

September Membership Tea for Current & Future AAUW Members

*Renew AAUW friendships *Meet new and prospective members *Hear about upcoming programs *Sign up for Interest Groups



Guest Speaker Margaret Coel New York Times Best Selling Author Sunday, September 14, 2014 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Koenig Alumni Center 1202 University Avenue, Boulder (SE Corner of University & Broadway)

Colorado native and Boulder's own Margaret Coel is the *New York Times* best-selling author of the acclaimed Wind River mystery series set among the Arapahos on Wyoming's Wind River Reservation. Margaret's new book, *Night of the White Buffalo*, will be available for sale as will her other books and Margaret will sign your purchase.

Margaret's novels have received wide recognition. They have been on the bestseller lists of numerous newspapers, including the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Denver Post. The Spirit Woman* won both the Colorado Book Award and the Willa Cather Award for Best Novel of the West. It was also a finalist for the Western Writers of America prestigious Spur Award for Best Novel. *The Shadow Dancer* was also a winner of the Colorado Book Award.

Invite your friends to join you to hear Margaret's delightful stories that inspire her books.

Presidents' Message - Sarah Behm

I would like to welcome all new and renewing members, as well as the new board and committee chairs at the start of AAUW Boulder's new year.

August 21st and 22nd were auction days at Doris Hass's home. Auction items were available from the estate of late AAUW member **Jeannette George** and sale proceeds benefit AAUW Boulder's Brown/Ricketts/Udick grant fund for graduate women at CU Boulder. We netted \$500 for the fund and thanks to all who helped make this possible (I hope I got everyone on this list!): **Doris Hass, Margaret Hopper, Jennie Grisham, Dorothy Bustamante, Sarah Behm, Hope Steffens-Nett, Joyce Larsen, Mary Hassler,** and **Gerri Thomas** were on hand to help with the auction. If you missed the sale, there are still some things available, such as cut glass items and a large nativity set. Please call Doris Hass to view these, and other, auction items.

Have you participated in any interest groups as a member of AAUW Boulder? If so, please note that Playgoers is on a temporary hiatus. If you'd like to be the chair of Playgoers, or start a new interest group, contact Sarah Behm or any board member and we'll make sure the word gets out. Also, this gentle reminder: *to belong to an interest group, except Great Decisions, individuals need to be a member of the AAUW Boulder branch*.

While the social aspect of belonging to AAUW appeals to many, please don't forget AAUW's mission: *AAUW advances equity for women and girls through Research, Education, Advocacy, and Philanthropy*. Past and present board members work tirelessly behind the scenes to bring you the various programs which align with this mission statement. We realize that members are engaged in many activities outside of AAUW as well, but if you have a free hour or two here and there, our board members and committee chairs could use a hand doing their administrative tasks. Please call Sarah Behm or any board member/committee chair to see how you can be of service.

Reach out to your friends, relatives, and colleagues about AAUW. We always welcome and encourage members to bring guests and ride-share when attending branch events. Please call or email me or other board members should you need a lift. I'd be happy to pick up anyone who lives in north Boulder.

October Meeting – Steve Colby Discusses Election Issues



Saturday, October 18, 2014, 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon The Community Room of Alfalfa's Market

Southwest corner of 11th and Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder 80302

Parking for this event is in the Main Library Parking lot. Alfalfa's has asked that we not use Alfalfa's parking lot.

The community room is accessed from the parking lot of Alfalfa's and is located south of the main market entrance. Signs will be posted.

Refreshments can be purchased before or after the presentation in the adjoining market. Alfalfa's has an excellent selection of take out and beverages which can be brought to the meeting.

Our branch's own Steve Colby is back by popular demand. A retired economist and analyst for the State of Colorado, Steve will discuss the issues we will be voting on in November. and not just the issues we hear so much about in the media, but also the "quiet" issues that will appear on the ballot. This will be a non-partisan "translation" of the ballot issues. Members, friends, and spouses are welome to attend. Be an informed voter. Invite a friend.

Fall Leadership Conference September 5 & 6 in Vail

Registration is now closed for the Fall Leadership Conference. Look to future newslettters for details on decisions made at this meeting. **Sarah Behm**, **Mary Hassler**, **Laurel Seppala-Etra**, **Jeane Lindeke**, and **Linda Groth** will attend from the Boulder Branch.

Meet our New Member

Jill Geissler was born in Southampton, England and attended St. Loyes School of Occupational Therapy. She immigrated to North Carolina, working in Chapel Hill, where she met her husband, Paul. Moving to Maryland, she got an MA from Trinity University (DC). After retiring, she moved to Lafayette to be close to her daughter and her family, including two granddaughters, ages 12 and 15. She is active in her church choir and the Red Hat Society, and she enjoys traveling and reading. She became involved in AAUW after attending Great Decisions.

Update on Elaine Bush

Our long-time member, **Elaine Bush**, is in hospice. While she gets regular visits from family, she would love for her AAUW family to visit as well. You are welcome to drop in unannounced between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or you may call her at her direct line, 303-357-3408. Please let the phone ring for a bit longer than usual, as it takes her some time to answer it. She's in **Room 205** at:

Manor Care Health Services-Boulder 2800 Palo Pkwy Boulder, CO 80301

Nominations for AAUW Colorado Positions

AAUW Boulder President Sarah Behm is state nominating committee chair. She would like to invite anyone in the branch interested in holding a state position to contact her, <u>drsar@yahoo.com</u>. Positions currently open include: *President-Elect, Program Co-Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Public Policy Co-Director, and Secretary.* Her committee is especially interested in those who have held branch positions in the past, but they will happily consider anyone whose expertise fits the position for which they're applying.



Second Thursday Happy Hours September 11, 4:30-6 p.m. October 9, 4:30-6 p.m. Bacco Trattoria and Mozzarella Bar 1200 Yarmouth Avenue (Broadway and Yarmouth in North Boulder)

Bacco serves a large variety of tapas. **Come and get acquainted with other members in an informal setting**. Questions? Contact Membership Co-VP Hope Steffens-Nett, <u>gnw1942@comcast.net</u>, or Patty Ludke, <u>pattycake.21@juno.com</u>.

Please plan to join us

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

Looking for New Contact Person for Playgoers Interest Group

Playgoers, a popular interest group of members that attended area plays together and went out for dinner after is looking for a new chairperson. If you'd like to chair the Playgoers Interest Group, contact Sarah Behm, <u>drsar@yahoo.com</u>, or any board member and we'll make sure the word gets out. Also, if you have an idea for a new interest group, please contact a board member so we can give you the assistance you need.

AAUW Boulder Interest Groups & Contact Persons 2014-2015

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| Great Decisions Ann McNulty <u>ann_mcnulty@msn.com</u> , 303-772-0964 Arlene Blewitt <u>arleneblewitt@hotmail.com,</u> 303-440-0878 | Meets January-April at the George Reynolds Library (in Table Mesa) every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. Topics chosen by Great Decisions order discussion booklet (\$20), contact Arlene Blewitt. |
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| La Cuisine Sara Cote <u>saraccote@gmail.com</u> , 303-440-4152 | Meets the second Saturday of the month at 6:30 p.m . in members' homes. |
| Third Tuesday Women's Bridge Alice Allen <u>alicedon7@comcast.net,</u> 303-494-8050 | September – Will meet the third Tuesday of the month from 1 - 3 p.m . in member's home. Starting in October, will meet 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Carillon for lunch and bridge . |
| Mahjong Susan Jones <u>smjonesinco@gmail.com,</u> 720-587-9995 | Meets in members' homes at 7 p.m. on dates chosen by members. Contact Susan for the schedule. |
| 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. Book selections for 2014-15: 9/14/14- <i>The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of</i> |
| | America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson |
| | 10/12/14- TBA |
| | 11/9/14- <i>The Brothers: John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles, and</i> <i>Their Secret World War</i> by Stephen Kinzer |
| Wednesday "Bookies" Group Bonnie Darnell <u>bonhdar@gmail.com,</u> 720-278-6248 | Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m . in members' homes. Book selections for 2014-15: |
| | 9/17/14- <i>The Tortilla Curtain</i> by T. C. Boyle |
| | 10/15/14- <i>Who Would Have Thought It?</i> By Maria Amparo Ruiz De Burton |
| | 11/19/14- <i>Jane Eyre</i> by Charlotte Bronte |

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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.