

Branching Out

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

Tech Trek Girls October 7 at Grand View University

Five students from local area schools who attended Tech Trek at Buena Vista University in July 2019 have been invited to join AAUW members for pizza and pop at the Student Center, Rooms A and B, Grand View University. Tech Trek students, parents, Grand View University student members, and members of the Des Moines branch of AAUW will meet at the Student Center, Rooms A and B on October 7, 2019, at 5:30. The branch will provide pizza, and members of the leadership team will provide pop, cups, forks, paper plates, and napkins. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Students will share memoirs of their experience this summer after we enjoy pizza.



Tech Trek is a national program by AAUW, and the Storm Lake branch has offered Tech Trek at Buena Vista University during the last 5 summers. It is a week-long science and technology camp for girls between 7th and 8th grade years. Girls spend that week engaged in activities involving designing phone apps, building a model of a solar car, doing wind generator projects, identifying plants, and more. The girls who attended last summer were enthusiastic about their experience, and we are looking forward to hearing from this summer's group.

AAUW Iowa Capitol Corps

AAUW members from central Iowa will again participate in AAUW Iowa's Capitol Corps during the next legislative session. Public Policy director Maureen White will schedule a training in central Iowa in November. At that training, we will receive tips about contacting legislators and information about some issues. We will also sign up for dates to make contacts with legislators about issues that we care about. Please contact Ann Gale at 515-320-4404 or ann.gale9@gmail.com if you are interested in



Pizza, Pasta, and Politics at Chuck's Restaurant

Come join us at Chuck's Restaurant, 3610 6th Ave, Des Moines on October 29 from 5:00-7:00 for your favorite food and a discussion about the caucus process, issues we care about, and what we have learned about candidates' positions on those issues. Postcards will also be provided so we can write to members of congress. We estimated a large group size in order to reserve a room, so please help us out by bringing a guest. Ann Gale will also reach out to members of the Ames, Indianola, and Iowa eNetwork branches, and members at large in central Iowa and invite them to join us as well. Chuck's offers pasta, appetizers, burgers, sandwiches and pizza. Please plan to order food when you are there.

AAUW is a non-partisan organization, and neither the national organization nor the local branches endorse candidates. No endorsements will be made at this or any other time. However, we are a political organization, and we encourage our members to be informed and participate in the political process. We hope that you will enjoy the evening and bring a guest.

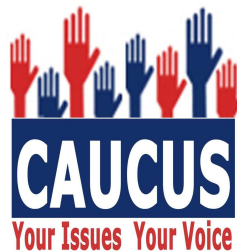


Table at The Way Up Conference at the WDM Marriott

AAUW Iowa will have a table at the Way Up conference for women in higher education at the West Des Moines Marriott November 7-8. We will have a display board and brochures about AAUW on November 7. Our table is an opportunity to give educators information about AAUW. Conference registration starts at 8:00, so we will plan to be there at that time. Our table will be in the hall, and the best opportunities to visit with attendees will be during breaks between sessions. Ann Gale plans to stay until about mid-afternoon, and would appreciate help in representing AAUW during even a part of that time. Please contact Ann Gale at 515-320-4404 or ann.gale9@gmail.com if you are interested.

2020 AAUW Regional Conference Preview

Anne Johnson, AAUW Iowa President

Start planning now for the Iowa AAUW Annual Conference. It will be held at the 2020 AAUW Regional Conference on June 18 and 19, 2020 (Thursday and Friday) with a wrap-up on Saturday at breakfast for those who wish to stay. The conference will be held at the Hyatt in East Moline, Illinois.

Calls are already in to the National Office for speakers. With so many states involved the likelihood of top quality speakers is excellent.



Both Quad Cities branches will be involved in preparations and hosting – with volunteers happily accepted. Committees formed for the planning process at this time are, Budget, Planning, Marketing, and Speakers. Once we get more organized we'll be sending out requests for more volunteers.

At this point the states who have definitely committed to sending participants are: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Indiana and Texas. Other possible attendees are Arkansas, Oklahoma, Michigan and Wisconsin.

This is a great opportunity to have a next-best-thing-to National Conference in our own back yard. Even if the same group continues in the future, it is unlikely to be so close for most of us. We're working hard to keep it affordable and convenient for as many of you as possible. Let's have a great Iowa turn-out!

Holiday Tea Hosted by Sharon Gee

Plan to join us for a holiday tea December 14 at 2:00 at Sharon Gee's home, 4323 Grand Ave Apt 427, Des Moines. Please bring something to share. Sharon will provide tea and maybe wine.



Celebrating Women + Postcards

We are planning to watch a Sabrina Ahmed program on "Celebrating Women" in February, and we also plan to write postcards to legislators during that meeting. The program was previously aired as a "This Week in Iowa" segment on Channel 5. Watch for specifics about a date and location.



Lobby Day February 12, 2020

AAUW Iowa Lobby Day is February 12, 2020. This is a time when AAUW members throughout Iowa meet at the capitol, discuss issues that important to us, and then meet with our legislators about those issues.



Botanical Center in February

We are working on plans to visit the Des Moines Botanical Garden in February 2020, followed by lunch at the Trellis Café. Watch for news on a date and time.



Mark Your Calendar

- October 7, Tech Trek Girls at Grand View University
- October 29, Pizza and Politics at Chuck's Restaurant
- December 14, Holiday Tea at Sharon Gee's
- February 12, 2020, Lobby Day at the Iowa State Capitol
- April 8, AAUW Iowa Equal Pay Day at Iowa Capitol Rotunda
- June 18-19, 2020, Regional Conference at Hyatt East Moline

19th Amendment 100th Anniversary Celebration

Events in Ames, Cedar Falls-Waterloo, and Iowa City are listed on the Iowa 19th Amendment website. We are in the process of reaching out to the League of Women Voters in



Des Moines to see whether we can coordinate some activities. Watch for more information.

Teaching English – How Things Have Changed.

Father Sherman is working on a program for the future about past and current English instruction in Iowa. Watch for more information.

Reiman Gardens in May

Watch for news about a trip to Reiman Gardens in Ames in May 2020. We plan to meet in Des Moines and carpool.

