

# Boulder AAUW Branch Bulletin

December 2020



## Boulder AAUW ZOOM Meeting December 5, 2020 - 10 a.m.

We are honored to have as our speaker **Boulder AAUW member KC Becker**  
**Speaker of the Colorado State House Representative**



KC will describe her experience as a leader in the Colorado General Assembly and will share some of the issues she has worked on in the House.

Hear KC's thoughts on the focus the Colorado legislative agendas, particularly as they relate to women and families:



- \*Budget relief to families and small businesses
- \*Federal funding
- \*Education
- \*Affordable health care, including mental health
- \*Safe affordable child care

Learn how we can support the process and how we can recruit and prepare women to run for elective office.

**Boulder welcomes Longmont AAUW, who will join us for this important meeting!**

(ZOOM Instructions will be sent prior to the meeting)

# A Message from Kathy by Boulder AAUW President Kathy Olivier

**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”**

*Margaret Mead*

It is hard to imagine that the holidays are almost here, and the election is for the most part behind us. As we look back on this year, it will surely go down in history as one of the strangest in a very long time. AAUW has been a stable influence in fighting for the rights of all women for nearly 140 years. And hopefully, for future years as well.



**I am sure you all received the annual appeal letter in early November. This year we are donating our money to AAUW’s Greatest Needs Fund, so we can help AAUW continue to pave new paths for all American women. This fund allows AAUW to respond rapidly, in our communications and advocacy, to critical issues affecting women as they emerge — whether it’s a new threat to Title IX, an opportunity to partner with employers, or the dawn of a social justice movement like #MeToo. Greatest Needs is also what fuels our groundbreaking research and effective advocacy work to pass fair-pay laws and other key equity legislation.**

**I would like to thank all of you who have already sent their Donations in, and humbly ask one more time for those who have not to consider giving at least \$30 or any amount greater than that if you are able. Your donation will ensure that the AAUW's mission remains visible, relevant, and sustainable.**

Program Development Co-Chair Nicky Marone will be moving to California early next year. We thank her for her service and wish her well. This will leave us with the position of Programs Co-Chair open. If anyone is interested, please let me know. I also wish Doris Hass a Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

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 and healthy, and take care of yourselves, your family, and your friends.

Happy Holidays,

Kathy Olivier

## **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.***

# Boulder AAUW Invites **YOU** to a **ZOOM Holiday Party** **Wednesday, December 16, 5 p.m.**



**Decorate** your favorite hat  
**Pour** yourself a glass of wine

**AND Join** Boulder AAUW's Happy Hour Group  
for a **Festive Zoom Holiday Party**  
(Zoom instructions will be sent prior to the event)



## **January 23, 2021 Program – Scholarship Speeches** **10 a.m. – 12 noon**

Our three scholarship recipients for this year (each receives \$1,000 grants to continue her studies) will share their research and graduate work with Boulder AAUW. This program is a favorite of many of our branch members. **From left to right, PhD students: Lianne Brito (Geotechnical Engineering), Tara Ippolito (Environmental Studies), and Paige Massey (Philosophy).**



**Don't miss this Branch favorite - Mark your calendar**

## **Do YOU have a Stash of AAUW Material in a Drawer, Closet, File Cabinet?**

***If so, it is time to hand it over to Marilyn Leist, 720-460-6115***

In 2026 we AAUW Boulder will Celebrate 100 years of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Usually when an anniversary as significant as that occurs, as AAUW members, we look back at our history and reflect on all we have accomplished! Since our memories fade over time it is important to have an archive from which to cull significant contributions.

In 2006, Doris Hass gave me about 47 years of material to add to the Norlin Library Boulder AAUW Archive. I am in the process of preparing it for submission, however, I have realized that there are several years that were not included. While I will take anything offered, I am especially interested in the years between 2004 and 2014. The items may include any board or branch meeting minutes, bulletins, financial information, project records, significant events related to the mission and pictures with people identified just to name a few. Information from 1972 through 2020 will be included in as much as it is available.

And so, I plead with you to call me, let me know you have some good stuff, and I will come pick it up masked and social distancing. I expect to complete this endeavor by the end of January.

**“The good thing about science is that it’s true whether or not you believe in it.”**  
*Neil DeGrasse Tyson*

## **Public Policy**

Betty Flaten & Barbara O'Connor, Public Policy Co-VPs



**Make plans to join us for the 2021 Public Policy Day  
to be held via webinar**

**February 6, 2020 -- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Keynote Speaker: Angie Paccione, Executive Director of CO  
Department of Higher Education**

**Registration information to be available December 2020**

### **Mark Your Calendar**

AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day – webinar – February 6, 2018

International Women's Day – March 8, 2021

AAUW Colorado State Convention – April 23-24, 2021

## **2020-2021 Boulder AAUW Officers**

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## **Doris Hass Celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

(A BIG thank you to **Marilyn Leist, Mary Hassler, and Jeane Lindeke** for their contributions to this article.)

Doris Hass was, and is, an institution in Boulder AAUW. **She will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 24, 2020.** She is now living at Frazier Meadows, which is currently on lock down due to Covid-19. To help Doris celebrate her milestone birthday, we sent cards in lieu of a birthday party. If you haven't already done so, please send a card to:

**Doris Hass  
Fraser Summit Care Center, Room H03  
4950 Thunderbird Drive  
Boulder, CO 80303-3835**



Doris Hass' leadership, management, recruitment, delegation ability, and commitment to the mission of the American Association of University Women made her a valuable member of Boulder AAUW. During a lifetime of advocacy for women and girls, she often noted she was born in the year women got the vote. Following are just a few of the ways Doris influenced the direction of Boulder AAUW during her tenure as an active member:

- Served as president for three years (1979-1983) and then as co-president for two more years (1987-1988 and 1989-1990).
- Enjoyed state conventions and never missed one until her age and health prevented her from attending.
- Founded the Interbranch Council at AAUW Colorado, the state level. Through that she organized a program on women and finance at CU for members all around the state.

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- Set the membership goals high and worked tirelessly to achieve them. Recruited 16 new and returning members in her first year as president. Her main goal was increasing membership. She said “each of us has a special talent—let’s use that talent for a better branch and a better world.”
- Communicated by phone to convince friends, colleagues, and anyone she had recently met to join AAUW and when they did, she immediately asked them how they would like to contribute and put them to work on committees, board positions, or interest groups.
- Asked five members to hold a series of “geographical coffees” in the summer to get members together and introduce potential new members to the mission of AAUW.
- Orchestrated some creative fundraisers over the years. One of them was having members participate in tasting sessions at Celestial Seasonings. The branch received \$75 for participating.
- Established and chaired the first Brown-Ricketts Grant Committee after Elizabeth Ricketts and Lydia Brown donated funds to establish a grant program. She set up and worked with a team to develop the processes needed to present the first two grants on May 16, 1979. Later the grants would be named the Brown-Ricketts-Udick Grants because of Bernice Udick’s donation.
- Promoted the branch relationship with CU. For example, celebrating International Women’s Day at CU and invited women graduate students to the event. Branch members would speak about Boulder AAUW and then tell the students about the grant program and make sure applications were available at the celebration!
- Planned the adult programs for Expanding Your Horizons for most of its 25 years. She was always proud of the presenters she recruited and their top-notch evaluations.
- Organized the Holiday Brunch year-after-year and donated many “white elephant” items to the silent auction fundraiser. (Regarding the Holiday brunch, she always reserved 5% less with the caterer than the number who had paid. She didn’t want to pay for lunches that weren’t eaten, which normally worked out fine, however, a few times she and a couple of workers didn’t get to eat.)
- Promoted and ran the geranium sale fundraiser out of her carport for many years. She called each former buyer year-after-year to remind them of the sale.
- Organized book sales at the Boulder Public Library and recruited AAUW members to work, for which the branch received a portion of the profits. She founded the Boulder Library Foundation.

**Boulder AAUW says THANK YOU and HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Doris!**

# 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

<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	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>
<b>La Cuisine</b> Joyce Spencer <a href="mailto:jjandbobs@msn.com">jjandbobs@msn.com</a> , 303-325-5394	Usually meets the <b>third Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m.</b> in members' homes. <b>Getting together on Zoom.</b>
<b>Mahjong</b> Eileen Koch <a href="mailto:es.koch@comcast.net">es.koch@comcast.net</a> , 720-238-0006	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>
<b>Playgoers</b> Jennie Grisham <a href="mailto:jennig43@q.com">jennig43@q.com</a> , 303-443-6194	Attend the operas at CU and other local plays on Sunday afternoons during the year. Dinners following at local restaurants are optional.
<b>Wednesday "Bookies" Group</b> Mary McKeever <a href="mailto:mckeever7868@gmail.com">mckeever7868@gmail.com</a> , 303-823-6604	Meets the <b>third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.</b> by Zoom (normally in members' homes.) Upcoming book selections are:  12/16/20- <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> by JD Salinger 1/21/21- <i>The Water Dancer: A Novel</i> by Ta-Nehisi Coates
<b>Daytime Non-Fiction &amp; Conversation</b> Helen Holden <a href="mailto:heleninco@comcast.net">heleninco@comcast.net</a> , 303-828-3016	Meets the <b>first Thursday of the month by Zoom</b> (normally in members' homes.)