

BRANCHING OUT

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

Fall 2014

REMEMBER to RENEW!

It's membership renewal time! Check your checkbook to see if you have renewed yet. If not, please see the form on page 3 of this newsletter.

FIRST FALL MEETING

September 22nd, 5:30 p.m. Grand View University

At our first meeting of the fall, Ella Heinicke, recent Grand View Biology graduate, will be with us to share her experiences at the AAUW sponsored National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

You may remember that our branch helped Ella get to the conference with a grant of \$500.

We will meet on the Grand View University campus in the Rasmussen building — on the corner of E. 14th Street and Boyd. We'll be in room 208 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.

*We're now on
Facebook!*

Join us at [https://
www.facebook.com/
AAUW.Des.Moines](https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.Des.Moines), or
just type in AAUW Des
Moines the next time
you log on. Find out
about events and
issues!



Faith and Mary headed to the State Capitol Law Library visit.

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Branch Centennial History Available

The AAUW Branch history that was put together for our Centennial celebration last April 11 has been sent as an email attachment with this newsletter. You may also click the title above to access it electronically.

If you would like a print copy mailed to you, call Faith Sherman 278-2242. Copies will be available at the September 22 general meeting.

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

AAUW Guidelines on Philanthropy

With the addition of the word philanthropy to our AAUW mission statement, our national organization has devoted much time and thought to the discussion of legally complying with IRS rules concerning our financial support of non-profit, non-AAUW activities.

Ames AAUW member Diane Patton has served on the committee that has developed the policy, which is extensive and not all new.

Basically, our Des Moines Branch, which has a 501(c)(4) tax status, supported by our national AAUW, is affected in the following way. Our funds, as always, can support any AAUW scholarships, funds, and activities. We can support, with our participation, activities and events of our own, and other non-profit organizations, in line with our mission. But to give our financial support to non-AAUW activities, funds, and scholarships, we must work in a collaborative process where we have representation in the goal setting and decision-making process.

Certainly our support with suppers, clothes, and help with the Christmas party of the Young Women's Resource Center is in compliance. The Lois Dell Child Development scholarship at DMACC, which we have supported, was carefully drawn up to give the DMACC Foundation clear and acceptable guidelines for its use, over which we are kept informed. This also would be in compliance. Certainly our support with suppers, clothes, and help with the Christmas party of the Young Women's Resource Center is in compliance.

Other major aspects of the policy relate to fundraising, and contributors' expectations for tax deductibility, and are spelled out on the AAUW website.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Diane Patton at 712-8340-0329 (diane.patton46@gmail.com), or to Laura Stepp at 202-728-3303 (steppl@aauw.org).

LOIS DELL CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

With the addition of our \$2000, approved at our May annual meeting, the scholarship fund at DMACC started by Lois Dell for child development students currently totals \$21,754.31.



AAUW Funds Donations

Des Moines Branch members collectively contributed \$602.00 to the AAUW Action Fund in the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Membership Renewal Time!

IT'S PAST DUE! —TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

It is 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, 2015.

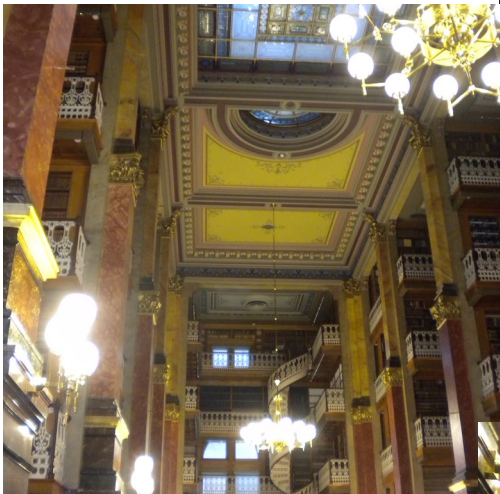
SECOND FALL MEETING

October 20th, 5:30 p.m. Northwest Community Center

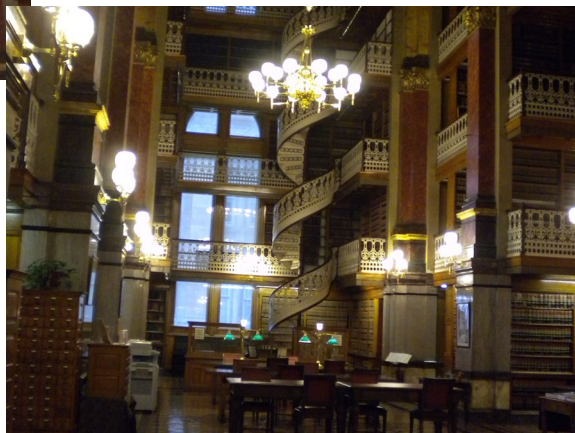
With the recent death of Robin Williams, once again we have sorrowful headlines in the media and heavy hearts. People are shocked, puzzled, looking for more information, and have a heightened concern for themselves and those dear to them.

At the October 20th meeting, Teresa Bomhoff, NAMI Greater Des Moines President, will give a presentation on mental illness along with hand-outs for attendees to take home. Topics to be addressed: What is mental illness?; Prevalence rates of mental illness; Iowa's mental health system; Over use of the criminal justice system; Suicide; Stigma; Recovery.

You are encouraged to come and bring others who you think would be interested in this issue. Light refreshments will be provided by the Leadership Team.



Pictures from our trip to the Law Library



Branch To Serve Supper at the Young Women's Resource Center October

Good food can help bring about good, friendly discussion. We can do our small part to support the success of the supper meetings at the Young Women's Resource Center by bringing food, for which they are dependent on volunteers.

On Mondays and Wednesdays young women, young mothers, counselors, resource people, mentors, and friends meet together to discuss challenges and solutions.

We have agreed to supply supper on Monday, October 13th for 30 people.

Faith Sherman will deliver what we have by 5:00 that day. Please sign up what you can offer at the general meeting September 22, or call Faith Sherman 278-2242. You can take it to their office at 818 5th Ave. by 5:00, or get it to Faith before 4:30.

Tour of the Capitol Law Library June 30

What a treasure we have in our Capitol building—the State Law Library! That's what the four members who met there for a tour came away feeling. Librarian Cory Quist told fascinating stories and showed some of his favorite books for the enjoyment of those attending, making the beautiful library come alive.

50/50 IN 2020— REACHING THE GOAL GETS CLOSER

Seven women will be running for state leadership positions and national legislative seats in the November 4 general election. There will be 11 Iowa Senate and 37 House candidates who are women on the ballot. That's progress in a state ranked near the bottom in the proportion of women holding public office.

AAUW does not endorse specific candidates, nor does the 50/50 in 2020 campaign. But we certainly support all women's right to run!

FALL IOWA INITIATIVE AVAILABLE

The fall Iowa Initiative has been sent out to all members who have submitted their email addresses to Amy Getty, our newsletter editor. Print copies will be available at the September 22 general meeting. You can call Faith Sherman, 278-2242, if you want a copy mailed to you.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO BE DISCUSSED ONLINE

The AAUW e-branch will have an online discussion on human trafficking on October 14 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Contact Jan Mitchell, 822-4162, if you would like to get connected.

Global Vision Week @ Grand View

This year's Global Vision Week at Grand View University is titled "Understanding Others to Change the World." Its focus is the issue of human trafficking.

The Des Moines branch of AAUW has worked with the Grand View University branch to make flyers with human trafficking statistics and post them around campus.

All AAUW members and guests are also welcome at Grand View events.

On Wednesday, September 17 at 10:45 a.m., in the Sisam Arena, Dr. Nana Derby, associate professor of criminal justice at Virginia State University, will deliver the keynote address entitled "'Human Trafficking: A Transnational Crime so Evil."

On Friday, September 19th from 4-5 p.m., Des Moines Register Columnist Rekah Basu will be reading from her book, *Finding Her Voice: A Collection of Des Moines Register Columns about Women's Struggles and Triumphs in the Midwest*.

If you need directions to either of these campus locations, please email Amy Getty at agetty@grandview.edu.

CALLING ALL TITLE IX CHAMPIONS!

Maybe the rest of us haven't thought of her and she's not been recognized. But if you know a Branch member who has helped secure young women's rights under Title IX, we want to nominate her for an AAUW award. Please let someone on the Branch Leadership Team know.



Increased Visibility

Coming soon, we will have a new Des Moines AAUW Website. Please email Amy Getty (agetty@grandview.edu) if you have items you wish to share on that site.

Increased visibility in the community of and around Des Moines is a goal of our branch. Our Facebook page and Website will help tremendously. But we need to do more. Please join us for a discussion of other ideas and plans to attract new members on September 15 at 3:30 at Faith Sherman's.

Personal invitations remain the best proven strategy for attracting new members. Be sure to give Amy Getty or Faith Sherman any names of potential members, or ask for membership brochures — we have plenty!

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Upcoming Dates

Women Searching for Self – Sept. 11 at Greenbrier at 12:30. Contact Fran Shoop

Modern Ideas – Sept. 11 at Perkins on Merle Hay Rd. at 6:00. Contact JoAnne Cook

International Relations – Sept. 22 at the Urbandale Library at 9:30. Topic: Defense Technology. Contact Mavis Herzberg.

Sept. 15 – Membership meeting at 3:30 at Faith Sherman's. Bring your ideas!

Sept. 15-19th, varying times – Global Vision Week at Grand View University

Sept. 22nd, 5:30 – General meeting at Grand View University Rasmussen Building, Room 208. Ella Heinicke will speak about NCCWSL.

Sept 24th, 1-3 p.m. – Contemporary Literature Book Club Meeting. The Perfume Collector. Contact Paula Stewart for information.

Oct. 6 – Board meeting at 3:30 at Faith Sherman's

Oct. 20th, 5:30 – General meeting. Speaker: Teresa Bomhoff, Northwest Community Center.

Dec. 6th, 2:00 – Holiday Tea And AAUW Funds gathering at Grand View University, Rasmussen Building, Room 103, 2-4 p.m.

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

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