

# BRANCHING OUT

*MISSION: Advancing equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research* Spring 2017

## Join us for our Annual Meeting on May 15th

Join us for the final meeting of the fiscal year on May 15th at the Grand View University Student Center. We will meet on the second floor in the Plaza View Conference Room. As in the past, this meeting will be a potluck. Bring something to share.

We will hear from a Jamie Burch Elliott from Planned Parenthood about how they are weathering the current political storm. She will focus on what they are doing, how they fight for reproductive freedoms, and how like-minded people might be able to help out. We will also hold general elections at that time and report on our activities for the year.



Below are the names on the ballot:

- Amy Getty — President
- Brittany Cottrill Lloyd — Membership and Newsletter
- Barb Zimany — Treasurer
- JoAnne Page — Leadership Team
- Faith Sherman — Leadership Team
- Sharon Gee — Leadership Team

Leadership team members are responsible for planning future meetings and events. All members are asked to serve a one-year position (May-May). All members are encouraged to contact their leadership team members to find ways they can become involved.

## BRANCH MEETING APRIL 10, 2017

Branch members took hosted a postcard writing session on April 10th at Felix and Oscar's in Des Moines. The branch provided postcards, stamps, and addresses for members to compose messages to elected officials. The goal was to let the people in power know what is working and what is not.

For those who could not attend, below are common postcard destinations.

Rep. David Young  
240 Cannon House Office  
Building  
Washington DC. 20515

Senator Joni Ernst  
111 Russell Senate Office  
Building  
Washington, DC. 20510

Senator Charles Grassley  
135 Hart Senate Office  
Building  
Washington DC. 20510

President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington DC 20500

## A Note of Thanks from the Past President

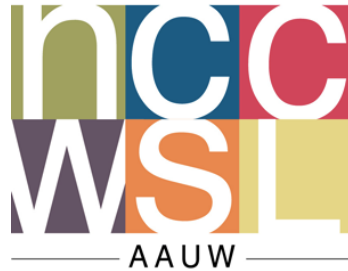
I have appreciate the support from Branch members and the leadership team during my rather long term as president. Every member is important, as is out state and national organization.

I feel we have come a long way here during the past few years and are positioned now for success and impact in our community. It is particularly exciting that Amy Getty and Brittany Cottrill Lloyd have engaged Grand View students in worthwhile AAUW C/U projects, and we look forward to supporting these young women and working with them.

My best to you, Amy. Thank you for accepting the leadership role of our Branch, which we are confident is in good hands. You have our backing.

## Grand View Sends Women to NCCWSL

For the fourth year, Grand View University plans to send 5-6 students to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). In the past, students have found this conference to be an invaluable experience. These are our future leaders! Look for an update in our fall newsletter



## March Planning Meeting Held at Grand View University

Members gathered in March for a general meeting to discuss the future of the Des Moines branch of AAUW. We examined the national platform priorities and brainstormed ways that we could help reach them here in Des Moines. Be on the lookout for these topics to guide meetings in the coming year.



## Members assisted the YWRC Christmas Party, December 12.

Two large groups of girls and young women of the Young Women's Resource Center were treated to a fun holiday party on December 12 at the Central Presbyterian Church. There were arts and crafts, food, and gifts for all, with transportation provided. Joanne Cook, Barb Zimany and Faith Sherman helped with the activities.

## IN MEMORIAM

On January 18, 2017, **Win Kelley** passed away. In addition to her significant contribution to AAUW, Win lent her musical talents to our community in many ways, as part of the Des Moines Choral Society, the Fortnightly Musical Club, and many other organizations. She served on the boards of the Iowa Humanities Foundation, the BWA Foundation, the YWCA, Camp Fire, and the Des Moines Symphony, and volunteered at the Living History Farms.

**Betty Durden** passed away on February 24. She served as state AAUW president and was honored for her lifelong achievements by our Branch at our centennial celebration in 2014. She was appointed by Gov. Robert Ray to organize and chair the Commission on the Status of Women, was state chair of ERA Iowa, and held leadership positions at Drake University. She served on the boards of the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center and Interfaith Alliance, and was named 1984 YWCA Woman of Achievement. In 2013 she authored the book "Sanity After Seventy."

# Membership Renewal Time!

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It's time to renew your membership.

As the fiscal year draws to a close June 30th, it is time to renew your membership in AAUW. Dues are \$69.00: \$49 national, \$10 state, and \$10 local. Life member dues are \$20, and honorary life member dues are free. Please use the form below to send with your check to Barb Zimany.

**Please make check payable to AAUW.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

New or Renewal? \_\_\_\_\_

If new:

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Send a check for FULL DUES (National, State, and Des Moines).

If you are already a national member (dues already paid or gifted through graduation), you can join the Iowa and Des Moines branches for just \$20.

Mail checks made out to AAUW to:

Barb Zimany (AAUW Des Moines Treasurer)  
10022 Valdez Dr.  
Urbandale, IA 50322

Online payment by credit card is also an option. Go to [aaup.org](http://aaup.org) and click on the Membership button to pay in this way. This payment covers membership at the local, state, and national levels through June 30, 2018.

**AAUW Des Moines**  
c/o Brittany Cottrill  
4222 SE 3rd St.  
Des Moines, IA 50315

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## Upcoming Dates

- ♦ May 15, 5:30-7 pm: General Meeting at Grand View University