

# Branching Out

*Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research*

## We Are Going To Be Safe This Spring

At this point, we want to keep everyone safe, so we are not planning any events in April or May. Find information about our annual meeting in June and other events.

## Carrie Chapman Catt Documentary

Iowa PBS will be hosting an online premiere of *Carrie Chapman Catt: Warrior for Women* on Facebook, Youtube and [www.iowapbs.org](http://www.iowapbs.org) on **Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m.** This one-hour documentary tells the story of Iowan Carrie Chapman Catt and the women's suffrage movement. Catt was central to the fight for women's suffrage in the U.S. and devoted most of her life to the expansion of women's rights around the world.

## LWV Voters Hosts Centennial Gala

The League of Women Voters, Metropolitan, Des Moines, will host a 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Gala, **August 27, 6:00 pm**, at the River Center, 340 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines. At this point, they are still determining whether this will be an in person or virtual event. Watch for further communication in the future.

## Please Renew Your AAUW Membership

Please renew your membership. At the national level AAUW has had some financial concerns, and has never needed your dues and donations more. See next page for your membership renewal form. Or, you may bring your credit card to the annual meeting on June 27 (if we are able to hold it in person) and renew online at that time.

## Dues and Donations to AAUW Are Tax Deductible

AAUW is a 501 c3 charitable organization, and \$56 of your dues are tax deductible. Donations to AAUW are also tax deductible. The AAUW Action Fund, AAUW Iowa and AAUW Des Moines are 501c4 social welfare organizations, so the \$23 of your dues that goes to those organizations is not tax deductible.

## Annual Meeting June 27

Our bylaws require us to have an annual meeting by June 30, 2020. We will hold the annual meeting on **June 27 at 10:00 a.m.** That meeting will take place in person in Room A of the Urbandale Public Library if we are able to do that safely. If there are still concerns about the COVID-19 virus at that time, the meeting will either be held using either a conference call or Zoom. In that meeting, we will elect officers, approve bylaws, and report on the treasury. Current president Ann Gale, membership vice president Joanne Page, and treasurer Barb Zimany have agreed to continue in their offices, and nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Barb Kester will not be able to continue on the leadership team, and Janet Pickrell has agreed to fill that position.

## AAUW Regional Conference Cancelled!

The regional AAUW conference that was planned for East Moline for June 2020 has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled, probably in 2021. Watch communications from AAUW Iowa and from us about this in the future.

## 19th Amendment Celebration

The State Historical Society of Iowa is planning an event at the State Capitol Building on Saturday, August 22 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm to celebrate the passing of the 19th Amendment. AAUW Iowa has put in a request to have a table at this event.

## Free Online Salary Negotiation Workshop

AAUW's Work Smart Online teaches women to negotiate for a better salary. It's free to use, and you don't even have to join to use it. Pass along this tip to your family and friends. Have them go to <https://salary.aauw.org/>

## Future Plans, No Dates Set

- Tour of Hoyt Sherman Place
- Reiman Gardens