

## **November/December AAUW Newsletter**

### **Loveland, Colorado**

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

This is a note I received from Karla – I wanted to tell you that our daughter's, Lia, apartment burned on November 8 along with two others and an empty one. Fortunately she was not there, was dog/house sitting. Her two cats perished and she is devastated about that. The landlord had put a space heater in the empty apartment that was full of debris from a previous fire to keep the pipes from freezing. We have salvaged a little and trying to get the smoke out of some clothes by washing in certain detergents. Got some photos out. She will live with us for awhile and commute to her job in Lakewood which is in southern Denver. She did have renter's insurance and got some payout, but it doesn't come near to replacing furniture, clothes, computer, etc.

#### **December 2 Program**

We will not have a program in November and the one in December is at an earlier date so it doesn't interfere with Christmas plans. Meet at The Landing, 814 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Loveland. We will have a private tour of the new, son-to-shelter for 15 – 20 year old youth. Please consider bringing a donation of winter apparel: coats/jackets snowpants, sweatpants, sweatshirts, size L/XL...these can be new or gently used, as well as new socks, new hats, new gloves.

After our tour, we have been invited to Wanda Marker's home (1431 Allison Dr., Loveland) for our holiday celebration – spouses, partners are welcome. Warm chili will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert, BYOB. Please RSVP to Wanda by November 23. We've had a great year...come to celebrate!

#### **Tour of ChildSafe's New Facility**

An earlier invitation was sent out to members for a tour of this new facility which will be part of the Loveland Youth Campus (formerly New Vision's School) at 2366 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. The tour will be on December 11 at 2 pm. RSVP to [kbaumgardner@childsafecolorado.org](mailto:kbaumgardner@childsafecolorado.org) or call 970-449-4943 if you would like to take the tour.

#### **Hiking Interest Group**

On November 19 the hiking group will head to Hall Ranch, outside Lyons. Meet at Mehaffey Park (south entrance parking lot as usual, off of 22<sup>nd</sup> St., 9:00 Tuesday 11/19. Dress in layers, wear "cooler-weather" clothes, bring all your hiking gear, trekking poles, boots, water, snacks, etc. Stopping in Lyons on the way home for lunch is always a possibility... Contact Jan Witt for further details.

#### **A Note from the Scholarship Committee**

If you are tired of receiving gifts from family that you don't want and can't use, please think about asking that a donation be made to our scholarship fund. It would be a wonderful gift that would give twice – once to you and a second time to someone who receives one of our

scholarships. A scholarship donation check can be made out to **AAUW Loveland** and sent out to our Treasurer, Teri Smith. In the memo portion of the check, the donor should write *Scholarship Donation*. Teri's mailing address is **3007 Douglas Avenue, Loveland, CO 80538**.

### **Conversation, Coffee, and Crafts**

This group will meet at 1:30, Monday, November 18 (tomorrow) at Claudia's home, 615 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. All are invited to solve the world's problems through conversation and laughter. Crafts are optional.

### **Book Group**

The book group does not meet in December. Our next meeting will be January 6 at 1 pm at the home of Linda Wasielewski, 1807 Daphne Drive. Linda will also lead the discussion of Lisa See's book Lady Tan's Circle of Friends.

### **State Public Policy Day**

**Public Policy Day** will take place through Zoom on February 1, 2025. The topic will be **Solutions to Violence Against Women – Home Workplace – Campus**. Note this on your calendar and get more information on that state website and our January newsletter.

### **"Sunshine" Chair**

Lyndae Espanol is our members who sends cards. Let her know if you are aware of health issues, difficult times, or a death in the families of any of our members and she will send a card.

### **Great Decisions**

The next meeting of the Great Decisions Discussion Group will be January 8 from 10 to 12 at the Loveland Public Library. New books will be given out at that time and you will need to bring a check to cover the cost.

### **2025 Medicare Drug Plan**

Jill Osofsky sent me a note encouraging members to check for changes in their 2025 Medicare drug plan. When she checked her plan she discovered that her most expensive RX will not be covered by any Medicare plan in 2025. If she keeps her current plan, she will be paying over \$7,000 out-of-pocket in 2025. Her husband would also have high out-of-pocket costs. They are exploring options and will change their plan before open enrollment ends. This can be done easily online, or one can look for an accredited Medicare advisor in our area. She strongly encourages you to go to [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) and follow the prompts to check their coverage. Openenrollment ends Dec. 7.

### **Welcome to New Member Victoria (Tori) Holloran**

Tori graduated from the University of Maryland in 1977 with a B.S. in Special Education. She says that shortly after graduation she discovered "I had a talent I never knew I had and would up working for General Dynamics as a graphic artist." Retirement brought a move west and she is now living in Loveland near her step daughter and her husband. She reports that

education and employment issues for women have been important to her as she is of the generation that always heard, “We aren’t hiring any secretaries” when she was looking for work after college. She says “I’m very excited to be a part of the AAUW, its members, and its mission.”