

November 2017 AAUW Newsletter

Loveland, Colorado

**AAUW advances equity for women and girls through
advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.**

A note from the president...

Thanksgiving is almost upon us! In the short time between September and now, we have had some changes in our AAUW-Loveland leadership. Kris Worner, my Co-President, has made a successful move to Austin, TX, creating the need for a Co-President. In the words of the 1960's Dusty Springfield song, "I am 'wishin' and hopin' and thinkin' and prayin' that one of you will volunteer to take up the Co-President position alongside me. Diane Worner has graciously agreed to be our branch Secretary, succeeding Jean Clune. Thanks for your service, Jean.

Bravo to Ellen Thomerson and her committee for the successful 2017 Conversations with Authors. A thoroughly enjoyable Saturday was had by all of the attendees as we raised funds to support and empower women in their educational goals with our scholarships. If you have any additional suggestions for ways (large and small) to raise additional scholarship funds, please pass them on to Ellen.

In an effort to grow the membership of our branch, we are employing social media as an avenue to widen our contact with potential new members. The AAUW-Loveland now has a new public FaceBook site. If you know women who are FaceBook users and are interested in the AAUW mission, let them know they can search for our branch page to find information about our next meeting and as well have access to information about initiatives from AAUW National. By "liking" and "following" our branch FB page, they – as well as their FaceBook friends – will have spread the word quickly and efficiently to a large number of potential new members. Finally, we will be adding and updating information to our AAUW-Loveland webpage – another information source for interested women who search the web. Please send me your suggestions for the FaceBook page and our website. Let's grow our membership to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research!

November meeting

We will be meeting on Monday, November 27 at 6:30 pm at Artspace. Our program will be presented by one of our newer members, Jody Shadduck McNally. Jody has been very involved as a school volunteer and as a member of school committees in the Thompson School District. She is part of the Colorado Education Network and will talk to us about school financing.

Can you imagine a Colorado where:

- Education is recognized as being fundamental to our families, communities, state and the economy;
- Colorado invests adequately and equitably in education and our students because
- The public is informed and engaged with education funding?

This is the vision that Colorado Education Network holds for our state. Come and hear Jody tell us more about this movement and how we can get involved.

Claudia Ward and Louise Crede have signed up to be hostesses.

Death of Averill Hauben

Averill died very unexpectedly on October 19. She had been in the hospital since the evening of October 15 and she died from bleeding on the brain. Her brother and sister-in-law live in Fort Collins and plan on having a memorial service after the first of next year when the few family members she has can be here at the same time. We give a gift in memory to national AAUW for fellowships to honor deceased members.

Recovery Wishes

Jean Clune recently had a car accident. Her car was totaled but, thankfully, she escaped serious injuries. She also is recovering from pneumonia which was exasperated by the air bags in the accident.

Book Club

The book club does not meet in December but the next meeting will be January 8 when we will discuss The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead. The meeting will be at the home of LaDonna Palm. New members of the group are welcome.

Public Policy Day

The statewide AAUW public policy day will be February 3 at The Golden Hotel in Golden, CO this year. The theme for the day is Human Trafficking – Its Closer Than You Think. You recently received more information on this event and a registration form in the State Bulletin. We will plan on car pooling to this event.