



AAUW
Longmont (CO) Branch
March Newsletter 2018

Mission Statement:

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

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President's Message: March 5, 2018

It's March! Spring! Plants are poking up through the earth (and snow). It's spring for our branch as well. Seeds sown during the past two years have germinated and new growth is sprouting - new interest groups, new events and programs, new community partnerships.

Just as I am hopeful that spring is on its way, I am hopeful that you will find the energy and commitment to tend our new growth - join a committee, fill a spot on the Board. Everyone is needed - long-time members, with your expertise and commitment; new members, with your enthusiasm and ideas. AAUW Longmont flourishes because of you!

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Upcoming Programs

Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, March 14th, 2018
9-10 am
Main Floor at Cheese Importers
103 Main St.
Longmont

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

Membership

Longmont AAUW Membership Renewal Goes On-line with Membership Payment Program (MPP)!!

We are transitioning to the on-line payment program successfully used by most AAUW branches across the country! This will mean that dues payment will be separated from signing up for interest groups and committees.

DUES PAYMENT for renewals can be made using this system beginning March 17. Instructions for using the MPP system are appended to this Newsletter. (See below)

You will need to know your membership ID number in order to open an account. This is on the membership card that was clipped to the front of your yearbook.

If you have misplaced the card and did not record the number anywhere else you can call Ginny Black (303-772-4035) or email her at blackv01@gmail.com. Ginny will get the number for you from the National Roster.

If you have problems navigating the MPP system or are uncomfortable paying on line, please contact Linda Davies at lindadavies3950@outlook.com or Ginny Black.

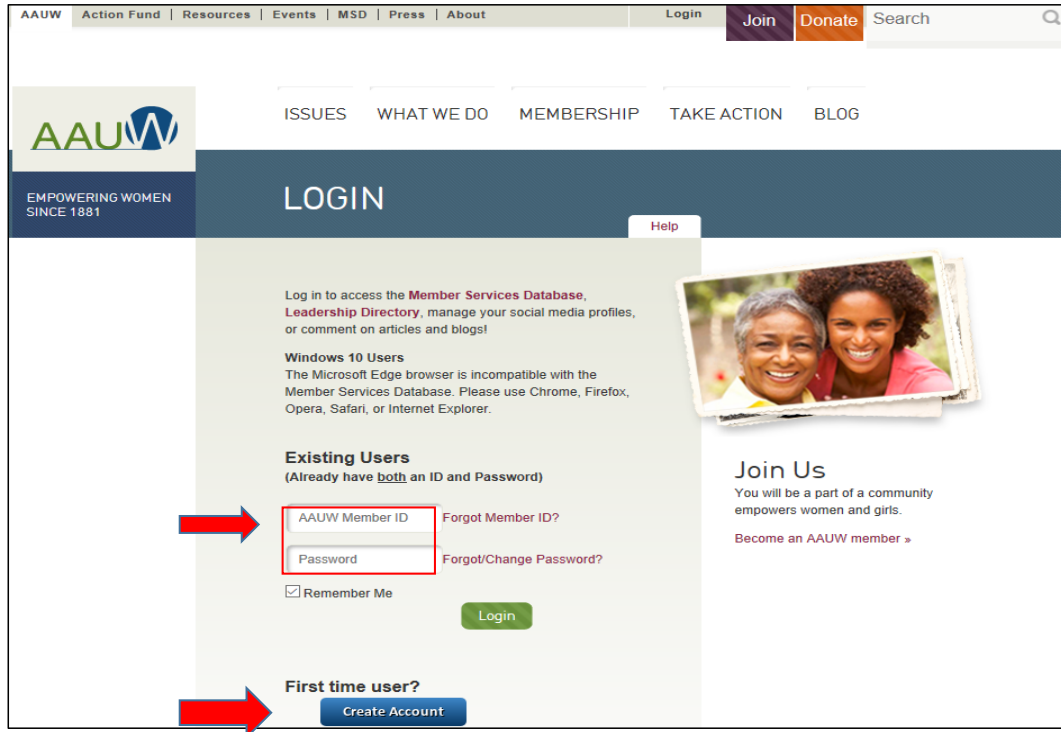
The national dues, as noted last month, will be increasing to \$59, of which \$56 is tax deductible. That will bring the total for national, state and branch dues to \$90 for the 2018-2019 year. This is paid as a lump sum through the MPP system, which then pays the state and branch their portion.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS, either for the Community Action Grant or for AAUW should be written to that organization, not to Longmont AAUW, and should be mailed or given to Linda Davies.

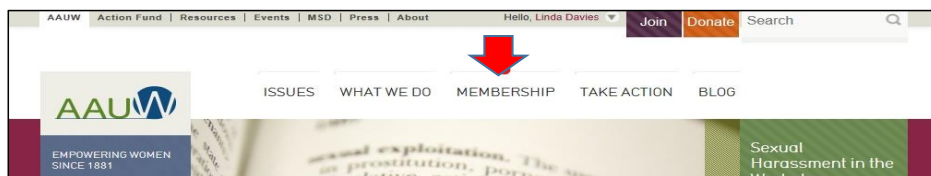
If you have updates on your contact information you can enter them on-line, but should also send them to Ginny Black.

SIGN UP for interest groups and committees, etc will take place using a digital form on the Longmont AAUW website in June. Stay tuned for further information on this aspect!!!

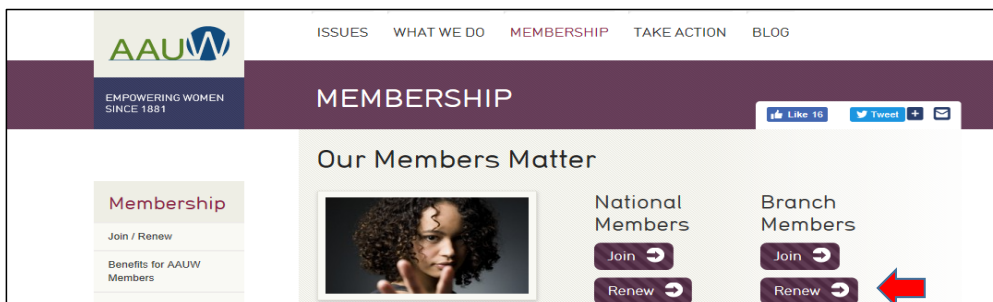
- 1) Go to www.aauw.org and log on with your AAUW Member ID and Password. Hint: your account number is listed on your member ID card clipped to your directory. **Create an account with your Member ID first**, if you do not have an online account.



- 2) Then Click on Membership



- 3) Click on the Purple Renew Branch Members button



Public Policy

Public Policy Day - Human Trafficking in Colorado

In Colorado in 2016, 152 cases of sex trafficking of minors were opened, with 115 children recovered and 35 arrests made.

AAUW Public Policy Day focused on sex and labor trafficking in Colorado, with presentations from the Colorado Human Trafficking Council, the Colorado Department of Public Safety's Human Trafficking Program, and Jefferson County's Human Trafficking Child Protection team.

What can you do to help? Be informed, know the signs, and report any suspicions. Vote to support trafficking legislation. Learn more and find training sessions at CHTC's website, <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/cdps-prod/home/human-trafficking-council>. Report a human trafficking tip in Colorado by contacting the Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking: **1-866-455-5075**.

2018 State bills of Interest

A number of Human Trafficking bills are being supported by AAUW-Colorado in 2018.

To see those bills and others that AAUW-Colorado will support, oppose, or monitor this legislative session, go to <https://aauw-co.aauw.net/files/2018/02/2018-Colorado-AAUW-Legislative-Agenda.pdf>. That link will also be on AAUW-Longmont's website on the Public Policy tab, <https://longmont-co.aauw.net/public-policy/colorado/>

Equal Pay Day

Equal Pay Day, symbolizing how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned last year, is April 10th, 2018.

AAUW Colorado State Convention

The State Convention is coming up the end of April and using the state website link is an easy way for members to reserve rooms, register for the convention, and to learn about and participate in pre-convention activities as well.

If you have any questions please contact convention co-organizers: Carolyn Cooley (carolyngcooley@gmail.com) or Linda Joseph (ljoseph5@msn.com).

- March 30: Hotel reservation deadline for State Convention (details on our state website, aauw-co.aauw.net)
- April 18: State Convention registration deadline (details on our state website, aauw-co.aauw.net)
- April 27-28: State Convention at the Hilton Garden Inn in Highlands Ranch. Theme: "Exploring Community Involvement and Collaboration." Featuring keynote and workshop by AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown, J.D. (details on our state website, aauw-co.aauw.net)

Last Call for Scholarship Applications: March 14

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

Interest Groups:

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.

March 15 - Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann. Nancy Bruington will host.

April 19 - All the Town's Talking by Fannie Flagg. Mary Benedict will host.

May 17 - Mystic River by Dennis Lehane. Kathy Hall host.

June 21 - The Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott. Lyndy Lubbers host.

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

Current Issues and Advocacy Group (CI&A)

Come join us as we discuss challenging domestic issues and identify ways in which we can influence their outcomes. We welcome new members! Nancy Holt will host.

March 12 - 3:00p.m.

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

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.

Group Contact Persons: Gayle Rainey grainey46@gmail.com 303-772-6411
Vicki Moran feb13vicki@gmail.com 303-772-8775

AAUW Website Site Information

- o Email: aauwlongmont@gmail.com
- o Website: Longmont-co.aauw.net
- o Facebook: AAUWLongmontBranch
- o WebsiteforColorado: aauw-co.aauw.net
- o Website for National AAUW: aauw.org

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

Branch Calendar 2018

March 12	Current Issues and Advocacy Group
March 14	Coffee and Conversation
March 14	Deadline for AAUW Scholarship Applications
March 15	Book Club
March 17	Membership Renewal begins using MPP
March 30	Hotel Reservation Deadline for State Convention