

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 5th, 2022 Public Policy Day Zoom
March 5th, 2022: Sturm Collaborative Campus
Event, 9a.m. to 12:30
March 16th, 2022: Meeting; Siena Restaurant,
11:30 a.m.
May 18th, 2022: *Meeting (Location & time
TBD)

Minutes for November Meeting

Submitted by Doris MacDougall

The Douglas County Branch of AAUW Colorado met for a lunch meeting on November 17, 2021 at Siena Restaurant in Castle Rock. Eighteen members and one guest were present. Marcia Miller opened the meeting at 11:30 am. Diane Nortén introduced our guest, State President Joan Brown, from the Aurora branch.

Joan is beginning a 3-year term as Colorado's state president and began her remarks by asking several questions about our group. Members responded with enjoyment of our interest groups, camaraderie among members, scholarships, variety of programs and our history and cultures tours. Joan talked about the Colorado Connects Newsletter, now printed monthly, and encouraged members to use the national webinar. She talked about the Action Network, a national informational sheet now recognized by its blue and orange logo. The new CEO of AAUW is Gloria Blackwell and her theme this year is "Diversity, Equality, Inclusion" known as DEI. The average age of AAUW members in America is 72 years.

Thank You's were presented to members who were very active the past several years and throughout the pandemic.

In keeping with the CEO's theme, Diane Nortén, Program Vice-President, presented a program on Diversity in America, in Colorado and in Douglas County. Diane used statistics from results of the 2020 census that prove our demographics are changing and we as Americans have to include and accept the different cultures we now experience by becoming aware of the differences, learn about other cultures, take responsibility for how we respond to changes and show patience.

Scholarship Chair Jean Kovatavich passed a sheet with information about how much in scholarship funds we have distributed since 2019. Three deserving women have received scholarship funds from our branch,



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all studying in the medical field. Scholarship information and applications were sent this year to six local colleges and universities, but Jean was disappointed with the lack of new applicants these past two years. Since our branch fund-raising was still ongoing and the treasury healthy, the branch voted to continue to support one applicant for her 4th year in medical school. Jean did say we might explore alternative community options to support women, and with the opening of a branch of Arapahoe Community College in Castle Rock, we might find local women returning to school to finish a degree.

Treasurer Marsha Johnson followed up by announcing a \$3000 scholarship check will be sent to medical student Kelly Wigglesworth Stanek. We continue to support National's NCCWL fund with a \$600 contribution and our annual \$1000 to the national AAUW fund. Marsha did express a concern that only about 60% of the membership continues to support our fund-raising efforts and suggested that an additional \$50 might be added to our dues for our scholarships. An affirmative vote was taken.

Linda Gaylo was welcomed as our new Membership Chair and there was discussion regarding updating a membership brochure. Pat Proctor offered to create a new Membership Directory as we have not had one for two years. She asked all to review the current directory and send any changes to her promptly.

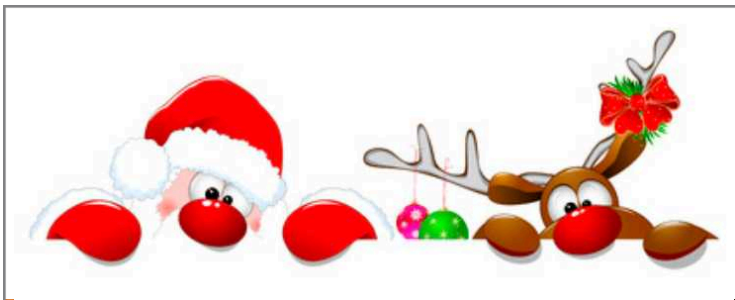
Upcoming plans for the 2021-22 Douglas County AAUW meetings is a zoom meeting of the state's Public Policy Day in February, a STEM program for local 8th grade girls to be held at the Arapahoe Community College campus in Castle Rock on Saturday March 5th. Suzanne Kroepsch and Beryl Jacobson are working with ACC Directors to present a fun and informative day. Volunteers will be needed to help get the word out to our local middle schools so we have a good turnout. A regular AAUW meeting will be held on March 16th, place to be determined.

Before closing the meeting, Marsha Johnson announced we have three free membership dues allowed and member names were drawn from a basket. The meeting was closed by Marcia Miller

Doris



“May the closeness of friends and the comfort of home, renew your spirits this Christmas.”



Future Event:

**ACC STURM COLLABORATIVE CAMPUS VISIT for 8TH GRADE GIRLS
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 9 am – 12:30 pm**

Plans are underway! Please help!!! Contact Suzanne Kroepsch
(Suzanne.kroepsch@gmail.com) or Beryl Jacobson (berylmjacobson@gmail.com).



TREASURER'S REPORT via Marsha Johnson, DC AAUW Treasurer

Currently, our account balance is \$3,974.01.

At our fabulous luncheon this month, we were privileged to have the state president, Joan Brown, in attendance. She spoke to us of various issues and concerns within AAUW. We appreciated her participation in our club meeting. Thank you to Dorothy Nugent who put the luncheon together. Thank you to Marcia Miller who presided over the meeting and luncheon!

Jean Kovatovich presented our fall scholarship applicant information and the group in attendance voted to select Kelly Wigglesworth as our recipient this year. Her check for \$3000 was sent last week. Happy Thanksgiving to Kelly!

I also sent off our annual donation to NCCWSL - \$600, and our annual donation to the AAUW Fund - \$1000.

Thank you again to all who graciously donated to our scholarship fund throughout the year. A special thank you to those interest groups who have participated: daytime bridge, Mexican train and culture/history club. If I've left a group out, I apologize. Every bit helps!

Happy Holiday Season to all!

Marsha



A Thank You from our scholarship recipient:

To: DC AAUW Membership



Jean,
Thank you and the AAUW Douglas County branch! You all have blessed me beyond belief during my four years of medical school and I am so grateful for another opportunity to partner with you all and this amazing generous scholarship!
Sincerely,

Kelly Wigglesworth
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
MD Program, Class of 2022

“Spread the warmth of the Christmas season to all those around you and make this world a beautiful place to live in.”

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE via Diane Nortén, VP-Public Policy Chair

This is a follow-up to Diane’s presentation at our November Meeting. Great conversational information and to “test” your family.

Different Things in Different Countries

Every country has their sayings. See how many of these you can figure out.



1. He makes a wine cellar from one raisin (Lebanon)
2. Even a tiger will appear if you talk about him. (Korea)
3. God is a good worker, but her loves to be helped. (Spain)
4. You can force a man to shut his eyes, but you can’t make him sleep. (Denmark)
5. A little in your own pocket is better than much in another’s purse. (Spain)
6. If you climb up a tree, you must climb down that same tree. (Ghana)
7. From the rain into the gutter. (Germany)

8. My house burned down, but it was a relief the bedbugs died. (Korea)

9. He who is not in sight is not in the heart. (Tanzania)
10. Two captains sink the ship. (Japan)
11. By trying often, the monkey learns to jump from the tree. (Zaire)
12. A person that arrives early to the spring never gets dirty drinking water. (Zaire)
13. I will not cry over a mishap and injure my eyes. (Tanzania)
14. Trust in God but tie your camel. (Iran)
15. A sparrow in the hand is better than a cock on the roof. (Russia)
16. Where something is think that's where it tears. (Russia)
17. Not everyone who has a cowl on is a monk. (Russia)
18. As you cooked the porridge, so must you eat it. (Russia)
19. Every seed knows its time. (Russia)



Need a new name tag for DC AAUW? Contact Linda Gaylo
before December 25th! 53ldg5@gmail.com

Need an idea for a great present? How about a
membership to DC AAUW!



Snowmen fall from heaven. unassembled

Culture and History Group - Everyone is welcome!



On December 16

Tour and Victorian tea at the Miramont Castle in Manitou Springs. Come join us for a Victorian Christmas and tour 30 rooms with authentic Victorian furnishings. Following the tour, we are reserved in the Queen's Parlour Tea Room for a light Victorian three course tea from 1:00 -2:30 pm. The tea costs \$30 each and the tour is \$10 each. For those who want to carpool, we will meet at Big O Tire in the Safeway Parking lot at 10:00 am.

Please let Pat Smith know by email by December 14th if you can attend. pks9909@gmail.com

Last trip to Boulder Contemporary Art Museum and Boulderado Hotel!
So Fun!!!





Stay healthy and happy!



Until next year...

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