

Wednesdays, Wine, and Women's Issues



Happy Hour

January 10, 2018 - 5 p.m.

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 5 p.m. on February 7, 2018 at Murphy's North, 2731 Iris Avenue, Boulder 80304



Expanding Your Horizons

EYH, a community project of AAUW Boulder, 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
Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Marilyn Leist
(marilynleist42@gmail.com) and volunteer

Consider Sponsoring a Student for Expanding Your Horizon

About one third of the girls are on scholarship. 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.

A Message from Marilyn - by AAUW Boulder President Marilyn Thomas Leist



2018 New Year's Resolutions for AAUW Boulder

Happy New Year! We accomplished a lot in 2017, most notably raising sufficient funds to move forward with several Work Smart workshops, signing the contract with the University of Colorado to conduct three years of Start Smart workshops on campus, celebrating our 90th anniversary, and holding our 23rd annual Expanding Your Horizon's workshop! Thank you to all of you who contributed to our success. I look forward to another productive year!

Now, having created some resolutions for myself, I thought it might be interesting to see how that age-old task might apply to AAUW Boulder. Following are some of my ideas which focus on the concept of AAUW Boulder as a viable not-for-profit organization committed to making a difference for women and girls. Do you have additional ideas? Would you change or delete any of the resolutions?

Advance equity for women and girls by:

- Helping women and girls understand and unleash their limitless potential through membership in AAUW Boulder and participation in AAUW Boulder sponsored events and activities.
- Continuing to collaborate with passionate, talented, and motivated people to impact social change, particularly in the areas of STEM education and careers and pay equity.
- Identifying and inspiring organizational practices which establish long-term financial and program sustainability.
- Continuing to be intentional in identifying meaningful ways for our members and stakeholders to engage in our success that both aligns with their philanthropic goals as well as the advancement of our organization. Bringing the impact of our work to life for our donors.

Melody Beattie wrote, "The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals."

In March, we, as an organization, will have an opportunity to translate these resolutions, and others you may contribute, into goals for the 2018-2019 year. Stay tuned for more information as we prepare for our all-member planning session. Collectively, we will write the story of AAUW Boulder as we identify our goals for the next year.

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.

AAUW Public Policy Update Prior to 2018 General Assembly

The Colorado General Assembly will convene on January 10, 2018 and adjourn May 10, 2018. Within that timeframe the state Senate and House of Representatives will introduce, consider, reject, or pass into law bills that will affect the lives of AAUW members. **It is in your best interest to be informed about legislation that our Public Policy team will be watching during the session.**

The February 3, 2018 AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day at the Golden Hotel will give specific background on the legislative session and AAUW's role in supporting, opposing, or monitoring bills. Registration is due by January 15 so make sure you check the winter issue of the state bulletin and sign up to attend (also, see the article on the following page.)

(Keep the following list as reference when contacted by the branch to lobby legislators about a particular bill.)

These Senators and Representatives represent portions or the whole of Boulder County.

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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

International Women's Day – A View of the World – March 8, 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 Holiday Party 2018 – A View of the World – 5-9 p.m. on December 1, 2018

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. 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.*



Branch Financial Report

Income Expense Report, January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

Income

Donation	\$ 75.00	
Donations-Work Smart	3,455.41	
Dues	1,563.65	
Holiday Event	2,870.00	
Transfer for 501(c)(3)	6,372.13	
Total Income		\$14,336.19

Expenses

	\$ (8,966.00)	
Business	(2,000.00)	
Contributions to AAUW National	(2,380.00)	
Dues to National and State	(2,065.00)	
Holiday Event Expenses	(1,889.00)	
Insurance	(337.00)	
Program	(295.00)	
Total Expenses		\$ (8,966.00)

Net Income

\$ 5,370.19

Holiday Party	Reservations paid by check/cash - 28, online – 54	\$2870.00
	Auction/donations/raffle	\$3455.41
	Expenses	(\$2712.10)
	Net Proceeds	\$3613.81

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AAUW Boulder Board Members Needed

We need the following board positions filled: **a volunteer coordinator** (to coordinate our community and CU volunteers, and to start a student chapter of AAUW at CU); **a PR co-chair** to help Lindsey Sachs with social media marketing and maintenance and related PR tasks; and **a membership co-chair** to help recruit new members. This is a good way for new members to get involved with AAUW Boulder. **Please contact Marilyn Leist, marilynleist42@gmail.com, to volunteer or if you have questions.**

Planning Has Started for 2018 Holiday Party

The 2018 Holiday Party will be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 5-9 p.m. at A View of the World Gallery**. As you know, the success of this event takes extensive planning. **We encourage members to start working on collecting silent auction items now**. If members could keep this in mind as they visit local businesses throughout the year, this would be a big help. Also, large companies like Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Cinemark Movies, etc. require donation requests at the beginning of the year. If members would like to join the holiday party planning committee, we could use the help. This is a great way for the new members to get involved in AAUW, and if they're new to Boulder, it is a good way to get out in the community and learn about local businesses.

Congratulations to Lindsey Sachs



Passionate for not only women's equity but local and international service, AAUW Boulder member Lindsey Sachs is involved in two Boulder-based organizations outside of AAUW and has recently been selected to serve on their Board of Directors. As the new Events Chair of the Boulder Chamber Young Professionals (BYP), Lindsey will help drive participation and engagement among BYP events to cultivate meaningful networking opportunities for young professionals. She was also one of eight individuals nominated and then selected for one of four incoming Board of Director positions at the Boulder Rotary Club with a membership base close to 250. Lindsey will be one of three women on a Board of eight. **Congratulations, Lindsey!**

Are You Ready for Great Decisions 2018?

Great Decisions meets January-April, 2018, at the George Reynolds Library, 3595 Table Mesa Dr., Boulder 80305, at **10 a.m.** Attendees who did not preorder their book can order it at http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_materials. Contact Arlene Blewitt at arlene@hotmail.com if you have questions. Topics and dates for 2018 are:

January 9, 2018 **The waning of Pax Americana?** *By Carla Norrlof*

During the first months of Donald Trump's presidency, the U.S. began a historic shift away from Pax Americana, the liberal international order that was established in the wake of World War II. Since 1945, Pax Americana has promised peaceful international relations and an open economy, buttressed by U.S. military power. In championing "America First" isolationism and protectionism, President Trump has shifted the political mood toward selective U.S. engagement, where foreign commitments are limited to areas of vital U.S. interest and economic nationalism is the order of the day. Geopolitical allies and challengers alike are paying close attention.

January 23, 2018 **Russia's foreign policy** *By Allen C. Lynch*

Under President Vladimir Putin, Russia is projecting an autocratic model of governance abroad and working to undermine the influence of liberal democracies, namely along Russia's historical borderlands. Russia caused an international uproar in 2016, when it interfered in the U.S. presidential contest. But Putin's foreign policy toolkit includes other instruments, from alliances with autocrats to proxy wars with the U.S. in Georgia, Ukraine and Syria. How does Putin conceive of national interests, and why do Russian citizens support him? How should the United States respond to Putin's foreign policy ambitions?

February 6, 2018 **China and America: the new geopolitical equation** *By David M. Lampton*

In the last 15 years, China has implemented a wide-ranging strategy of economic outreach and expansion of all its national capacities, including military and diplomatic capacities. Where the United States has taken a step back from multilateral trade agreements and discarded the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), China has made inroads through efforts like the Belt and Road Initiative and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). What are Beijing's geopolitical objectives? What leadership and political conditions in each society underlie growing Sino-American tensions? What policies might Washington adopt to address this circumstance?

February 20, 2018 **Media and foreign policy** *By Susan Moeller*

State and non-state actors today must maneuver a complex and rapidly evolving media landscape. Conventional journalism now competes with user-generated content. Official channels of communication can be circumvented through social media. Foreign policy is tweeted from the White House and "fake news" has entered the zeitgeist. Cyberwarfare, hacking and misinformation pose complex security threats. How are actors using media to pursue and defend their interests in the international arena? What are the implications for U.S. policy?

March 6, 2018 **Turkey: a partner in crisis** *By Ömer Taşpınar*

Of all NATO allies, Turkey represents the most daunting challenge for the Trump administration. In the wake of a failed military coup in July 2016, the autocratic trend in Ankara took a turn for the worse. One year on, an overwhelming majority of the population considers the United States to be their country's greatest security threat. In this age of a worsening "clash of civilizations" between Islam and the West, even more important than its place on the map is what Turkey symbolically represents as the most institutionally Westernized Muslim country in the world.

March 20, 2018 **U.S. global engagement and the military** *By Gordon Adams*

The global power balance is rapidly evolving, leaving the United States at a turning point with respect to its level of engagement and the role of its military. Some argue for an "America First" paradigm, with a large military to ensure security, while others call for a more assertive posture overseas. Some advocate for a restoration of American multilateral leadership and a strengthened role for diplomacy. Still others envision a restrained U.S. role, involving a more limited military. How does the military function in today's international order, and how might it be balanced with diplomatic and foreign assistance capabilities?

April 3, 2018 **South Africa's fragile democracy** *By Sean Jacobs*

The African National Congress (ANC) party has governed South Africa since the end of apartheid in 1994. But the party today suffers from popular frustration over official corruption and economic stagnation. It faces growing threats from both left and right opposition parties, even as intraparty divisions surface. Given America's history of opportunistic engagement with Africa, there are few prospects for a closer relationship between the two countries. Meanwhile, a weaker ANC could lead to political fragmentation in this relatively new democracy.

April 17, 2018 **Global health: progress and challenges** *By Joshua Michaud*

The collective action of countries, communities and organizations over the last 30 years has literally saved millions of lives around the world. Yet terrible inequalities in health and wellbeing persist. The world now faces a mix of old and new health challenges, including the preventable deaths of mothers and children, continuing epidemics of infectious diseases, and rising rates of chronic disease. We also remain vulnerable to the emergence of new and deadly pandemics. For these reasons, the next several decades will be just as important—if not more so—than the last in determining wellbeing across nations.

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 mckeever7868@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: 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: 2/7/18-<i>Margaret Fuller: A New American Life</i> by Megan Marshall 3/3/18-<i>The Righteous Mind</i> by Jonathan Haidt</p>