

Branching Out

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

Renew Your AAUW Membership Today

The membership year runs from July 1 – June 30, so now is the time to renew your AAUW membership. National dues are \$59, state dues are \$10, and local branch dues are \$10, for a total of \$79. The national AAUW organization is a 501c3 charitable organization, and \$56 of your national dues is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. The remaining \$3 supports AAUW Action Fund's 501c4 Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities. 50-year members are no longer required to pay dues, and we thank those loyal members for their many years of service to women and girls. Paid life members pay only state and local dues. The last page of this newsletter is a membership form. Please complete this form and send it and a check to our treasurer, Barb Zimany, at 10022 Valdez Drive, Urbandale, IA 50322. If you prefer, you may pay dues online using a credit card at www.aauw.org/membership.

Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Induction Event

The 2019 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 24th, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Urbandale High School Performing Arts Center, located at 7111 Aurora Avenue, Urbandale, Iowa. This ceremony is free and open to the public. This year two AAUW members will be inducted – Mona Kadel Martin and Florine Swanson. The Honorable Ruth Babcock Klotz and lone Genevieve Shaddock will also be inducted, and Mary Beth Tinker will be awarded the Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice. Members are encouraged to come to honor these outstanding women.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Rose Hayne, a life member of the Des Moines Branch, who died June 13, 2119.

19th Amendment 100th Anniversary Celebration

Women gained the right to vote in 1920, and we are approaching the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. The League of Women Voters, AAUW, and other organizations are working together to celebrate 100 years. If you have ideas for celebrating this anniversary, please contact a member of the leadership team. We would love to hear from you.

Help AAUW Get Coca-Cola Foundation Grant

AAUW has added an online option for taking the Work Smart salary negotiations workshop, and AAUW has won a \$500,000 grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation to train 100,000 women in salary negotiation skills by August of 2019. In order for AAUW to receive this grant, they need both members and non-members to take the online negotiations program. We need to act as ambassadors for this program, and should be familiar with it. Whether you are retired or still in the work force, please go to <https://salary.aauw.org> to sign up, and encourage your friends to do so too.

Tech Trek—STEM Opportunities for Girls

Tech Trek is a national program by AAUW, and the Storm Lake branch has offered Tech Trek at Buena Vista University for the last 4 years. 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. This year 12 students applied, and 5 students from Des Moines Harding and Waukee were accepted. Tech Trek is supported through grants, and our branch covered the remaining \$50 fee for students from this area. Students who attended last year had a great time and described it as “the best camp ever.” We think that the group from this year will enjoy it as much as others have before. We hope to meet at Grand View University in October for that presentation for this year's campers. Watch for more details in the future.



Caucus and Coffee

As we anticipate the Iowa Caucus, we plan to provide an opportunity to visit with each other about the candidates and changes in the caucus process. While AAUW does not endorse political candidates, it encourages members to be informed on the issues, and involved with the process. Come join us at Caribou Coffee, 3220 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines, at 2:00 p.m. on November 9 for a discussion about the caucus process, issues we care about, and candidate's positions on those issues.

Holiday Tea

Sharon Gee will host our annual holiday tea at her home, 4323 Grand Ave., #427, DM on December 14, from 2 to 4. Instead of a formal program, we will share some of our favorite holiday memories. Donations are encouraged to the AAUW fund at this time.

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.

AAUW Regional Conference

AAUW national conferences are very expensive, and AAUW is not likely to offer another one soon. Therefore, AAUW Iowa is working on the possibility of co-hosting a regional conference, together with AAUW groups in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. A date and location have not yet been determined. However, an Illinois location has been suggested, because it is a state that has not yet passed laws limiting women's access to health care, and we hope to see information about a conference in June. Watch for further information about a possible regional conference in the future.

Lobby Day in February

Watch your newsletter and email for information about Lobby Day in February. 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.

Equal Pay Day 2020

Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day in the spring when the average woman's salary "catches up" to what men earned in the previous year. Equal Pay Day 2020 will probably be either March 31 or April 7. The rotunda in the Iowa State Capitol has already been reserved for both days, so AAUW Iowa has reserved the west part of the rotunda on April 8, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to mark Equal Pay Day. We plan to have materials about the gender pay gap, membership materials, and Payday candy bars. If you are available during that time, please stop by our table, and help greet the public. This is also an opportunity to visit with the legislators who stop by our table.

Celebrating Women with Sabrina Ahmed

We have heard good things about an episode of "This Week in Iowa" by Sabrina Ahmed that aired on WOI-TV this spring. It is available online for those who missed it. We plan a group viewing sometime next spring. Watch for future updates about a date and location.

Capitol Corps at the Iowa State Capitol

During the last legislative session, AAUW members from central Iowa communicated with Iowa legislators about issues affecting women and girls by participating in the AAUW Iowa Capitol Corps. We have begun to make plans for the 2020 legislative session.

Members will meet for training sometime in November. Capitol Corps participants will receive tips for effective communication with legislators, information about how to use the legislature's website, the legislative calendar and timelines for 2020, and information, resources and talking points regarding specific legislation and issues.



At that training, members will sign up for dates for contacting members of the legislature about issues that we care about. In most cases, this will mean visiting the capitol building and meeting with members of the legislature face-to-face. There will also be times that making contacts by phone or email will be enough. For more information, please contact:

- Maureen White, mwhite@cfu.net, 319-404-5301
- Ann Gale, ann.gale9@gmail.com, 515-320-4404

Contemporary Literature Group News

Upcoming books include Rhys Bowen's [The Tuscan Child](#), Art Cullen's [Storm Lake](#), Sue Monk Kidd's [The Invention of Wings](#), Michelle Obama's [Becoming](#) and more. We would welcome other members joining at any time. If you would like to join us, please contact Joanne Page (page@dwx.com, 243-5740) for meeting dates and locations.

Finding Your Leadership Team Members

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AAUW dues go from July 1 through June 30. Regular AAUW dues are \$79 (\$59 national, \$10 state, and \$10 local branch). Life member dues are \$20, and honorary lifetime member dues are free. AAUW is a 501c3 charitable organization, and \$56 of your dues are tax deductible as a charitable donation.

Please use the form below and send it with your check to Barb Zimany. Please make your 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 branch). 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 Drive
Urbandale, IA 50322

Online payment through credit card is also an option. Go to www.aauw.org/membership.

This payment covers membership at the local, state, and national levels through June 30, 2020.