

*AAUW Boulder Fall ZOOM Kickoff*



**September 13, 2020**

**1:30 p.m.**

**ACLU's Denise Maes, Speaker**

Amid concerns about Covid-19, Black Lives Matter, the November election, and personal challenges, we must remember those incarcerated at the ICE Aurora Detention Center and those in limbo at DACA. The September 13 Kick-Off meeting features **Keynote Speaker Denise Maes, of ACLU Colorado, speaking about issues facing our undocumented immigrant population.** Her comments will be a powerful exposure of the many injustices against a single group of individuals.



Many who are eventually released from the Aurora Detention Facility turn to Casa de Paz for food, shelter, transportation, and ways to connect with family. Founder and executive director, Sarah Jackson, and over 2,000 volunteers provide hospitality, emotional support, and hope to those leaving detention as well as their loved ones through the arduous process of reunification. Sarah's mission is to help end the isolating experience of immigrant detention one simple act of love at a time. You can follow these activities at [www.casadepazcolorado.org](http://www.casadepazcolorado.org).

Sarah has written a heartfelt book, *The House that Love Built*, which is her story as an American woman of faith working in a broken immigration system. You can learn more about the book or purchase it at [www.casadepazcolorado.org/book](http://www.casadepazcolorado.org/book).

The Boulder AAUW board approved donations to Casa de Paz, our September community project. **Members who wish to make a tax-deductible donation may: 1) write a check to Boulder AAUW, 2) specify Casa de Pas in the memo line, and 3) mail it before September 20, 2020 to Treasurer, Ann Smith, 857 Hoover Street, Louisville, CO 80027-2294.** Ann will then write one check to Casa de Paz on behalf of Boulder AAUW. Please complete the following and include it with your check:

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I wish to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Casa de Paz. Check number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Mail by **September 20, 2020** to: *Ann Smith, 857 Hoover Street, Louisville, CO 80027-2294*)

# A Message from Kathy by Boulder AAUW President Kathy Olivier

*The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment didn't give ALL women the right to vote.*



The appointment of Kamala Harris, the first woman of color to run on a major party's presidential ticket, is a "breakthrough in the struggle for equality first demanded more than a century ago by the Suffragists fighting for the 19th Amendment," reports Rehema Ellis of NBC News. "But the amendment didn't give all women the right to vote, which is why we call this a commemoration, not a celebration. Black women had to continue their fight until the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and that fight is still not over. In certain communities, voter suppression is real – it just looks different in 2020 than it did 50 or 100 years ago. The right of Black women to participate in Democracy has involved struggle every step of the way. But given the opportunity, Black women show up at the polls in higher numbers than other voting blocs."

Voting is a fundamental American right, yet exercising that right is not always easy. Certain jurisdictions attempt to restrict voting under the guise of preventing "voter fraud," even though that is an extremely rare occurrence. Rather than restrict voting, we need to prioritize expanding options for casting a ballot, particularly as the pandemic threatens to hinder some voters' ability to turn out at the polls on a single day. Early voting, voting by mail and no-excuse absentee voting should all be offered as options, in addition to in-person voting on November 3 with appropriate public health safety precautions.

Please join us on September 13th on Zoom for our Annual Fall Kickoff meeting to hear Denise Maes, the Public Policy Director of the ACLU of Colorado. We will introduce our three scholarship recipients and PhD students -Lianne Brito, Tara Ippolito, and Paige Massey (see below). We will also approve our annual budget (see page 6), learn about our goals for the year (see page 5), and meet our officers (see page 5).



**Lianne Brito,**  
Geotechnical Engineering



**Tara Ippolito,**  
Environmental Studies



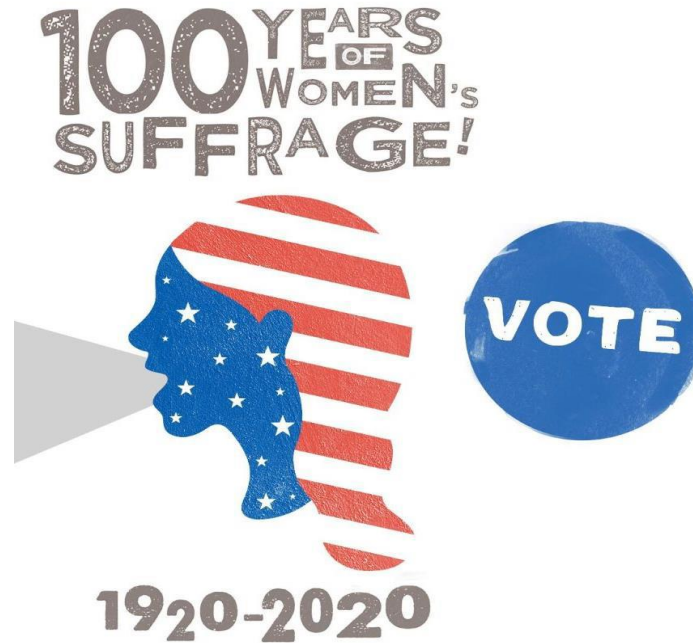
**Paige Massey,**  
Philosophy

We understand that this is an uncertain time and we thank you for your flexibility. Please reach out with questions, suggestions, and concerns. Most importantly, please stay safe, healthy, and take care of yourselves, your family, and your friends.

Wishing you good health,

Kathy

**\*\*The post office is recommending that mail-in ballots be mailed to them at least fourteen days before November 3 to ensure delivery on time.\*\***



*From the AAUW/Durango Branch newsletter—the San Juan Sage*



## **Quick and Easy Way to Get the Scoop on Your Ballot**

**USE [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org)**

You can input any state, county, municipality or person and get explanations and pros and cons on any issue. This is very helpful for figuring out some of complex issues that appear on the ballot. Please share with friends and family, here and in other states.

**It is crucial that we all are registered to vote! Please call five friends or family members and ask if they are registered to vote. If not, direct them to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).**

Please check that all your information AND your family's information is current. If you have a valid Colorado Driver's License or Colorado Identification Card, you can register to vote or update your voter record at [WWW.GOVOTECOLORADO.COM](http://WWW.GOVOTECOLORADO.COM) by following the instructions on that page.

**IF YOU ARE A NEW COLORADO VOTER, or are unable to register online, complete the paper voter registration form (PDF) and mail it to your County Clerk and Recorder.**

**Questions? Contact Barbara O'Connor, Public Policy Co-VP at:  
[oconnorb50@gmail.com](mailto:oconnorb50@gmail.com)**



## Boulder AAUW's

### ZOOM Happy Hour

September 23, 2020 – 5 p.m.

Contact Marcia Sprague

[aphoenix2@comcast.net](mailto:aphoenix2@comcast.net)

if you need ZOOM instructions

**Invite your friends and enjoy the stimulating conversation!**

## AAUW From National AAUW

In 1988, former AAUW president Sarah Harder gave the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates some good advice: Stop dismissing crucial topics like child care, fair pay and affordable housing as “women’s issues.” Instead, she framed them as the “kitchen-table issues” that are discussed daily in the homes of families everywhere.

More than three decades later, as our nation grapples with a pandemic, an overdue reckoning with racism, and a dismal economy, the wisdom of Harder’s words has never been more apparent. For far too long, our country has ignored the problems that matter most to millions, resulting in deep inequalities that hurt us all.

**Now is the time to finally achieve the equity that AAUW has fought for since our inception 139 years ago.**

When you give to AAUW (use link below), your generous contribution will be used to:

- Push policymakers to **raise the minimum wage** to keep millions of families from living in poverty.
- Champion tuition- and debt-free educational options and loan-forgiveness programs to **reduce crippling student-loan debt**.
- Bolster the protections afforded by Title IX to **ensure equal access to education** for women and minorities.
- **Ensure the right to vote** is a prerequisite to establishing all the other policies we advocate.

As we approach this year’s pivotal presidential election, we must ensure the conversations we have at our kitchen tables are not disregarded by the leaders we select. **Please, give now to build a future in which equity, justice and democracy prevail!**

Thank you for fighting with us.

<https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift-new/?treatment=AAUWJVC20&AppealCode=F21HELXRX3A&emci=9f9f6263-c9d5-ea11-9b05-00155d03bda0&emdi=54b87e16-35e2-ea11-8b03-00155d0394bb&ceid=930352>



## Proposed Boulder AAUW Goals June 30, 2020-July 1, 2021

**Kathy Olivier, President Boulder AAUW**

### Align Work with AAUW's FIVE-STAR PROGRAM INITIATIVES

*AAUW's Five-Star National Recognition Program rewards branches for aligning their work with the AAUW strategic plan initiatives that foster the organization's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls.*

Area of Focus	Work
Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Security Issues for Women</li> <li>• Start Smart/Work Smart Training Programs</li> <li>• Women in Leadership Positions Share Experiences</li> </ul>
Advancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund</li> <li>• Maintain a 90% Retention Rate</li> <li>• All Annual Dues Submitted by Sept. 30</li> </ul>
Communications & External Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include an Economic Security Focus on the Website</li> <li>• Update Website at least Monthly</li> <li>• Include Work-Smart Online on the Website Home Page</li> </ul>
Public Policy & Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct one meeting with a U.S. Senator or Representative</li> <li>• Conduct one meeting with a state legislator</li> <li>• Conduct a meeting with a staff member of those listed above</li> <li>• Collaborates with the AAUW Colorado Public Policy Team</li> <li>• Promote the Action Network on the Website</li> </ul>
Governance & Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document what we have done to fulfill the 5-Star initiatives</li> <li>• Develop a Succession Plan</li> </ul>

For more information on AAUW's Five-Star National Recognition Program, please look at this link: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/5-star-program/>. For more information on AAUW National's Strategic plan, please look at this link: <https://www.aauw.org/about/strategic-plan/>.

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# Boulder AAUW Proposed Budget 7-1-20—3-30-21

## INCOME (RECEIPTS)

<b>DUES</b>	80 Regular members @ \$84.00	6720.	
	11 Life Members @ \$25.00	275.	
	3 Dual Members @ \$15.00	45.	
	5 Honorary Members @ \$0	<u>0.</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>7063.</b>
<b>FUND RAISING</b>	Boulder AAUW Annual Appeal		2500
	Work Smart/Start Smart Donations		3050.
<b>OTHER</b>	BRU Scholarships		1500.
	10% Operations 2019-20		247.
	Carryover for BRU Scholarships		1500.
	Carryover for NCCWSL		557.
	Carryover for National/Regional/State Convention		<u>1000.</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$17,417.</b>

## EXPENSES (DISBURSEMENTS)

<b>DUES</b>	National 80 members @ \$59.	4720.	
	State (Colorado) 91 members @ \$10.	910.	
<b>CONVENTIONS</b>	National/Regional/State Convention	600.	
	Fall Conference	100.	
	Public Policy Day	45.	
<b>INSURANCE</b>	Liability & B&O	530.	
<b>COMMITTEES</b>	President	100.	
	Membership VP	1000.	
	Program VP	1000.	
	Communication/marketing	400.	
	Finance/Business Operations	200	
<b>NCCWSL</b>		557.	
<b>BROWN RICKETTS UDICK GRANTS</b>		3000.	
<b>WORK SMART/START SMART</b>		<u>3050.</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b><u>\$16,212.</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>			<b>\$1,205.</b>

NOTE: Along with the general unknowns given COVID-19, there is a mitigating circumstance. We have approximately \$20,000 at Elevation including the CD. This includes a reserve of \$8,396. which was raised for Work Smart/Start Smart before our last fiscal year. Therefore, we draw down on that for Work Smart/Start Smart expenses.

*Ann Smith*, Finance Officer

**Check Out Our Website:** <https://boulder-co.aauw.net/>

# Boulder AAUW Interest Groups & Contact Persons 2020-21

*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, 2021, at the George Reynolds Library, 3595 Table Mesa Dr, Boulder 80305, <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>Usually meets the <b>third Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m.</b> in members' homes. <b>Getting together on Zoom.</b></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. <b>Getting together on Zoom.</b></p>
<p><b>Playgoers</b> Jennie Grisham <a href="mailto:jennig43@q.com">jennig43@q.com</a>, 303-443-6194</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: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> by Zoom (normally in members' homes.) Upcoming book selections are: 9/16/20-<i>A Place for Us</i> by Fatima Farheen Mirza 10/21/20-<i>Excellent Women</i> by Barbara Pym</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.</p>

## 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.*