

BRANCHING OUT

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

Summer 2016

REMEMBER to RENEW!

Membership dues of \$69.00 will be due by June 30. You can mail your checks made out to AAUW along with the form on page three or bring them to the June 1 annual meeting.

ISAIAH MCGEE, TITLE IX DIRECTOR FOR THE DMPS, TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL MEETING MAY 23

Title IX is part of important and far-reaching federal legislation aimed at equalizing women's civil and educational rights in schools. Every school district is required to have a staff member overseeing the compliance of this measure. For the Des Moines Public Schools that individual is Isaiah McGee. He will share with us the school district's commitment to the achievement of equal opportunity for girls.

Election of the 2016-17 leadership team, recognition of honorary life members and interest groups will be included in the meeting agenda.

The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Northwest Community Center, 5100 Franklin Ave. A light supper will be provided by the leadership team. Be sure to read the April [*Iowa Branch Connector*](#) before you come to the meeting. It has good information about Title IX written by Maureen White. You can find it by clicking the link above or at the AAUW Iowa website.



ISAIAH MCGEE from Des Moines Public Schools joins us May 23rd

SUPPER TO BE SERVED AT THE YWRC JULY 18

Our AAUW Branch will bring a beef burger supper to the 30 some participants at one of the every week Monday and Wednesday night gatherings at the Young Women's Resource Center. If you would like to help, a sign up sheet will be passed around at the May 23rd annual meeting or you can call Faith Sherman, 278-2242. Financial donations are also welcome, to cover the cost of the meat.

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MARCH 9 LOBBY DAY TACKLES IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

AAUW members from across the state gathered to learn about and try to influence the outcome of important legislative issues. Representative Marti Anderson spoke about the pay discrimination bill, Senator Liz Mathis discussed education issues, and Senator Kevin Kinney told about his work on human trafficking. After brief advocacy training, members contacted their legislators. Faith Sherman attended from the Des Moines Branch.

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

Future Summer Events

JOIN US FOR A TOUR OF SALISBURY HOUSE ON JUNE 14

We're planning a summer outing for your enjoyment. Meet at Salisbury House for a guided tour through the mansion. Tours start at 11:00 a.m., so please plan to be a little early. There are treasures in every room and stories to be shared. The tour will last about 75 minutes. The cost is \$12.00.

BRANCH TO HOST ARMENIAN VISITOR AUGUST 22

The Des Moines Branch will host a visitor from Armenia, Anna Aleksanyan, for lunch on August 22. She is eager to learn more about how women in Iowa are organized and provide support for each other to facilitate empowerment, leadership and opportunity.

Tentative plans are for lunch at Sharon Gee's house. If you are interested in this event, please let Faith Sherman, 278-2242, know of your interest, or sign up at the May 23rd meeting.

OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR THE 2016-17 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Election of the Leadership Team will be held at the May 23rd annual meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor.

The following members have been nominated for the leadership team by a nominating committee of the current leadership team:

President – Amy Getty (whose term will begin in January 2017 due to her fall semester sabbatical from Grand View University)

Treasurer – Barb Zimany,

Newsletter Editor/Membership – Brittany Cottrill

Program chair – Mary Harlan

Members at Large — Joanne Page, Sharon Gee, and Faith Sherman (who will hold the President's position until Amy returns to Des Moines).

Membership Renewal Time!

IT'S 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 are \$69.00: \$49 national, \$10.00 state, and \$10 local. Life member dues are \$20.00, and honorary life member dues are free. Please use the form below to send with your check to Barb Zimany.

Please make 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 \$69.00 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 \$20.

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

Barb Zimany (AAUW Des Moines Treasurer)
10022 Valdez Dr.
Urbandale, IA 50322.

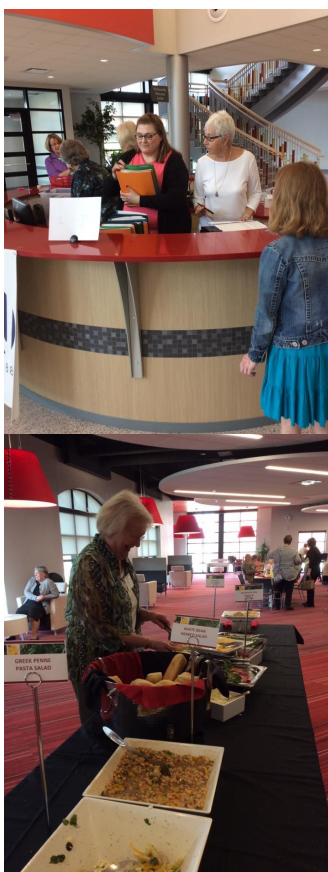
Online payment by credit card is also an option. Go to aauw.org and click on the Membership button to pay in this way. This payment covers membership at the local, state, and national levels through June 30, 2017.

BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE EVENTS AT GRAND VIEW APRIL 11-14

With the Des Moines and Grand View C/U Branches as co-sponsors, the Office of the Status of Women held four days of seminars with speakers on successful strategies for college women entering the workplace.

A panel on Monday addressed the issue of "Closing the Wage Gap; What Can We Do in Iowa?" It included Maxine Lampe, past state AAUW president from Storm Lake, and Ella Heinicke, recent Grand View graduate. Tuesday's emphasis was financial planning and literacy, Wednesday's was on networking and building an online presence, and Thursday a \$start \$mart salary negotiation workshop was conducted.

Congratulations to Des Moines Branch members Amy Getty and Kristen Corey for organizing these successful events.



STATE AAUW CONFERENCE, APRIL 16-17

"...And Justice for All" was the theme of the state AAUW conference held at Grand View University recently.

Speakers included Pam and Dr. Al Hays of Citizens for Undoing Racism on *Criminal Justice Reform* issues; Amy Jones, Residential Supervisor at the Waterloo Women's Center for Change on *Transitions for Women*; Thomas Mayes, attorney for the Iowa Department of Education on *The School to Prison Pipeline*; Tom Newkirk, Des Moines civil rights attorney on *The Nature and Extent of Implicit Bias*; and Fifth Judicial District Court Judge Karen Romano, keynote speaker,

Thanks to Amy Getty for making arrangements at Grand View, Brittany Cottrill for being on the panel that reported on the NCCWSL conference she attended along with three Grand View students, to JoAnne Cook who made a popcorn-themed silent auction item for our Branch that helped raise \$1500 for AAUW funds, and to Barb Zimany, Sharon Gee, Brittany Cottrill, and Faith Sherman who registered the nearly 75 attendees and participants.



YWRC DIRECTOR KRISTIN GRIFFITH SPOKE AT APRIL 4 GENERAL MEETING

The new director of the Young Women's Resource Center, which we have supported by volunteering and supplying suppers, spoke to us about the history and mission of the YWRC on April 4.

Treasurer's Report

We currently have \$4558 and 52 members.

IN MEMORIAM

Our Branch lost two former branch members recently, and we extend our sympathy to their families:

Jeanne Anderson on March 4

Jo Ann Northup on April 10

SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL FEATURE ALLIE TUBBS

Winner of the Iowa History Day individual performance for the last three years, Allie Tubbs, a student at Johnston High School, will present her original performance on “Grace Hopper Dared to Explore Computer Coding, Encounter the Glass Ceiling, and Exchange Intellectual Concepts” at our September meeting . It will be at Grand View University at 5:30. Date TBD.

FEBRUARY 29 MEETING: DAYS FOR GIRLS

Kay Hertz spoke at our February 29 meeting about the project she heads called Days For Girls, which is part of an international effort to make and provide feminine hygiene supplies to girls in South Africa.

ROSE HAYNE ACHIEVES HONORARY AAUW LIFE MEMBER STATUS

The honored group of Des Moines Branch women who have been members of AAUW for 50 or more years added another to their rank: Rose Hayne. We congratulate Rose, and have delivered certificates to her from the state and national AAUW.

Other honorary life members are: Doris Adamson, Elaine Avgerinos, Betty Durden, Carol Edwards, Jo Ann Gaulke, Mary Grefe, Mary Harlan, Winifred Kelly, Gloria Lintner, Alice McKee (living in Williamsburg, VA), Joanna Schilling, and Fran Shoop.

BEST WISHES TO BRITTANY COTTRILL

Brittany, English professor at Grand View University and a member of our branch leadership team, married Tyler Lloyd on May 7th.

NEW AAUW RESEARCH REPORT ON LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES

AAUW has launched a new research report *Barriers and Biases: The Status of Women in Leadership*. It examines the causes of women’s lingering underrepresentation in leadership roles in business, politics, and education and suggests what we can do to change the status quo. You can download the report or order copies from AAUW.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Haley Hermanson, Nate Thesing, Brittany Bowman, Alyssa Bedford, and Anna Sunstrom, all recent graduates of Grand View University, were awarded gift memberships to AAUW by Amy Getty, good for the 2016-17 year.

We look forward to getting to know you, and wish you success in your future endeavors.

C/U NEWS

The Grand View CU group has raised money to help send two representatives and a staff advisor to attend the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in Washington, DC, this June. Both wrote essays for and received national scholarships. The University provided additional support for Ms. Cara B. Stone Grand View Instructional Librarian, to attend as advisor.

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Upcoming Dates

May 23 — Branch annual meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Northwest Community Center, 5110 Franklin, Des Moines

May 23 — 9:30 a.m. — International Relations Group at the Boy Scout Center on South 63rd in Des Moines. Contact Barb Zimany for details.

May 25 — 1-3 p.m. — Contemporary Literature Book Group. Contact Joanne Page for details.

June 14 — Tour of Salisbury House, 11:00.

June 22 — 1-3 p.m. — Contemporary Literature Book Group. Contact Amy Getty for details.

June 27 — 9:30 a.m. — International Relations Group at the Boy Scout Center on South 63rd in Des Moines. Contact Barb Zimany for details.

July 18 - Supper to be brought to the YWRC, 818 5th Ave., at 5:00.

July 25 — 9:30 a.m. — International Relations Group at the Boy Scout Center on South 63rd in Des Moines. Contact Barb Zimany for details.

August 15 — Leadership Team meeting, 1:00 at Faith Sherman's

August 22 — Lunch with Anna Aleksanyan, visitor from Armenia.

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