

October 2023 AAUW Newsletter Loveland, Colorado

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

A note from the president:

On October 16 at 1:00 we will be having Conversations and Crafts Group at Claudia's house, 615 W. Third St. Normally, this group is a casual drop in group, but this time we will have a speaker, Lisa Chollet, Congressional District 4 Chair, speak about Proposition HH. She was recommended by Jody Shaddock-McNally.

Our friend and fellow AAUW member, Karolyn McCarter, passed away on October 5 at MCR Hospital after a six year valiant struggle with a rare immune disorder. She was 59 years old. There will be a memorial service for her on November 19 at 2 pm at the Namaqua Unitarian Church, 745 E. 5th St., Loveland.

October Program

We will welcome STEM/STEAM specialists from the Thompson School District for our October 23 monthly meeting. They will share what is happening at the STEM schools in the district and how it impacts students and young women. The meeting is at 6:30 pm at First United Methodist Church, 533 Grant Avenue. You will need to use the code 01823 to get in. The meeting is in the basement Fellowship Hall and there is an elevator available. Please do not share the code on social media.

Hiking Interest Group

This group is going to the Lily Lake area outside of Estes Park this month. They will hike around the lake (hopefully still see some "colors"), lots of side trails from there. Meet at 8:30 October 17 at Mehaffey Park (south entrance/parking lot off W. 22nd St.). Questions: contact Jan Witt (720-203-4198) wittjl@comcast.net

Book Club

The next book club meeting is at the home of Martha DiCicco, 225 Alden Drive. Lindae Espanol will lead the discussion on Being Mortal by Atul Gawande.

Proposition HH

This is a very complicated proposition that will be on the ballot for the state this fall. You saw in Karla's note that you can hear more about it on October 16 at 1 pm at Claudia's house. Both the League of Women Voters and Colorado AAUW are recommending a yes vote on this measure.

According to the LWV a Yes vote means HH lowers property taxes owed, allows the state to keep additional revenues that would otherwise be refunded to taxpayers, temporarily

changes how taxpayer TABOR refunds are distributed and creates a new property tax limit for most local governments.

The League says HH would provide:

- Much needed funding for schools to prepare the next generation of Coloradans

- Property tax relief for homeowners and renters

- Owner-occupied homes and multifamily residences a larger tax cut

- Business, agricultural and residential property across the state property tax cuts

I was unable to get the reasons (in time for this newsletter) why AAUW is taking this position.

Thank You

Thanks to all who attended and/or donated to Conversations this year. Our speakers were excellent and many compliments were received on the location, food, speakers, baskets, etc. We were fortunate to have a Lakewood AAUW member attend and donate a basket. One of our speakers donated her honorarium back for our scholarships. Teri, our treasurer, reports that we made \$1532. Yeah!