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The Honors Reception

Tuesday May 2, 2017, 3 to 5 p.m. In the Aspen Room of the University Memorial Center



Meet our Margaret Willard Award Winner for 2017

Every year the UWC recognizes someone from the area that we admire for her contributions to her field, and whose contributions ultimately benefit our community. The first MWA went to CU graduate students, faculty, and those working for the University, who were rising in their fields of endeavor and deserved recognition. Since then, UWC includes members from the wider community. Thus it seems appropriate this year to have an award member who works in Lafayette, has contributed to the CU and local communities, and is leading the way in her field.

Tobey Bassoff, Principal of Ryan Elementary Steam School, BVSD was nominated by member Barbara Spriggs, former Director of Student Teaching for CU's School of Education.

Tobey helped spearhead the STEAM program at Ryan Elementary, and developed partnerships with parents, community organizations, and CU's School of Education. Ryan STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) School is a dynamic learning community with a focus on authentically partnering with families and the community to prepare students. Along with delivering common core standards, Ryan focuses on developing the whole child with experiential project-based learning activities in the STEAM areas. Ryan embraces technology for engaging students and supporting learning.

Tobey, her faculty, and parents strongly believe partnerships nurture excellence and therefore Ryan partners with the University of Colorado, Thorne Nature Experience, Growe Foundation, and Impact on Education to name a few. Ryan offers a wide variety of after-school and summer programming. Tobey has also been a partner with CU's School of Education and provides a strong experience for the preparation of future teachers.

Recently Tobey has been named the **2017 National Distinguished Principal for Colorado** by the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) and a committee from Colorado Association Elementary School Principals. They noted that "Recognizing the unique needs of each stakeholder, be they a child, parent, staff member, or community organizer, is central to Bassoff's leadership style".

We are happy to recognize this outstanding leader in our community. $Jane\ \mathcal{M}assie,\ \mathcal{MWA}\ Chair$

President's Message



Janet Brewer

Looking back at this year, our Lecture events have been well-attended, and we have been informed and enlightened on a variety of subjects: Alzheimer's disease, CU's athletic program, a historical perspective of women in politics, groundwater protection, and the contributions of Islamic society to our modern western culture. I wish to recognize and thank Mary Huffman for her leadership in securing our speakers and in arranging the meals through CU catering.

The March Opera Brunch enjoyed a robust attendance, due in part to the popular offering of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* by the Eklund Opera Program. Those attending the brunch heard maestro Nicholas Carthy's always-anticipated remarks prior to viewing the production. Thanks go to Julianne Cassady for organizing this year's event.

The Scholarship Committee, led by Becky Palmer, has selected five women to receive awards this year. Because of our members' generosity, \$28000 in scholarship funding is available for this year's recipients. Thank you to Becky and committee members: Merry Bullock, Diana Maiden, Susan Rapp, and Kamilla Macar.

The Scholarship Luncheon was held on April 18 at the Boulder Country Club to announce and celebrate the winners' selections. For the second consecutive year, Linda Nordberg and Tamara VanSpriell co-chaired this traditional event, and we thank them!

Another traditional general membership event (and the final one of the year) will be our Honors Reception on May 2. I hope you've made your reservation if planning to attend. It's a lovely opportunity to socialize and especially to recognize the winner of this year's Margaret Willard Award. Please see the article on page 1.

The Honors Reception also marks the official "passing of the gavel" from me to my successor, Frieda Holley. We will jointly preside over the annual Tri-Board meeting on May 16, at which time the out-going and incoming Boards will meet to plan for the year ahead.

I wish to thank everyone who has contributed to making our club a success, especially the Board members and those who coordinate our interest groups. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your President.

Janet Brewer President (2016 – 2017)

Sue McMillan

We have learned from Clayton McMillan, that his mother, Sue McMillan, passed away in April 2016. She is a past-President of the UWC (1975-76).

Please inform our Communications Chair, Mollie Morton (mortonm@colorado.edu) if you know of a seriously ill member or the death of one.

Opera Brunch - March 2017

The annual UWC Opera and Brunch took place on Sunday, March 19, 2017.



Maestro Nicholas Carthy joined us for lunch and spoke about the presentation.





Over 40 members and their guests enjoyed a delicious buffet in the Aspen Room with a view of the Flatirons.

Thanks to Julianne Cassidy who organized the event.







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April Scholarship Luncheon—April 18, 2017



Co-Chairs Linda Nordberg (left) and Tamera VanSpriell (right) with pianist Bill Jacques



Delicious food. Lovely table settings.



Beautiful flowers for tables (held by Arlene Gerwin and Susan Rapp).



Full house at the Boulder Country



Beth Rauch



Lynn Munter



Mary Huffman



Joyce Spencer



Sherry Young



Jean Nelson



Thanks to Changes in Latitude for the clothing and accessories for the fashion show.

Scholarship Recipients—April 18, 2017











Andrea Hart and her Mom Desiree Hunter

Danelle Ice

Katie Wallace

Our April Scholarship Luncheon is all about meeting our new scholarship winners. There are five this year. Hana Le Tat was unable to join us, but we will hope to see her in the Fall. CONGRATULATIONS ladies! Thank you to Becky Palmer Chair and to her Scholarship Committee: Mary Bullock, Kamilla Macar, Diana Maiden, and Susan Rapp.

Andrea Hart

Andrea Hart is proud to be a CU Junior majoring in Film Studies. At the age of 9, Andi was producing movies and knew she wanted to pursue a film career. After graduating from high school early, she received a two-year Presidential Scholarship to Laramie County C.C. Andi then attended the Colorado Film School, but was barely able to finish the semester due to a dangerous living situation. Back in Cheyenne she found herself embroiled in family turmoil, and put her education on hold. Presently Andi is recovering from major depression resulting from past emotional abuse and is working to support herself. She finished her first semester at CU with straight A's. Andi's passion is to "educate the public and to produce films that address issues of gender disparity and the way women are perceived in society."

Desiree Hunter

Desiree Hunter, a Colorado native and CU sophomore studying ecology and evolutionary biology, understands the importance of academic study and success. Unfortunately, her college experience right out of high school was not stellar. Discouraged and facing mounting tuition costs and uncertainty about her academic interests, Desiree returned to Colorado determined to work and save money for college before she returned to academia. Working long hours at call centers and retail stores. Desiree learned skills in business, customer service, empathy and leadership. Upon enrolling in community college, she succeeded in the very courses that had stymied her in the past. With her interest in the sciences confirmed by success, she received the Phi Theta Kappa honor society award and was selected to participate in the Colorado Space Grant Consortium DemoSat Program.

Danelle Ice

The bright, cheery bundle of energy that is Danelle Ice has already had an award-winning career in digital media. Danelle grew up in Alaska, married and started her family while being a self-employed social media consultant to major corporations like Kraft Foods and Sony Pictures helping them use social media to market their products. Even though Danelle was successful in her career, she felt that the contribution that she was making to the world was not as significant as one she could make in the future. The challenge of developing Quantum Information Transfer (internet download speeds) led her to seek a degree in Physics at CU where she is finishing her sophomore year.

Hana Le Tat

Hana Le Tat emigrated to the U.S. from Viet Nam in 2008 with her parents and three siblings. In fewer than nine years she has not only learned English, but she supported her family following the death of her father providing financial stability so that her three younger siblings could attend college and graduate school. Though a successful business woman within the Panda Express restaurant group and recognized as the youngest person to open and manage the new Billings, Montana outlet, Han later set her life on a new path and enrolled at Front Range Community College. An honor student, who was awarded the Townsend Business Scholarship in 2015, Hana is now an outstanding student at the CU Leeds School of Business.

Katie Wallace

Katie Wallace grew up in the shadow of the Flatirons. Her early experiences included spending two months volunteering in a school in Uganda, spending almost six years as a counselor on a rape crisis hotline Moving to End Sexual Assault in Boulder and organizing a Take Back the Night rally at her community college. She discovered her passion and talents for political organizing during President Obama's 2012 reelection campaign. She has served as a legislative aide at the state Capitol and also worked on or managed four other state and local campaigns. As a part of her honors thesis, she will be collaborating this summer with a CU faculty member on a study which may become a book about co-option of issues related to gender violence.

Scholarship Committee Thanks Our Latest Donors

The listing below includes those who donated in March, and those who added an additional donation to the \$40 per person fee for the April Scholarship Luncheon:

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Lynne Barnett	Jacquie Kilborn	Jean Rohrschneider
Ann Blonston	Joan Knaub	Becky Roser
Janet Brewer	Nancy Liggett	Annie Russell
Nancy Callis	Mary Lymberopoulos	Ruth Sachnoff
Sue Collard	Regina Macy	Kathleen Salzberg
Tessa Davis	Dawn Maloney	Eileen Sammells
Marge DeFries	Elease Miller	Dayle Sarasohn
Cheryl Dorsey	Judith Minger	Carol Saunders
Janet Evans	Mollie Morton	June Saunders
Arlene Gerwin	Marcy Munson	Donna Seaman
Ellen Gille	Connie Pringle	Boyce Sher
Mary Greenwald	Judith Ramsay	Joyce Spencer
Sharon Howrey	Kathy Randall	Barbara Tamplin
Mary Huffman	Susan Rapp	Berry Todd
Vicki Johnson	Beth Rauch	Stephanie Wrotny
Caryl Kassoy	Judy Reid	Carol Ziegenhagen

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

Becky Palmer
Chair, Scholarship Committee



Travel and Leisure Announced the "Most Beautiful College in Every State"

For Colorado the college chosen was The University of Colorado Boulder. Per T+L:

"Nestled in a bustling <u>college town</u> in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, <u>this university's</u> location made it a no-brainer for the list. Views of the Flatiron rock formations and unique, Tuscan-inspired architecture don't hurt either."

To see choices for other states, click here.



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Tell Me More About... End-of-Life Healthcare Decisions

April 16 – 22 is National Healthcare Decision Week. Do you believe it is important to put end-of-life decisions in writing? If so, you are among 82% of Americans. Have you done it? If so, you are among only 23% of Americans. If you have actually **talked** to your loved ones about it, you are among an even smaller percentage. Why is the discussion important? Because although a written advance care directive is important to have, medical personnel, especially those providing emergency services, often don't know about the directive. Even if the directive is somewhere in the patient's medical records, they may not discover it until decisions have been made which may be contrary to the advance directive and difficult to reverse.

Ellen Goodman, *Boston Globe* columnist and author, who along with others formed The Conversation Project after finding herself unprepared to deal with her mother's end-of-life decisions, has said, "the primary reason people gave for not talking to their loved ones was 'It's too soon.' But it is always too soon ... until it's too late." The Boulder County chapter of The Conversation Project was established in 2013. Their mission is "to foster meaningful and effective conversations around future medical care resulting in the appointment of an informed decision-maker." They provide services to help start what is often a very difficult conversation. They provide confidential coaching, speak with community groups, provide workshops, seminars, and training about advance care planning. Find further information here: http://theconversationprojectinboulder.org/

For individuals who are ready to tackle this conversation on their own, the Conversation Project provides tools to get the conversation started. You can find guides here that help clarify values to assist in the conversation.



The Starter Kit



The Starter Kit (condensed version)



Starter Kit for Alzheimers

CaringInfo, is a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), which encourages individuals to learn about options and implement plans to ensure that the wishes of the loved one are carried out, and provides free resources to assist them. Get information here: http://www.caringinfo.org. You can find a copy of the Colorado Advance Directive here: http://www.caringinfo.org/files/public/ad/Colorado.pdf

Atul Gawande, author of the best-selling book *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*, and an advisor to The Conversation Project, sums up the importance of addressing end-of-life matters:

"A few conclusions become clear when we understand this: that our most cruel failure in how we treat the sick and the aged is the failure to recognize that they have priorities beyond merely being safe and living longer; that the chance to shape one's story is essential to sustaining meaning in life...".

Start the conversation before it is too late.

Kathy Randall

Interest Groups Photos



Wild Turkeys seen by Hiking Group

For more information about wild turkeys in Boulder, click here for a March 2017 article in the Daily Camera.



Theater Goers had a fun brunch at Abejas Restaurant in Golden before the play at the Miners Alley in Golden.

This is another great little theater in our neighborhood.

The play for March was A Skull in Connemara. We are always welcoming new members to our group.

Contact Gail Moyes or Annie Russell if you are interested.

Gail Moyes gpmoyes@gmail.com
Annie Russell annie@annierussell.com

Becky Roser Donation to CU Music

Becky Roser, a longtime College of Music supporter and former chair of the Music Advisory Board, recently created a \$2 million endowment, naming the keyboard area the Roser Piano and Keyboard Program.

Roser was the UWC's Margaret Willard Award Winner in 2012-13.



Roser says at the end of the day, supporting music at CU Boulder is something she does out of a sense of



gratitude. "I have amazing admiration for our talented musicians and their dedication to what they do. The other part is the emotional impact that music has on me. It touches my soul."

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UWC Board Members 2016-2017



President: Janet Brewer



New Members / President-Elect Frieda Holley



Secretary: Kathy Terrill and Opera Chair: Julianne Cassidy



Advisory/Parliamentarian: Karon Johnson



Treasurer/Treasurer-Elect: Arlene Gerwin



Past-President/Directory/Handbook: Diana King



Communications: Mollie Sue Morton



Email/Secretary-Elect: Kathleen Newton



Historian: Berry Todd



Honors Reception: Kathryn Wardell Margaret Willard Award: Jane Massie



MESSAGES: Joyce Spencer



Hospitality: Diana Maiden



Interest Groups: Nancy Liggett



Membership: Virginia Stringi

UWC Board Members 2016-2017—Continued



Nominating Committee: Kathy Randall



Program: Mary Huffman





Scholarship: Becky Palmer





April Scholarship Luncheon Co-Chairs: Tamera VanSpriell and Linda Nordberg



Telephone Tree; Linda Blomquist



Webmaster: Carol Etges



Interest Group Meeting Time and Place	Chaír(s) Informatíon	Specíal Notes	
Bicycling Meets every Thursday from May through October.	Mary Greenwald (303-443-6478) m.b.greenwald@comcast.net	An email prior to the ride will provide time and meeting place. Please contact the chair for more information.	
Bicycling – Easy Riders Wednesdays from May through October.	Mary Greenwald (303-443-6478) m.b.greenwald@comcast.net	An email prior to the ride will provide time and meeting place. Please contact the chair for more information.	
Book Group - Evening 7:15 p.m. Second Thursday, members' homes.	Ellen Holland (303-517-5544) wrhelh@comca. st.net Kathy Randall (303-530-1095) katherineran@gmail.com	May 11: The Stranger by Albert Camus and The Meursault Investigation by Kamel Daoud. Hostess: Kathy Randall (see chair information). June 12: Book Selection Meeting. Hostess Heidi Lynch (303-499-5779; hslynch@comcast.net)	
Book Group—Mostly Fiction 2:00—4:00 p.m. Fourth Tuesday In members homes	Linda Hultman(303-817-6298) lindahultman@q.com	Please contact chair for details.	
Bridge on Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. First Wednesday, members' homes.	Barbara Turner (303-471-9778) <u>Barbara-Turner@centurylink.net</u> Sharon Gabriel (303-494-7643) <u>skgabriel@comcast.net</u>	Please contact chairs for details.	
French Conversation - All Speaking Levels 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.—noon at Panera Bread in the 29th Street Mall	Elaine Leass (303-973-9778) kayakeb@gmail.com Roberta Kimmel (720-524-6744) Roberta.kimmel@gmail.com	Please contact chair for details. All levels of French speaking ability accepted and welcome.	
Garden Group Usually meets third Wednesdays from April to October.	Jyotsna Raj (303-447-8831) <u>Jyotsna.raj@colorado.edu</u> Jean Rohrschneider (720-542-9788) <u>jmrohrsc@hotmail.com</u>	First meeting April 19—a planning session/ potluck lunch. Hostess Jean Rohrschnei- der,1920 Orchard Ave., Boulder Contact Jean or Jyotsna to have your name added to the group if you wish to join.	
Hiking Every Friday Meet east end of the lower level of Macy's parking garage.	Heidi Lynch (303-499-5779) hslynch@comcast.net Frieda Holley (303-499-3733) holleyf@msudenver.edu	This year-round group meets at 9:00 a.m., September to May and at 8:30 a.m., June to August.	
Italian Conversation 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Every Wednesday The "Y," 2850 Mapleton Avenue	Maxene Wilson (303-530-4619) maxene@earthlink.net	Contact chair for details.	
Music Time varies Second Mondays of most months, in members' homes.	Judy Owens (303-494-0196) owensj4@mac.com Pat Phillipson (303-443-9839) phillipp@colorado.edu	We especially welcome new performers. Contact chairs for details.	
Needlecraft 1:30 p.m. Second and Fourth Thursdays, members' homes. Ginnie Ross (303-442-60' vross921@gmail.com Georgianne Campbell (303-2798) rpcampbell@att.net		An email will be sent to members with details prior to each meeting.	

Interest Group Meeting Time and Place - Continued	Chaír(s) Informatíon	Specíal Notes
On the Road Again Various times, various venues	Karen Diamond (303-939-8656) <u>Karen.diamond@mac.com</u>	Contact chair for details.
Out to Lunch 12:00 p.m. Fourth Wednesday Meet at the restaurant at noon.	Jyotsna Raj (303-447-8831) <u>jyotsna.raj@colorado.edu</u> Jean Rohrschneider (720-542-9788) <u>jmrohrsc@hotmail.com</u>	Contact chair for details.
Readers' Theatre 2 6:30 p.m. Second Monday Meeting Room at Presbyterian Manor Senior	Patty Ludke (303-440-9590) pattycake.21@juno.com Kathy Randall (303-530-1095) katherineran@gmail.com	Email will provide details.
Snowshoeing Thursdays, to be determined.	Mary Greenwald (303-443-6478) m.b.greenwald@comcast.net	Contact chair for details.
Spanish Learners - Beginners and Intermediates	Jane Chicione (720-328-8590) <u>Jane.chicione@comcast.net</u>	Contact chair to join a group session to learn or improve your beginning Spanish.
Spanish Conversation Advanced Most Mondays Local restaurant	Diana King (303-530-1860) dianaking.boulder@gmail.com	Contact chair for meeting time, place and details.
Sunday Afternoon at the Movies Matinee Fourth Sunday Local movie theatre	Lois Kraft (515-724-9627) Kraft lois@yahoo.com Kathleen Newton (720-548-8661) kathleen_n@comcast.net	Email provides details of movie selection and meeting time. Contact chairs to join the list.
Theater Goers	Gail Moyes (303-786-9142) <u>gpmoyes@gmail.com</u> Annie Russell (303-786-8070) <u>annie@annierussell.com</u>	Contact one of the co-chairs for upcoming activity details.

The following Interest Groups are part of the UWC, but currently do not have openings:

Interest Group	Chair(s)
Book Group—Afternoon	Carol Saunders, Mary Clough
Book Group - BG3	Kathy Randall
Book Group—Biographies	Sue Stone
Book Group Small— Fiction, Nonfiction	Nancy Liggett
Book Group – Second Monday	Helen Hooper
French Conversation	Dot Thompson, Ruth Stern
Readers' Theatre	Marilyn Wasmuth

To start a new interest group requires at least **five members including a chair or co-chairs.** Contact Nancy Liggett (neliggett@gmail.com) for more information.

To form a new book group, contact Kathy Randall (303-530-1095).

2016-17 Calendar

Executive Board 2016-17

September	6	Board Meeting
	10	MESSAGES Deadline
	20	Membership Coffee
October	4	Board Meeting
	10	MESSAGES Deadline
	15	Membership Deadline for Name to Appear in Directory
	18	Lecture Dinner
November	1	Lecture Luncheon
	6	New Member Wine and Cheese Event
	8	Board Meeting
	10	MESSAGES Deadline
December	6	Board Meeting
		NO <i>MESSAGES</i> IN JANUARY
	13	Lecture Luncheon
January		No Planned Meetings or Events
	10	MESSAGES Deadline
February	7	Board Meeting
	10	MESSAGES Deadline
	14	Lecture Luncheon
March	7	Board Meeting
	10	MESSAGES Deadline
	14	Lecture Luncheon
	19	Opera Brunch
April	4	Board Meeting
	10	MESSAGES Deadline
	18	Scholarship Luncheon
May	2	Honors Reception
	16	Tri-Board Meeting

President	Janet Brewer
President-elect	Frieda Holley
Secretary	Kathy Terrill
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Past President	Diana King
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Historian	Berry Todd
Honors Reception	Kathryn Wardell
Hospitality	Diana Maiden
Interest Groups	Nancy Liggett
Margaret Willard Award	Jane Massie
Membership	Virginia Stringi
New Members	Frieda Holley
Directory/Handbook/ Repository	Diana King
MESSAGES	Joyce Spencer
Nominating Committee	Kathy Randall
Opera Brunch	Julianne Cassady
Program Chair	Mary Huffman
Scholarship Committee	Becky Palmer
Scholarship Luncheon	Tamera Van Spriell, Linda Nordberg
Telephone Tree	Linda Blomquist
Website	Carol Etges
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Treasurer Elect	Arlene Gerwin