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DAVENPORT-BETTENDORF
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Theme: Equity

Table with 2 columns: DATES TO NOTE and meeting details. Includes dates from March 8 to April 28, meeting topics like 'International Women's Day', 'General Meeting: Equal Pay', and 'Annual Meeting', and host information.



HOW CHANGE HAPPENS/ANNUAL MEETING. At 5 pm members are encouraged to attend a Smart Workshop with Students from St Ambrose; at 6 pm we will hold our Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at St. Ambrose, Rogalski Center, starting at 5 pm for workshop and 6 pm for Annual Meeting.



AAUW'S ANNUAL
SPRING MIX & MINGLE

This year's Mix-N-Mingle will be March 28th, in the afternoon from 1-3 pm, at the Elks Club, 4400 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. Please bring family AND friends to introduce them to our wonderful branch. This is our opportunity to socialize and increase our membership.

Mike Matson, Davenport's new mayor, and Sara Gott, Principal of Blue Grass Elementary School, will be our guest speakers. Lunch and beverages will be provided. A cash bar will be available. This event is a Shape-the-Future Event, which allows us to offer your guest a discounted membership. New members can join for 15 months at a reduced cost of \$49.50.

LETTER FROM BRANCH CO-PRESIDENTS

It looks like spring is on its way. Soon we will see flowers springing to the surface, insects, birds with their young and people out enjoying the warmth of the sun. March and April bring the promise of a rebirth of nature in all its glory. It is a time to celebrate the new growth and enjoy the season of spring. We are blessed with the gorgeous colors that are a burst of brilliance. Take some time during these next two months and enjoy the view.

March dates to celebrate: <http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/march.htm>

Celebrate International Women's Day! Show you support wear Purple March 8, 2020

Purple is the internationally recognized color to symbolize women while the combination of the colors **green, purple and white** is meant to represent women's equality, according to the IWD website. **Purple**, or the combination of those colors, may be displayed to celebrate International Women's Day.

History

In 1908, against a backdrop of terrible working conditions and exploitation, 15,000 women took to the streets in New York protesting for shorter hours, better pay and voting rights. The next year the Socialist Party of America announced a National Women's Day to honour the strikers, and in 1910 it went global – the Socialist International voted for the creation of a Women's Day to advocate for suffrage. The first International Women's Day was held in 1911, and more than a million people turned out to rallies in Europe.

For most of the 20th century International Women's Day was acknowledged and celebrated by people at the grassroots level, a rallying point for social justice. It wasn't until 1975 – International Women's Year – that the **United Nations** adopted International Women's Day on 8 March, when it is still held.

<https://iwda.org.au/take-action/international-womens-day>

Remember to invite a friend to our annual, spring **Mix & Mingle**:

Mix & Mingle Celebration

March 28, 2020 (Saturday)

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Elks Lodge (-4400 W. Central Park) Davenport, Iowa

Mayor Mike Matson will be our featured speaker discussing Pay Equity, Job Gender Balance & Women in Government; Sara Gott, Principal of Blue Grass Elementary School will also be joining us. Pay Equity, Job Gender Balance & Women in Government



Phyllis Thede



Janice Harris-Williams

MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

3	Elaine Johnson
7	Sue Hartung
15	Ramona Bowie-Amos
24	Barbara Matt
30	Gail Glockhoff-Long

APRIL

1	Barbara Wallace
8	Steffanie Adams

** 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

Get your dining books at the Mix & Mingle.

Birdies for Charity Fundraiser will be coming soon... Look for information coming on our website and Face book page.



Linda Paplinski, VP Fundraising

DONATIONS

We continue to collect, at all General Meetings and Adelante Reading Group meetings, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, and other personal care items to be donated to local women in need. 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

Congratulations to **Joel & Judy Rutledge** on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, celebrated on February 2, 2020.

Congratulations to **Katy Strezpeck** on her first day as Director of the Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning at Illinois State University. She thanked SAU for so many wonderful students and colleagues and is grateful for the outpouring of love from the SAU community.

We wish **Janice Williams** and **Elaine Kresse** a speedy recovery after their surgeries.

Our condolences to **Helen Stahl** on the passing of her husband, **Dick Stahl**, on February 19th. Dick was poet laureate of the Quad Cities and well known in the area. Helen has been a member of AAUW for 48 years.

SPECIAL INTEREST & STUDY GROUPS

Below is a listing the March and April 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. *Notes changes to information in Yearbook.**

Interest/Study Group	March Meeting	April Meeting
<i>Adelante Book Club</i> – Chair: Elaine Kresse & Rosanna Krubsack	No meeting	*April 21, 2 pm, <u>Becoming</u> , by Michelle Obama Hostess: Carol Wyenn Location: Bettendorf Public Library
<i>Creative Women -</i> Chair: Terry Cllins	March 24, 7 pm Hostess: Terry Collins	April 28, 7 pm Hostess: Open
<i>Eat, Meet & Be Merry Dining Group</i> – Chair: Janice Hill	March 21 or 28, 6 pm Hostess: Bonnie Moeller	April 18 or 25, 6pm Hostess: Linda Paplinski
<i>Literature</i> – Chair: Angela Chenus	*March 31, 2 pm <u>Educated</u> , by Tara Westover Hostess: open Location: Bettendorf Public Library	*April 21, 2 pm, <u>Becoming</u> , by Michelle Obama Hostess: Carol Wyenn Location: Bettendorf Public Library
<i>Public Policy/Women's Issues</i> – Chair: Maria Bribriesco	*March 28, 10:30 am Public Policy Legislative Forum @ St. Ambrose	*April 18, 10:30 if needed! Public Policy Legislative Forum @ St. Ambrose

2020 AAUW REGIONAL CONVENTION IN THE QUAD CITIES – JUNE 18-20

More information about the regional convention will be coming in the May/June newsletter, on Face Book and on our website. You can register on-line to attend the convention at <https://aauw-il.aauw.net/state-convention/>

ADELANTE READING GROUP APRIL SELECTION

The Adelante Reading group will join the Literature Group on April 21st at 2 PM to discuss the book **Becoming** by Michelle Obama. We will meet at the Bettendorf Public Library. Carol Wyenn will be our moderator. Remember to bring feminine hygiene products to be donated to local women and their families in need.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BEGINS APRIL 1ST



BRANCH MEETS NEW INCOMING AAUW STATE PRESIDENT CARLETTA KNOX SEYMOUR

For those able to attend the February General Meeting, we were fortunate to meet **Carletta Knox Seymour**, who will be taking over as President of Iowa AAUW this summer. Dynamic, energetic, interesting and fun, she laid out her vision for where AAUW and its branches should be heading in the next two years. Carletta would like to see our numbers and diversity increase, and to do that we need to get the name of AAUW “out there” so that people know who we are and what we do. We work to empower women – how? A second vision is that AAUW be more active in our own communities perhaps working more with other civic groups. Finally, she would like to see more communications between branches – what successful activities have they had? What can we do to support each other? The last part of the meeting was spent brainstorming around these goals.



LEGISLATIVE FORUMS, HOSTED BY AAUW PUBLIC POLICY

We hosted the February Legislative Forum. It was well attended. There were superb questions and answers from our audience and panel of local politicians. We all learned a lot on different issues from public education to tax credits for residential historic properties. The city will have another legislative forum on March 28th at 10:30 at St Ambrose and possibly one on April 18th if there is a need. Please attend as an informed, engaged citizenry is a key ingredient to a healthy democracy. AAUW is proud to do our part.



PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

The Board voted to propose a change to the name of the organization from an “affiliate” to “branch.”

Article 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the QC IA Davenport-Bettendorf Affiliate, hereinafter called the “affiliate.”

At one time we thought we had to officially change our name to affiliate. This is not the case. We will vote to approve the name change and to accept our proposed 2020-2021 slate of officers at our Annual Meeting in April.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS 2020-2021 FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President: Janice Harris-Williams
President-Elect: Open
Fundraising VP: Linda Paplinski
Membership VP: Jeanne Withycombe

Program VP: Elaine Kresse
Secretary: Suzanne Hawkinson
Operations Treasure: Bonnie Moeller
Communications VP: Carol Wyenn

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Newsletter Editors: Steffanie Adams and Carol Wyenn.

Next Newsletter – May/June issue. Articles about AAUW, our programs, or our members will be due April 15th. 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.