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Theme: Equity

DATES TO  
NOTE

Due to the corona-  
virus, most  
meetings and  
group activities  
have been either  
cancelled or have  
been taken on-line  
via ZOOM until  
further notice.

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Birdies for Charity  
deadline July 10th

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Literature  
Discussion Group  
ZOOM meetings:

July 21, 7 p.m. The  
Thunderbolt Kid  
by Bill Bryson  
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August 18, 2 p.m. A  
Gentleman in  
Moscow by Towles

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Adelante Book  
Discussion Group  
ZOOM meeting:  
August 12, 10 a.m.  
The Moment of Lift  
by Melinda Gates

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July 23, 4:30 p.m.  
General Member-  
ship meeting

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July 25, 5 p.m.  
ZOOM Eat, Drink &  
Be Merry Group

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR JULY

Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> - dinner at 4:30 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. we will go  
to the Tapestry Farm Garden.

Programming for the coming year will probably be quite virtual. But to take  
advantage of the summer air we are planning one interesting social event:  
**TAPESTRY FARMS**, an early bird dinner together at the Village Inn, 1919 Harrison  
St., or a gathering with bring your own food and drink at the fountain on Lombard at  
Vandervere Park, and then travel to Tapestry Farms Garden.

Tapestry Farm Garden is a non-profit started by member Ann Glynn. a startup  
nonprofit that offers intensive and longer-term support to refugee families in our  
community. They support and encourage refugees as they seek meaningful work,  
quality education and childcare, a safe and affordable home, accessible medical and  
mental health care, a caring community, and U.S. citizenship. Often, the families  
have significant barriers. You can learn more about the organization  
at [www.tapestryfarms.org](http://www.tapestryfarms.org).

We will also continue to collect feminine products as we did last year. Ann tells us  
they would welcome donations of feminine products. She wants you to know,  
though, they should be pads as refugees do not often use Tampons.

We will put out an email to all before the date so that we can attempt to get a  
confirmed number of participants for making Vil-  
lage Inn reservations.



JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> ZOOM EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY DINING GROUP

Our president will host a **ZOOM** Eat, Drink and Be Merry Dining group  
meeting. The overall theme is Culture; Janice will host a Japanese Food theme  
dinner. Everyone will cook their own Japanese food and then join together at 5:00  
p.m. to eat and visit. ZOOM log-on info will be forwarded by email prior to the  
meeting. Let Janice know if you need anything....

## LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

### Theme this year: Empower Women-Empower Community

Greetings to you all,

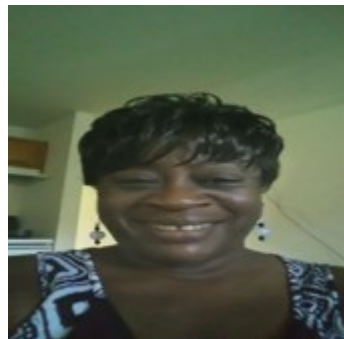
First, I'd like to say I hope you are all doing well, especially after all of the tragic happenings nationwide as well as worldwide. My deepest condolences to ALL the families that have lost loved ones in these trying times.

It is an honor to be elected your 2020-2021 AAUW President of the Davenport/Bettendorf branch. Thanks to our 2019-2020 President Phyllis Thede for taking us thus far. I would like to thank all officers who have put so much effort into keeping our AAUW Branch going strong. I look forward to working with and supporting the new team as we move forward. I am confident that we can pull this off with togetherness and by staying connected. I am looking forward to building new relationships with you as we move into planning the year of 2020-2021. I even hope to see at least one summer Zoom meeting happen.

Due to Covid-19 we will be using Zoom more times than not for our general and executive meetings. In addition, we will be trying out zoom for programs with our invited speakers, such as our AAUW (IOWA) State President Carlette Knox-Seymour and others. This avenue of communication is new to our team therefore I want you to hang in there. It is new so make sure to reach out if you have trouble with Zoom-plus [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) is a great source of assistance. I do not know how long we should expect this to continue. However, I will do my best to keep you adequately informed in order that our branch continues to grow and thrive during this trying time in our country.

Lastly, I hope to be able to use as many of Kim Churches (CEO- AAUW) ideas such as, the 5-star program and the Equity Network to empower women. Looking forward to a very hopeful future

Janice Harris-Williams  
AAUW Davenport/Bettendorf Branch President



## 2020-2021 YEARBOOK

### From Communications VP – Carol Wyenn

Once again we are preparing our annual Yearbook for publication, August 1, 2020. In order to be able to construct, print and mail these yearbooks in a timely manner we are requesting that all materials to be included in the yearbook be sent to me, Carol Wyenn, no later than **Friday, July 10, 2020**. To be a member in good standing and included in the 2020-2021-membership directory in the Yearbook, you should have paid your membership dues prior to receiving this newsletter. If not, please contact our Membership VP, Jeanne Withycombe, immediately. Thank you.

## AAUW STANDS AGAINST RACISM

**From IOWA INITIATIVE, a publication of AAUW-Iowa, Volume 100, Number 6, June 2020**

The following is a statement from AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches:

AAUW joins the country in mourning the losses of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and countless other people of color who have been unjustly killed across our nation. Our country needs healing. But healing will only come with justice. As an organization we condemn racism.

Systemic racism is firmly rooted in the U.S. and today's injustices mirror our shameful history — from police brutality to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color. There can be no justice or equality when Black and Brown communities are seen as less deserving of basic human and civil rights.

On behalf of our 170,000 members and supporters, we commit to fighting for justice, long-term and lasting change, and we stand in solidarity against racism. We also acknowledge that as an organization we have our own work to do.

And, as a member of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, we will work to advance the policies and systemic changes identified in the [New Era of Public Safety: A Guide to Fair, Safe, and Effective Community Policing](#) and [Vision for Justice](#) platform.

### AAUW

#### THE AAUW VISION: AN EQUITABLE FUTURE

Equity for all: We can progress equality in education, economics and leaderships... working together.

THE AAUW MISSION: To advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

VALUES: Nonpartisan. Fact based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality

AAUW's new strategic plan is available online and more about the 5 Star Program can be found at [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org)

## PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are sorry to announce the passing of our member, Barbara Matt, on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Her obituary in the Quad City Times, published May 14<sup>th</sup>, was a tribute to the kind of woman with whom we gather, amazing. She graduated from the University of Iowa and was part of the University's Undergraduate Writer's Workshop. In Chicago, she worked as a writer, reporter, magazine editor, and TV producer, and throughout her life was a social activist. She was an avid photographer who showed her work at art fairs across the Midwest.

Our member Jazmin Newton Butts was among the several Quad-Citizens to be celebrated by the YMCA Quad-Cities for their efforts in standing up against racism. They will be honored as part of the second Race Against Racism race and event, October 24<sup>th</sup>, in downtown Rock Island.

## JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



### JULY

13	Patt Zamora	24	Chris Cournoyer	15	Maria Pimentel Sneath			
14	Maggie Tinsman		Pam Kaufman	22	Marie Gleason			
15	Monica Zikra	<b style="color: green;">AUGUST</b>			22	Rita Sterling		
20	Kristine Rupp				24	Norma Wren		
22	Barbara Foster				12	Joan Marttila	30	Jazmin Newton-Butt
23	Terry Collins				14	J. P. Whitaker	30	Helen Stahl

### FROM OUR PROGRAM VP – ELAINE KRESSE

**AAUW’s Five-Star National Recognition Program** rewards affiliates (states, branches and other organizations) for aligning their work with the AAUW strategic plan and other initiatives that foster the organization’s mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls. The program will run from July 2019 through June 2021.

Rock Island-Moline started to work on this last year. Three branches in the country have all 5 stars. Now let’s make it our time to shine.

With each newsletter and meeting we will be speaking with you about ways to help. You can look on-line to see what we need to be working on in each of the star categories to support AAUW’s Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan. We welcome your ideas.

This newsletter we will thank Maria Bribriesco, our public policy chair. Organizing our branch to do Caucus training events and leading our legislative forums have put us on track for our first star.

How can you help? 1. Please send a donation for the note cards you received this year or go online and donate to the “Greatest Needs” General fund. ([aauw.org](http://aauw.org) (click donate) or by mail 1310 L St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington DC 20005) 2. Donate to Legacy Giving ([aauw.org](http://aauw.org)) 3. Sign up for the 2-minute activist online. 4. Take the Work Smart training online. We have a grant from Cocoa Cola for the number of people who do the workshop online. You might ask the young men and women in the family to do the workshop also.

Again, AAUW’s new strategic plan is available on-line and more about the 5 Star Program can be found at [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org)

Also if you have any interest in working on updating our strategic plan with a plan for future leadership and branch growth, do let Janice Harris-Williams or Elaine Kresse know.

## FROM OUR FUNDRAISING VP – LINDA PAPLINSKI

### BIRDIES FOR CHARITY – DEADLINE: JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>

Sadly, the John Deere Classic has been cancelled for 2020; but, generously the Birdies for Charity program will continue. AAUW will receive a guaranteed 5% bonus on all gifts directed to support AAUW.

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:

15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL, 61244

Or, if you prefer, at the website ([www.birdiesforcharity.com/donate](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com/donate)), you can make a direct online donation to our charity.

**In either case, our charity is officially known as AAUW Davenport-Bettendorf Branch Charitable Trust Umbrella Scholarship Fund, but I believe AAUW Davenport-Bettendorf will get the job done. Our Bird number is 1705.**

It is my understanding that **July 10** is the final date to donate, so DON'T wait? Do it now while you are thinking about it.

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. (My phone number is in our annual yearbook directory.)

Thank you,  
Linda Paplinski  
VP Fundraising

## PROGRAM VP, ELAINE KRESSE, LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP

Historically we have had a potluck for the April Annual Meeting. Historically AAUW member, Bonnie Walling, invited us to use the lower level recreation room or the Bettendorf Community room. It's even harder this year to know what might be available.

Is there a member who would like to volunteer a space? We'd let you pick the day in April, 2021 and the time. We would bring our own food and help clean up. Please contact me, Elaine Kresse, [elainekresse2@gmail.com](mailto:elainekresse2@gmail.com)

## AAUW ON ZOOM

Because of the corona virus, AAUW has taken to ZOOM meetings. Be sure to download the free ZOOM app to your computer, I-pad or smart phone. If you are interested in a specific group's meeting or activities, be sure to contact the hostess (listed in the yearbook) so she can include you on her email list when she sends out the ZOOM info for the meeting. Then just "join the meeting" and participate in book discussions, dining visits, policy info meetings, and much, much more...

## DAVENPORT-BETTENDORF BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW) 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Our local Davenport-Bettendorf Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) met to award 2020 scholarships and fellowships. AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through education. Our branch is privileged to be able to award 8 scholarships this year: 2 Sievert/Whitaker Scholarships, 1 Glynn Fellowship Foundation, 2 Jepsen Scholarships, and 3 Berta Freshman Scholarships. The recipients are as follows:

### *Sievert/Whitaker Graduate Scholarship*



**Jenna Ringsdorf** is attending the University of Iowa in the pharmacy program. She is hoping to become a pharmacist. She previously received the MES/JPW scholarship in December 2018 and December 2019.



**Madelyn Argo** is attending the University of Illinois Family Nurse Practitioner program. She is hoping to receive her doctorate in nursing practice. She previously received the MES/JPW scholarship December 2019.

### *Glynn Fellowship Foundation*



**Destiny Ellingsworth** is working toward a Masters in Business Administration from Western Illinois. She is currently a Communication/Marketing Intern at St. Paul Lutheran.

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### *Jepsen Scholarship*



**Huyen Phan** is currently a sophomore at Scott Community College. She is from Vietnam where she became a nun and ministered in many parishes for 10 years after high school. She plans to transfer to St. Ambrose to obtain her Bachelor's degree in Accounting.



**Catherine Byrne** is attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she will be a senior this fall with a double major in Political Science and Economics and a minor in Sustainability Studies. After graduating, Cate plans to enter the Peace Corps to develop her understanding of Least Developed Countries.

### *Berta Freshman Scholarship*



**Zul Torres** is a senior at Davenport West High School. She is a senior class officer, an athlete, a member of National Honor Society, was homecoming queen, and holds the Seal of Biliteracy. She plans to attend Iowa State and major in biology.



**Hailie Dreyer** is a senior at Davenport Central High School. She is an athlete, a member of National Honor Society and yearbook staff. She plans to attend Kirkwood Community College and major in nursing.



**Amelia Balk** is a senior at Davenport Central High School. She is a musician, athlete, and a member of National Honor Society. She plans to attend the University of Iowa and is interested in political science.

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**Next Newsletter – September-October issue. Articles about AAUW, our programs, or our members will be due August 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.**