AAUW Boulder Branch Bulletin

January 2017





Come and Meet Our 2016-17 Brown-Ricketts-Udick Scholarship Recipients

Saturday, January 21, 10:30 a.m.

Boulder Public Library - Meadows Branch 4800 Baseline Road, Boulder 80303

Heather Hava - Aerospace Engineering Science PhD Candidate. Human survival on Earth, Mars, or other planets will require food to be grown on the planet. The SmartPOT Powered by AgQ is being tested and refined for Earth applications today to achieve this interplanetary goal. SPOT is a self-monitored, automated growth chamber backed by an artificial intelligence system. These work together to automatically monitor, alert, diagnose, and predict data trends – improving yields and optimizing the plant and human's health. To broccoli and beyond. . .





Emily Matula - Bioastronautics (or human spaceflight) PhD Candidate. Her research focuses on using algae to turn human carbon dioxide into oxygen and use the algae water for thermal control (think algae-based air conditioning system) so that we can take our kind further into space.

Katia Tarasava - Materials Science PhD Candidate with an adjunct certificate in Interdisciplinary Quantitative Biology. Her work in focused on engineering bacteria to make biodegradable plastics from sugar.



Hear about their journeys and their studies.

Questions are encouraged!

Message from Marilyn

by President Marilyn Thomas Leist, Ed.D



Happy New Year to each of you AAUW Boulder Members! Edith Lovejoy Pierce offered a challenge when she wrote, "We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." How will AAUW Boulder contribute to the fulfillment of the AAUW's mission of "Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research" in 2017?

- On February 25th, we will hold our **23rd Expanding Your Horizons** workshops for middle school girls at the University of Colorado where we will introduce girls to the exciting science, technology, engineering, and math careers.
- We will celebrate our **90th anniversary** at NCAR on April 22nd by sharing stories of how AAUW Boulder has made a difference for women and girls.
- We will continue to provide social and educational opportunities for women through our book groups, Great Decisions program, and participation in the Colorado AAUW Public Policy Day (see pages 6 and 7 for more information and the registration form.)
- On January 21st, we will support our **Brown-Ricketts-Udick scholarship awardees** for 2016-2017 by listening to their research and presenting them with the second half of their scholarship.
- We shall have a fundraiser during which the community can help contribute to the AAUW Foundation.
- We will also begin to study one of AAUW's priorities, **Pay Equity**, and determine how we can take action to ensure pay equity for all!

So we have already begun to put words on our 2017 book of Opportunity indicating ways in which we will once again use advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research to advance equity for women and girls!! I am so glad to be on this journey with each of you.

Joint Meeting and Salad Luncheon with Longmont Branch



March 11, 2017

Lafayette Public Library 775 West Baseline Road Lafayette, 80026

Mark Your Calendar!

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AAUW Boulder Meeting-Brown/Ricketts/Udick recipients -Meadows Library-January 21, 2017, 10:30 am

AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day – Lone Tree, CO – February 4, 2017

AAUW Boulder Expanding Your Horizons – CU Boulder Engineering Building – February 25, 2017

AAUW Boulder Annual Meeting Salad Luncheon – Lafayette Library – March 11, 2017, 11:30 am-1:30 pm

AAUW BOULDER'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION-NCAR'S Beautiful Damon Room-April 22, 2017

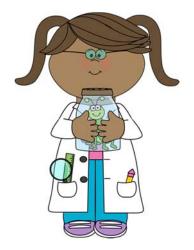
AAUW Colorado State Convention - The Antlers Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO - April 28-29, 2017

AAUW Boulder Picnic and Planning Meeting - June 3, 2017

AAUW National Convention - Washington, DC - June 14-17, 2017

Expanding Your Horizons

EYH, AAUW Boulder Branch's community project, is a hands-on workshop for Middle School girls, providing them the opportunity to explore many and varied careers available in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)



February 25, 2017, 10 am-2 pm CU Engineering Center

We need **YOU** to volunteer to help

We will need many volunteers on that day.

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator

Tess Eidem (tess.eidem@gmail.com)
and volunteer, or say "YES" when you are called.

Sponsor a Student for Expanding Your Horizon

About one third of the girls are on scholarship. We've attracted Middle School girls from throughout the Front Range. Many of the girls have never been on a college campus and would love to attend EYH, but do not have the funds. You can support this effort by sponsoring a Middle School girl for EYH for a cost of \$40 per girl. If you would like to sponsor a girl, please complete this form and make your check payable to AAUW Boulder, write "EYH Sponsor" in the memo line, and send it to: *Mary Hassler*, 4230 Corriente Place, Boulder 80301-1629.

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Meet New Member Kathy Olivier

Kathy Olivier joined AAUW Boulder at the Fall Membership Meeting and she hit the ground running! When President Marilyn Leist asked her to be Branch Secretary, Kathy said "YES." We are so lucky to have her as a branch officer. This is Kathy's first venture into AAUW. Her sister-in-law sold Kathy on AAUW and its many meaningful causes.

Kathy moved to Boulder after living in Cleveland for 29 years. She has lived in Boulder for the past year and she loves it!

Kathy has worked in the IT field for the past 34 years. She has seen and been part of many changes. AND, Kathy is putting her professional skills to work in another key area – she is our new Website Manager. She is working with AAUW National to update the branch website and make it more useful and user-friendly.

In her spare time, Kathy enjoys biking, cooking, gardening, reading, and puzzles.

Please make a point of introducing yourself to Kathy at a future meeting and welcoming her to the Boulder Branch.

The Women's Collaborative of Boulder



AAUW Boulder is part of the Women's Collaborative of Boulder County, along with other groups including Zonta and the League of Women Voters. President Marilyn Leist and Financial Officer Mary Hassler have been attending the meetings of this newly-formed group. Its purpose is to share common goals and to discuss ways that the group can work together on projects of interest. The Women's Collaborative meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 11:30 am -1 pm. The next meeting is January 26 at the Main Library.

The following link is to a UN video shown by the Women's Collaborative on December 31, 2016.

https://www.facebook.com/Womens-Collaborative-of-Boulder-County-1760846267469045/

Please contact Mary Hassler, <u>maryh2@netcom.com</u>, or Marilyn Leist, <u>marilynleist42@gmail.com</u>, if you would like to attend one or more of the Women's Collaborative meetings.

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AAUW Boulder Interest Groups & Contact Persons 2016-17

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

Great Decisions Arlene Blewitt arleneblewitt@hotmail.com, 303-570-8804 Diane Edes dianeE229@gmail.com, 303-465-3272	Meets January-April, 2017, at the George Reynolds Library (on Table Mesa) every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. Topics, chosen by Great Decisions for 2017 are: 1/10/17-The Future of Europe 1/24/17-Trade and Politics 2/7/17-Conflict in the South China Sea 2/21/17-Saudi Arabia in Transition 3/7/17-U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum 3/21/17-Latin America's Political Pendulum 4/4/17-Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan 4/18/17-Nuclear Security		
La Cuisine Sara Cote saraccote@gmail.com, 303-440-4152	Meets the third Saturday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in members' homes.		
Third Tuesday Women's Bridge Alice Allen alicedon7@comcast.net, 303-494-8050	Meets the third Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. -2 p.m. at the Carillon for lunch and bridge.		
Mahjong Susan Jones smjonesinco@gmail.com, 720-587-9995	Meets in members' homes at 7 p.m. on dates chosen by members. Contact Susan for the schedule.		
Playgoers Jennie Grisham jennig43@q.com, 303-443-6194 Georgeanne Beck gebeck112@gmail.com, 303-469-3187	Group attends the operas at CU and other local plays on Sunday afternoons during the year. Dinners following at local restaurants are optional.		
Sunday Night Non-Fiction Book Group Beth Rauch etrauch@comcast.net, 303-442-2704	Meets the second Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. in members' homes. The November book selection is: 1/8/17-The Great Surge by Steven Radelet 2/12/17-When Paris Went Dark by Robert C. Rosbottom		
Wednesday "Bookies" Group Mary McKeever mckeever7868@gmail.com, 303-823-6604	Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m . in members' homes. Upcoming book selections are: 1/18/17-Cannery Row by John Steinbeck 2/15/17-The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman		

AAUW: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day

February 4, 2017, 8:30 am – 2:15 pm

Advance Women's Health - Advocacy and Networking

Marriott Denver South Hotel 10325 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree 80124 303-925-0004

Featured Speakers: Vicki Cowart and Martha King

8:30 - 9:15 am	Registration and Networking			
9:15 - 9:30 am	Welcome and Announcements			
9:30 - 10:15 am	Effective Networking and Advocacy: Advancing the Cause			
	Martha King – National Conference of State Legislatures			
10:20 - 11:20 am	"First Inning" Stretch			
10:20 - 11:20 am	m KEYNOTE SPEECH			
	Women's Reproductive Health and Choice: The Lay of the Land			
	Vicki Cowart, Executive Director, Planned Parenthood of the Rockies			
11:20 - 11:30 am	"Second Inning" Stretch			
11:30 am – 12 noon	Lobby Corps Update			
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch and Announcements			
1:00 – 2:15 pm	Response Panel: Reproductive Health and Choice in Colorado			
	Gena Ozols - Political Director, NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado			
	Christina Aguilar – Executive Director, COLOR			
	Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights			
	Senator Beth Martinez Huminek – R-District 24 Adams County			
	Senator Andy Kerr – D-District 22 Jefferson County			

CALL TO ACTION and Adjournment

Lunch Menu: Garden salad with chicken breast, cookie, coffee, and iced tea

Register by Monday, January 16, 2017

Cost \$45 (includes registration and lunch – no breakfast is provided)

Current college students are eligible for Public Policy Day Registration Scholarships

OVERNIGHT RESERVATIONS: Reservations must be arranged individually with the Marriott Denver South no later than January 16, 2017 to receive the special group rate of \$109 (plus tax) for a standard guest room, single or double occupancy. The toll-free number for the Marriott Denver South reservation desk is 800-686-2767. Ask for the American Association of University Women's Block Rate.

ONLINE RESERVATIONS: http://bit.ly/PubPolDayHotel2017

No Refunds after January 23, 2017

Questions about registration or to request a college student scholarship, contact Diane Fuchs at 303-674-9639, hdfuchs@msn.com

Advance Women's Health 2017 AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day February 4, 2017

REGISTRATION

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To pay by check (payable to AAUW Colorado) Send completed registration to: Mary Hassler, 4230 Corriente Place, Boulder, CO 80302-1629

Register by Monday, January 16, 2017 - No refunds after January 23, 2017

To register online and credit card payment by PayPal: aauw-co.aauw.net

Please let us know if you don't want to be photographed