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A Message from Marilyn - *Creating New Beginnings while Honoring our Past* by AAUW Boulder President Marilyn Thomas Leist



Culture of New Beginnings

Sandwiched between feelings and emotions are rhythms of our lives, regulating what we do and how we react to situations.

Living in the disassociation of human beings towards their inner universes, knowing that they don't alter their attitudes or opinions towards anything.

Welcoming and participating in a culture of new beginnings and endings, totally appeals to intellect and my mind.

Watching how things sway us one way or another, being enthralled with what people do in different situations and environments.

by RoseAnn V. Shawiak

How do we define the culture of Boulder AAUW? What are our customary **beliefs** and **social forms**? What are the **characteristic features** of everyday lives shared by members in today's place and time? What are our **shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices** that characterize Boulder AAUW?

I would venture to say that we share a **belief** in the value of education, the importance of social interaction and connection with like-minded people, and the importance of traditional ways of being in world. From my perspective, the **characteristic features** of everyday life shared by members can be seen in the way we practice engaging in community learning as we participate in book, cuisine, bridge, and playgoing groups.

In the areas of **shared attitudes, goals, and practices**, we are, as RoseAnn Shawiak says in her poem, welcoming and participating in new beginnings. As we, once again, become activists for change in our community while at the same time continuing to use education as the vehicle for producing that change. While we continue our 24-year tradition of engaging Middle School girls in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through the Expanding Your Horizon program, we are also ensuring that women at the University of Colorado and women of Boulder understand how to negotiate salaries, promotions, and raises. While we continue to have some programs during the year, we are interspersing them with Happy Hours at local Boulder restaurants, and while we used to be largely internally focused, we are now reaching out to everyone with a passion for our mission using technology.

And so my take is we are combining the best of both worlds, that of creating new beginnings while at the same time, honoring our past.

I wish each of you a holiday season filled with everything that makes you happy. Each of you is an important cog in the wheel of Boulder AAUW and I am blessed to be your leader.

Visit to the Denver Art Museum



Saturday, January 6, 2018, 1 p.m.

EXHIBITION: HER PARIS

Women Artists in the Age of Impressionism

See remarkable works created by women in Paris from 1850 to 1900, a time of great social, cultural, and artistic change.

Tickets: \$24 each or \$12 for members

Please purchase your own ticket. You may use the website below:

<https://denverartmuseum.org/visitor-info/ticket-information>

We will meet at the parking lot just east of Nothing Bundt Cakes (the old Talbot's building) at Arapahoe and 28th at 11:15 a.m. and will leave Boulder promptly at 11:30 a.m., carpooling to Denver to ensure we get there on time. We

will need drivers. Please RSVP to Patty Ludke (pattycake.21@juno.com/303-440-9590) by January 2nd to let her know that you will be joining us. Also, please let her know if you will be willing to drive.

Wednesdays, **Wine**, and Women's Issues

Happy Hour

January 10, 2018 - 5 pm,



St Julien Hotel

900 Walnut Street, Boulder 80302

**Plan to join us and bring your friends
to enjoy stimulating conversation
at the beautiful St. Julien Hotel (AND the
holiday decorations should still be up)**

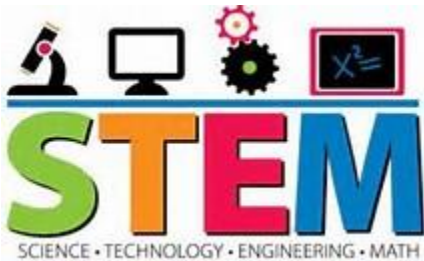
February's Happy Hour will be at Murphy's, 2731 Iris Avenue, Boulder 80304

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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 24, 2018, 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
Marilyn Leist (marilynleist42@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 Boulder AAUW, write "EYH Sponsor" in the memo line, and send it to: *Mary Hassler, 4230 Corriente Place, Boulder 80301-1629.*

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My name as I would like it to appear in the EYH Program (or in honor of): _____

I would like to support EYH 2017 by sponsoring _____ girl(s) at \$40 each for a total of \$_____ or
\$_____ other amount

Please check this box if you do not want your name listed in the program.

Public Policy

EVERY Member Needs to Be Involved in Advocacy

by Betty Flaten, Public Policy Chair

As I approach a milestone birthday I began to reflect on many years of advocating for AAUW issues, I was sure that by now:

- The ERA would be National law.
- Women would have achieved equal pay with men for equal work.
- Reproductive choice would be a non-issue.
- Women, minorities, the LBGT community, and other discriminated groups would no longer fear discrimination and hatred.
- The OWBC (figure it out) would have become enlightened.

Instead, I continue to put on my various advocacy hats, send emails, make phone calls, write letters, participate in marches, and DONATE to AAUW causes,

I'm also aware in the current political climate, how important it is for each AAUW member to be an advocate for women, children, and humanity. The unrelenting verbal attacks on women in general have reached a new low that we wouldn't have dreamed of a decade ago. While women feel empowered to speak out against sexual harassment they are only believed by 50% of our citizens. Other pertinent issues are being ignored. All AAUW members must continue to champion the cause.

It is a continuing challenge to women in my age group (yes, the Medicare age). We have been there, done that, yet we are not close to being finished. We must advocate for our daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and those who will be making our "end of life" decisions.

To keep you informed and involved whether you are 25, 45, 65, or older there will be information about lobbying for Colorado AAUW issues in the January Boulder Branch Newsletter. You will learn how to stay informed about legislation, engage in electronic and phone lobbying, and be given contact information for your state legislators.

Right now, you can advocate for AAUW on the federal level. Take some time this month to log on to **AAUW.org** with your member number and password. Once in the **Member Center** go to the AAUW tab on the left side of your screen. On the topic line of "**What We Do**" click on "**Public Policy**," there is information on becoming a **Two-Minute Activist**, subscribing to the weekly electronic newsletter, **Washington Update**, and other resources that cover issues, research papers, and how to secure additional information.

If you have any problems logging on or questions about the information do not hesitate to contact me at bflaten@rimail.net. Think about becoming an armchair lobbyist for AAUW Colorado during the coming legislative session. If interested contact me at the above email address.

AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day
“Human Trafficking — It’s Closer Than You Think,”

Saturday, February 3, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Golden Hotel
800 11th Street
Golden, CO 80401



Cost: \$45 (includes registration and lunch)

“Human Trafficking 101” five-part training session will be lead by Maria Trujillo and Christian Gardner-Wood of the Colorado Human Trafficking Council, Colorado Department of Public Safety. Also, a bipartisan state legislative panel, plus an overview of 2017 state bills affecting equity for Colorado women and girls will be presented. Conference registration deadline: January 15. Lodging reservation deadline: January 3. Go to <https://aauw-co.aauw.net/advocacy/registration/> for an online registration form.

College students are eligible for Public Policy Day registration scholarships. Please contact Lindy Reed at mkhreed@comcast.net for more info.

Mark Your Calendar

AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day – Golden Hotel, Golden, CO – February 3, 2018
AAUW Boulder Expanding Your Horizons – CU Boulder Engineering Building – February 24, 2018
AAUW Colorado State Convention – Hilton Garden Inn, Highlands Ranch, CO – April 27-28, 2018
AAUW Regional Convention – Salt Lake City, UT - June 22-24, 2018

AAUW’s Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

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.

Meet our New Members

Linda Sollars. Linda owns a career consulting business, Creating Purpose, LLC, working with individuals in transition. She is a affiliate professor at Regis University, teaching Psychology, Psychology, Social Psychology, and career development. She also teaches a certification course for those in career development from higher education, K – 12, nonprofits, and government.

Linda has a BA in Communication and a MA in Adult Development from Regis University, and a MA in Creative Writing from the University of Denver. She also holds certifications in Organizational Leadership and Global Career Development.

Her interests outside of work include scuba diving, traveling, reading, and practicing tai chi, qigong, Nia, and mindfulness. She attended her first Bookies meeting in November and is interested in joining Great Decisions.

Linda Sollars, 2352 Beech Court, Golden, CO 80401-2254;

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Carrie Nolting. One year ago, Carrie and her husband, Tom, moved to Boulder from South Burlington, VT, where they had lived for 12 years. Carrie grew up in NY, went to school in NH, and graduated from the University of Vermont. They are joining their middle son, who lives and works in Boulder.

Carrie is a new member of AAUW and has been a long-time supporter of women empowerment, equal rights, and gender pay equity. Now that her three sons are grown (oldest teaches 6th grade science in NY and youngest attends Dartmouth), she is ready to be more actively involved in supporting women's organizations and causes.

For 15 years Carrie worked in finance in Boston as a Jr Analyst at Endowment Management & Research, an Account Executive at OneSource Information Services (Lotus), Cambridge, MA, and Northeast Regional Manager at Zacks Investment Research headquartered in Chicago. While in Boston she was a member of the Women in Business, Boston Investment Group.

Carrie and her family love outdoor activities and have many interests including skiing, hiking, travel, music, arts, politics, cooking, wine tasting, and especially trail walking with their Cairn Terrier, Sebastain (Seb). They are currently building a house in Longmont with a great view of the Rockies and are excited to move in at the end of May!

Carrie Nolting, 921 7th Street, Boulder, CO 80302-7101

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Ranelle Randles. Ranelle moved to Boulder from Houston, TX, about one year ago. She has also lived in Louisiana, Chicago, and the Netherlands. She attended Louisiana Tech University.

Ranelle is a new member of AAUW. She was drawn to AAUW's mission of working to create equity for women and girls.

Ranelle had had a wonderful, interesting career in the oil and gas business. She loved working globally and with people from all over the world. She now enjoys walking and hiking, making jewelry (a new hobby), traveling, and volunteer work.

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Welcome to AAUW Boulder, Linda, Carrie, and Ranelle!

AAUW Boulder Interest Groups & Contact Persons 2017-18

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

<p>Great Decisions Diane Edes dianeE229@gmail.com, 303-465-3272 Arlene Blewitt arleneblewitt@hotmail.com, 303-570-8804</p>	<p>Will meet January-April, 2018, at the George Reynolds Library (on Table Mesa) every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. Topics for 2018 are: 1/9-The waning of Pax Americana? 1/23-Russia's foreign policy 2/6-China and America: the new geopolitical equation 2/20-Media and foreign policy 3/6-Turkey: a partner in crisis 3/20-U.S. global engagement and the military 4/3-South Africa's fragile democracy 4/17-Global health: progress and challenges</p>
<p>La Cuisine Joyce Spencer jjandbobs@msn.com, 303-325-5394</p>	<p>Meets the third Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in members' homes. This group is now full because homes cannot accommodate more attendees. A wait list has been established.</p>
<p>Third Tuesday Women's Bridge Alice Allen alicedon7@comcast.net, 303-494-8050</p>	<p>Meets the third Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Carillon for lunch and bridge.</p>
<p>Mahjong Eileen Koch es.koch@comcast.net, 720-238-0006</p>	<p>Meets in members' homes at 7 p.m. on dates chosen by members. Contact Eileen for the schedule.</p>
<p>Playgoers Jennie Grisham jennig43@q.com, 303-443-6194 Georgeanne Beck gebeck112@q.com, 303-469-3187</p>	<p>Group attends the operas at CU and other local plays on Sunday afternoons during the year. Dinners following at local restaurants are optional.</p>
<p>Sunday Night Non-Fiction Book Group Beth Rauch etrauch@comcast.net, 303-442-2704</p>	<p>Meets the second Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. in members' homes. Upcoming book selections are: 1/14/18- <i>How the Post Office Created America: A History</i> by Winifred Gallagher 2/11/18-<i>The Wright Brothers</i> by David McCullough</p>
<p>Wednesday "Bookies" Group Mary McKeever mckeeper7868@gmail.com, 303-823-6604</p>	<p>Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in members' homes. Upcoming book selections are: 12/13/17-Holiday Book Exchange 1/17/18-<i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i> by Amor Towles 2/21/18-<i>Moonglow</i> by Michael Chabon</p>
<p>Daytime Non-Fiction Book Group Helen Holden heleninco@comcast.net, 303-828-3016</p>	<p>Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in members' homes. Upcoming book selection is: 1/3/18-<i>The Road to Character</i> by David Brooks</p>

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