

## **February 2020 AAUW Newsletter**

Loveland, Colorado

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

### **February Program**

Our February meeting will be Monday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at ArtSpace on the corner of Railroad and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. PLENTY PHARMA is preparing an interesting program on the uses of CBD. Many members have expressed an interest in learning more about this controversial topic. Please invite friends to attend. PLEASE call or e-mail Wanda Marker (970-744-1406, [wmarker3@comcast.net](mailto:wmarker3@comcast.net)) to tell her if you will attend and the number of guests you are bringing and any questions you want answered. Wanda will inform PLENTY PHARMA.

### **February and March Hostesses**

**Please call another member to change hostess month if you are not able to attend.**

February	March
Karen Danbom	Linda French
Barbara Clark	Linda Jaster
Leni Bohren	Jane Noll
Carol Fortin	Sharon Ritter
Beth Franklin	Stel Barnett

Teri Smith has plates, napkins, and cups available if needed.

### **Book Club**

This group will meet March 2, 1:00 pm at the home of Teri Smith, 3007 Douglas Avenue. Wanda Marker is the discussion leader for the book In the Shade of the Banyan Tree by Vaddey Ratner. Call or e-mail Teri if you plan to come: [tas2ok@hotmail.com](mailto:tas2ok@hotmail.com) or 970-237-9914.

### **Fiber Arts**

This group will meet at 1:30 pm, Monday, February 17 at 615 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Please come with or without a project. We have great conversations and being with friends is a great remedy for winter's snow and ice.

### **Flower Sale**

#### **Get Ready: It is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Flower Sale**

To celebrate the flower sale and the anniversary we had added IMPATIENS, both sun and shade, in a variety of colors. As always the prices are a bargain. All prices and colors are on the attached order form if you print it in color. In an attempt to increase our scholarship fund, we are asking every member to sell one more plant. Please consider taking a flyer to post somewhere as another attempt to increase sales. Flyers will also be available at the February meeting. Forms are due on March 23. Wanda Marker will again host the sale

**Conversations with Authors** This committee will be meeting soon. Contact Karla Marroquin (571-338-4922, [babieweemus@aol.com](mailto:babieweemus@aol.com)) if you would like to join this committee as they plan the fall event.

### **Susan B. Anthony Play**

Our member, Ronnie Patterson (and Fargo poet laureate) and her daughter Carrie Lee Patterson wrote the play *Susan's Dream: If Thee Must, Thee Must* several years ago and it was presented at the Loveland Museum. On **March 12 at 6:30 pm**, in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the right for women to vote, the play will again be presented under the sponsorship of the Loveland Museum and the Loveland AAUW. It will again be presented at the Museum at 6:30 pm. Carrie is now a professional actress in the Chicago area and is returning here to play the part of Susan B. Anthony. There is no cost for the play but a \$10 donation is suggested. Half of the money raised will go to the Loveland AAUW scholarship fund and half will go to support the Jane DeDecker sculpture *Every Word We Utter*. A maquette of the sculpture will be on display as will juried pieces of art work related to the history of women's suffrage, the visionaries of that time, and the continued quest for voting equality. This will be a public performance. Seating is limited but we are hoping many AAUW members will be able to attend and will bring guests.

### **The Passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment....The Rest of the Story**

The MLK Loveland Events Committee and the League of Women Voters invite you to an event on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6:00 pm regarding the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The guest speaker will be Dr. George Stevens.

### **Introducing New Members**

**Sandy Hilliker** moved here four years ago from Minneapolis, MN. She has a PHD in nursing from the University of Minnesota. She has worked in many different nursing roles in her 50 years of nursing from being a staff nurse in ICU to being a director of a 500 bed Safety Net Hospital. In "retirement" she taught nursing at St Catherine's University in St. Paul. She moved to Loveland four years ago to be closer to family. She enjoys being with family, gardening. Her passion is still healthcare as she volunteers with the Loveland Red Cross and the St. Matthews Free Clinic.

**Linda Espanol** moved from San Jose, California to Loveland just this past August. She says she moved to Colorado to live closer to family especially as she inches her way toward retirement (perhaps in the next 5 years.) She has a BA degree in psychology from San Jose State. Her employment background in Silicon Valley include Customer Service Representation in Inside Sales and Export for High Tech Companies and in Customer Relations Management for Automotive Dealerships. Her favorite job opportunity was off-roading and maintaining relationships with HUMMER customers. She enjoys reading, nature walks, Digital Photography, and Visual and Performing Arts.

**Diana Fearn** grew up in San Diego and went to college at Montana State University in Bozeman. Her major was secondary education, home economics and family life. Although she never was employed in that field, she said she used it every day being a mother and a wife. She has two boys, one in Boulder and one in Denver and moved to Denver to be near grandchildren – Vivianna who is 6 and Kylee who is 3 ½ and the light of her life. While in Montana she loved to down hill and cross country ski, dance (16 different dances), some dance instruction, white water rafting, tennis, and water color painting. Here, she and her husband have a small camper and to camping during the week. She adds that as with most women, I was on the receiving end of discrimination in wages. Even my father limited the careers his four girls had thinking he was protecting us. I was even told there are so many college wives seeking jobs in Bozeman, they didn't need to pay them anything. I hope the future for my granddaughters will be more equitable and they will have any career opportunity available to them.

**Fran Feinerman** graduated from Bard College, NY with a bachelor's in psychology. She went on to earn two MA degrees – one in psychology from Cornell U, the other in history from San Francisco State. She then earned her doctorate in history from the University of Illinois in Chicago. After spending a couple of years in CA as a social worker, she entered career in academic work – a bit of teaching but mostly as the lead administrator in academic affairs. She was the director of a college campus in Alaska, and president of a college in Wyoming. Most of her work was at community colleges. She has lived in 8 states and worked in 6. She retired in Colorado to enjoy the outdoor environment. She is a member of the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers to help others enjoy the outdoors as well.

#### **Important Fact – from the Campaign for Children**

Between 2014 and 2018, 14 percent of Colorado's children (more than 168,000 children) lived below the federal poverty line – defined as a total annual income of \$25,100 or less for a family of 4. Of this group, more than 71,000 children lived in extreme poverty, in families struggling to make ends meet with less than \$12,550 per year. Decades of research established that experiencing poverty can impact child well-being in many ways, including having negative effects on a child's mental and behavioral health, as well as their academic achievement.