



Mission Statement:

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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President's Message: January 1, 2018

This time of year, we often reflect on the past and think about the future. For AAUW Longmont, this was a year of innovation and engagement. We have two new interest groups (Current Issues & Advocacy, and Coffee and Conversation). We have applied to become a 501(c)(3), which will allow us to apply for grants and accept donations. We have trained as facilitators for Start Smart, the salary negotiation workshop to be presented in partnership with Front Range Community College. And, we developed a strategic plan, which will guide our branch for the next three years.

This coming year, we will move forward with:

- interest groups and social events that bring us together.
- programs, like Start Smart, that meet community needs.
- efforts to increase the involvement of existing members and to attract a more diverse membership.
- improvements to our newsletter and website, to increase communication among members, and with the public.
- continued advocacy for women and girls, particularly on the state and local levels.
- a member survey to guide us in refining and implementing the Branch strategic plan.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year! For AAUW Longmont, I wish a year of continued engagement - among members, and with the community, as we fulfill our mission of advocating for equity for women and girls.

Nan

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Upcoming Programs

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Wednesday, January 10th 2018 9-10 am
Upstairs at Cheese Importers, 103 Main St. Longmont

Plan on joining other members the 2nd Wednesday of the month in 2018.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER



AAUW Longmont International Dinner
Saturday, January 20, 2018, 6:00 pm
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
1303 S. Bross Lane, Longmont

Members are encouraged to bring their spouses and guests.

Please bring a covered dish or dessert with an international flavor to share. You are encouraged to bring a card with the name of our dish, your name and other pertinent information such as vegetarian or gluten free.

Wine drinkers are encouraged to bring a bottle of wine to share as well.

Please RSVP to aauwlongmont@gmail.com by Thursday, January 18, 2018.



Guest Speaker

Dr. Ian Feinhandler, Professor of Geography and International Affairs

Front Range Community College and University of Colorado – Boulder

One of the Times-Call 100 in 2016

Dr. Feinhandler will speak on the Catalan Secession from Spain. He will take a look at the recent and past history of this movement, the theory behind it and share some tools that can be used to examine other secession movements.



COMBINED MEETING WITH DKG

Saturday, February 10th, 9am-11am
Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1000 15th Ave., Longmont

Panel Discussion: Mental Health in Our Community

Panel Members are:

Boulder County Mental Health Partners

SVVSD High School Interventionist

Grant Coordinator for Longmont Supporting Action for Mental Health

Jonathan Singer, State Representative CO House Dist. 11

Please invite neighbors, friends and interested parties!!

Membership

The Membership Committee's emphasis is: "Membership is Everyone's Business" and one of our best avenues for increasing numbers has been through our members, i.e. members encouraging friends, neighbors, and associates to join. Several of our new members have come through Great Decisions and reaching out to members of other organizations we belong to has also been effective. Let's keep up this good work! The section on AAUW National's website, "How to Ask People to Join", is especially helpful.

Inviting potential members to our events is a great way to introduce them to Longmont AAUW! Upcoming opportunities for members to do this include the International Dinner on January 20th and the brunch with DKG on February 10th. Issuing broader invitations to our events will both advertise and attract members. Several groups that we will be reaching out to and through are: Smart Start (workshop participants), FRCC (students, staff and faculty), the Longmont Area and Latino Chambers of Commerce, the St Vrain Valley Education Associations. Join us in this endeavor!

New Members! Please welcome:

Patricia Long 4614 Belle Vista Drive, Longmont CO 80503
patlongtoadhall@gmail.com 703-801-7201

We received Patricia's membership form in mid-November, have welcomed her to the interest groups she indicated and look forward to her participation. Patricia received a BA in International and Asian Relations from American University in Washington DC and a MEd in Special Education from George Mason University in Virginia. She is interested in the Book Club, Great Decisions and Current Issues and Advocacy groups.

Mary Staples 9867 Bluegrass St, Firestone CO 80504
marystaples@comcast.net 847-903-1017

Mary Staples and her husband, Chas, attended the Holiday Open House as guests of Nancy Bruington. They were warmly welcomed and before they left, Mary gave me her membership form and dues!! Thanks to Nancy and all who attended for welcoming her so warmly. Mary received a BS in marketing from Illinois State University. She is interested in the Community Action Grant Committee, the Book Club, and the Gourmet Dinner group. She wants to be a very active member, but is still working so weekday participation will be limited.

Thanks to all for your help in increasing our membership and getting new members off to a great start!

Changes in Member Contact Information

Nancy Birchmeier 300 Eagle Pond Drive, Apt. #426, Walled Lake, MI 48390-3070
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Nancy Birchmeier has moved to Michigan! She wrote: "I am starting to settle in and feel like this is my new home. It really is fun to be able to spend so much time with my two grandchildren. We do have a lot of fun together." Nancy is remaining a member and we look forward to seeing her when she travels back this way!

Carolyn Phillips 925 Hover St, Apt 002, Longmont CO 80501
tcphil22@gmail.com 303-776-2118

Carolyn Phillips has moved to Atria and in early December she wrote: "Lots of pictures to hang!" We'll look forward to seeing her at Great Decisions!!

Jacque Sheppeck 1528 Stones Peak Dr, Longmont, CO 80503
jacquesheppeck@msn.com 720-491-3191

Jacque's last name was misspelled in the directory listing, but remaining information in the directory is correct.

We're Interested in What You Think

To help inform the Branch's strategic planning process, you will be receiving a member survey in early January. Your candid answers will help in the development of the plan and direction for the Branch over the next several years. The online survey will be easy to take and we definitely appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to give us your thoughts. Highlights of the survey results will be provided in a future newsletter and complete results will be on our website.

AAUW TREASURER'S REPORT

FROM NOV 1, 2017 TO DEC 30, 2017

EXPENDITURES:

Total expenditures for the period were \$ 288.12. These expenditures were Nat'l and State Membership dues, and our 70th anniversary party expenditures.

INCOME:

Total income for the period was \$ 400.00. This income was for Membership Dues for 10 new and renewing members.

LONGMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

During the period from Nov 1 to Dec 30, 2017, one transaction occurred in our accounts.

A \$75.00 donation from Lori Antolec was made per her request to our AAUW Scholarship Fund during this period.

CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Checking Account balance as of 12-30-17 is: **\$ 3,436.48**

The Savings Account balance as of 12-30-17 is: **\$ 6,086.25**

The Longmont Community Foundation funds' total as of 12-30-17 is: **\$ 146,536.28**

Scholarship Fund **\$ 78,321.75**

Community Action Grant **\$ 68,214.53**

Become Involved – Attend Public Policy Day

LAST DAY TO REGISTER: Monday, January 15, 2018

In the past two years in Colorado, the National Human Trafficking Hotline reported a yearly average of nearly 400 calls from victims and tipsters (Jan 2016-Jun 2017, <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/colorado>), resulting in about 120 cases/year focusing on sex and labor trafficking in Colorado. 80% of victims were women.

Learn more about this challenging, close-to-home problem from the Colorado Department of Public Safety's Colorado Human Trafficking Council:

AAUW Colorado's Public Policy Day in Golden, Colorado

HUMAN TRAFFICKING – IT'S CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

February 3, 2018 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Share a ride: contact Darcy Juday, darcyjuday@gmail.com

Program information: <https://aauw-co.aauw.net/> Register by mail: Mail registration form, page 4 of newsletter
Register online / Credit card payment by PayPal: Online registration
Last winter, a van-full of Longmont members shared a ride and a sense of purpose at the Denver Women's March. Let's do the same in 2018 on Public Policy Day.

COMING SOON: Public Policy and Advocacy Website page on <https://longmont-co.aauw.net/>
Learn about AAUW's action priorities. Find links to receive AAUW newsletters. Quickly research your favorite women's issue in depth with this one-stop digest.

NEW BILLS – COLORADO'S NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION convenes January 10
How well did our legislators support women and girls last year? Check these links (available soon on the Public Policy webpage): Congressional Voting Record State Legislative Scorecard. What new state bills will affect equity for Colorado women and girls? Come to Public Policy Day to hear from the AAUW-Colorado's Lobby Corps.

2018 Scholarship Applications Open

Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 AAUW Scholarship and the Sally Fanton Memorial Scholarship. Deadline for applications is March 14.

At least two students will be selected to receive a scholarship. One will be for a minimum of \$1,000 and will be awarded to a woman who meets all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Has completed a minimum of 30 college credit hours at the time of application,
- Is currently working towards an undergraduate degree, graduate degree, or certificate at an accredited two year or four-year college or university in the United States (full-time or part-time) OR have applied to begin study towards a degree or certificate this summer or fall,
- Is pursuing a career promoting equity for women and girls, education, health, and/or positive societal change,
- Has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0,
- Has either graduated from a St. Vrain Valley School District high school or is a current resident of the St. Vrain Valley School District.

The second scholarship is in memory of Sally Fanton. This scholarship is for a minimum of \$1,400 and will be awarded to a woman who meets the previously mentioned eligibility requirements AND who is studying to become a teacher. All applicants who apply for the AAUW scholarship AND are majoring in education, will automatically be considered for the Sally Fanton Scholarship in addition to the general AAUW Scholarship.

Applications are completed online at the Longmont Community Foundation. The link is:
<https://lcf scholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx#4371597136646D517975544F5976596D4E73384E69673D3D>

OUR Center's Culinary Arts Program

For the last two years, AAUW has awarded a Community Action Grant to the OUR Center's new Culinary Arts Program. In November, several AAUW members visited to see it in action. The 12-week program includes daily food preparation, under the guidance of Chef Gil, in the OUR Center kitchen plus online instruction from Rouxbe.com, the world's leading online culinary school. We also learned that Chef Gil receives numerous inquiries for chefs from area restaurants and that the prospects of employment are quite good for those who graduate from the program.



The AAUW representatives, along with friends and families of the three graduating chefs, were invited to attend the group's graduation dinner on Friday, December 15th. The delicious meal, prepared by the chefs and held in the OUR Center dining room, was an amazing array of appetizers, entrees, side dishes and desserts. Afterward, a graduation ceremony was held with each chef receiving a diploma and certification from Rouxbe.

All of us were impressed with the Culinary Arts Program and gratified that AAUW could play a part in making it happen.

Courtesy

Carolyn Cook is the Courtesy Person and her tasks include sending cards to members or immediate family members who are experiencing difficult times, illness, or death and helping to arrange transportation if needed. Please contact her at c.cookie10@gmail.com if you would like to share concerns.

Interest Groups

To belong to an interest group, except Great Decisions, individuals need to be a member of AAUW.



Current Issues and Advocacy

Our next meeting will be on January 8, 3:00 p.m. Kathy Hall will host. We welcome new members. Come join us as we wrestle with some of the particularly challenging domestic issues we are facing in this country and identify steps we can take to influence their outcomes. We share, we vent, we listen, we learn. And we plan to continue offering informative programs to our branch and wider community similar to the "Conscious Conversations" workshop in October.

The CI&A interest group formed following the 2017 Denver Women's March. Several of us are going to the march again this year, car pooling to the "March on Colorado" event, January 20, 2018 at 9:30 am in Denver's Civic Center.

Consider joining the March, consider joining our group.

Group Contact Person: Nancy Holt nhholt@gmail.com 303-772-5131

Book Club

Meets the third Thursday of each month at member homes, 7:00-8:30. All members are welcome to attend one or all meetings. Book selections and hosts will be printed in each newsletter.

- January 18 – Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult. Bev Schrenk will host.
- February 15 – The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood. Wanda Schnabel will host.

Another option for readers: AAUW created the ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club: to spotlight engrossing stories and writing by women from all backgrounds. There is a gender gap in literacy: women authors are less likely to have books reviewed in major publications, e.g. 41% reviewed by the New York Times were by women and 28% in Harper's Magazine. The link to the ¡Adelante! web site is www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/, where you can find the current and past reading lists, as well as information about online author talks.

Group Contact Person: Bev Schrenk beverly.schrenk@comcast.net 303-772-7987

Memoir Writing Group: "Leaving A Legacy"

Meeting time/date: Meets the first Thursday of each month from 4:00-5:30 in member homes.

We share our writings on everything from profiles of relatives, anecdotes, trips, childhood, career paths, family heritage, holidays, etc. Group members have remarked that this monthly gathering encourages writing that otherwise would probably never happen. Come join us.

Group Contact Person: Kathy Flynn katherineaflynn@yahoo.com 303-772-4636

Gourmet Dinner Club

The Gourmet Club will have dinners in November, April and August, meeting in members' homes and generally focused around a theme. If you are interested in the April or August dinners, contact Gayle or Vicki.

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- Website: Longmont-co.aauw.net
- Facebook: AAUWLongmontBranch
- Website for Colorado: aauw-co.aauw.net
- Website for National AAUW: aauw.org

Log in at the national website, www.aauw.org/login, which includes instructions on how to obtain a password.

Branch Calendar 2018

January 8	Current Issues and Advocacy Meeting
January 10	Coffee and Conversation
January 15	Registration due for Colorado Public Policy Day
January 18	RSVP due for International Dinner
January 18	Book Club
January 20	International Dinner 6 pm St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
January 20	Women's March
February 3	Colorado Public Policy Day
February 10	Combined Meeting with DKG