

Join Boulder AAUW for a **Happy Hour Branch Meeting**  
on



*Renewing Hope*

*Restoring Trust*

*Rebuilding Self-worth*

The **Reentry** Initiative (TRI) provides transitional services to women reentering after incarceration



**Wednesday, February 12**  
**5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Gondolier Italian Eatery**  
Meadows Shopping Center  
4800 Baseline Road, Boulder 80303

*(This event will serve as our “Meet-up” in February)*

**Speaker: Deborah Simmons**, TRI Co-Founder & Board Member  
Deborah has an MBA & MS in Addiction Counseling.

*Based in Boulder County, The Reentry Initiative empowers individuals as they transition from incarceration to a fulfilling and meaningful life. TRI provides classes on self-sufficiency and connects participants with mentors and resources for mental health and substance abuse treatment as well as housing and employment.*

- **Please bring your friends and a donation of personal items for the women of TRI.**
- **The Gondolier needs a count of attendees; please RSVP before February 8 to Jamie Salvadore, [jamie.salvadore@gmail.com](mailto:jamie.salvadore@gmail.com).**

# A Message from Kathy by Boulder AAUW President Kathy Olivier

This year, AAUW National will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act by launching a project called “Every Voice. Every Vote.”

In keeping with its mission to advance equity, AAUW is committed to recognizing voting rights for women over the past century—including the fact that when the 19th Amendment was adopted, not all women earned the right to cast their ballots. It wasn’t until 45 years later, when the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was passed, that women of color were granted the right to vote. Yet, there are still challenges with voter access and voting suppression, which is why AAUW is focused on ensuring that everyone’s vote counts.



Barbara O’Connor, Betty Flaten, and Marilyn Leist are working hard on our “Get Out The Vote” program. These three women organized Boulder AAUW to take part in the League of Women Voter’s training program on January 25<sup>th</sup> and then to commit to participating in at least three voter registration events. Forty women have signed up of which nine are Boulder AAUW members. This year it is extremely important to vote. We are fortunate and grateful that we will have nine members of our branch focused on our “Get Out The Vote” program.

## 2019-2020 Boulder AAUW Officers

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## AAUW: Mission, Vision, and Values



*Mission: To advance equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*

*Vision: Equity for all.*

*Values: Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.*

# Celebrate International Women's Day March 8<sup>th</sup> with Women's Collaborative of Boulder County



**Equal for Equal: Celebrating Progress Towards Equal Pay,  
Equal Representation & Equal Voices for Women**

**Sunday, March 8, 2020  
2 - 4 p.m.  
The Our Center  
220 Collyer Street  
Longmont, CO, 80501**



## **Denver University's Sturm College of Law Professor to Keynote IWD Event**



**Lucy A. Marsh** is the DU Sturm College of Law professor who started the Equal Pay litigation against the University that resulted in a Settlement Agreement which required the University to pay \$2.66 million, submit to independent monitoring for six years, and give significant pay raises to all the women law professors involved. It is important to note that Prof. Marsh, and many of the other women law professors involved are still happily teaching students. *The difference is that now the women law professors are being paid equally with the male law professors.*

Join us in celebrating the progress that is being made in our community to increase gender equity on several fronts and across many communities. Help us honor the strong women in Boulder County who are making that progress become a reality.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day – February 1, 2020 – Holiday Inn, Lakewood

**Boulder AAUW – The Reentry Initiative -February 12, 2020 – The Gondolier BA**

The Women's Collaborative of Boulder County – International Women's Day Celebration-March 8, 2020

AAUW Colorado State & Regional Convention – Hilton, Fort Collins, CO – June 13-14, 2020

# Proposed New Interest Group – *Women on the Go*



**What:** Boulder AAUW Outings

**Purpose:** To expand our horizons while experiencing new things, places, businesses and history of Colorado while having fun and getting to know each other.

**When:** Every other month rotation with explicit details on each outing.

**Watch the Boulder AAUW Bulletin for further information. Questions?** Contact Brenda Moore, [brenmoore7@yahoo.com](mailto:brenmoore7@yahoo.com) or Marilyn Leist, [marilynleist42@gmail.com](mailto:marilynleist42@gmail.com)

## Boulder AAUW Member's Books Published and Available



**Linda LaGanga's healthcare management books** have been published by Business Expert Press. AAUW members Marilyn Leist and Darla Schueth contributed their experience and insights from their successful healthcare careers, along with other contacts Linda interviewed to help new and continuing clinical healthcare leaders master business and management skills. The titles are "*Management Skills for Clinicians, Volume I: Transitioning to Administration*" and "*Volume II: Advancing Your Skills*."

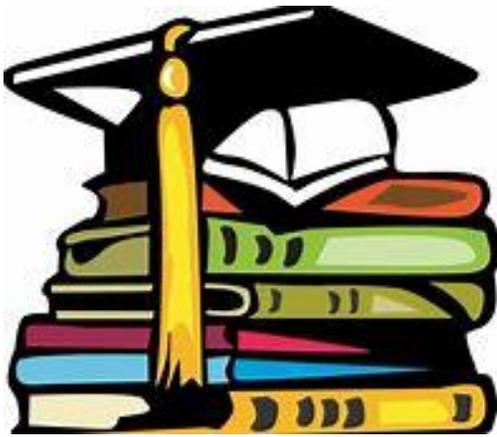
For more information, contact Linda at [Laganga@Colorado.edu](mailto:Laganga@Colorado.edu).

## Upcoming Events

- **Our March 24 branch meeting** will feature new Boulder AAUW member Diedre Braverman speaking about estate planning and giving. It will be at Meadows Library from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **An AAUW Work Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop** is being planned for the Boulder Chamber's Women's Leadership and Young Professionals Groups. Linda LaGanga is working with Chamber leaders to plan the workshop, which will be held in August 2020. More information will be in future newsletters. Questions? Contact Linda at [Laganga@Colorado.edu](mailto:Laganga@Colorado.edu).

# Brown Ricketts Udick Scholarships

## *What does BRU mean?*



The **B** represents Lydia Brown, a Dean of Women at CU, who contributed \$7000 to the scholarships for women who “demonstrated scholastic ability, promise of achievement and great character”.

The **R** represents Elizabeth Ricketts who taught Home Economics at Casey Junior High, was a longtime member of Boulder AAUW who bequeathed \$5000 for scholarships.

The **U** represents Bernice Udick, Ph.D, a CU professor of Romance Languages who contributed \$25,000 to the scholarship program.

The scholarships mean recognition, financial support, and personal encouragement for the recipients. The scholarships are a way for AAUW members to receive education from the students’ descriptions and stories about their research and, simultaneously, to fulfill AAUW’s mission to advance equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

The \$37,000 was the seed money for the scholarship program. The latest Boulder AAUW Financial Report shows this has grown to \$80,000, which is invested in safe securities. Over 70 women have benefited from the generosity of these pathfinders and other members of Boulder AAUW who have contributed.

Thus, the idea was funded and the first women, Sherill Spaar, Ph.D., studying archeology and Anne Bollenger, studying medicine, were awarded the first grants in 1979. Every other year for the last 40 years a team of Boulder AAUW members has orchestrated the process of reviewing the application and criteria for the grants, worked with professors to encourage students to apply, interviewed, and selected the winners.

**We invite interested members to participate in the Brown, Ricketts, Udick Scholarship Program. Join Kelly Finch and Marilyn Leist at Marilyn’s home, 3006 Thunder Lake Circle, Lafayette, CO 80026 — 720-460-6115, on **Sunday evening, January 26, 7 – 9 p.m.** to be part of the action!**

## **Condolences**

Heartfelt sympathy goes to Boulder AAUW member and past board member, **Jill Geissler**, on the recent death of her husband, Paul Geissler.

**Condolences may be sent to Jill at 684 Homestead Street, Lafayette 80026**

## Meet Boulder AAUW's New Members



**Eve Kilmer** was raised in a large family in Tucson, Arizona. She attended Brown University and then obtained her masters and doctoral degrees in California in clinical psychology. She taught at Pepperdine and Loyola Marymount in addition to having a private practice for almost 30 years. She has been practicing in Boulder for almost 20 years specializing in couples therapy and anxiety disorders.

What makes her happiest are her close, trusting relationships that she holds with people. She also loves trying and experiencing new things. Her latest adventures, besides discovering new places to hike and bicycle, are traveling, getting scuba dive certified, joining Toastmasters and going dancing when she can.

She's a new empty nester (her daughter is at the Naval Academy and her son is also attending school out-of-state, working on his doctorate in quantum physics). Being very grateful to have been helped by so many others along the way, joining AAUW is one of the ways she would like to try to pay it forward.

*Eve Kilmer, 3554 Smuggler Way, Boulder 80305-7222, 303-995-9922, [evakilmerphd@gmail.com](mailto:evakilmerphd@gmail.com), California School of Professional Psychology PhD*



**Marcia Sprague** has had a rich and varied career. With a degree in Sociology, after college she joined the Peace Corps - a cultural exchange of a lifetime - taught community health, and worked with teachers to improve teaching methods in Sierra Leone.

Most of her work has been in the non-profit world, starting up and directing social service programs. Most rewarding was helping to start a grass-roots non-profit homeless resource center in 2008 and acting as the first Executive Director. It is still strong and active.

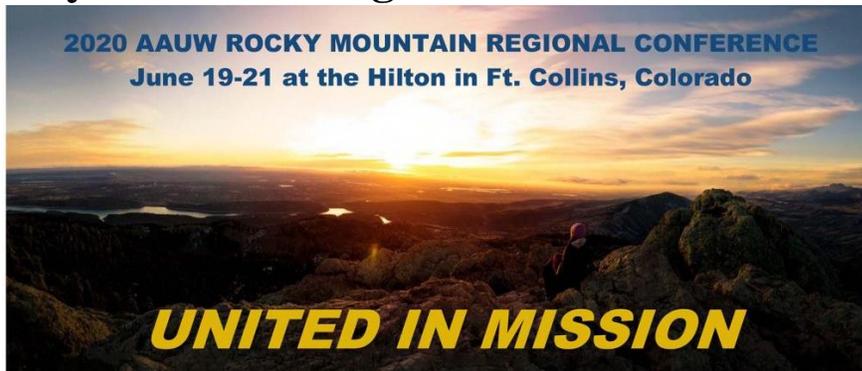
Marcia is a professional workshop facilitator, and has designed Assertiveness Training workshops for college students.

Marcia currently works part-time as an independent contractor with Thistle, a Boulder non-profit dedicated to affordable housing. She is part of a national program to assist residents of mobile home parks to purchase their parks, create a cooperative, and own their land.

Marcia lives in Longmont and volunteers for the Longmont Community Justice Partnership program as a facilitator for Restorative Justice conferences. She is an active member and leader in Toastmasters, and has been writing newsletters for numerous organizations. She loves to hike, bike, play games, watch independent movies, play her fiddle, and throw boomerangs.

*Marcia Sprague, 900 Hover Ridge Circle, Longmont 80501-4142, 603-724-1899, [aphoenix2@comcast.net](mailto:aphoenix2@comcast.net), Central Michigan University BA*

## 2020 Rocky Mountain Regional Conference – June 19-21



### Arizona-Colorado-New Mexico-Nevada-Utah-Wyoming

Hotel reservations at the Fort Collins Hilton can be made by calling 970-482-2626 and requesting American Association of University Women conference room block. The guest code is AAUW. The reservation deadline for the discounted rate: May 19, 2020.

## AAUW Colorado's Public Policy Day 2020



### IMMIGRATION CONVERSATION

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Holiday Inn, Lakewood, CO

Senator Julie Gonzales, CO District 34 – Keynote Speaker

## Power Tools for Holding Government Officials Accountable



- [AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record](#)
- [Women's Lobby of Colorado Bill Lists & Legislative Scorecards](#)
- [Colorado General Assembly \(Bill & Legislator Contact Info\)](#)

Text AAUW to 21333 to become a Two-Minute Activist — a free service for all to advance gender equity for women and girls!

# Boulder AAUW Interest Groups & Contact Persons 2020

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

<p><b>Great Decisions</b> Linda Groth <a href="mailto:lkg.reads@comcast.net">lkg.reads@comcast.net</a>, 303-449-0713 Arlene Blewitt <a href="mailto:arleneblewitt@hotmail.com">arleneblewitt@hotmail.com</a>, 303-570-8804</p>	<p>Will meet January-April, 2020, at the George Reynolds Library, 3595 Table Mesa Dr, Boulder 80305, <b>every other Tuesday at 10 a.m.</b></p> <p>1/28/20-India and Pakistan 2/11/20-Red Sea Security 2/25/20-Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking 3/10/20-U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle 3/24/20-China's Road into Latin America 4/14/20-The Philippines and the U.S. 4/28/20-Artificial Intelligence and Data</p>
<p><b>La Cuisine</b> Joyce Spencer <a href="mailto:jjandbobs@msn.com">jjandbobs@msn.com</a>, 303-325-5394</p>	<p>Usually meets the <b>third Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m.</b> in members' homes.</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@gmail.com">gebeck112@gmail.com</a>, 303-469-3187</p>	<p>Attend the operas at CU and other local plays on Sunday afternoons during the year. Dinners following at local restaurants are optional.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday "Bookies" Group</b> Mary McKeever <a href="mailto:mckeeper7868@gmail.com">mckeeper7868@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>2/19/20-<i>The Great Alone</i> by Kristin Hannah 3/18/20-<i>This is How It Always Is</i> by Laurie Frankel</p>
<p><b>Daytime Non-Fiction &amp; Conversation</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 selections are:</p> <p>2/5/20-<i>The Woman Who Smashed Codes</i> by Jason Fagone 3/4/20-<i>How Democracies Die</i> by Steve Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt</p>

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