

## **July 2024 AAUW Newsletter**

### **Loveland, Colorado**

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

#### **A note from our president:**

Welcome everyone to our upcoming AAUW season! First of all I want to thank people for the well wishes, meals, and cards after my surgery in April. That's what I love about our group, how we support one another and truly enjoy being together, while at the same time supporting women's equity and education. I know, for myself, I have broadened my perspectives on a lot of different issues through our programs and interest groups while enjoying the many friendships I've made. I appreciate and thank you for your time and participation in our two annual fundraisers: the Flower Sale in the spring and Conversations with Authors in the fall, all monies going toward scholarships for women pursuing a college degree. Flower sale net profit was \$2,372 and Conversations with Authors was \$1310 allowing our scholarship committee to give three scholarships.

There will be a board meeting at the home of Jan Witt, 3 Namaqua Ct. at 1 pm.

#### **AAUW Board Members**

President: Karla Marroquin

Vice President for Membership: Jan Witt

Vice Presidents for Program: Leni Bohren and Claudia Ward

Secretary: Linda Wasielewski

Treasurer: Teri Smith

Committee Chairs

Flower Sale – Claudia Ward

Conversations with Authors – Martha DiCicco

Scholarship Committee - TBD

We are kicking off the season with our annual Potluck Picnic on Sunday, August 25, 5:30 pm at Sue and Greg Gerrard's home, 5400 W. Hwy 34,, located just east of Sweetheart Winery on the same side of the road. Bring your spouse, partner, or a friend – maybe someone that may be interested in finding out what our branch is all about. Bring a main or side dish, salad, vegetables, aperitif or dessert and your choice of beverage. Tea or lemonade will be provided.

If you have items that you could donate to go into our raffle baskets at Conversations with Authors please bring them to the picnic. This could include things such as gift certificates from a local business you patronize, chocolate, notecards, a new book, a candle, wine, etc.

Our monthly programs are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. We meet at the First United Methodist Church, 533 Grant Ave. First we have our speaker and a short business meeting follows. Prior to each program we have a social get together at the Pour House Restaurant (124 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.) in downtown Loveland for those people who are interested. We meet at 4-4:15.

The September program on September 23 will be Tina Harris, Larimer County Clerk and Recorder speaking. Sean Hawkins from Loveland Downtown Development will be the speaker in October.

The full list of programs for the year will be in the August newsletter and in a handout at the picnic.

Interest Groups that take place each month are as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 1 pm – Book Club** @ members' homes. Selections will be listed in August Newsletter and on handout at the picnic. Contact: Martha DiCicco, 970-461-5794

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 10 am to noon – Great Decisions Discussion Group** – This group has changed date, time, and location. The next meeting is Wed., Sept. 11 in the Loveland Library in the Dunraven/Hayes Peak room which is located at the back of the library. Contact: Jill Osofsky 408 981-9625

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1:30 pm – Coffee, Crafts, and Conversation** @Claudia Ward's home, 615 W. Third St. Contact: Claudia 440 371-0910

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday morning – Wild Women Hiking Group** – Contact: Jan Witt 720 203-4198

Both our National and State AAUW websites are good sources of information about AAUW and what is happening at that level. On the state website you can see the 2024 AAUW Legislative Priorities and Updates. You can take action on issues of concern such as pay equity and non-discrimination by using the 2 Minute Activist on the National website.

### **Conversations with Authors**

Our 13<sup>th</sup> annual brunch and Colorado author presentations will be Saturday, October 5, 9 – 12:00 in the room above the Rialto Theater. The cost will again be \$45 and is a fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund. Our two Colorado authors speaking this year will be Jacqueline St. Joan and Daniel Danbom. Brochures will be sent to you in August but invite your friends now to come with you.

Colorado AAUW Fall Leadership Conference – “Collaboration with Community Organizations,” August 24, 9:00 am to noon. Keynote speaker is Beth Hendrix, Executive Director of the League

of Women Voters of CO (LWVCO). This is a free zoom meeting and you can register for the Zoom Link on AAUW CO website.

It is good to report that Jan Witt is recovering from hip replacement surgery – so she should be able to get back to her love of hiking in a month or two.-