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QC IA  
DAVENPORT-BETTENDORF  
AFFILIATE

Theme: Equity

**DATES TO  
NOTE**

Due to the  
coronavirus:

All meetings and  
group activities  
have been  
cancelled until  
further  
notice. Groups  
may meet  
electronic-  
ally. Please refer  
to your Yearbook  
for original  
schedule and  
contact the host/  
chairperson if you  
have questions or  
suggestions.  
Otherwise, please  
look for changes or  
further  
information on our  
website, Facebook  
page, or mass/  
group  
e-mails. Thank  
you for your  
understanding.

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**LETTER FROM BRANCH CO-PRESIDENTS**

**GREETINGS**

Our AAUW members are important to our organization. This means many of our members are at risk for Covid-19. Please take care and observe the instructions of the CDC:

- Observe the 6ft distancing rule
- Wash your hands
- Wear a mask if you go out.
- Sanitize surfaces in your home
- Stay home only go out for essential things like food and medicine

**OLDER ADULTS & COVID-19**

Older adults 65 years and older are at higher risk for severe illness. Please see:

<https://www.cdc.gov>

**FUN WHILE STAYING HOME**

Planting flowers and creating a garden can be one of the most pleasurable activity we can do during this time. We are fortunate to be able to participate in the sounds, smells, and sights of the great outdoors. Once the trees are in full bloom, we will have the full view of spring/summer weather. Take walks remembering to observe the social distancing rules.

Please be safe.



Phyllis Thede



Janice Harris-Williams



**REMINDER TO MEMBERS TO SEND IN YOUR MONEY FOR  
MEMBERSHIP**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BEGAN APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>** -- Renewal Amounts National: \$59, (\$46 is deductible) State: \$10, and Branch: \$10 for a total of \$79. See further information from our Membership VP on page 2.

## FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP VP, JEANNE WITHYCOMBE

### IMPORTANT!! MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR JUNE 2020 - JUNE 2021

**Essentials:** Renewal Amounts National: \$59, (\$46 is deductible) State: \$10, and Branch: \$10 for a total of \$79. Renewals may be made in one of two ways:

1. The Preferred method: Renew your membership on line. You will receive an e-mail renewal notice (marked [membershipinfo@aauw.org](mailto:membershipinfo@aauw.org)) somewhere around April 20<sup>th</sup>. The e-mail contains a secured link with easy instructions on how to renew your membership. Click on the link; no login is required. You will need a credit card to pay.

2. Make checks payable to Davenport-Bettendorf AAUW and mark "Membership." Send payment to: Jeanne Withycombe, 3669 Eastwood Ct., Bettendorf, Iowa 52722.

\*\* Early renewal is very important this year as we may not be able to have a group meeting at which you can pay. Also, we no longer have a post office box for the organization.

\*\*\*\*Remember to note ANY CHANGES to your address, phone number, or e-mail address. This will ensure accuracy in the yearbook, and that you receive all communications.

\*\*\*\*\*Any questions, please feel free to call Jeanne at (563) 449-2648 or e-mail [combe476@msn.com](mailto:combe476@msn.com)

A message from Jeanne: Every day, AAUW continues to make a difference in the lives of women and girls just as they have been doing for 139 years. Membership in AAUW *amplifies the individual voice* so it can be heard in more places, by more people. Membership *feeds the watchdogs that lobby* and protect against encroachment on our hard-won rights. Membership *fuels the research* that asks and answers the hard societal questions that bring about change. Membership *funds scholarships, workshops, and training programs* that produce a more informed workforce and the leadership of tomorrow. These are the components of the AAUW BIG Picture. *AAUW exists and is strong because of YOU.* We need your support, both with your involvement and your dollars.

### RENEW TODAY AND SHAPE THE FUTURE WITH AAUW



"When you are a mother,  
you are never really alone  
in your thoughts. A mother  
always has to think twice,  
once for herself and  
once for her child."

— Sophia Loren



"Mother love is the  
fuel that enables a  
normal human being to  
do the impossible."

— Marion C. Garretty



## FROM YOUR FUND RAISING VP: LINDA PAPLINSKI

### BIRDIES FOR CHARITY - 2020

Hope this finds you all well. We are certainly in an unusual time and the coronavirus seems to affect everything, including the Birdies for Charity fund raising program. The Birdies kick-off, scheduled for April 13, was cancelled as well as any way for me to pick up pledge brochures. Therefore, it is impossible for me to send you a pledge brochure. At this time, they have indicated that the John Deere Classic will go forward as scheduled.

I have registered our charity name. You can print off your own brochure by going to the Birdies web site ([www.Birdiesforcharity.com](http://www.Birdiesforcharity.com)). You can then send you donation pledge, name, and address, directly to them at: Birdies for Charity, 15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL, 61244.

Or, if you prefer, at their website ([www.birdiesforcharity.com/donate](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com/donate)), you can also make a direct online donation to our charity. Below is the website address for the form online if you prefer to mail a hard copy form. You can send the completed pledge forms directly to Birdies for Charity at the address provided above.

[https://birdiesforcharity.com/files/pdf/Chipin\\_2020web\\_Fillable\\_Address\\_page1.pdf](https://birdiesforcharity.com/files/pdf/Chipin_2020web_Fillable_Address_page1.pdf)

**In either case, our charity is QCIA Davenport-Bettendorf AAUW and our Bird number is 1705.**

Remember, the Birdies for Charity Fund is unusual in that we get back 100% of our donation PLUS a minimum of a 5% bonus. All monies we receive will go towards scholarships. Your AAUW branch, and especially the scholarship winners, greatly thanks you.

If you have any questions, please call me at (507) 236-5589.

Linda Paplinski  
VP Fundraising

### MOTHER'S DAY POEMS

To My Mother  
By Edgar Allen Poe  
Because I feel that, in the Heavens above,  
The angels, whispering to one another,  
Can find, among their burning terms of love,  
None so devotional as that of "Mother,"  
Therefore by that dear name I long have called you—  
You who are more than mother unto me,  
And fill my heart of hearts, where Death installed you  
In setting my Virginia's spirit free.  
My mother—my own mother, who died early,  
Was but the mother of myself; but you  
Are mother to the one I loved so dearly,  
And thus are dearer than the mother I knew  
By that infinity with which my wife  
Was dearer to my soul than its soul-life.

You have told me  
all the things  
I need to hear  
before I knew  
I needed to hear them

To be unafraid  
Of all the things  
I use to fear  
Before I knew  
I shouldn't fear them

—[Lang Leav](#),  
"A Thank You Note"

## MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### MAY

### JUNE

11	Mary Rehmann
25	Suzanne Hawkinson
27	Cindy Winckler

10	Dr. Sarah Mesick
15	Dr. Marjorie Johnson
15	Barbara Ray
21	Naomi Hanson
26	Ann McGlynn

29	Pat Francois
29	Rosanne Krubsack
29	Katy Strzepek
30	Arlene Vincent



## A THANK YOU!

### Dear AAUW – Davenport/Bettendorf Affiliation

Thank you for awarding me with the Mary Elizabeth Sievert and John Parker Whitaker scholarship. This scholarship has taken a financial burden off my shoulders and will be applied to my academic 2020 spring semester. This scholarship will help me further my academic career while at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. Thank you again for supporting my life long goal of becoming a pharmacist and helping others.

Best Regards,

Jenna Ringsdorf, Class of 2022  
University of Iowa College of Pharmacy

## 2020 AAUW REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN THE QUAD CITIES

The 2020 AAUW Regional Conference in the Quad Cities that was previously scheduled for June 18-20 has been  **canceled**  and any registration will be refunded. The regional conference is being rescheduled for 2021.

## PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wish Eileen Cacioppo well on her journey back to good health.

Our condolences to Terese TouVelle on the death of her aunt, Gertrude Mack.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING OUR AFFILIATE AND NEXT YEAR

### 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 Treasurer:** Bonnie Moeller  
**Communications VP:** Carol Wyenn

If you would like to be involved, please contact our Co-Presidents, Phyllis or Janice.

**Due to our inability to physically come together at this time, the Executive Board is considering ways for the General Membership to vote on these two important affiliate items. If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact our co-Presidents or any executive board member. Please watch for further information on our website/Facebook page and/or by group e-mails.**



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<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/news/2015/05/150523-pictures-memorial-day-military-soldier-holiday-people-culture/#close>

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**Newsletter Editors: Steffanie Adams and Carol Wyenn.**

**Next Newsletter – July/August issue. Articles about AAUW, our programs, or our members will be due June 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.**