Ballet in May 2025, and has announced a new artistic co-director and the ballets for the upcoming year. Several AAUW members enjoyed last year's performance of Coppelia. As you know from her speech in May, she struggles with financing this expensive endeavor to bring more culture to Grand Junction. Here is the link to their website....look for a tab for the upcoming season's ballets and the another tab for "support" whereby you may become a donor or sponsor. Theresa and her artists will appreciate that.

<https://www.coloradowestballet.org/>

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Welcome!

*You are invited to attend a meeting: AAUW of Colorado Fall Leadership Conference.
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the meeting*

Click Here to Register for Fall Leadership Conference

Or copy <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tjZt6t311>



Fall Leadership Conference

The 5-Star Program "A Framework for Success"

August 23, 2025

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Zoom Meeting with Breakout Sessions



Keynote Speaker Tremayne Parquet AAUW Deputy Director of Advancement

- Focuses on AAUW 5-Star Program to help guide branches toward success in alignment with AAUW's mission and priorities.
- Has supported branches with membership and fundraising initiatives
- Has overseen member support and customer service operations

Agenda

- 9:00 - 9:10 am Opening Remarks and Introduction
- 9:10 - 9:40 am Tremayne Parquet, AAUW Deputy Director of Advancement
- 9:40 - 9:50 am Q&A
- 9:50 - 10:00 am Break
- 10:00 - 10:35 am Breakout Session #1
- 10:35 - 11:10 am Breakout Session #2

- For each breakout session, participants select one of 5 rooms dedicated to a 5-star category

- 11:10 - 11:50 pm Breakout Session Debrief and Discussion
- 11:50 - 12:00 pm Summary and Closing Remarks

Special Interest Groups

Coffee & Chat Group



This fun and nonpartisan group will meet on

Saturday, July 26, 2025 starting at **9:30 am**

Location: **Spoons** - Outside Patio
3090 N 12th St, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

This month's **Discussion Topic** will be decided at the meeting.

Some topic suggestions, homeless housing, fire works danger and noise, international travel concerns.



Picture This ... Walk & Talk Group

Saturday July 12, 2025 at 8:40 AM

We will be walking on the Grand Mesa

Contact Lori at 970-589-1320 for more information,

Where to meet for the walk.



THE SUPPER CLUB

THIS MONTH WE ARE GOING TO THE ALE HOUSE

2531 N 12TH ST. GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501-2683

Dine in a different local restaurant on the **4th Wednesday** of the month.

Time with good friends, laughter and wine will enhance the experience.

Spouses & friends welcome.

July 23, 2025 ... at 6:30 PM

Contact Shawndel 720-388-6977 by Monday July 22 for reservations.

Community Events

2025 Mesa County Fair, at the Mesa County Fair Grounds!

July 15th – July 19th.



For more information go to

[Mesa County Fair | Mesa County Fair](https://mesacountyfair.org)

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3rd Annual 4th of July Western Sky Balloon Festival in Delta, Colorado



For more information go to

[4th of July Western Sky Balloon Festival | Delta, CO](https://www.cityofdelta.net/parksrecgolf/page/4th-july-western-sky-balloon-festival-0)

<https://www.cityofdelta.net/parksrecgolf/page/4th-july-western-sky-balloon-festival-0>



The Market on Main presented by St. Mary's Regional Medical Center is summertime's signature event in Grand Junction, and is a showcase of farm products from the Western Slope and around Colorado. This is a summer-long community event series drawing an estimated 5,000 visitors per week.

It will run each evening on Thursdays beginning July 11 through September 26 from 5:30-8:30pm. (8:00pm close beginning 8/22/24 due to earlier sunsets).

For more information go to

[Market on Main presented by St. Mary's Regional Medical Center | Downtown Grand Junction, Colorado](https://www.stmarys.org/visit-us/visit-us-at/visit-us-at-market-on-main)

Branch Community Engagement

The Black Citizens and Friends group hosted the fourth annual Juneteenth Celebration at Lincoln Park on June 14th 2025. The celebration featured local food trucks, live music, informative booths, keynote speaker, and an array of activities — including the limbo, double dutch jump roping, and a scavenger hunt centered around Black history. The celebration intended to raise awareness of the day, teach its historical significance and bring locals together. The winners for the essay and poster contests sponsored by Black Citizens and Friends were also recognized. Community members, organizations, and businesses were honored for their commitment to diversity and inclusion. Colorado Mesa University Upward Bound Director Shelby Burroughs Pryzgoda earned the "CMU Employee of the Year" award.

Lori and Bonnie attended the festival sitting at the AAUW table at Juneteenth Festival. Lori had her Harriet Tubman stamp to engage with the celebration.

Yvette has been involved in Juneteenth with the limbo event and managing the banner signing since 2022



Pictures from the Last Walk and Talk Group James M Robb Colorado River State Park

