

BRANCHING OUT

OUR MISSION: *Advancing Equity for Women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research*

Winter 2014



Holiday Tea



Please join us for a celebration of the holidays!

Saturday, December 6th,
2-4 p.m.



AAUW
Des Moines

Grand View
University

Rasmussen Building
On the Corner of E.
14th Street and Boyd
Room 103
Des Moines, IA

Music by C.W Smith
and Justin Chastain

We will be raising donations for
AAUW Funds.

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Facebook

Did you know you can follow us on Facebook? Just look for [AAUW-Des Moines](#). Or click the link above.

Website

You can also find us at the Des Moines Branch Website. Let us know if you have an event or news to share. We'd be happy to post it for you. You can find us at: <http://desmoines-ia.aauw.net/>

Email?

Would you rather save the some trees and receive this newsletter in email? If so, please send your email address to Amy Getty at agetty@grandview.edu

If you receive your newsletter by email, your email address will be listed in the next Directory, unless you let Barb Zimany, 254-9121, know that you do not wish to have it listed.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

AAUW members must be aware of the violence and trafficking that hold back women and girls (and men), worldwide and in our midst, from achieving their potential. The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey recently issued some sobering statistics:

- . Nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 5 men have experienced sexual violence victimization other than rape at some point in their lives.
- . 79% of female victims of completed rape report they were first raped before the age of 25
- . 28% of male victims of rape report they were first raped when they were 10 years or younger
- . More than 1/2 of female and male victims reported they were first stalked before the age of 25.

AAUW FUNDS

You promote equity for women and girls when you support the AAUW Action Fund. The fund, in turn, supports the 5 AAUW fund categories: legal advocacy, educational opportunities, Eleanor Roosevelt, leadership programs, and public policy funds. You can specify your gifts or give to the inclusive AAUW funds, called AAUW Action Funds #9110. Donations are tax deductible.



I am promoting equity for women and girls with this donation of \$_____ to the all-inclusive AAUW Action Fund, or the specific fund of my choice:

_____ Legal Advocacy _____ Educational Opportunities
_____ Eleanor Roosevelt _____ Leadership Programs
_____ Public Policy

Name _____
Phone _____

Send your tax-deductible contribution to Barb Zimany, 10021 Valdez Drive, Urbandale 50322 or bring it to the December 6 meeting, or give online at www.aauw.org/contribute. Make your check out to AAUW followed by the name of the fund.

Grand View University C/U News

Starting with our joint branch meeting in September, the Des Moines branch has partnered several times with the Grand View University C/U (College/University) branch of AAUW.

Des Moines branch members attended a speech on Wednesday, September 17 at 10:45 a.m., in the Sisam Arena for Grand View's Global Visions Week. Dr. Nana Derby, associate professor of criminal justice at Virginia State University, delivered the keynote address entitled "Human Trafficking: A Transnational Crime so Evil."



Attendees at Grand View's Global Visions Week

The Grand View University CU group sponsored a \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshop on November 10 for students preparing to go into the workforce, co-sponsored by AAUW. The Des Moines Branch supplied refreshments for the 25 students present.

In addition to these events, the GVU branch has also sponsored a forum "Sexism in Gaming." Professors Josh Call (English) and Cyndi Wiley (Art and Design) presented examples and then led a lively discussion on how women are depicted in video games. About 20-25 students attended.



Grand View students at Sexism in Gaming forum

On November 4th, we hosted a screening of the movie *Miss Representation*. This documentary examines how women are portrayed in popular culture, movies, and politics. It is fairly enlightening, and sometimes surprising to students who believe that sexism is "fixed" in our society. About 30 people were in attendance.

Finally, many students from the C/U branch are interested in attending the National Conference for College Women Leaders (NCCWSL) this year, partly due to the success of Ella Heinicke's presentation at the September meeting.

During the first two weeks of December, this branch will be raising money by eating at Chili's in Ankeny. If you are interested in helping out, a voucher that will get you a free appetizer is needed. It also then signals that 10% of the cost of your meal will be donated to AAUW GVU. Please email agetty@grandview.edu for the voucher if you would like to eat out to help out.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our first spring general meeting of AAUW Des Moines will be on Monday, March 30th, 2015. Dawn Taylor, an activist and spokesperson against human trafficking and sexual violence, will speak. We'll meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Northwest Community Center in Des Moines.

OCTOBER 20 MEETING

Teresa Bomhoff, chairperson of the Iowa Mental Health Planning Council, was the speaker at our Oct. 20 general meeting. She is a strong advocate for the mentally ill, who include members of her own family, and a trained educator for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) program. She came armed with statistics to show the progress in Iowa that has been made on behalf of the mentally ill, but a much longer list of needs. Iowa ranks near the bottom of states in its support for the mentally ill.

At the business part of the meeting we voted to send our more recent Branch archives to the State Historical Library in Iowa City where the rest of our archives, and those of the State AAUW, are catalogued and stored. They will be delivered on Nov. 20.

Barb Zimany reported that our membership is 51 and our treasury holds \$3551.00.

SEPTEMBER 22 MEETING.

At our first meeting of the fall, Ella Heinicke, recent Grand View graduate in biology, shared her experiences at the AAUW-sponsored National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) that she attended last June.

Our Branch awarded her \$500 to help with expenses.

It was evident she got a lot out of the conference for herself and for the others with whom she has shared things she learned.



Joint September Meeting with Grand View C/U branch



Supper at the Young Women's Resource Center October

A hearty beef burger supper was delivered to the Young Women's Resource Center on Oct. 13. Thanks to Sharon Gee, Amy Getty, JoAnne Cook, Brittany Cottrill and Faith Sherman for their donations.

AAUW Brochures at Franklin Library

Have you noticed the colorful AAUW brochures on display in the Franklin Library lobbies? Mary Harlan is supplying them.

If you would like to take responsibility for supplying another public location with brochures, they are available from Amy Getty at 263-6029 or agetty@grandview.edu.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members Therese Judge, Arlene Sweet, Avilah Getzler, Amy Deibert, and Amanda Willenborg.

At Amy Getty's invitation, recent Grand View graduates who were active in the CU group there, have also become members.

Young Women's Resource Center Christmas Party

We have been asked to help with the giant Christmas party for clients of the Young Women's Resource Center. The YWRC serves young women and mothers at risk. It will be held on Tuesday, December 16th at the Plymouth Church.

Help is needed with registration, leading small groups of guests, in the gift room, in the activity room, and serving food. There will be shifts from 3:00 to 5:00 and 5:00 to 7:00. They also need pies.

If you are interested in helping, please sign up when you attend the AAUW Holiday tea on December 6th, or contact Faith Sherman at 278-2242 or wsherman41@gmail.com.

State Board Nominees Sought

The state nominating committee seeks nominations for the board. To continue to be a dynamic force for positive growth, leadership must always be cultivated.

Why serve on the AAUWIA board? It's a good way to work with other dynamic women who share your interests. By furthering the policies of AAUW, you are improving the lives of women and girls in the state of Iowa. And it's an amazing learning experience with many rewards that last a lifetime.

Contact Irene at idodder01@cox.net or 712-328-3206.

Independent Private Instruction

AAUW Iowa Public Policy Program

In our mission to advance equity for women and girls, the state AAUW board has become concerned that standards for home, charter and private schools remain consistent with standards for public schools.

Briefly, Independent Private Instruction is a new category of home schooling that was approved in 2013 as part of the Education Reform Bill HF 215. It allows for home schooling for one's own and four additional unrelated children. No licensure or preparation is required, nor is notification to the local school district. It is exempt from state laws, rules, and assessment.

HF 2308 would have eliminated this additional extension of Independent Private Instruction to school standards, but it failed to make it out of the Education Committee. This is an issue that AAUW IA would like us to follow and be ready to advocate for.

Report of the September 15th and November 17th Board Meetings

On September 15th, we reviewed the Branch-State board connection questionnaire, determining our biggest challenges are visibility and attracting new members. Our response is to place brochures in public places and to reach out to faculty members at the local C/U partners, Drake, DMU, Mercy College of Health Sciences, Grand View University, and DMACC. We agreed to nominate Charlotte Nelson and Lori

Schrader-Bacher for the AAUW Title IX Award to recognize their work for women and girls at the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. The pros and cons of the 5:30 p.m. time for general meetings were up for discussion. We would like member feedback.

At the November 17th board meeting we reviewed our recent meetings, made plans for upcoming meetings and the YWRC Christmas Party, and discussed future meeting content. We are in the process of writing up the Title IX nominations.

DMACC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

JoAnne Cook and Faith Sherman attended the DMACC event on October 27th. The dinner recognized scholarship donors and recipients. Our AAUW Lois Dell child development scholarship stands at \$21754.31. There have been seventeen scholarships awarded, totaling \$11,085.84.

IN MEMORIAUM

Kay Kochheiser, longtime former Des Moines Branch member, died September 6 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mary Garst, pioneer and progressive cattle farmer, political feminist, and devoted AAUW member, died October 22 in Coon Rapids, Iowa.

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Upcoming Dates

Nov. 19th, 1-3 p.m. — Contemporary Literature Book Club Meeting. The Goldfinch. Contact Joanne Page for information.

Nov. 24 — International Relations – at the Urbandale Library at 9:30 a.m. Topic: “Israel and the U.S.” by Sith Aniziska. Contact Mavis Herzberg. No meetings Dec–Feb.

Dec. 6th — Holiday Tea And AAUW Funds gathering at Grand View University, Rasmussen Building, Room 103, 2-4 p.m.

Dec. 11th — Modern Ideas – at Perkins on Merle Hay Rd. at 6:00 p.m.. Contact JoAnne Cook

Dec. 17th, 1-3 p.m. — Contemporary Literature Book Club Meeting. Songs of Willow Frost. Contact Sharon Gee for information. No meetings Jan-Feb.

March 10th — AAUW IA Lobby Day at State Capitol.

March 30th — 5:30 p.m., General Meeting, Northwest Community Center

April 10-11, 2015 — State AAUW conference at UNI

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