**Loveland AAUW Minutes – December 11, 2017**

Our Christmas meeting was held at Rabbask Artisan Boutique due to the generosity of Jacki Marsh, the owner. Members brought finger foods to share.

John Kinnaird, Program Director of Project Self Sufficiency, spoke to us about the work of PSS. He began by talking about growing up in a single parent family and the resourcefulness she demonstrated to him. The program serves single parent families who are making 185% of the poverty level or less. In order to bring the power of education to single parents, they help the parent and children with housing, school, extracurriculars, career guidance, jobs, and transportation. They work in tandem with Women Give to provide scholarships for child care. John mentioned that their annual fundraising luncheon will be on March 6, 2018.

Jacki Marsh, our hostess and newly elected mayor, talked to us about her new position. She said she campaigned on the need to promote small businesses in the city and the need for collaboration. She mentioned that there is no learning curve for the job of mayor; you are elected and take office the next week. She encouraged all of us to come to city council and tell our stories about the things we care about in the city. She encouraged us to use the website – cccouncil@cityof Loveland.com - to see the calendar of the council and committees. The meeting agenda comes out the Friday before the Tuesday meetings. The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month are study meetings and the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month are regular meetings when community members can speak. We can also read the e-mails that pass between city council members on the website. The following issues may be issues in which we would be interested: building high density apartments in the Boyd Lake area which is now zoned low density, transportation in the city, and getting rid of parking spots in the downtown.

Guests were introduced and a mini fashion show was held with Linda French, Marjie Johnson, and Louise Crede modeling clothes, jewelry and accessories from Rabbask.

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