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“AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.”

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October Branch Program - October 21st

You’ll want to be in your seats by 6:30 at the library and bring a friend!

The program we’ve been waiting to see performed for 2 years...

Irena Sendler, “Angel Of the Warsaw Ghetto”

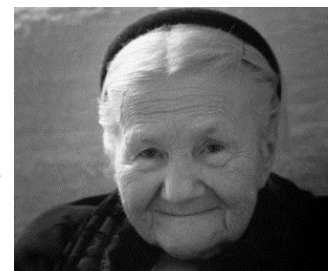
As a Polish Catholic social worker during WWII, Irena Sendler risked her life to save others. She was the leader of the children’s section of Zegota, Council for Aid to Jews, and part of the Polish Underground. With ingenuity, calmness, and courage, she was responsible for rescuing 2,500 children from the Warsaw Ghetto.

This dramatization is brought to us by Judy Winnick who is on the Colorado Humanities/Chautauqua Speakers Bureau and has performed internationally. During her teaching career she received one of Colorado’s Distinguished Teaching Awards.

We are fortunate to be able to host this program which is open to the public. We’ll be passing the hat at the end of the Q & A to thank Judy for her dramatization.

Judy says, “These women inspire me with their courage, humility, compassion, and the message that one person can make a difference.”

“Heroes do extraordinary things. What I did was not an extraordinary thing. It was normal.” Irena Sendler



Angels of the Warsaw Ghetto

Speaker Judy Winnick

October 21, 2015

**PS Miller Library
Castle Rock**

6:30 PM



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Submit to Kathy Chavez by the 25th of the Month,

September Scholarship Awards Meeting

We started off the new 2015-2016 year with one of our favorite meetings—awarding a \$1500 scholarship to women in Douglas County to support them in their pursuit of educational and career goals. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books, or child care while attending college. This year the committee selected three exceptional women to receive the award.

Kathleen Johnson is majoring in nursing and plans to become a nurse practitioner. Her goal is to open a wellness center in Douglas County with a focus on mental health and autism. Kathleen has three sons, one of whom is autistic.

Kimberly Surry has a B.A. in psychology with a minor in sociology. She will soon be enrolled in a nursing program and plans to concentrate on forensic nursing, dealing with victims of violence and abuse. She is currently taking the prerequisites for the nursing program. Kim has volunteered as a victim advocate with the local Police Department for over 5 years. She has worked with the DA's office and also as a child advocate. She has three young children.

Nancy Turner is currently attending American University Washington College of Law, where she is also Note and Comment Editor of the Law Review publication. She is in the top 10% of her class; her comment on the 26th Amendment will soon be published. Nancy was unable to attend our meeting, but her mother and aunt represented her.



Kathleen Johnson, Kimberly Surry and Nancy Turner's mother. Nancy was unable to attend the award ceremony.

(Thank you Bobbie VanHorn and the members of the Scholarship committee)



Co-President's Message Doris MacDougall October 2015

Our beautiful Colorado autumn is upon us and nature is again providing a blaze of colorful fall foliage for us to enjoy. I hope most of you read Marcia Miller's message last month about her unique experience at National Convention in California. In fact, her narrative in our September newsletter caught the attention of the AAUW National Membership committee. Marcia received a call asking her permission to use excerpts from her message for their national "Membership Matters" letter. Kudos to Marcia - and this means our newsletter is read by AAUWs outside of Colorado too!! So if you, as a Douglas County branch member have not read it yet, pull up the September issue and enjoy Marcia's message.

AAUW members have also been busy making their voices heard in our nation's capital, and here are a few important issues addressed in the latest AAUW Washington Update letters. Lisa Martz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations, testified at a hearing entitled "Preventing and Responding to Sexual Assault on College Campuses" before the House Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training. Campus assault is definitely a problem, and AAUW supports two bills before the subcommittee - the HALT Act (H.R. 2680) which requires campuses to do climate surveys of sexual harassment and violence in their communities, and the SOS Campus Act (H.R. 1490) which would make sure survivors have access to advocates to help them understand their rights and get support they need. As AAUW members, and as women, we need to urge our representatives to co-sponsor and push these bills forward.

Always in the forefront is the Paycheck Fairness Act, strongly supported by AAUW. More than a century after women began working alongside men in the workplace, the pay gap is still 79%, just a 1% increase from 2013. The state of Colorado is just a little better with women making 82% of men's salaries for the same work. But some states are making strides in the right direction - the California legislature passed one of the strongest pay equity laws in the nation this summer, and their governor has said he would sign the bill. AAUW is committed to helping advance equal pay legislation in Congress and also in the states. Another tidbit - the US women's national soccer team won the World Cup this summer for the first time since 1999, but earned only one-fourth of what the US men's team earned last year for losing in the second round. There is also a resolution in Washington (H.Res.364) which calls for equal pay in the FIFA World Cup!

What does this mean for AAUW - it means our force is being felt across the country on both the state and federal levels, marching toward equity, equality and safety for all women and their families. Let us be proud of our work and continue the mission of AAUW.



Douglas County AAUW Budget Report

September 25, 2015

Marsha Johnson, Treasurer

Our account balances are as follows:

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| SAVINGS: | \$4294.39 |
| RESTRICTED CHECKING: | \$1201.97 |
| UNRESTRICTED CHECKING: | \$4097.09 |

A special thank you to Bobbie Van Horn who, along with her scholarship committee, selected 3 wonderful women to honor with our fall scholarships this year. \$1500 was given to each, which is why you might notice a drop in our restricted checking account.

Marsha Johnson

A note from Winnie Peterson

I wish to thank the Singles Bridge Group for the surprise Birthday Celebration they had for me at the September meeting. They made my day! What a great bunch of girls. I love them all.

Winnie Peterson

**Thank
You**

Douglas County Branch AAUW Minutes
September 16, 2015
Ruth Lundgren

Bobbie VanHorn awarded three scholarships. The recipients were Kathleen Johnson, Kimberly Surry and Nancy Turner. Each recipient was awarded \$1500.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Co-Presidents Doris MacDougall and Marcia Miller.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion concerning hosting a Douglas County School Board forum with the League of Women Voters. It was decided we would help if a venue can be found in due time. The election ballots are mailed October 18th.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES:

Bobbie VanHorn moved; Dorothy Nugent seconded the motion to accept the May minutes. Passed.

TREASURER:

The report was published in the newsletter; nothing has changed since.
Tacos and Tunes net income was \$5074.50.
We have 71 paid members.

PROGRAMS:

Peggy SerVaas reported that the program theme this year is Changing Times.
Bookmarks listing the programs were distributed.
The October meeting is the "Angel of Warsaw Ghetto" presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. No social time. Please Bring a Friend.

FUNDRAISING:

We will have a silent auction at the December Holiday Party. Please contact Stephanie Fong or Julie Reagan if you have items.
We will receive a check for \$800 by the end of the month from the Douglas County Fair Board for our volunteer work during the fair.
We will receive another check from King Sooper's for about \$340 this month. Keep on eating! If you need Safeway or King Soopers card, contact Marcia Miller.

MEMBERSHIP:

Barbara Lake joined the branch at the meeting.

Minutes Continued...

COMMUNICATION:

Nedda is working on the directory. It will be distributed at the October meeting.

Kudos to Marcia Miller on her National Convention Article in the September newsletter. She was asked by AAUW national board to use excerpts in their National "Membership Matters" newsletter.

WINTER SOCIAL:

Suzanne Kroepsch and Beryl Jacobson will select the menu choices.

INTEREST GROUPS:

All groups are meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Marcia Miller announced this committee will meet Thursday, September 24, at the library.

NCCWSL donations will be sent to State AAUW rather than National.

All other donations go to National AAUW Fund to be distributed as needed. Individual donations can still be designated for specific funds; i.e. Eleanor Roosevelt Fund.

Student Awards will now be referred to as STEM Awards.

HOSPITALITY:

We need a chairman. If volunteers do not come forward, we will not provide refreshments, but members may bring their own beverage to the meeting if they wish.

OTHER BUSINESS

Suzanne Kroepsch read two notes from STEM recipients.

Diane Norten reported on the Fall Leadership Conference.

They worked diligently on the State Strategic Plan.

Next year's Leadership Conference will be in Colorado Springs.

State Convention will be in Loveland.

Marcia Miller led us in Bits and Bites. We did an exercise to explain our goals in question format when someone wants an explanation of AAUW.

Joan Brown won the gift bag for AAUW Funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Fall Leadership Conference

Submitted by Diane Norten

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

The State Public Policy Committee met at the Leadership Conference in Vail on August 28. Plans for Public Policy Day on Saturday, February 6, 2016 were finalized. The theme is "Women's Economic Security." Keynote speaker, Andrew Romanoff, will be followed by panel presentations and updates on legislative issues. Save the date. The PP Committee will look at the bills anticipated at the the coming legislative session and make recommendations as to AAUW's stand.

Branches are encouraged to remind their members to go to the following website to check the accuracy of their voter registration. www.govoteColo.com

FALL LEADERSHIP FOLLOW UP

Each year the Fall Leadership Conference brings members up-to-date on happenings at the state and national level. This year's conference was held at the Lions Square Lodge in Vail on August 28 and 29. The conference provided an opportunity for program, membership and public policy committee members to share ideas and make plans for the 2016 State Convention.

A Strategic Plan for the state was reviewed and modifications were made, The plan will be voted on at the upcoming convention. It provides goals for the state and will be helpful in providing direction for branches.

Discussions included Mission Based Programs, Fund Raising, and Promotion techniques. Among them were the following thoughts:

- *are programs mission based?
- *do programs engage current membership?
- *do the programs grow the branch?
- *is the mission incorporated into fund raising activities?
- *are officers expected to attend Leadership Conference?
- *is Leadership Conference written into job requirements?
- *are branches collaborating with diverse groups?
- *is the logo on all flyers?
- *is the website up-to-date?
- *are multiple contacts made to potential members?

Fall Leadership...Continued

- *does the newsletter highlight what members are doing?
- *does the website have pictures of members “doing” something?
- *is the branch doing something in the community?
- *what does your branch of tomorrow look like?

There were certainly a lot of things to think about to promote the branch and state organization.

TIDBITS

- AAUW CO has 13 C/U partners
- AAUW CO has 195 student affiliates
- AAUW CO has 707 national members
- AAUW CO has approximately 1000 members

Submitted by Diane Norten

Dates to Remember

- ◆ Saturday, December 5, 2015
December Holiday Event: Luncheon at Pradera Country Club 11:30 AM
- ◆ Saturday, February 6, 2016
Public Policy Day, Lone Tree Marriott
- ◆ April 22-23, 2016
State Convention, Loveland, CO





Spotlight on Membership

Barbara Lake:

I graduated from the University of Tennessee with a BA degree & I have a graduate degree in Social Work from University of Tennessee I was a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for 25 years working in California & Colorado. My area of social work was in the medical field. I moved to Colorado from Santa Barbara, CA ,18 years ago before my oldest grandson was born. I have one son who lives in Denver with his wife & my 3 grandchildren.

I retired 9 years ago from social work, and have become an acrylic artist since my retirement. I enjoy biking, hiking, traveling, swimming & knitting.

I married my spouse, Don, 13 years ago, and we have had a wonderful life together of travelling around the world. Unfortunately my spouse has major health problems now, and he is now living in assisted living facility in Castle Rock.

We built a western, southwest home in Perry Park 10 years ago, and we loved living in this beautiful area.

Welcome Barbara!

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| Committee | <p>2015 Standing Committee Chairs are Voting Members of the Board.</p> <p>Vice Chairs vote in the absence of the Chair.</p> |
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| Social (Interest Groups) | Natalie Weber, Chair |
| <p>Social/Fellowship/Interest Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Club (AM) • Book Club (PM) • History/Culture Club • Mah Jongg • Bridge-Singles • Bridge-Doubles • Domino Games | <p>Group Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kendra O’Hayre • Linda Washburn • JoAnn McCall • Julie Reagan/Susan Blackburn • Doris MacDougall • Margaret Boone • Natalie Weber |

Any changes in
the calendar
are in RED!

CALENDAR FOR ANY MONTH

Questions contact Natalie Weber 303-688-4797

Changes...Contact AAUW newsletter editors.

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 st | 1 st | 1 st | 1 st Bridge- Singles 6:30 pm (Doris Mac- Dougall) | 1 st | 1 st | 1 st B r i d g e - Couples 6:30 pm (Margaret Boone) |
| 2 nd | 2 nd | 2 nd AM Book Club 10 am Miller Library (Kendra O'Hayre) | 2 nd Evening Book Club 6:00 PM (Linda Wash- burn) | 2 nd | 2 nd | 2 nd |
| 3 rd | 3 rd | 3 rd D o m i n o Games 1 pm (Natalie Weber) | 3 rd AAUW Branch 6:30 pm PS Miller L i b r a r y (u s u a l l y) Check page 1 | 3 rd C o l o r a d o History / Culture Club 9:00 AM (TBD) | 3 rd | 3 rd |
| 4 th | 4 th | 4 th Mah Jongg 1:00 PM (Julie Reagan Susan Black- burn) | 4 th | 4 th | 4 th | 4 th |

AAUW promotes equity for women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barrier to full participation in the organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation,

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