



In lieu of an October general meeting, Boulder AAUW's Board encourages you to attend one or both of the following virtual meetings on the upcoming ballot issues:

1. Boulder County League of Women Voters will hold a virtual meeting on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. You must register to be included in the meeting.



You should have received your copy of the Blue Book for Boulder County which gives in depth information on all the state ballot issues. (You can find an online copy at the LWV website.)

To access the LWV website, go to <https://bclwv.org>. Click on the topic "2021 Election", scroll down to Ballot Issues Presentation, and register to attend the meeting. The three state ballot issues and Boulder County Ballot Issues will be discussed.

You will also see a list of forums about candidates for various offices in Boulder County. You must register to attend those virtual meetings.

Members who live outside of Boulder County can check with their county LWV for forums in their area.

2. Aurora AAUW invites Boulder AAUW to join their ZOOM meeting to discuss ballot issues on Saturday, October 16, 2021 beginning at 9:30 a.m.



To log on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84510576833?pwd-VzlmMWgvcWpEMklUZURNOHJnSHRxQT09>

Meeting ID: 845 1057 6833

Passcode: 2021

To dial in if no computer or smartphone: 1-669-900-9128

Please listen to the pros and cons of the ballot issues before you vote.

A Message from Kelly by Boulder AAUW President Kelly Darrow Finch



As we continue to live with the ups and downs of COVID 19, I hope you are finding ways to both stay safe and enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

The Boulder AAUW Board has proudly decided to provide two scholarships through our new partnership with the I Have A Dream Program.

Patricia Hernandez was awarded a four-year program scholarship. She is a student at the University of Northern Colorado, with the very specific goals of being a nurse and working at Children’s Hospital.

Giselle Bargas was awarded a two-year program scholarship. Her stated professional goal is to be a registered nurse.

We are pleased to be able to help further the educations of these two scholarship recipients.

Kelly

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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.

What **Proposition 119** Will Do to Public Education

By Betty Flaten, Public Policy Chair

Proposition 119, which will be on the November ballot, has not had much publicity though there are many dangerous components regarding public education. AAUW Colorado Public Policy is about to vote on opposition to the ballot measure but in the meantime our members need to be informed of the issue and understand its implications.



Facts About Prop. 119 That Do Not Meet the AAUW Mission

Proposition 119 allows public money to be directed to private out-of-school service providers instead of invested directly in public schools. Public dollars set aside for education are needed to support the public education system. If voters want to increase retail marijuana taxes for education, the revenue would **be better used** to expand the capacity of public schools in every community, keeping the money under local control and allowing school districts to reinstate programs they have had to cut and to provide additional learning and enrichment opportunities for children.

The measure would empower a private, independent board to oversee and certify programs without providing accountability to the Colorado Department of Education or the State Legislature.

Increasing the sales tax on marijuana will further increase the gap in prices between legal marijuana and black-market marijuana, pushing more individuals into the black market and hurting legitimate retail marijuana businesses. The retail sales tax on marijuana already places a greater financial burden on low-income individuals; increasing the tax rate will make it worse.

Providing public funds for private education is in conflict with the Mission of AAUW. Learn more about Prop. 119 and the other ballot issues by attending one of the meetings described on page 1 of this newsletter.

Our Condolences



Many of you may have seen the obituary of Steve Colby in the Boulder Camera. Steve and Ruth and their daughter, Jordan, were members of Boulder AAUW for many years and even when they were no longer members, they gave financial support to our Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) programs. For many years, Steve presented our branch's ballot issues programs. Boulder AAUW will miss Steve's candor and commonsense approach to these issues. To honor his memory, the family is requesting donations be made in his name to: The Wilderness Society, UC Santa Barbara Marine Science Institute, or Leave No Trace. **Condolences may be sent to Ruth Colby, 738 14th Street, Boulder 80302-7618.**

Wednesdays, **Wine**, & Women's Issues



Boulder AAUW's **Happy Hour**

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Details will be sent closer to the event.

Questions? Contact Carrie Nolting
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Invite your friends to enjoy the stimulating conversation!

Boulder AAUW Interest Groups & Contact Persons 2021-22

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

Great Decisions Hope Steffens-Nett lkj.reads@comcast.net , 303-449-0713 Arlene Blewitt arleneblewitt@hotmail.com , 303-570-8804	Meetings start in January, 2022. Meeting time, place and topics will be in future newsletters.
La Cuisine Joyce Spencer jjandbobs@msn.com , 303-325-5394	Usually meets the third Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in members' homes. Getting together in person or on Zoom.
Mahjong Susan Jones smjonesinco@gmail.com , 720-587-9995	Meets in members' homes on dates chosen by members. Contact Susan for the schedule.
Playgoers Jennie Grisham jennig43@q.com , 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.
Wednesday "Bookies" Group Mary McKeever mckeever7868@gmail.com , 303-823-6604	Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in person or on Zoom (normally in members' homes.) Upcoming book selections are: 10/20/21- <i>The Four Winds</i> by Kristin Hannah 11/17/21- <i>The Night Watchman</i> by Louise Erdrich
Daytime Non-Fiction & Conversation (Looking for a coordinator for this group)	Meets the first Wednesday of the month by Zoom (normally in members' homes.) Group will take the summer off and meet again in the fall.

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

AAUW seeks to promote inclusion and awareness for all members to create an equitable, sustainable and inclusive membership reflective of today's world.