

BRANCHING OUT

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

CAPITOL LAW LIBRARY TOUR JUNE 30th

Come join us and bring your friends for a tour of the awesome Law Library at the Iowa State Capitol building at 1:00 on Monday, June 30. Perhaps you've peeked in at this beautiful place over the years and wondered about its contents and purpose. Cory Quist, head librarian, will share with us some of its treasures and stories.

There is parking in the visitors' lots on the east side of the building or across the street on the south. The only entrance into the Capitol is on the ground level on the south side. We'll meet at the information desk in the center of the ground floor and go together to the Library on the first floor. After our visit we can have coffee together in the rotunda in the center of the ground floor.

Make a day of it if you'd like. Take a free 1 1/2 hour tour of the Capitol at 10:30 starting at the information desk in the center of the ground floor rotunda. Then you could have lunch there and be ready to go with us to the Library.

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issues!



Members and guests enjoy the meal before the speaker at our May meeting.

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NEW Directories Distributed.

You should have received your 2013-2014 AAUW Branch directory by mail or at the May annual meeting.

It contains a list of our members, revised and approved by-laws, and interest groups. Thanks to Barb Zimany for putting it together and mailing it out, and to Kathy Wallace for underwriting the cost.

If you did not receive yours or you have corrections that need to be made, call Barb at 254-9121. Email addresses were not listed, but if you make no objection, they will be listed in the next directory.

Now let's hope it will quickly be outdated with an influx of new members!

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

MAY 19 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Rachel Merrill Schwaller, Assistant Professor of Art and Design at Grand View University, delighted us all with her wonderful presentation on "What a Girl Wants: Women Artists and the Influence of the Female Perspective in Art History."

Guests at the meeting were Mary Jones, Nick LaPole, and Amada Wilenborg all of Grand View, JoAn van Balen, who has joined our Branch in time to be included in the new Directory, and Barb Colvig, who has rejoined AAUW.

Treasurer Barb Zimany reported a May 17 balance of \$4771.35 in our working fund and \$3551.77 in the investment fund that we regained through the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt. Her proposed budget was \$2500 income from dues and \$2500 expenses: for dues (\$2000 would be the portion sent on to the state and national), meetings \$50, administration \$50, and newsletter \$400. It was approved.

The Leadership team was re-elected with an important change. Sharon Gee will fill the seat held by Le Thomas, a longtime pillar of our Branch, whom we thank for her service. Faith Sherman will continue as the AAUW contact/President, Barb Zimany the financial officer, Amy Getty the membership chair and newsletter editor, and Mary Harlan the public policy chair. Other members of the Leadership Team reelected were Elaine Avgerinos, JoAnne Cook and Fran Shoop.

The Branch by-laws, slightly revised by mandated changes from the AAUW national, were approved, and are contained in the new Directory.

The Branch voted to give \$2000 to the Lois Dell Child Development Scholarship Fund at the Des Moines Area Community College. That amount has now been added to the fund that was created in 1998 from an endowment of Lois Dell, a longtime AAUW member and preschool and child care pioneer in Des Moines. She sought to raise the quality of child care and preschool and of the preparation of workers in Des Moines. The balance of the fund before this addition was \$16,448. Over the years \$11,086 has been awarded through 17 scholarships to DMACC students enrolled in child development.

Our ten honorary 50-year members were recognized. Asterisks beside their names identify them in the new Directory. Also, the five interest groups and their contact persons were recognized.

Dinner was provided by HyVee and the leadership team.

The U.S. flag we received from national AAUW, recognizing our centennial, was presented to the Northwest Community Center in thanks for allowing us to use their facilities.



Membership Renewal Time!

IT'S JUNE—TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

As the fiscal year draws to a close June 30th, 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.

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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.

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This covers membership at the local, state, and national levels through June 30, 2015.

September 22nd Meeting Planned

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.



Pictures from our May Meeting!



YWRC SUPPER PROVIDED ON JUNE 2.

Thanks to seven Branch members, we provided supper at the Young Women's Resource Center earlier this month. Over the meal, young women, some of whom are young mothers, met with counselors, resource people, staff, mentors and friends to discuss and try to resolve their various challenges at school, work, with finances, babies and family life.



GLOBAL VISION WEEK at GRAND VIEW

We will be partnering this fall with the Grand View C/U branch of AAUW to provide statistics and information on Human Trafficking, the theme of this year's Global Vision week at GV. Sept 15-19th.

Watch for more information in your fall newsletter.

DES MOINES BRANCH AAUW 2013-14 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2013-14 Annual Report is now online. Click here to be redirected to the report in its entirety: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/muebsyxg4dsfymy/AAUW%20Annual%20report%202013-14.docx>

Below are some of the highlights you will find there.

The 2013 Des Moines AAUW Branch annual meeting was held May 20, 2013, at 6:00, at the Northwest Community Center. Maxine Lampe of Storm Lake, State AAUW President, spoke on "AAUW—The Larger Picture."

The Leadership Team of Faith Sherman, President, Le Thomas, Newsletter Editor, Barb Zimany, Treasurer, Elaine Avgerinos, Fran Shoop, Mary Harlan and JoAnne Cook were re-elected.

Le Thomas recognized our 50 year honorary life members: Doris Adamson, Elaine Avgerinos, Betty Durden, Carol Edwards, Mary Grefe, Win Kelly, Gloria Lintner, Joanna Schilling, and Fran Shoop.

On May 22 eight of our members spent a day at the White Rock Conservancy near Coon Rapids, at the invitation of Mary Garst and her daughter Liz. We learned a lot about their farming philosophy put into practice, and enjoyed their hospitality.

We had an interesting tour of the historical Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center on June 24. Here the first US Army's officer candidate classes for African American men trained, beginning in 1917 and the first Women's Army Auxiliary Corp (WAACs) was established in 1942.

Terry Hernandez, Executive Director of Chrysalis, was the speaker at our September 16th meeting, held at 1:00 at the Northwest Community Center. We voted to support the AAUW sponsored Tech Trek summer STEM camp for girls at the U of I, co-sponsored by the Belin Center with \$500. The camp plans were later scrapped and our money was returned.

Our Holiday Tea was held on December 7 at 2:00 at the Rasmussen Building on the Grand View University campus. An a cappella group from Hoover High School sang for our entertainment. Contributions to AAUW Funds at the meeting and from individuals amounted to \$400 for the 2013 year.

The book "The Ones I Bring With Me: Iowa's Young Latinas on Identity, Education, and Success," was authored by members of the Drake Latinas al Exito organization and published by the Drake Community Press. Our Branch meeting May 10 featured Clemen Wilcox, a board member of the Latinas al Exito, who spoke about the book, the organization, and her own experiences as a Latina.

State AAUW Lobby Day was March 11 at the Capitol. Faith Sherman attended from our Branch. Universal quality preschool, home schooling, and school vouchers were some of the issues we questioned Legislators Quimback, Gaines, and Dolce about.

And then, before we knew it, it was April 11, and time for the centennial of the Des Moines Branch of AAUW at Hoyt Sherman, in conjunction with the State AAUW conference. There were 90 in attendance. The historic Hoyt Sherman ambiance, an AAUW artists' display, our own Branch mementoes from our archives at the State Historical Library in Iowa City and members' contributions, and colorful centerpieces, provided a lovely setting for our dinner and program. The evening was capped off with our presentation of the AAUW Equity award to Betty Durden for her lifelong commitment and leadership in the promotion and achievement of equity for women and girls.

At the urging of Amy Getty, the board decided to recommend giving \$500 in support to Grand View senior and CU president Ella Heinicke to attend the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in Washington, DC, June 5-7. By a positive response of 15 members to a Branch polling, the motion was approved and a check was sent to Ella.

We remember two of our Branch members who died this year: Maxine Kean on July 8, and Irene Wiltsie on Nov. 30.

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Upcoming Dates

June 25th, 1-3 p.m. — Contemporary Literature Group meets to discuss *The Weird Sisters* by Eleanor Brown. At Sharon Gee's home. Contact her for details.

June 30th, 1:00 — Tour of the Iowa Capitol Law Library

August 11th, 2:30 — Leadership Team meeting at Faith Sherman's house

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.

Oct. 20th, 5:30 — General meeting. Speaker: Teresa Bomhoff, Chairperson of the Iowa Mental Health Planning Council and President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Program. Northwest Community Center.

Dec. 6th, 2:00 — Holiday Tea at Grand View University, Rasmussen Building.

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