

-September 2019 AAUW Newsletter
Loveland, Colorado

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

A note from Karla Marroquin, president

Welcome back everyone! I'm looking forward to a great year again with my AAUW friends. On Monday, September 23 at 6:30 pm we will have our potluck dinner at Wanda Marker's house; this is a perfect time to invite a friend.

State Leadership Conference in Lakewood last month was interesting and stimulating. Wanda Marker, Teri Smith and I attended and enjoyed not only the speakers, but connecting with women from other branches. Sharing ideas about how we can increase membership and focus on AAUW's mission statement were focuses of the Conference.

Thank you to the board members who attended the meeting in early August. We discussed and planned events that are on our upcoming schedule – Conversations with Authors, 2020 Women and the Vote, Work Smart, and our upcoming programs. We will be starting a social dinner before our monthly meetings which are on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Loveland Art Space Building. Stel Barnett, our social chairman, will arrange them at different restaurants in downtown Loveland at 4:30 pm. She will send our emails to let us know where we will meet and accept your RSVPs. This is the time to invite that someone who you think would enjoy interesting conversation and enjoy our programs. Let them know what we are about! Another activity that we are going to have is a knit and converse group. And no, you don't have to knit to come. Date, time, and location to be announced. Another great chance to ask someone to come! We also plan to be more of a presence in community events; not only will we be an asset to the community, but we can let people know what AAUW stands for.

September Program

To start off this year we will have a potluck at the home of Wanda Marker – 1431 Allison Drive – the Flower Sale home. It will be 6:30 pm. Table service and drinks will be provided but you are asked to bring a salad or dessert and a guest. This is a great chance to get to know each other better.

Conversations with Authors

Our event this year is on Saturday, October 5 from 9 to noon and includes breakfast for \$42. This is the tenth year of this event and again we have some very interesting authors – Jeanne Winer and Sharon Harness. **The important thing to remember is that September 21 is the last day for reservations – this is only three weeks away!** In order to make money for scholarships we need community members to attend – please think who you can invite and talk to them soon. **Call or send your reservation to our treasurer, Teri Smith.** Also, if you bring a person

who wants to join AAUW they can get a half price national membership making their total membership cost \$50.50 rather than \$80.

Social Event

Stel has arranged a tour of the Milner/Schwarz Farmhouse, 710 Railroad Avenue in Loveland, adjacent to Fairgrounds Park. We'll learn about the house's history and its value to the Loveland community. The tour begins at 10:30 and be followed up with lunch at a restaurant to be determined. For more information check

<http://www.facebook.com/LovelandHistoricalSociety/>

Please RSVP to stel@maidename.com by September 8.

Book Club

The first Book Club meeting of the year will be at the home of Claudia Ward, 615 W. 3rd St. next Monday, September 9 at 1:00. We will be discussing Bitterroot and Her Kind of Case – books written by the authors who will be at Conversations with Authors.

Gender Equality

Claudia Ward, one of our members, sent this idea as to how we can help achieve gender equality. In 35 states, including Colorado, “menstrual necessities” are considered “luxury goods” as opposed to shampoo and chapstick. It is suggested that we call our legislators and repeat “No taxation on menstruation.”

Future Dates to Remember

February 1, 2020 – Public Policy Day at the Holiday Inn in Lakewood

March 13, 2020 – Susan B. Anthony play at the Museum. This play was written by Ronnie Patterson and her daughter. This will take the place of our regular March meeting.

June 19-21 – AAUW Regional Conference at the Hilton Hotel in Fort Collins