**March 2018 AAUW Newsletter**

**Loveland, Colorado**

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

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

**March Meeting**

Please join us for a look into the fascinating life of a local/writer/journalist, Aimee Heckel, who calls herself a **“word nerd.”** Her specialties are travel writing, book editing, fitness, features and humor columns. After college, she spent almost 15 years with the Boulder Daily Camera newspaper and also wrote for Huffington Post, Fodors, and USA Today 10 Best. In 2017, new doors opened, and she now devotes her time to travel writing and spearheads content for Travel Boulder as head writer and editor.

Aimee has traveled the world to write an in-depth series about humanitarian issues in Uganda and Haiti. Her family’s Loveland-based non-profit, Think Humanity, was birthed after witnessing the great need to provide hope and provisions for refugees and underdeveloped communities in Africa.

Remember, that we are having a mini-book sale at the meeting. Bring one or two newer books that someone else would likely want to read. These will be displayed and can be “purchased” for a donation which will go toward the operation of the local organization.

Hostesses for this meeting are Judy Pitcher and Ellen Thomerson.

**April Book Club**

The Storyteller by Jodi Picoult will be the book discussed at the April meeting. Louise Crede will lead the discussion which will be held at the home of Martha DiCicco, 225 Alden Drive at 1 PM. All members of AAUW are welcome to attend the book club. Let Martha know if you plan to attend – marthavd@msn.com

**Dates to Remember – Please be sure these are in your calendar. You can find details for each event on our AAUW Loveland Branch Website.**

**March Meeting – March 26, 6:30 PM, Artspace, 140 W. Third St.**

**April Meeting – April 23, 6:30 PM, Sweetheart Winery, 5500 W. Highway 34 – Amy Blackwell,**

 **State AAUW President speaking**

**April 27-28 – State AAUW Convention in Highlands Ranch, CO – see website for more info**

**May 5 – May luncheon at 11:30 AM at Biaggi’s**

**May 12 – AAUW Flower Sale**

**June 22-24 – Rocky Mountain Regional AAUW Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah – Women**

 **Unlimited and Undaunted**

**October 13 – 9-12 AM, Conversations with Authors at the Best Western – note this will be a breakfast – not lunch**

**Flower Sale Orders**

Now that we have been having warmer weather and some of our annual flowers are peeking their heads out of the ground, we begin to think about spring flowers. Please be sharing our flower sale with your friends and neighbors. If you do not have an order form, go to our website – aauw-loveland.aauw.net and copy some off. **The Deadline for orders is March 26 – the date of our March meeting.** Remember that our sale is the day before Mothers’ Day and these plants make wonderful gifts. This is one of our two fundraisers for our scholarships so we need to give our support!

**Conversations with Authors**

This committee has been meeting and making plans for our fall fundraiser. After feedback from members at the last AAUW meeting, we have made some revisions. The event will be in the morning starting with breakfast and will have just two authors. We will again be at the Best Western.

**May Luncheon**

This event which is our May meeting will take place on May 5 at 11:30 at Biaggi’s. This is also the event where we recognize our scholarship winners. We will have a speaker from the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame. In order to use this space we have to spend a minimum of $350 without the gratuities. If we have a good representation of our members we should have no problem doing this. But, put it on your calendar now so we will have a good turnout. We will be offering a choice of two salads and two or three pasta dishes – one vegetarian.

**Scholarship Application is Available**

At the February meeting we voted to give $1000 scholarships (rather than $2000) so will be giving out 4 scholarships rather than 2. If you know someone from the Loveland/Berthoud area who is or wants to do graduate work, tell them about our scholarship**. The application deadline is April 8 and the application is on our website. E-mail** **diworner@gmail.com**if you need more information.

**Needing TLC**

Kathy Wilson, our co-president is having foot surgery on March 29. Our thoughts for rapid healing go to her. Becky Mallory, one of our members has not been able to attend recently because she has spent considerable time with her mother who is not doing well in Illinois.

**AAUW Dues**

National dues are going up $10 this year meaning that the total for national, state, and local will be $80 this year. Dues cover July 1 – June 30. It is helpful if you pay them online (with a credit card) or by check at our May meeting to save our treasurers having to make reminder calls.

**National Bylaws Amendment Vote!**

The AAUW Board of Directors has put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership to be voted on this spring. These include 3 year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. To read more now about the rationale for submitting these amendments search Proposed National AAUW Amendments online. Members will receive their voter PINS via email in April and with the spring *AAUW Outlook* magazine, which will be mailed to members without registered email addresses and to those that have requested to receive *Outlook* in the mail. The comment period closes March 22 at 11:59 p.m. ET, and voting opens April 25.