

BRANCHING OUT

MISSION: Advancing equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research *Fall 2016*

Allie Tubbs to Speak at Sept. 12th Branch Meeting

Come hear Johnston High School sophomore Allie Tubbs share her winning presentation, “Grace Hopper Dared to Explore Computer Coding, Encounter the Glass Ceiling, and Exchange Intellectual Concepts.” Allie is a 4-time national qualifier for individual performance at the National History Day competition.

Each year around 600,000 students enter History Day competitions across the nation in one of seven areas and move through school, regional, and state levels. Allie was one of seven Iowa state winners. Not only did she place 6th nationally in the senior division in College Park, Maryland, but she also received the Capt. Ken Coskey Naval History award and a \$1,000 prize for the best entry on naval history.

The meeting will be held in room 103 of the Rasmussen Building, E. 14th and Boyd, at Grand View University at 5:30 on Monday, Sept. 12.



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Summer Events

SALISBURY HOUSE TOUR

Barb Zimany, Mary Harlan, and Faith Sherman enjoyed a tour of Salisbury House on June 14.

YWRC SUPPER PROVIDED

Thanks to contributions from JoAnne Cook, Brittany Cottrill Lloyd, Amy Getty, Sharon Gee, and Faith Sherman, we provided a beefburger supper for the clients, mentors and staff of the Young Women's Resource Center on July 18. Donations covered the cost of the meat.

AAUW HOSTS

ARMENIAN GUEST

On August 22, Anna Aleksanyan was the guest of Sharon Gee and other Branch members for lunch at the Gee home. She visited Iowa to learn about how women in Iowa provide support for each other to facilitate empowerment, leadership, and opportunity. Her trip to the U.S. was sponsored by Dave Perry, and included meetings with many women's and non-profit organizations.



ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING MAY 23, 2016

Isaiah McGee, Educational Equity Coordinator for DMPS, spoke at our Branch annual meeting on his role in ensuring gender equity in the school system. He talked about his work helping administrators implement the Title IX provisions in their schools and moving from denial and intolerance up the continuum to adaptation and integration.

The leadership team presented a ballot for elections and re-elections. Amy Getty will be Branch president beginning January 1, 2017. Until then, Faith Sherman will continue to serve. Others elected or re-elected included: Mary Harlan, program coordinator; Barb Zimany, treasurer; Brittany Cottrill Lloyd, membership and newsletter; and at-large members of the leadership team Joanne Page, Sharon Gee and Faith Sherman (beginning January 1, 2017).

Treasurer Barb Zimany reported that our treasury balance as of March 31, 2016, was \$3,454.38 in our working fund and \$1,105.76 in our reserved fund.

Joanne Page recognized the three interest groups: Contemporary Literature Book Group, International Relations, and Modern Ideas. Reports were given on the "Build a Brighter Future" conference April 11-14 at Grand View, the state AAUW conference April 16-17 also at Grand View, and the upcoming NCCWSL conference in Washington, DC.



THANK YOU

The leadership team would like to thank Fran Shoop for her past service on the team. Thank you also to Amy Getty and Kristen Corey for your work organizing the "Building a Brighter Future" conference. Finally, thank you Sharon Gee for your hospitality to Aleksanya.

WHY BE AN AAUW MEMBER?

The AAUW's Membership Committee was asked why they remain active in AAUW. Below are the top five reasons given:

1. Believing in AAUW's mission.
2. Taking pride in the effect that AAUW has on the lives of women and girls.
3. Wanting to support AAUW's mission-based programming and public policy platform.
4. Finding membership in AAUW intellectually stimulating.
5. Loving the AAUW community and their fellow AAUW members.

Please consider these and the many other reasons you have for renewing your AAUW

Membership Renewal Time!

The fiscal year drew to a close on June 30th, so it is past time to renew your membership in AAUW. Dues remain at \$69.00 for three levels of membership: local, state, and national. Please use the form below to send with your check to Barb Zimany.

Make checks 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 to cover full dues (National, State, and Des Moines) through June 30, 2017. 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:

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Upcoming Dates

- ✦ Aug. 22, 9:30-11 am: International Relations. Contact Joanne Page.
- ✦ Aug. 24, 1-3 pm: Contemporary Literature Book Group. Contact Joanne Page.
- ✦ Sept. 12, 5:30 pm: Branch general meeting at Grand View University
- ✦ Sept. 26, 9:30-11 am: International Relations. Contact Joanne Page.
- ✦ Sept. 28, 1-3 pm: Contemporary Literature Book Group. Contact Joanne Page.
- ✦ Oct. 24, 9:30-11 am: International Relations. Contact Joanne Page.
- ✦ Oct. 24, 5:30 pm: Branch General Meeting
- ✦ Oct. 26, 1-3 pm: Contemporary Literature Book Group. Contact Joanne Page.
- ✦ Nov. 16, 1-3 pm: Contemporary Literature Book Group. Contact Joanne Page.
- ✦ Nov. 28, 9:30-11 am: International Relations. Contact Joanne Page.
- ✦ Dec. 10, 2:00 pm: Holiday Tea
- ✦ Dec. 21, 1-3 pm: Contemporary Literature Book Group. Contact Joanne Page.
- ✦ April 29-30, 2017: State AAUW conference in Cedar Rapids.

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