

BRANCHING OUT

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

Fall 2015

REMEMBER to RENEW!

Membership dues of \$67.00 were due June 30. Never fear! You can still mail your checks made out to AAUW along with the form on page three to Barb Zimany. Your membership will be covered through June 30, 2016.

CHARLOTTE NELSON TO SPEAK ON TITLE IX SEPTEMBER 21.

Start the AAUW year right! Come to hear Charlotte Nelson, past chair of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women, talk to us about the lasting impact of the passage of Title IX 40 years ago.

The meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, at 5:30 at the Northwest Community Center, 5100 Franklin. We will also do some brainstorming with Amy Getty about our future meetings and projects. Be thinking about how you want to contribute to our community, especially the welfare of its women and girls. When and where do we want to meet? This will be your opportunity to contribute ideas and suggestions.

Grand View students who attended the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will talk about the conference.



Members enjoy the presentation of Maureen White at our June 1st meeting.

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LOIS DELL AAUW
CHILD
DEVELOPMENT
DMAAC
SCHOLARSHIP
UPDATE

A \$500 child development scholarship was given to Carlie Miller from the Lois Dell AAUW scholarship fund at DMAAC. The balance in the account stands at \$21,461.07.

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

Join a Special Interest Group!

Are you a heavy reader? Do you have a passion for world politics or current affairs? If so, think of joining one of the special interest groups that the Des Moines branch offers.

International Relations Group

Participate with a dedicated group of life-long learners who want to wrestle with the issues facing our globe. Some recent sessions have been on "Sectarianism in the Middle East" and "Russia and the Near Abroad." Coming up, they plan to discuss "Privacy in the Digital Age," "India Changes Course," "The U.S. and Africa: The Rise and Fall of Obamamania," and "Human Trafficking: A Serious Challenge to Humanity."

They use the "Great Decisions" booklet published each year by the Foreign Policy Association (costs approximately \$20). All participants read each of the eight lessons, and one volunteers to lead each session.

They meet the 4th Monday of the month from 9:30– 11:00 a.m. at the Boy Scout Service Center, 6123 Scout Trail Road, Des Moines. Dates this fall are August 24, September 28, October 26, and November 23. Please contact Joanne Page (page@dwx.com) or Paula Stewart (stewartp@mchsi.com) for a more complete schedule. All are welcome!

Contemporary Literature Group

The Contemporary Literature group is made up of women who love to read and discuss literature. This year they plan to read about an equal mix of fiction and nonfiction, from *The Ladies of Covington Send Their Love*, to *D-Day through French Eyes* and *Some Luck*. Other titles include *My Beloved World*, *Lila*, *Isaac's Storm*, *When Books Went to War*, and *A Star for Mrs. Blake*.

This group meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 1:00 -3:00 p.m. at various members' houses. Fall meeting dates are August 26, September 23, October 28, and November 18 (3rd Wednesday to accommodate Thanksgiving). Please contact Joanne Page (page@dwx.com) or Sharon Gee (derfgee@mchsi.com) for a detailed schedule.

Modern Ideas

Modern Ideas is a group that meets every second Thursday at the Perkins on Merle Hay Road. Their first meeting this fall will be on Thursday, September 10th at 1:00. Contact Faith Sherman (wsherman41@gmail.com) for more details.

Membership Renewal Time!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

The fiscal year drew to a close on June 30th, so it is past time to renew your membership in AAUW. Dues remain at \$67.00 for three levels of membership: local, state, and national. Please use the form below to send with your check to Barb Zimany.

Please make all payable to AAUW.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

New or renewal? _____

If new:

College/University _____

Year Graduated _____

Major _____

Date of Birth _____

Send a check for \$67.00 for FULL DUES (national, State, and Des Moines).

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 \$18.

Mail checks made out to **AAUW** to:

Barb Zimany (AAUW Des Moines Treasurer)

10021 Valdez Dr.

Urbandale, IA 50322.

This covers membership at the local, state, and national levels through June 30, 2016.

**Des Moines Branch
Leadership Team 2015-16**

Faith Sherman, president

Barb Zimany, treasurer

**Amy Getty, newsletter editor and
membership chair**

Mary Harlan, public policy

Fran Shoop, publicity

Sharon Gee

Brittany Cottrill

We're now on

Facebook!

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just type in AAUW Des
Moines the next time
you log on. Find out
about events and
issues!*

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to the friends and families of three of our members who have recently passed away:

Jean Hantz on May 19

Mary Ellen Risewick on June 28,

Beverly Poore on July 26.

To honor the memory of these women, or others, you can send a check made out to AAUW Funds to Barb Zimany, 10022 Valdez Dr., Urbandale 50325.

SAVE THE DATES!

**EQUAL PAY WEEK,
APRIL 2016**

We will be teaming up with the Grand View AAUW branch and the Office on the Status of Women to bring four days of seminars and speakers to the public during the week of Equal Pay Day.

Monday, April 11th, Speaker on Equal Pay, 6-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12th, \$start \$smart Salary Negotiation Workshop, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13th, Financial Literacy Workshop, 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, April 14th, Networking Panel and Reception, 6-8:30 p.m.

Details and Locations will be forthcoming. We hope you can participate in one or all of these events.

IOWA STATE CONFERENCE

AAUW Iowa will be holding its state conference on the Grand View University campus on Saturday, April 16th and Sunday, April 17th. Its theme is "...and Justice for All," and will focus on equity issues in the criminal justice system.

TECH TREK CAMP

A very successful AAUW Tech Trek summer camp for middle school girls was held June 21-27 at Simpson College, which co-sponsored the event along with the Indianola Branch.

Kathy Farris headed up the camp. Thirty girls from Des Moines and nearby schools were chosen to participate in the challenging week of activities, classes, field trips and fun all related to science, technology, engineering, and math.

AAUW members from Des Moines who volunteered were Brittany Cottrill, Barb Zimany, Sharon Gee, and Faith Sherman. Our Des Moines Branch gave \$500 of support for the project.



**THANKS TO JOANNE
COOK AND ELAINE
AVGERINOS.**

We offer hearty thanks to two loyal and hardworking leadership team members who are stepping down from their positions: JoAnne Cook and Elaine Avgerinos. They have helped in so many ways to move our organization along.

SUMMER OUTING AT THE DES MOINES BOTANICAL GARDENS

The recently expanded Botanical Gardens was the site of a lunch and tour enjoyed by eight Branch members on June 30th.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Another recent graduate from Grand View University received AAUW membership invitations from Amy Getty.

We welcome Kristy Zoellner from Des Moines!

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS

Three Grand View University CU members attended the AAUW-sponsored NCCWSL conference in Washington, DC, in May. They were Missy Farni, Kristy Zoellner, and Brittany Bowman.

Dr. Brittany Cottrill also attended as their faculty advisor. The CU group raised some of the funds and Grand View University provided additional support.

BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 1, 2015.

State AAUW President Maureen White spoke at our Branch annual meeting on the topic of education and the dangers of independent private instruction that threatens to short change the children who are involved. Maureen was a special education teacher in the Waterloo and Cedar Falls school districts for over 30 years.

AAUW Title IX Champion awards were presented to Charlotte Nelson, in absentia, and Lori SchraderBachar in recognition of their work with the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. Mary Harlan was recognized for her 50 years of AAUW membership.

Elected or re-elected to the Branch leadership team were Faith Sherman, president, Barb Zimany, treasurer, Amy Getty, newsletter editor and membership chair, Mary Harlan, public policy, Fran Shoop, publicity, Sharon Gee, and Brittany Cottrill. Elaine Avgerinos and JoAnne Cook were thanked for their years of service on the team.

The 2015-16 budget was presented by treasurer Barb Zimany. Income from dues is expected to be \$2650.00. Expenses were estimated as follows: \$2280.00 state and national dues to be passed on, meetings \$60, administration \$50, and newsletter \$260. The financial report for 2014-15 showed a closing balance of \$5076.85 in working funds and \$1051.77 in reserved funds.

Fran Shoop recognized the three active interest groups: Contemporary Literature, Modern Ideas, and International Relations.

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Upcoming Dates

August 26 — 1-3 p.m. — Contemporary Literature Book Group. Contact Sharon Gee for details.

September 10 — 1:00 p.m. Modern Ideas Interest Group. Perkins on Merle Hay Rod. Contact Faith Sherman for details.

September 21 — 5:30-7:30 — Branch Meeting at the Northwest Community Center. Contact Faith Sherman for details.

September 23 — 1-3 p.m. — Contemporary Literature Book Group. Contact Sharon Gee for details.

September 28 — 9:30-11:00 a.m. — International Relations Group. Contact Joanne Page (page@dwx.com) for details.

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December 5 — 2-4 p.m. — Holiday Tea at Grand View University.

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