**January 2019 AAUW Newsletter**

**Loveland, CO**

**Our mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and**

**advocacy.**

**A Note from your Presidents – Karla Marroquin and Wanda Marker**

**AAUW has a new Strategic Plan with 3 areas of concentration:**

1. **Education and Training**
2. **Economic Security**
3. **Leadership**

Each state and each local branch will be focusing on these three areas. If you have ideas on things we can do that fit into these categories please speak up at our monthly meetings or call us with your ideas.

 As part of the Economic Security strategic focus area, AAUW is committed to training 10 million women in salary negotiations by 2022. AAUW is also committed to bringing pay equity to all by 2030. The national organization has developed a basic Start Smart workshop targeted at women new to the workplace and an online Work Start workshop for those already in the workplace. Work Smart includes skill building to ask for a raise. Under the tagline **Members Mobilize a Million** we are encouraged to take the online course Work Smart Course (about an hour and fifteen minutes long) and recruit 20 other people to take the course. You can take the Work Smart workshop online by going to advocacy@aauw.org. Many of us are retired but we can be role models for young women in our families and other organizations and for friends by encouraging them to take one of these courses.

Please consider attending Public Policy Day. Call us if you plan on attending.

**January Meeting**

Our January meeting will be **Saturday, January 26 at 9:30 AM at Artspace.** Since January is usually a cold month and some of our members would prefer not to drive at night we have scheduled this meeting for a Saturday meeting. We are excited about our program. Ronnie Johnson Bogart, a local commercial helicopter pilot and instructor will be speaking. She has a love of aviation and is interested in encouraging the exploration of aviation as a career path. You are invited to bring guests – including those who are middle or high school age – who may be interested in this topic. Karla Marroquin and Wanda Marker are the hostesses for this meeting. Periodically we ask members to bring recent books we no longer want for others to “buy” for a donation to our operating fund. This will be one of those meetings. You are asked to take home any of your books that do not sell or they will be donated to the Library book sale.

**Claudia Ward Retirement Get Together**

Immediately after the meeting (noon) all AAUW members are invited to the West End Lounge, 127 W. 4th St. (just a couple blocks away from Artspace). You may order (dutch treat) lunch or a drink and celebrate with Claudia Ward on her retirement from Aims Community College. Cards are welcome but please, no gifts.

**Public Policy Day in Denver**

Put Saturday, Feb. 2 on your calendar for this year’s Public Policy Day. This is always a very interesting, informative event with over 100 attending from across the state. The keynote speaker for this event will be Dr. Nita Mosby Tyler. Dr. Tyler is Chief Catalyst and Founder of The Equity Project, LLC – an organization designed to support organizations and communities I building diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies. The event will take place at the Holiday Inn Denver and Lakewood, 7390 W. Hampden Ave. at Wadsworth from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. The Conference registration deadline is January 28 right after our January meeting. You can go to https://aauw-co.aauw.net to register online or to get a mail-in registration form. The cost is $45 which includes lunch. There is some money in our budget available to help members with the cost. Also, inform Karla or Wanda if you plan to attend, as participants usually car pool.

**Welcome to these New Members!**

We are pleased to welcome three new members to our branch. You can find their addresses and phone numbers in the online directory for the branch.

Teri Smith (tas2ok@hotmail.com) is a graduate of Central Oklahoma University with a major in psychology. She is recently retired after a career in education. Most recently she was teaching online science classes for Connections Education. She has lived in Oklahoma, California, and Colorado. She and her husband have two sons. She is looking forward to doing more reading and attacking many unfinished projects.

Judy Stout (jstout@lpbroadband.net) is a 1969 graduate of Mercer College and a 1979 and 1993 graduate of the University of Oklahoma. Her career has been in education and she has been an elementary teacher, asst. principal, principal in Lawton, Oklahoma, and most recently director of education in both Boulder and Adams District 14. She likes to read, travel, play tennis and spend time with her husband, kids and grandkids. She is interested in being on the Conversations with Authors Committee.

Irene Middleman Thomas (thomasirene2@gmail.com) moved to Loveland from Aurora with her husband about a year ago. She has a BS from the University of Colorado with a major in journalism. Her profession has been in journalism – print, radio, public relations, and is now working in free-lance journalism for magazines, newspapers and online. Fluent in Spanish she also works as a translator. She enjoys reading and traveling and volunteers at the Loveland Visitor Center and at Truscott Elementary working with students in their bi-lingual program.

Also, our branch gave a Give a Grad national AAUW membership to Alexandra Lessem, one of our 2018 scholarship winners, and a recent doctoral graduate.

**Executive Board Meeting**

This meeting will be at the home of Karla Marroquin on Jan. 24 at 1:30 pm. Officers and committee chairpersons are expected to attend and any other members interested are welcome. RSVP to Karla by e-mail.

**Trip to Dior Exhibit in Denver:**

Stelle Barnett will be arranging a trip soon to this exhibit. If you are interested in going and haven’t told her already, contact her at stel@MaidenName.com

**Book Group**

The next book group will be Feb. 4, 1 pm at the home of Ronnie Patterson, 11 Gregg Drive. We will be talking about The Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig. If you are attending for the first time, call Ronnie.

**Dates to Remember:**

 **Executive Board Meeting – Jan. 24 – 1:30**

 **February 2 – Public Policy Day**

 **April 2 – Equal Pay Day**

 **April 26-27 – State Convention in Longmont**

**In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks diverse membership. There shall be no carriers to full participation**

**in this organization on the basis of gender race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.**