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DATES TO NOTE	Issue 6 <span style="float: right;">November-December 2019</span>
<p><b>November 6, 6:00 p.m.</b>, Public Policy Program: Caucus Training @ Davenport Library, Fairmount Branch</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER &amp; DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>November 16 – Hosted by the Program Committee <i>INFLUENTIAL WOMEN OF DAVENPORT (or Some Women Don’t Wait for Equity)</i></b>            Dr. Maryann Wherry is a professor of American history and writing. Throughout her career, she has focused on women’s history, popular culture and genre fiction. She has published articles on the history of women in the American West, military wives and popular romance fiction. She is a docent for the Colonel Davenport House and the Rock Island County Historical Society. For over ten years, she has taught local history classes through CommUniveritys and Black Hawk College. Locally she has written and compiled a collection of biographies of nearly 30 Quad City women, an ongoing project being collected into an anthology entitle, <i>Quad City Herstories</i>. Her topic for us is <b>Outrageous Women!</b> <b>The meeting will be held at the Scott Community College Urban Center, 101 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Davenport, in Room 112 at 10:00 a.m.</b> Food will be available for purchase at the Coffee Envie Café on campus.</p>
<p><b>November 16, 10:00 a.m.</b>, <b>GENERAL MEETING:</b> <i>Influential Women of Davenport</i>, Scott Community College, Room 112</p>	
<p><b>November 19, 7:00 p.m.</b>, Literature Group: <i>Where the Craw-Dads Sing</i>, by Delia Owens</p>	
<p><b>November 23, 6:00 p.m.</b>, Dining Group</p>	
<p><b>December 7, 9:30 a.m.</b>, <b>GENERAL MEETING:</b> <i>RECIPROCITY BRUNCH</i>, Holiday Inn, 226 17<sup>th</sup> St., Rock Island. (Reservations required, Cost: \$20)</p>	
<p><b>December 8</b>, <i>Mary Elizabeth Sievert &amp; John P. Whitaker Davenport female graduate fellowship applications are due.</i></p>	<div data-bbox="584 1087 1312 1331" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>December 7 – Hosted by the Rock Island/Moline Branch of AAUW <i>RECIPROCITY BRUNCH FOR THE HOLIDAYS</i></b>. The Rock Island/Moline Branch of AAUW will host our annual reciprocity brunch this year. The Rock Island High School Chamber Singers will provide entertainment. Come join your fellow AAUW sisters across the river for this annual holiday gathering. <b>The brunch will be held at the Holiday Inn located at 226 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Rock Island starting at 9:30 a.m.</b> The cost is \$20 per member. <u>Advanced reservations are required.</u> <i>Please mail your reservation request and the \$20 fee to: Helen Aden, 17 Thornwood Court, Moline, IL 61265.</i></p> <p><b>Advanced Notice of a General Meeting Change:</b> The January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting has been moved to Oakwood on the Ridgecrest Community Village grounds at 4130 NW Boulevard in Davenport since the College Urban Center will be closed for Winter Break.</p> <p><b>Please Note that our General Meetings are scheduled for Saturday mornings and we encourage all members to attend.</b></p>
<p><b>December 10, 7:00 p.m.</b>, <i>Creative Women Group</i></p>	

## LETTER FROM BRANCH CO-PRESIDENTS

The holiday season is upon us! So many things to do and time is going fast. Let's start with the activities and dates associated with them. The dates I am giving you are listed in your AAUW booklet; this is a highlight to draw your attention to these upcoming activities:

**INFLUENTIAL WOMAN OF DAVENPORT - NOVEMBER 16, 2019**

**RECIPROCITY BRUNCH - DECEMBER 7, 2019**

There are a few positions that have not been filled, and we have been wrestling with who to fill them with. This is an opportunity for leadership. If you have been thinking about a higher role in AAUW these positions, Membership Vice-Chair and Nominating Committee Chair, would be a good choice to make. These positions are open to all members. To find out more about these positions please contact us.

In support of Adelante Group please bring feminine hygiene products to our monthly AAUW program meetings. These items will be given to local women shelters. Elaine Kresse is our point person on this project. This is such a worthwhile endeavor.

We look forward to the many events coming up. These events give us a chance to connect with things that are important to us as women and to our AAUW mission, Equity.

Co-President of AAUW Davenport/Bettendorf  
Phyllis Thede & Janice Harris-Williams



**Phyllis Thede**



**Janice Harris-Williams**

## AAUW IN THE COMMUNITY – CAUCUS TRAINING

Our AAUW, Public Policy Program, along with the Davenport Public Library and the Quad Cities Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees (QCAIR), will be providing caucus training at the Davenport Library, Fairmount Branch on Thursday, November 6th at 6 - 7:30 pm. The Scott County Republican Party and Scott County Democratic Party will have a representative speaking about their party and process. The training is a mock caucus and attendees will participate in a republican and democrat style caucus with mock candidates. This will be a fun way to learn about caucusing in Iowa. Last presidential election, our mock caucus training at St. Ambrose University was a huge success. We plan to do more caucus training and voter registration.

Maria Bribresco, Public Policy Chair

## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### NOVEMBER

2	Linda Paplinski
4	Bonnie Moeller
6	Amy Bytnar
9	Kay Pence
10	Carol Wyenn
13	Janette Schmidt
14	Diane Fry
29	Eileen Cacioppo

### DECEMBER

1	Rudie Eberlein
2	Ann Lannan
10	Mary Bakeris
12	Penny Peterson
13	Caitlin Chenus
18	Kathy Kraft
24	Judy Rutledge
24	LaDrina Wilson
30	Angelique Kimble

\*\* If there is an error in your birthday listing, here or in the Yearbook, please let Carol Wyenn know so that it can be corrected.



## FUNDRAISING

2019-2020 Dining Club books are available NOW! Buy a book or two for you, your family or friends to help raise funds for our affiliate. There are 20 new restaurants in the book, making a total of 153 places for your dining pleasure. The books are \$35 (make checks out to Davenport Bettendorf AAUW). Books will be available at meetings or you can contact our VP Fund-Raising, Linda Paplinski.

Linda Paplinski, VP Fundraising

## DONATIONS

At all General Meetings and Adelante Reading Group meetings, we are collecting feminine hygiene products, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, and other personal care items to be donated to local women shelters. Please attend our events and bring these important basic essentials to help women in need.

Also at General Meetings, members are able to donate \$1 for a guess at how many marbles are in the container. The money collected will go toward sending a young woman to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

## PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our AAUW branch wants to congratulate Jazmin Newton's mom, Guadalupe Ofelia Olvera, as she became a U.S. citizen on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Condolences to Pam Kaufman on the death of her sister.

## SPECIAL INTEREST & STUDY GROUPS

Below is a listing the November and December meetings of our special interest and study groups. All groups are open to all members. Please let the chair know if you plan to attend a group event, especially for events needing reservations or a head count for meals, supplies, etc. All contact information for the chairs is available in our annual yearbook. \* **Please contact the Chairs and/or check our website and Facebook page for up-to-date information regarding any additions, cancellations, or changes to our currently**

Interest/Study Group	November Meeting*	December Meeting*
<i>Adelante Book Club</i> – Chair: Elaine Kresse & Rosanna Krubsack	No meeting	No meeting
<i>Creative Women -</i> Chair: Terry Collins	No meeting	December 10 <sup>th</sup> @7 pm  Hostess: Arlene Vincent
<i>Eat, Meet &amp; Be Merry Dining Group</i> – Chair: Janice Hill	November 23 <sup>rd</sup> @ 6 pm Hostess: Rosanne & Harold Krubsack	December 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 6pm Hostess: Elaine Kresse, Naomi Hanson, Joan Marie Resnick
<i>Literature</i> – Chair: Angela Chenus	November 19 <sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm <u>Where the Craw-Dads Sing</u> , by Delia Owens Hostess: Linda Paplinski	No meeting
<i>Public Policy/Women's Issues</i> – Chair: Maria Bribriesco	November 6 <sup>th</sup> @ 6-7:30 p.m. Davenport Library, Fairmount Branch – Caucus Training	No meeting

## AAUW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

Our branch is responsible for several scholarships/fellowships. You may know someone who could apply. You may want to know these dates to apply and who is the chair of each fund.

The Mary Elizabeth Sievert and John P. Whitaker Davenport female graduate fellowship applications are due in by **December 8th**. Maria Pemmental Sneath is the chair of that committee. Please contact her for information. The application is available on our website.

Please encourage qualified candidates to apply for these scholarships.

## ADELANTE READING GROUP JANUARY SELECTION

To give our members a heads up, the Adelante Reading group will meet again on January 14th at 2 PM to discuss the book **Bad Feminist**. The location is still to be determined; look for it in the January-December newsletter. **Bad Feminist** is a 2014 collection of essays by cultural critic, novelist and professor Roxane Gay. **Bad Feminist** explores being a feminist while loving things that could seem at odds with feminist ideology. Gay's essays engage pop culture and her personal experiences, covering topics such as the Sweet Valley High series, Django Unchained, and Gay's own upbringing as a Haitian-American. Please read and share the essays that were most meaningful to your personal growth and understanding of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**\*\*Please remember to bring feminine hygiene products to our readings to be donated to local women's shelters.**

## SUCCESSFUL OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING DISCUSSES LEADERSHIP

We want to thank our October General Meeting panel members, Gail Glockhoff-Long, Doris Mack, Mona Martin, and Phyllis Thede, for a very informative discussion on how AAUW has helped them develop their leadership skills. The panel encouraged women to enhance their leadership skills through active participation in AAUW and by running for office. Maggie Tinsman also shared how the 50/50 in 20/20 helps women run for office in Iowa. The moderator for the evening was Elaine Kresse.



Pictured seated from left to right: Gail Glockhoff-Long, Doris Mack, Mona Martin and Phyllis Thede; moderator standing: Elaine Kresse.

### OPEN POSITIONS

VP Membership  
Nominating Committee Chair

**\*If interested**, please contact our co-presidents, Phyllis Thede or Janice Harris-Williams.

## 2020 AAUW REGIONAL CONFERENCE IS COMING TO THE QUAD CITIES IN JUNE – June 18-20

The 2020 AAUW 11 state regional convention is being held at the Bend in East Moline. This is exciting and an honor for our Quad City AAUW Branches! Kim Churches our National CEO will be the speaker on June 18th at the evening dinner. Kendra Davis our Senior Vice President for Advancement and Partnerships will be with us for 3 days. Check her out on the AAUW website. She has an impressive background. At the U.S. State Department she was the head of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor's program division, where she was responsible for the grant evaluation and awards process for \$500 million in congressionally appropriated funds. I'll bet she was responsible for us getting the Coca Cola Grant! We will also hold our state AAUW meeting during the conference on June 20th.

We are busy thinking of ways to welcome AAUW members to our area. We know you will be excited about attending the conference but we may need you to volunteer to show our visitors the QCA. Consider volunteering to show a small group the Figge, the Putnam, or some other local treasure. If you would be available to show people around on Wednesday June 17th the day before the conference, we would love to hear from you. We would also like to offer an early morning exercise option. If you can lead a walk, bike, meditation, or yoga session, let us know. We would like to do this early on Thursday Friday and Saturday for those staying in the hotel. There is a walking path and a bike path connected to the Hyatt at the Bend and bike rentals will be available for hotel guests.

As the date gets closer, we will be providing more information about the conference and how to volunteer to help. Mark your calendar and save your pennies — this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend an AAUW regional conference right in our own backyard!

Elaine Kresse, Program Vice President

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**Next Newsletter – January/February issue. Articles about AAUW, our programs, or our members will be due December 15<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all members to submit articles/pictures, which will be of interest to our members. Please contact Steffanie and Carol directly - emails and phone numbers are in the affiliate directory. Thank you.**