**January 2018 AAUW Newsletter**

**Loveland, Colorado**

**AAUW advances equity for women and girls through**

**advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.**

**Newletter chairperson’s note: Thought this had been sent out to all of you when I discovered that my e-mail was not working on my computer – looked like it was sent, but it was not. After a hour or more with a “guru” tonight, things seem to be working again. Note that if you are interested in going to Public Policy Day the deadline is tomorrow!**

**A note from the president…**

Happy New Year to all of you! Kudos to our members who organized a delightful December holiday meeting and to those who participated as models in the fashion show at Rabbask. I think that all who attended the event will agree that we all had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

As we look to the future, let’s do all we can in 2018 to share our AAUW – Loveland Branch story to advance equity for women and girls locally through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. One way to inform other women in the area about what our group has to offer is to share our website with then: <https://loveland-co.aauw.net> and to invite them to our January meeting. I recommend that you take a few minutes to explore the site yourself, if you haven’t already done so. Let’s grow our membership! One short term goal we can set is to add a few additional members to our branch by the AAUW National membership deadline for the current year – January 31. Who can you invite?

Please join me in attending the AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day in Golden on Saturday, February 3. The theme for the day is *”Human Trafficking – It’s Closer Than You Think.”*

**The deadline to register for the event is Monday, January 15.**  Let me know if you are planning to attend so that we can carpool to it. You can read about the event and register by going to <https://loveland-co.aauw.net/upcoming-events> and scrolling to the second item or going to the AAUW Colorado website.

**Kathy Wilson**

**Great News**

Karla Marroquin has volunteered to be co-president with Kathleen Wilson. Thanks, Karla. She also has a fund raising idea that she would like to work on – a fashion show. More info later.

**January Meeting**

Note that our meeting this month is on **Saturday, January 27 at 10 AM at Artspace, 140 W. 3rd Street.** Some members have asked that we not have an evening meeting during this traditionally cold month. Marsha Smeltzer, retired director of athletics/senior woman administration at Colorado State University, will be talking to us about *Title IX Today*. LaDonna Palm and Jean Clune will be the hostesses for this meeting.

**Request from Project Self Sufficiency**

Many of you heard John Kinnaird, Program Director of Project Self Sufficiency, when he spoke at the December meeting. He sent us a thank you with the following request: “In looking at the mission and objectives of AAUW, I see that legal consultation, along with support toward STEM degrees is important. PS-S often has the need to increase our access to legal resources for our participants. If this is something your group or someone you know feels passionate about, feel free to have them connect with me.” The PS-S phone number is 970-635-5906 and his e-mail is john@bringthepower.org .

**New Members**

Beth Franklin is a new member of AAUW. Beth lives at 435 Harrison Avenue in Loveland and her e-mail is franklinbeth1309@gmail.com . Her phone number is 663-0893. Beth has her BS from Purdue University, and her MA and PHD from Indiana University. Her concentrations were in Spanish, Literacy, and ESL. She has been a professor at the University of North Dakota, the University of Nebraska, and now the University of Northern Colorado. Her interests include poetry, book groups, movies and travel.

**Book Club**

Ronnie Patterson is the hostess and leader for the February Book Club meeting on February 6. The book for discussion is Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of a Family by Amy Ellis Nutt.

Ronnie lives at 11 Gregg Drive. E-mail her if you plan to attend verolee@earthlink.net . All members are welcome to attend.

**Corrections**

Kris Worner’s new address is 800 W. 38th St., #5101, Austin, TX, 78705.

Cheryl Gillpatrick’s phone number is 426-6479.

Camille Bamford, a former member who moved to Centennial has a new phone number – 720-707-6927.