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DATES TO NOTE	Issue 1 January-February 2020
January 14, 2:00 p.m., <i>Adelante Reading Group</i>	<p><b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS FOR JANUARY &amp; FEBRUARY</b></p> <p><b>January 18 – Hosted by the Public Policy Study Group. WELCOME CARLETTA KNOX SEYMOUR, Incoming President of the AAUW Iowa State Board.</b> She will be speaking on her vision and plans for 2020 for AAUW. The meeting will be held at the Oakwood Assisted Living Center of Ridgecrest Senior Community*, 4130 Northwest Blvd, Davenport, at 1:30 pm. <b>*Important: Please note that the meeting has a change of venue since the college is closed for Winter Break.</b></p> <div data-bbox="743 821 1062 1129" data-label="Image"></div> <p><b>February 15 – Hosted by the Literature Study Group. DEEPER IN DEBT.</b> A review of AAUW research on college debt revisited with true stories. Also there will be a business meeting to approve the nomination of new officers for 2020-2021. <b>The meeting will be held at the Scott Community College Urban Center, Room 112, at 1:30 pm. Island.</b> Food will be available for purchase at the Coffee Envie Café on the downtown campus.</p> <div data-bbox="743 1381 1127 1724" data-label="Image"></div> <p><b>Advanced Notice of an upcoming event: 2020 AAUW REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN THE QUAD CITIES – June 18-20.</b> More information will be coming in the Spring...volunteer opportunities and registration for conference attendance.</p>
January 15, 5-6:30 p.m.: <i>Public Policy Program– Caucus Training</i>	
January 18, 1:30 p.m. <b>GENERAL MEETING, Meet Carletta Knox Seymour, incoming AAUW Iowa President @ Oakwood at Ridgecrest</b>	
January 18, 6:00 p.m., <i>Dining Group</i>	
January 21, 7 p.m., <i>Literature Group</i>	
January 25, 10:30 a.m. <i>Public Policy Program: Legislative Forum</i>	
February 15, 1:30 p.m. <b>GENERAL MEETING, Deeper in Debt, @ Scott Community College</b>	
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February 18, 7 p.m., <i>Literature Group</i>	
February 22, 10:30 a.m. <i>Public Policy Program: Legislative Forum</i>	
February 25, 7:00 p.m., <i>Creative Women Group</i>	
February 28, <i>Scholarship Applications Due</i>	

## LETTER FROM BRANCH CO-PRESIDENTS

January 2020 is upon us. I want to jump into what events will take place in the New Year. The **Iowa 88th General Assembly** will begin on **January 13, 2020** and end **on April 21, 2020**. **Legislative Forums** will be held locally at **St. Ambrose**. Listed below are the dates of the forums:

*10:00 a.m. (social) 10:30 a.m. forum starts*

January 25  
February 22  
March 28  
April 18 (maybe)

The **Iowa Caucus** will be February 3, 2020. I know there are many more things happening as this 2020 year gets started and I look forward to engaging in all things good for Iowa. I am extremely proud of our branch; we have kept on the path of women of being a voice for equal pay.

We have witnessed support of equal pay for women throughout this Presidential election. Respect, and Support, of women is our mantra. As I thought about the past women of AAUW, I remember one such person who recognized something wonderful in people with whom she came into contact; Mary Sievert was one such person. Mary was respectful and supportive when she knew you had something good to bring to the table. I truly appreciated this sentiment. Mary also could be tough but caring.

This is what all AAUW women do, we come together to cultivate, and help women reach their full potential. As we move into 2020, we have an opportunity to lift up, work with, and recognize women who want to work for better pay, women who continue their education, and have a job that inspires their creativity. We as women know of no bounds when it comes to achieving whatever goal we set for ourselves. AAUW will be there with you. 2020 is our change for women.

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



**Phyllis Thede**



**Janice Harris-Williams**

**THANK YOU, ROCK ISLAND-MOLINE AAUW SISTERS FOR A  
WONDERFUL RECIPROCITY HOLIDAY BRUNCH IN DECEMBER!**

The Rock Island High School Chamber Singers were awesome!

## JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

8	Jamie McLean
9	Doris Mack
12	Angela Chenus
13	Jeanne Withycombe
15	Joan Marie Resnick
18	Linda Kuehn
19	LaToya Lewis
25	Maria Bribriesco
31	Elizabeth Ann Toole

### FEBRUARY

8	Terese Touvelle
23	Phyllis Thede

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



## FUNDRAISING

2019-2020 Dining Club books are **STILL** available! If you haven't gotten yours, please contact Linda ASAP. The books are \$35 (make checks out to Davenport Bettendorf AAUW). Books will continue to be available at meetings or contact our VP Fund-Raising, Linda Paplinski directly.

Birdies for Charity Fundraiser will be coming soon... Look for information coming in future newsletters.  
Linda Paplinski, VP Fundraising

## DONATIONS

At all General Meetings and Adelante Reading Group meetings, we collect feminine hygiene products, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, and other personal care items to be donated to local women in need. Our last donation was made to the First Presbyterian church in Mt Pleasant. They are requesting items needed by immigrant families left behind when their head of households were taken during a raid. In addition to feminine personal and hygiene products, they could use laundry soap, dish soap, paper products, baby formula, and diapers.

Please attend our events and bring these important basic essentials to help women and their families in need.



## PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wish Janice Harris-William a speedy recovery after surgery.



## SPECIAL INTEREST & STUDY GROUPS

Below is a listing the January and February 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 scheduled programs.**

Interest/Study Group	January Meeting*	February Meeting*
<i>Adelante Book Club</i> – Chair: Elaine Kresse & Rosanna Krubsack	January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2 p.m. @ Country Kitchen @ Oakwood, 4130 NW Blvd. Moderator: Erica Eastwood	No meeting
<i>Creative Women -</i> Chair: Terry Clins	No meeting	February 25 <sup>th</sup> @7 p.m. Hostess: Doris Mack
<i>Eat, Meet &amp; Be Merry Dining Group</i> – Chair: Janice Hill	January 18 <sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. Hostess: Gail Glockhoff-Long	February 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. Hostess: Jan Hill
<i>Literature</i> – Chair: Angela Chenus	January 21 <sup>st</sup> @ 7 pm <u>Olive Kitteridge</u> by Strout Hostess: Diane Fry	February 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 7 p.m. <u>Washington Black</u> , by Ebugyan Hostess: TBD
<i>Public Policy/Women’s Issues</i> – Chair: Maria Bribriesco	January 15, 6-7:30 pm Davenport Library, Eastern Branch – Caucus Training  January 25, 10:30 am Public Policy Legislative Forum @St. Ambrose	February 22 <sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30 am Legislative Forum @ St. Ambrose

## IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We are still looking for a **VP of Membership**. Please consider volunteering your time to help us increase and maintain our membership. We are also looking for suggestions as to ways to increase our membership. Did you know that men can also be members? You could also gift a membership to a young lady graduate!

We are putting together a committee for our Mix-N-Mingle Spring Membership Drive. If you wish to help, please contact Elaine Kresse, Program VP.





## AAUW IN THE COMMUNITY – CAUCUS TRAINING

We had a great turnout for the AAUW IA Davenport-Bettendorf affiliate hosted Mock Caucuses in November and December. The events were co-sponsored by the Davenport Public Library and several other organizations. These were non-partisan events in which both the Democrat and the Republican caucuses were explained and practiced. Candidates were “fruits” – apples, blueberries, oranges and tomatoes. Each fruit candidate gave a short pitch. This was followed by voting in the Republican style and then getting up and aligning in the Democrat style Voting registration was available during the events.

Thank you Suzanne Hawkinson, Kay Pence, Rosanne Krubsack, Doris Mack and everybody who helped plan and make this event fun and informative. **One more Mock Caucus has been schedule for January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 – 6:30pm at the Eastern Branch of the Davenport Public Library.** Tell your friends and family that this training is available...The Iowa Caucus is February 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Rosanne Krubsack & Maria Bribiesco, Public Policy Chairs

## AAUW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE DRAWS NEAR...

Our branch is responsible for several scholarships/fellowships. You may know someone who should apply. **The deadline for applying is February 28<sup>th</sup>.** The scholarship program and their chairs are listed below and further information about these scholarships is available in our annual Yearbook or from these chairs, directly. Applications are available through the Chairs or on our affiliate’s website.

The Berta Freshman Scholarship: Joan Marttila, Chair

The Jepsen Scholarship for sophomore, junior, or senior college students: Barbara Wallace, Chair

The Glynn Minority Fellowship: Pat Zamora, Foundation President

*Please encourage qualified candidates to apply for these scholarships.*

## ADELANTE READING GROUP JANUARY SELECTION

The Adelante Reading group will meet on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM to discuss the book **Bad Feminist** by Roxane Gay. We will meet at the Country Kitchen at Oakwood, 4130 Northwest Blvd. Erica Eastwood will be our moderator.

**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. Please be ready to share the essays that were most meaningful to you, your personal growth and understanding of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

And remember to bring feminine hygiene products to be donated to local women and their families in need.

## LEGISLATIVE FORUMS, HOSTED BY AAUW PUBLIC POLICY GROUP

This is your opportunity to take part in local informational politics. Come and meet your legislators one on one. Listen to what they have to say about important issues before the state legislature as they participate in a Q&A panel. The forums are scheduled for January 25, February 22, March 28, and possibly April 18, at St. Ambrose University. The social gathering starts at 10 am to be followed by the panel forum starting at 10:30 am.

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**Next Newsletter – March/April issue. Articles about AAUW, our programs, or our members will be due February 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.**