

AAUW - Boulder Branch Bulletin

January – February 2012

Human Trafficking Modern-day Slavery



Trafficking in persons: the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power, or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery...

Brad Riley

Founder of Boulder-based iEmpathize

Working to expose and eliminate human trafficking and modern-day slavery

See Brad's powerful short film, "**Shari's Story**" about two teenage girls who were kidnapped in Toledo and taken to Detroit to be forced into prostitution. Following the film, Brad and members of the Southern Colorado Task Force on Human Trafficking will speak and answer questions. You will learn to recognize signs of Human Trafficking.

Saturday, January 21, 10:15 a.m. – 12 noon

Meadows Branch Library

4800 Baseline Road

(behind Meadows Safeway; turn left at Kaiser Permanente off Mohawk Drive)

In preparation for this meeting, you are encouraged to read ***Half the Sky***, by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, the first married couple to receive a Pulitzer Prize in Journalism.

The Denver Metropolitan area's intersection of I-70 and I-25 makes human trafficking and modern-day slavery a major concern for this area.

Please invite your friends to join you for this important meeting!

Presidents' Message - Laurel Seppala-Etra and Ruth Colby

Submitted by Laurel Seppala-Etra

It was great to see everyone who ventured out on a cold, snowy Saturday morning for our recent Brunch/Education Funds fundraiser. About 40 women enjoyed the tasty treats at Spice of Life and the fashion show, featuring wearable art from the Front Range Fashion Artists and the Quaking Aspen Quilt Guild. The outfits were truly beautiful; I was lucky to win a scarf in the live auction. Between the silent and live auction, the branch made \$835 for the Funds.

The Board would like to look at additional ideas for fundraising for next year. Please send your thoughts and ideas to me, Laurel, at librarygoddess@comcast.net.



Please save the date of Saturday, **February 11** for Colorado AAUW's Public Policy Day. **Speakers will include Barbara Coloroso, an internationally-recognized speaker and author in the areas of parenting, teaching, school discipline, non-violent conflict resolution, and reconciliatory justice; attorney Beth Klein, a human trafficking warrior; and Colorado Senators Pat Steadman (Democrat) and Ellen Roberts (Republican).** This promises to be an informative and exciting day.

Barbara Coloroso

For more info, go to the AAUW-Boulder website: <http://aauwboulder.wordpress.com/> and click on the AAUW Colorado link on the right side of your screen. **Yes, we will have**

carpools - email me if you'd like to carpool.

We send sympathy to the Aurora Branch whose member Ida Berger recently died. Ida was one of our original State Lobbyists and spent many hours at the State Capitol.

I hope you have a wonderful New Year.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, February 11 – 2012 AAUW-Colorado Public Policy Day, Greenwood Village, Sheraton Denver Tech Center

Saturday, February 25 – AAUW-Boulder's 2012 EYH, University of Colorado Engineering Center

Saturday, March 10 – AAUW-Boulder's Program, Identity Theft: It Can Happen to You, Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road

Saturday, April 14 – AAUW-Boulder's Lunch with Helen Thorpe, author of Just Like Me, Boulder Country Club

April 20-21 – 2012 AAUW-Colorado State Convention, Lone Tree/Douglas County

June 8-10 – AAUW Regional Conference, Phoenix, Arizona

Check out the AAUW-Boulder Website: <http://aauwboulder.wordpress.com/>

Expanding Your Horizons

EYH is AAUW-Boulder Branch's hands-on conference and workshops, informing Middle School girls of the many and varied careers available in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). EYH will be held on **Saturday, February 25, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at the University of Colorado Engineering Center.**

- **Fund Raising:** To date, we have received the following funds: \$2,500 from Seagate; \$1,000 from Brad Feld, a Boulder Venture Capitalist; \$850 from the pancake breakfast; and we are working on getting other donations. These contributions put us on track for raising the funds we need for a successful EYH 2012.
- **Registration:** Emails were sent out to Middle School math and science teachers throughout the region. Attached to the email were two flyers, one announcing the girls' program, another announcing the adult program. We are hoping that the adult flyer will stimulate more interest in that excellent program. Mary Hassler is in contact with potential groups from prior years.
- **Online Registration:** Jordan Hanie is successfully managing the opening of our online registration. We expect registration to build quickly as students return to school after winter break.
- **Presenters:** Astrid Maute and Sara MacAlpine have 22 confirmed presenters. They are in the process of finalizing all workshops and presenters.
- **Volunteers:** In addition to our own AAUW-Boulder volunteers, Mary Humke has been in contact with other AAUW Branches for additional volunteers. We will also encourage volunteer participation from Zonta.
- **What You Can Do:** *We need each of you to volunteer to help on February 25th.* Contact Mary Humke, maryhumke@hotmail.com or 303-447-2669 to volunteer. This will save Mary a call when she is recruiting volunteers. **We encourage members to sponsor a Middle School girl for EYH for a cost of \$40 per girl.** Please make your check out to AAUW-Boulder, write "EYH Sponsor" in the memo line, and it send to Mary Hassler, 4230 Corriente Place, Boulder 80301-1629.

Public Policy – Your Voice Counts!

As 2011 draws to a close, we take a moment to thank our AAUW Action Network members and donors for their efforts to advance our shared mission. Following are a few of those accomplishments:

- AAUW was **recognized by Charity Navigator for our excellent financial management, transparency, and accountability, and was awarded their highest rating - 4 stars!** We were also recognized by Greatnonprofits.org as a top-rated organization for our work in education, social justice, and women's empowerment.
- AAUW **awarded \$3.7 million to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations** to support 239 fellowships and grants, thanks to the generosity of AAUW members.
- AAUW **released *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*** in November 2011.
- AAUW **sent over 7,000 messages to Congress about the Campus SaVE Act and almost 18,000 messages supporting Social Security** through our Action Network.
- AAUW **continued to promote interest in *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*.**
- AAUW **developed and prepared to launch the AAUW Action Fund's nationwide voter education and turnout campaign, *It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard*,** a campaign featuring strong social media aimed at getting women to the polls in 2012.

AAUW-Boulder Interest Groups & Contact Persons

<p>Great Decisions Arlene Blewitt 303-440-0878 arleneblewitt@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Will meet at the George Reynolds Library (in Table Mesa) every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. starting January 10. Contact Arlene for information on discussion booklets. Topics include: January 10 - Mideast Realignment January 24 - Promoting Democracy February 7 - Mexico February 21- Cyber-security</p>
<p>La Cuisine Anita Budding 303-415-0809 ant2anbud@msn.com</p>	<p>Meets the second Saturday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in members' homes.</p>
<p>Partners Bridge Joan Schroeder 303-499-4181 srjoan@comcast.net</p>	<p>Meets the first Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in members' homes.</p>
<p>Third Tuesday Women's Afternoon Bridge Alice Allen 303-494-8050 alicedon7@comcast.net</p>	<p>Meets the third Tuesday of the month from 1 - 3 p.m. in members' homes.</p>
<p>Mahjong Beth Rauch 202-442-2704 etrauch@comcast.net</p>	<p>Meets at 7 p.m. in members' homes. Upcoming dates include: January 11 January 25 February 8 February 29</p>
<p>Playgoers Jennie Grisham 303-443-6194 jennig43@msn.com Elaine Bush 303-494-5913 ElaineGBush@comcast.net</p>	<p>Group attends plays in the local area. Contact Elaine for the season's offerings.</p>
<p>Sunday Night Non-Fiction Book Group Beth Rauch 303-442-2704 etrauch@comcast.net</p>	<p>Meets the second Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. in members' homes. January 8 – <i>The Hemlock Cup: Socrates, Athens, and the Search for the Good Life</i> by Bettany Hughes February 12 – <i>1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus</i> by Charles C. Mann</p>
<p>Wednesday "Bookies" Group Linda Levy 303-443-2119 lindalevy3@comcast.net</p>	<p>Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in members' homes. January 18 - <i>The Outliers</i> by Malcolm Gladwell February 15 – <i>Major Pettigrew's Last Stand</i> by Helen Simonson</p>