

Branching Out

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

AAUW Iowa Lobby Day

Please join other AAUW members in Iowa for Lobby Day at the Iowa State Capitol in room 304 on February 12 from 9:30—1:30. From the ground floor, go past the cafeteria in the north hallway. Take the elevator at the far end of the hallway to the third floor behind the House Chambers. Get in touch with Ann Gale if you need a ride. 515-320-4404. I would be willing to drop off people closer to the entrance and then find a parking spot.

If you are planning on going, it would be best to let Maureen White know by February 7, so that she will have adequate handouts available. mwhite@cfu.net However, Maureen would still welcome more people, even if you have not contacted her ahead of time.



Carpool to 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration Kickoff in Ames

The kickoff for 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration is February 14 at the Memorial Union at Iowa State University in Ames. Members who would like to carpool to participate in some of those events will meet at the Grand View University Student Center parking lot on February 14 at 10:00. Kickoff events are scheduled from 11:30 – 6:30. We will plan on staying until 3:15 that day.

Some events include a screening of a documentary about Carrie Chapman Catt, a light lunch, a campanile concert featuring suffragist songs, a keynote by Elaine Weiss, author of the Women's Hour, a performance of The Yellow Rose of Suffrage, by Dr. Jane Cox, and several concurrent sessions.

Further information about those activities is available in the January 2020 newsletter, and from the Hard Won Not Done website at <https://19th-amendment-centennial.org/>.

GVU Students are invited to come with us too. Please let us know ahead of time, so that we will know to look for you in the parking lot where we will gather to carpool. Contact Ann Gale at ann.gale9@gmail.com or 515-320-4404.



Equal Pay Day

Come to the Iowa State Capitol Rotunda, April 8. AAUW Iowa will have a table in the rotunda from 9:00—1:00. Please help us greet legislators and public, share Pay Day candy bars, and tell them about the gender pay gap. We will be in the west side (Battleship Iowa side) of the rotunda with membership materials, pay gap information, and candy bars. Last year's time slot from 2:00—4:00 got some visitors, but we expect more with a better time slot this year. The photo from last year shows Rep. Heather Matson, members Ann Gale and Joanne Page, Rep. Timothy Kacena, Rep. Mary Gaskill, and member Diane Patton.



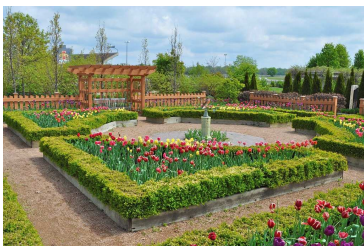
Language Arts Instruction: Past and Present

AAUW is hosting a program on past and present language arts instruction, featuring retired English teacher Barb Fors from Hoover HS and Roosevelt HS and current English teacher Brooke Oppermann at Northview Middle School in Ankeny on April 4 at 2:00 p.m. in the Urbandale Public Library ICN Room. Please tell your friends and bring a guest.

Thanks go to Faith Sherman for making arrangements.

Reiman Gardens in May

We are planning on a visit to Reiman Gardens in Ames May 14. We will plan to meet at the Grand View University student center parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and carpool from there. We will probably have lunch in Ames afterward – to be determined by the group. This is a good opportunity to bring a guest.



Remembering the Past *Building the Future*

AAUW Regional Conference in East Moline, Illinois

Hyatt House East Moline, June 18-20

Online registrations open soon at

<https://aauw-il.aauw.net/state-convention/>

Early Bird Registration (before May 15) **\$175**

Regular Registration (after May 15) **\$225**

Registration includes lunches on Thursday & Friday, and dinner on Thursday

Optional Riverboat Cruise Dinner **\$50.95**

Friday evening aboard the Celebration Belle

Hotel rooms about \$149. 2 queens or one king, including taxes and breakfast.

Speakers

[Kim Churches](#) – CEO of AAUW

[Kendra Davis](#) – Senior Vice President Advancement & Partnerships, AAUW

[Lisa Maatz](#) – Former VP Government Relations, AAUW

[Denise Lieberman](#) – Director, Advancement Project's Power and Democracy Program

[Dr. Angie Maxwell](#) – Director of the Diane Blair Center of Southern Politics and Society, Univ of Arkansas

[Michelle Duster](#) – an award-winning author and great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells

Watch for the website for further information.

Nominations and Bylaws

A nominations committee consisting of Ann Gale, Sharon Gee, Joanne Page, and Faith Sherman have nominated current officers Ann Gale (President), Joanne Page (Membership Vice President), and Barb Zimany (Treasurer) to continue in their current offices. Other members are certainly welcome to volunteer by contacting anyone on the leadership team.

Contact Ann Gale for bylaws changes.