

***Holiday Brunch & Fundraiser for AAUW Funds***

**Sunday, December 7, 2014, 11 am - 2 pm**

**Paleo Hall-CU Museum of Natural History**



***Brunch***

Catered by Spice of Life. The brunch will be at the museum again this year.

***Requested Silent Auction Items***

Homemade baked goods - cookies, candy, cakes, pies, homemade jelly, homemade crafts, knick-knacks, books, jewelry, and other items.

***Live Auction***

All members are asked to solicit items for live auction.

Please notify Mary Hassler, [maryh2@ix.netcom.com](mailto:maryh2@ix.netcom.com), about live auction items.

***Cost: \$35***

Make out checks to AAUW Boulder, *Holiday Brunch* in memo line, and mail to Mary Hassler, 4230 Corriente Place, Boulder, CO 80301-1629. ***Deadline for reservations: Monday, December 1.***

***Directions to CU Museum***

CU Museum in the Henderson Building on the CU campus between 15th and 16th Streets, just east of Broadway and directly west of the University Memorial Center (UMC).

***Parking Options & Bus Access***

Visitor parking is conveniently located in the Euclid AutoPark just east of the University Memorial Center (UMC). On weekends, there is a flat fee of \$4.00 for parking.

The parking lot in front of the Museum (Lot 208) is available on weekends for \$4.00 (exact change required). It is also possible to park in the residential area west of Broadway. There is no time limit during the weekend. There are also 2- and 4-hour metered spaces on University Hill, west of Broadway and north of the Museum.

The Skip bus stops on Broadway directly in front of the museum.

***Join us and bring your friends!***

## President's Message - Sarah Behm

Greetings to you all at the beginning of this holiday season. As you're making your preparations for the holidays, remember that the Holiday Brunch is just around the corner on December 7th. We are grateful for donations from the estate of former member Jeannette George, which will appear in the silent auction. Through the dedicated efforts of **Hope Steffens-Nett, Mary Humke, Gerri Thomas, and Sarah Behm**, items were sorted, packed, and marked for sale for the December event. If you have items for the sale, please note that you can bring them the day before the scheduled event. **The museum will allow the branch to set up AFTER 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 6. So if you have things you'd like to donate, please come ON Saturday or early on Sunday for set up. Tags will be available for labeling auction items.**

What we'd like to emphasize at this year's silent auction are baked goods. Members truly enjoy going home with the delectables lovingly created in your kitchens, so whip up something delicious!

Through the coordinated and generous efforts of our interest groups, we will once again have some great themed gift baskets to bid on this year. Please bring your enthusiasm and willingness to bid on some great items. And once again, our fun and entertaining auctioneer, **Barb Kostanick**, will be available to add energy and excitement to the event.

Proceeds from auction items benefit AAUW Funds, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, which was created 25 years ago in 1989. Basically, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award is given to an individual, project, organization, or institution for outstanding contributions to equality and education for women and girls. Let's see if we can surpass the \$1800 we raised last year!

Please bring a friend, spouse, or significant other to this fun holiday event.



### **Expanding Your Horizons Planning Meeting**

**On December 3 at 7:00 p.m. an EYH planning meeting open to all members of the Boulder Branch will be held at the home of Doris Hass, 2207 Bluebell Avenue, Boulder 80302.** EYH, our annual hands- on middle school girls' conference, will be on **February 28,**

**2015, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the University of Colorado Engineering Center.** There are many levels of volunteer opportunities available. We encourage you to attend this meeting and find out how you can help make the 20<sup>th</sup> annual EYH a huge success!

### **Items Needed for Holiday Brunch Fund Raiser**

Last year, AAUW member **Mary Humke** went to several businesses in Boulder's McGuckins shopping center and asked if they would be willing to donate a gift or gift certificate to help raise scholarship funds for our Holiday Brunch. Many did donate and those donations helped increase AAUW Boulder's contribution to AAUW Funds. This year, member **Dorothy Bustamante** collected several sets of cards donated by Leanin' Tree as well. **Please help with this important fund raiser by asking the businesses in your area if they would be willing to donate a gift or gift certificate for our fundraiser.** Please contact Mary Hassler, [maryh2@ix.netcom.com](mailto:maryh2@ix.netcom.com) , about live auction items.

**Check out the AAUW Boulder website: <http://aauwboulder.wordpress.com/>**

## Nominating Committee for AAUW Boulder



Boulder branch will soon be putting together a nominating committee to find new board members for positions to start July 1, 2015. Please consider serving on the board if approached. If you understand the mission statement of AAUW and can communicate using current technology, you can serve on the board! The various jobs are not time-consuming, and a more experienced person who served previously in any position will always be available to assist you with any questions you might have. While Sarah Behm is currently serving singly as branch president, in the future we'd make this a "co" position, so that (2) people can more easily share the duties.

## 2015 AAUW Public Policy Day – Saturday, February 7

Registration is now open for the 2015 AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day at Marriott Denver South, 10345 Park Meadow Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124, just west of the Lincoln Avenue exit of I-25. Five knowledgeable speakers will give insight into matters as diverse and cohesive as Mental Health, Higher Education Funding, and Child Care. You will be glad you did! For information about car-pooling, please contact Linda Groth, [lkg.reads@comcast.net](mailto:lkg.reads@comcast.net). Please sign up using the registration form on the state website: <http://aauw-co.aauw.net/>

### Meet New Members Karen Simmons & Rebecca Gauss

**Karen Simmons** is anticipating finding a new circle of friends through AAUW, something she hasn't had much time for during her 40 years of working at CU's Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics (LASP). Her sister-in-law in Lakewood, an AAUW member, encouraged Karen to check out our Boulder branch.

Born in Chicago, Karen's family moved to Colorado in 1961. Her father was a professional electrical engineer, the first U.S.-born citizen in his family and the first to go to college. Karen had much to live up to. After attending Aurora High School, she put herself through three of five years of schooling at CU. She confesses that she went through four majors before falling in love with geology!

Karen recently retired from LASP. She intends to stay current in planetary and atmospheric science developments, which have been such a large part of her life. She is now dabbling in all manner of crafts: woodworking, pottery, jewelry making, and silversmithing. Other interests include mineralogy, geologic field trips, and hiking.

**Rebecca Gauss** was born in Canton, Ohio, but she considers Fairbanks, Alaska, her home town. She received her undergraduate degree there, then completed her MA and PhD degrees at CU Boulder in the field of Theater History, Theory and Criticism, with a concentration in Russian Theater. Her theater background is probably why she calls herself a confirmed filmophile. She has an extensive film library and says she is "in" if someone wants to come and watch a movie at her house.

Following Rebecca's teaching career at CU Denver, and one semester in Beijing, she became the executive director of the Boulder Bach Festival. She plays the harp, flute, piano, and harmonica. For 10 years she was a member of the Colorado Symphony Orchestra Chorus.

Rebecca's mother belonged to AAUW when Rebecca was a child, so when member Eileen Koch invited her to join the Boulder Branch, Rebecca says she enthusiastically agreed. She looks forward to new AAUW friendships.

We welcome Karen and Rebecca to the Boulder Branch of AAUW!

# Ann McNulty Invites YOU to Join Great Decisions

I hope you will join me next year in our Great Decisions group. The topics for next year reflect what is currently in the news. I know I always have at least one moment in each reading which I call my "Aha" moment.....where I learn some aspect of history or linkage between groups that is new to me and casts a different light on the subject.

Great Decisions will start on January 13, 2015, and meets every other Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at the George Reynolds Library, 3595 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder 80305 – telephone 303-441-3120. We take a one-week break so we can attend the World Affairs Conference the first week of April.

Great Decision books will cost \$20 and will be available in December for everyone from whom I have a check. (If you make your mind up later, you can order the book directly from the Foreign Policy Association for \$22.) ***Please send your \$20 check to me between Thanksgiving Day and December 10 at: Ann McNulty, 1301 Sarah Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904-2149. Please DO NOT use the address in the membership book.*** If you have questions, please contact me at [ann\\_mcnulty@msn.com](mailto:ann_mcnulty@msn.com).

Following are the 2015 schedule and topic descriptions:

**January 13-*Russia and the Near Abroad.*** As calls for closer ties with the EU failed to be met, Ukrainians took to the streets in November 2013. As the movement later known as the Euromaidan, or “Euro Square,” pulled western Ukraine closer to its European neighbors, another powerful force threatened to tear away the country’s eastern half: Russia. Putin’s pushback against European expansionism has the West wondering: If Putin’s Russia isn’t afraid to take an aggressive stance against Europeanization in Ukraine, what does that mean for the rest of Russia’s neighbors?

**January 27-*Privacy in the Digital Age.*** The idea of “privacy” has undergone significant changes in the digital age, as has the idea of privacy “harm.” Fearful of British spying, influence and intervention, the founding fathers granted citizens significant protections in the Constitution. Now, the tables have turned: Concerns about what some see as a U.S. “dragnet” and unwarranted privacy intrusions have compelled other countries to revamp their own privacy protections. Legislation, both at home and abroad, hasn’t kept pace with technological developments, leaving some wondering if privacy as we know it is long dead.

**February 10-*Sectarianism in the Middle East.*** Many of the current conflicts in the Middle East have been attributed to sectarianism, a politicization of ethnic and religious identity. From the crisis in Iraq and Syria to the tension between Iran and Saudi Arabia, the struggle between Sunni and Shi’i groups for dominance is tearing apart the region and shows no signs of abating. But for all the religious discourse permeating the conflict, much of its roots are political, not religious. How does sectarianism fit into a larger narrative of the Middle East? How have governments manipulated sectarian differences? And finally, what is the U.S. doing about it?

**February 24-*India Changes Course.*** Fed up with corruption, dynastic policies and ineffective public services, Indian voters catapulted Narendra Modi and his Bharatiya Janata Party to power in the country’s 2014 elections. For voters, Modi embodied real change and an India that wasn’t stumbling, but running, to greatness. But for the U.S., change in India brings its own set of unknowns, heralding an age ruled by a prime minister new to national office and other policymakers who have been out of the public eye for a decade. Now, the U.S. has to determine how to best secure its interests as India asserts itself on the world stage.

**March 10-*U.S. Policy Toward Africa.*** Africa is in the midst of an unprecedented transformation. The continent is home to some of the fastest growing economies in the world, and it’s become a draw for foreign investors from across the globe. After the “Obamamania” of 2008 died down, though, the realization that Obama wasn’t going to overturn, or even prioritize, U.S. Africa policy kicked in. Still, the U.S. has promised to promote “strong institutions, not strong men,” and to favor good governance and healthy economies over profit. How can U.S. policy live up to its promise and values while securing its interests in the region?

**March 24-*Syria’s Refugee Crisis.*** Syrians have for a century welcomed over a million refugees from Armenia, Palestine, Iraq and other countries around the region. Now, thanks to a multiyear civil war, they are on track to become the source of the world’s largest refugee population in a matter of months. As Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and other neighbors strive to accommodate the millions of Syrians, the risk of allowing Syrians to become dependent on emergency aid and forming a “lost generation” remains. Ultimately, though, the safety of displaced Syrians rests with the whole international community.

**April 14-*Human Trafficking in the 21st Century.*** Human trafficking represents a multibillion in international trade per annum and continues to be one of the fastest growing criminal industries. While undeniably a global phenomenon, the U.S., as one of the world’s leading human trafficking importers, bears a special responsibility to combat this practice. The U.S. and the international community have adopted various treaties and laws to prevent trafficking, but to truly understand and combat the issue, they must find the root causes enabling traffickers to exploit millions of victims.

**April 28-*Brazil’s Metamorphosis.*** Brazil — it’s the “B” in the acronym BRICS, five emerging economies once seen as soon-to-be superpowers. After economic troubles in the 1990s, Brazil has risen to new global prominence — it’s drawing in more investment, working on global issues ranging from climate change to peacekeeping, and even hosting the 2016 Olympics. But some of Brazil’s trickiest problems — deep divisions over how to tackle serious income inequality, weak civic institutions and poor regional leadership — have held it back.

## Join Us for Second Thursday Happy Hour



**December 11, 2014, 4:30-6 p.m.**

***Bacco Trattoria and Mozzarella Bar***

**1200 Yarmouth Avenue (Broadway and Yarmouth in North Boulder)**

**January 8, 2015, 4:30-6 p.m.**

***Drake's Haus, 2900 Baseline, Boulder (directly West of McDonald's)***

### Upcoming AAUW Events - Mark Your Calendar

December 7 - *AAUW Boulder's Holiday Brunch & Fund Raiser for AAUW Funds*

February 7 – *Public Policy Day*, Marriott Hotel, 10345 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO

February 28 - *EYH*, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the University of Colorado Engineering Center

April 24 & 25 – *AAUW Colorado State Convention*, Hilton Hotel, Fort Collins, CO

June 18-21 – *AAUW National Convention*, The Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, San Diego, CA

### AAUW Boulder Branch Officers

President - Sarah Behm, 720-635-8201, [drsar@yahoo.com](mailto:drsar@yahoo.com)

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# AAUW Boulder Interest Groups & Contact Persons 2014-2015

To belong to an interest group, except Great Decisions, individuals need to be a member of AAUW Boulder

<p><b>Great Decisions</b> Ann McNulty <a href="mailto:ann_mcnulty@msn.com">ann_mcnulty@msn.com</a>, 303-772-0964 Arlene Blewitt <a href="mailto:arleneblewitt@hotmail.com">arleneblewitt@hotmail.com</a>, 303-440-0878</p>	<p>Meets January-April at the George Reynolds Library (on Table Mesa) <b>every other Tuesday at 10 a.m.</b> Topics are chosen by Great Decisions. See article page 4.</p>
<p><b>La Cuisine</b> Sara Cote <a href="mailto:saraccote@gmail.com">saraccote@gmail.com</a>, 303-440-4152</p>	<p>Meets the <b>second Saturday of the month at 6:30 p.m.</b> in members' homes.</p>
<p><b>Third Tuesday Women's Bridge</b> Alice Allen <a href="mailto:alicedon7@comcast.net">alicedon7@comcast.net</a>, 303-494-8050</p>	<p>September – Meets the <b>third Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Carillon for lunch and bridge.</b></p>
<p><b>Mahjong</b> Susan Jones <a href="mailto:smjonesinco@gmail.com">smjonesinco@gmail.com</a>, 720-587-9995</p>	<p>Meets in members' homes at <b>7 p.m.</b> on dates chosen by members. Contact Susan for the schedule.</p>
<p><b>Playgoers</b> Jennie Grishem <a href="mailto:jennig43@q.com">jennig43@q.com</a>, 303-443-6194</p>	<p>Cosi Fan Tutte, Sunday, March 15, 2015, 2 p.m., Macky Auditorium  L'incoronazione de Poppea, Sunday, April 26, 2015, 2 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Sunday Night Non-Fiction Book Group</b> Beth Rauch <a href="mailto:etrauch@comcast.net">etrauch@comcast.net</a>, 303-442-2704</p>	<p>Meets the <b>second Sunday of the month at 7 p.m.</b> in members' homes. Book selections for 2014-15:</p> <p>1/11/15- <i>Ninety Percent of Everything: Inside Shipping, the Invisible Industry that Puts Clothes on Your Back, Gas in Your Car, and Food on Your Table</i> by Rose George</p> <p>2/8/15- <i>Balance: The Economics of Great Powers from Ancient Rome to Modern America</i> by Glenn Hubbard and Tim Kane</p> <p>3/8/15- <i>George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring that Saved the American Revolution</i> by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger</p>
<p><b>Wednesday "Bookies" Group</b> Bonnie Darnell <a href="mailto:bonhdar@gmail.com">bonhdar@gmail.com</a>, 720-278-6248</p>	<p>Meets the <b>third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.</b> in members' homes. Book selections for 2014-15:</p> <p>12/17/14- <i>The Shadow Girls</i> by Henning Mankell</p> <p>1/21/15- <i>Life After Life</i> by Kate Atkinson</p> <p>2/18/15- <i>Americanah</i> by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</p>