

# Boulder AAUW Invites Current & Future AAUW Members and Guests to the Fall Kickoff Event



**Sunday, September 9  
2 - 4 p.m.**

**Koenig Alumni Center**

1202 University Avenue on the CU Campus (SE  
Corner of University and Broadway)

We are honored to have as our speaker Boulder AAUW member **K.C. Becker, Colorado State House Representative for the 13<sup>th</sup> District**. K.C. will describe her experience as a woman in politics and share some of the issues she has worked on in the House.



## Join us and bring your friends

*\*Renew AAUW friendships*

*\*Meet new and prospective members*

*\*Learn about upcoming programs*

*\*Sign up for Interest Groups*

*\*Meet our new scholarship recipients*

*\*Enjoy food and conversation*

# A Message from Marilyn by Boulder AAUW President Marilyn Thomas Leist, EdD

## Boulder AAUW's 2017-2018 Story

*“It’s easier to act your way into new ways of feeling than to feel yourself into new ways of acting.”* –Susan Glaser



Boulder AAUW took Susan Glaser’s quote to heart this year. We simply started acting!

- We began by celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, recognizing those who had gone before us, and the work they had accomplished.
- Then we started to host Meet Ups at the St. Julien Hotel, providing a forum for sharing the meaning of being an AAUW member.
- After collaborating with AAUW National and the Women’s Resource Center at the University of Colorado for several months, we finally paid for a 3-year contract to work with CU on presenting the AAUW Start Smart Program.
- During the year, we increased our membership by 31. Once we began to grow, we decided to host an auction as our Holiday Party. We raised \$3,300 designated for three AAUW Work Smart Programs.
- In the mean-time, six of our members became trained facilitators for the AAUW Start and Work Smart programs.
- As all of this was happening, we decided that we needed to be able to raise funds to support our AAUW mission driven program initiatives, so we applied for and obtained a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit status.
- To be positioned for the future work of the Branch, we also did some serious planning. We spent a day brainstorming and created our strategic and operational plans, including a newly defined organizational infrastructure and corresponding positions on the Board of Directors.

We are now positioned for success in 2018-2019 as we begin to “feel ourselves into new ways of acting.”

### Mark Your Calendar

AAUW Colorado Fall Leadership Conference - Holiday Inn, Lakewood, CO - August 24-25, 2018  
AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day – Holiday Inn, Lakewood, CO – February 2, 2018  
AAUW Colorado State Convention – Longmont, CO – April 26-27, 2018

## Coffee, Donuts and **Ballot Issues** at October Meeting



**Saturday, October 6, 2018**

**10 a.m. – 12 noon**

**Meadows Branch Library Meeting Room**

We are pleased to have speakers Steve Colby, retired economist and analyst for the State of Colorado, and Peggy Leech, President of the League of Women Voters Boulder County, discuss the issues we will vote on in November. This will be a non-partisan “translation” of the ballot issues and will not cover the election of persons on the ballot.

## Invigorating Conversations at Summer Happy Hour Meet-Ups



The summer Happy Hour Meet-ups at the beautiful St. Julien’s outdoor patio gave members the opportunity to “catch up” and to meet new and prospective members. Boulder Branch added several new members who learned about us through the Meet-ups. Plan to attend our next Happy Hour and be part of the fun!

## Wednesdays, **Wine**, and Women’s Issues



**Boulder AAUW’s  
Happy Hour  
September 12, 2018 – 5 p.m.**

**St. Julien Hotel  
900 Walnut Street,  
Boulder 80302**

**Be part of the stimulating conversation at the beautiful St. Julien Hotel. Bring your friends!**

# Boulder AAUW Can Help Fight Human Trafficking

*Simply put, human trafficking is a crime of severe control of one person by another through force, fraud, or coercion in exchange for some kind of labor or sex service.*



## Marilyn's Challenge to Members of Boulder AAUW

Human trafficking is prevalent in Colorado. Knowing that there are never enough resources to adequately handle every human trafficking victim compelled me to **ACTION!** Thus, I have enrolled in the **Justice Run** to make a small difference in the funds available to free people from slavery.

The Justice Run is a family-friendly event to raise money and awareness for human trafficking and its victims. We have something for everyone at the beautiful Hudson Gardens: 10K Run, 5K Run or Walk, and a 1K Kids Run.

*Register here: <https://www.thejusticerun.com/>*

*I challenge each of you to participate in the Justice Run on October 7, 2018 at Hudson Gardens to help raise money in support of those non-profits working to end Human Trafficking.*

## You Can Help COVA Assist Rescued Girls



The Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) helps rescued girls who have been freed from their traffickers. COVA struggles with budgetary restraints, as do many non-profit organizations. **The girls need personal items:** shampoo, conditioner, and body wash in both regular and travel size bottles; tampons and pads; tooth brushes, tooth paste, and mouthwash.

**We encourage members to bring an item to the general meetings, and for interest group members to bring an item to their interest group meetings. Contact Kathy Olivier, [katolivier@msn.com](mailto:katolivier@msn.com), for more information.**

### AAUW Boulder Officers

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## Public Policy Update

by Public Policy Co-chairs, Betty Flaten and Linda LaGanga

We are excited that Kathy Olivier has scheduled K. C. Becker, Majority Leader of the Colorado House of Representatives as the kick-off speaker for the Branch Meeting on September 9. All branch members are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting and hear K. C. talk about the nuts and bolts, and legislation at the State House. This is a real coup for our branch.

The following is a notification from AAUW National Grassroots Advisory Manager, Elizabeth Holden sent to all branch public policy chairs to share with their members.

“To All State and Branch Public Policy Chairs:

After careful consideration, AAUW has announced its opposition to the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U. S. Supreme Court. Review of his available record has made clear that Judge Kavanaugh holds positions that are fundamentally at odds with AAUW’s mission. I encourage you to read and share this statement from AAUW CEO, Kim Churches which outlines the criteria for AAUW’s position.

Let us be clear: this is an issue of policy, not party. AAUW *advocates* for the health, education, and economic security of all women and girls. Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated hostility to women’s right to access abortion, shown little support for workers’ rights, failed to support contraceptive healthcare coverage, argued against long-standing precedent prohibiting the use of public funds for religious activities, and has a record of limiting access to the ballot box. If continued, Judge Kavanaugh will have a say in women’s constitutional and civil rights for decades to come. We cannot support a nominee who will not uphold and protect our fundamental rights.”

**Constituent voices are vital to this fight.** More information on how members can play a role by sharing information, speaking out, and contacting your U. S. senators will be forthcoming.

(The above information is the position of National and does not mean that AAUW Colorado or any Colorado branch has taken a position on the nomination.)

### **Author Preethi Fernando Workshop**



**October 18, 2018**  
**12 noon – 1 p.m.**  
**Hampton by Hilton**  
**317 Exempla Circle**  
**Lafayette, Colorado 80026**

Former AAUW Fellow and the author of *17 Women Who Shook the World*, Preethi Fernando will present a free workshop, "Diversity and Inclusion in the Workforce". You are invited to attend.

You can watch her video on Leadership in Diversity: <https://youtu.be/mAJeXbKq5iU>



### Get Out the Vote

AAUW is dedicated to making sure every woman is registered and has all the information she needs to cast her vote.

### Voter Registration

A voter registration form is available at

<http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/VoterRegFormEnglish.pdf>. Voters may also register online at <http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/VoterHome.html> if they have a valid Colorado driver’s license or ID card. If you are already registered, please pass this information on to someone who is not yet registered. **Your vote Counts!**

## Bookies Select Books for the Year

Bookies met for their annual potluck and book selection on August 15<sup>th</sup> and selected the following books:



- September 19-*Underground Railroad*  
by Colson Whitehead
- October 17-*Little Fires Everywhere*  
by Celeste Ng
- November 14-*Manhattan Beach*  
by Jennifer Egan
- January 10-*Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman
- February 20-*Pachinko*  
by Min Jin Lee
- March 20-*Before We Were Yours*  
by Lisa Wingate
- April 17-*It Can’t Happen Here*  
by Upton Sinclair
- June 19-*Crazy Rich Asians*  
by Kevin Kwan

Bookies meets on the third Wednesday of the month (except for November and December this year due to conflicts with holidays) in members’ homes. You are welcome to join our discussions. For more information, please contact Mary McKeever at

[mckeever7868@gmail.com](mailto:mckeever7868@gmail.com).

# Boulder AAUW Welcomes Our New Members



**Rachel Anderson** moved to Boulder in January. She is originally from the San Francisco Bay area. Rachel is a new member of AAUW, however, she was the recipient of a scholarship to a science camp, the Tech Trek program, that was funded by AAUW! She has met many interesting women through AAUW Happy Hour Meet-ups and looks forward to giving back to such a supportive female community.

Rachel is a recent college graduate and is hoping to launch her career in the near future.

*Rachel Anderson, 2900 E. Aurora Ave, Apt.344, Boulder, CO 80303, [rachelanderson4@me.com](mailto:rachelanderson4@me.com), phone 925-212-4802, Mills College BA.*



**Lucy Repaci** moved to Boulder 14 years ago from the Washington DC area. Lucy is the daughter of Boulder AAUW member, Jill Geissler. She was drawn to AAUW through her mother's involvement.

Lucy works at Boulder Valley School District as a Senior Research Analyst. She enjoys her work, which is mostly on evaluations.

Lucy's interests include reading, watching silly movies, and hiking, especially when her teenage daughters join her.

*Lucy Repaci, 3068 Red Deer Trail, Lafayette, CO, 80026, [lrepaci@comcast.net](mailto:lrepaci@comcast.net), phone 303-709-9442, Goucher College BA, University of Maryland MA.*



**Mindi Weik** hails from Millstadt, Illinois, near St. Louis. Since April 2015 she and her husband have lived in Colorado Springs, Longmont, and Westminster. They have recently purchased a home in Longmont.

Mindi helped organize a WorkSmart workshop at her office. She loved the presentation and the useful resources. She was proud to see the impact that AAUW has had on women and girls over the years and she decided to become a new member. She credits her mom with helping her become a stronger, more independent woman and she wants help instill that strength in other women and girls.

A tragic and life-changing automobile accident involving staff she was supervising at a YMCA in Red Bud, IL lead to her decision to move to Colorado to work for the Pikes Peak YMCA. For the past two years, she has been working for RE/MAX of Boulder where she recently received her real estate license.

Outside of work, Mindi is a member of the Boulder Young Professionals Board of the Boulder Chamber, has two adorable dogs, and is currently seeking new volunteer avenues involving helping young girls.

*Mindi Weik, 1319 Lamplighter Dr, Longmont, CO 80504, [mindiweik@gmail.com](mailto:mindiweik@gmail.com); phone 720-507-8102, Maryville University BA.*

**Boulder AAUW welcomes Rachel, Lucy, and Mindi!**

**\*\*\*Check out the NEW Boulder AAUW Website: <http://boulder-co.aauw.net/>**

# AAUW Boulder Interest Groups & Contact Persons 2018-19

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

<p><b>Great Decisions</b> Diane Edes <a href="mailto:dianeE229@gmail.com">dianeE229@gmail.com</a>, 303-465-3272 Arlene Blewitt <a href="mailto:arleneblewitt@hotmail.com">arleneblewitt@hotmail.com</a>, 303-570-8804</p>	<p>Meets January-April, 2019, at the George Reynolds Library (on Table Mesa) <b>every other Tuesday at 10 a.m.</b></p>
<p><b>La Cuisine</b> Joyce Spencer <a href="mailto:jjandbobs@msn.com">jjandbobs@msn.com</a>, 303-325-5394</p>	<p>Meets the <b>third Saturday of the month at 5:30 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>Meets the <b>third Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.</b> at the Carillon for lunch and bridge.</p>
<p><b>Mahjong</b> Eileen Koch <a href="mailto:es.koch@comcast.net">es.koch@comcast.net</a>, 720-238-0006</p>	<p>Meets in members' homes at <b>7 p.m.</b> on dates chosen by members. Contact Eileen for the schedule.</p>
<p><b>Playgoers</b> Jennie Grisham <a href="mailto:jennig43@q.com">jennig43@q.com</a>, 303-443-6194 Georgeanne Beck <a href="mailto:gebeck112@q.com">gebeck112@q.com</a>, 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><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. Spouses and significant others are invited.</p> <p>9/9/18-<i>Victoria the Queen: An Intimate Biography of the Woman Who Ruled an Empire</i> by Julia Baird 10/14/18-<i>Brilliant Beacons: A History of the American Lighthouse</i> by Eric Jay Dolin</p>
<p><b>Wednesday "Bookies" Group</b> Mary McKeever <a href="mailto:mckeever7868@gmail.com">mckeever7868@gmail.com</a>, 303-823-6604</p>	<p>Meets the <b>third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.</b> in members' homes. Upcoming book selections are:</p> <p>9/19/18-<i>The Underground Railroad</i> by Colson Whitehead 10/17/18-<i>Little Fires Everywhere</i> by Celeste Ng</p>
<p><b>Daytime Non-Fiction Book Group</b> Helen Holden <a href="mailto:heleninco@comcast.net">heleninco@comcast.net</a>, 303-828-3016</p>	<p>Meets the <b>first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m.</b> in members' homes. Upcoming book selection is:</p> <p>9/2/18-<i>The Newcomers</i> by Helen Thorpe</p>

**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.***