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DAVENPORT-BETTENDORF
AFFILIATE

Theme: Empower Women,
Empower Communities

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 as noted below.

Literature Group
via ZOOM
Nov. 10th @ 7 p.m.
Letters from a Stranger
by Bradford

Adelante Group
Nov 11 @ 2 pm
Invisible Women,
By Perez

General Meeting via
ZOOM:
Nov. 17th @ 6 p.m.
TAPESTRY FARMS

Dining Group
Nov. 21th @ 7 p.m.
Hostess: Rosanne
Krubsack
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Dec. 19th @ 7 p.m.
Hostess: Elaine Kresse

Sievert/Whitaker
Scholarship Application
Deadline Dec 8th

Executive Board
Meeting via Zoom
Dec. 20th @ 2 p.m.

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**EMPOWER WOMEN, EMPOWER COMMUNITIES
GENERAL MEETINGS**

TAPESTRY FARMS - NOVEMBER 17 @ 6 p.m. by ZOOM

Ann McGlynn, AAUW member, will tell us about the nonprofit she has started 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. This is a follow-up to our summer gathering at their garden.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM CHANGE:

The Reciprocity Bruch that was scheduled for December 5 at 9:30-11:30 am has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled for December 2021. If you have any questions or need a refund, please contact Program VP, Elaine Kresse.

ADELANTE'S NOVEMBER BOOK SELECTION

Adelante will meet via zoom on Wednesday, November 11 at 2 p.m. The book will be *Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed For Men* by Caroline Criado Perez. According the Forbes' book review, Ms Perez "analyzes how gender politics are affected and enhanced by gaps in big data and argues powerfully that human history is comprised of a pervasive gender data gap that effectively 'silences' and erases women's accomplishments, experiences, needs and daily lives. To obtain the book, Rosanne has checked with our local libraries and they have two copies; Amazon also carries both new and used copies.

Please notify Rosanne Krubsack by November 6 if you wish to be connected to the Zoom meeting on November 11th.

V O T E

NOVEMBER 3rd IS FAST APPROACHING – PLEASE VOTE!

Voting information is available by calling the Auditor's Office at (563) 326-8631 or visiting the Scott County Auditor's Website @ www.scottcountyiowa.gov/auditor

LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Theme this year: Empower Women-Empower Community

Greetings and happy holidays,

I admit this has been a new challenging year. I hope that you all are staying as safe as possible. I also must admit that we have made it through so far like troopers. Let's keep that spirit going. Our programs are coming along as well as our specialty groups. I have certainly enjoyed the ones I've been able to attend. I'm looking forward to participating in future groups and programs.

Elaine Kresse and her group have put together some great ideas for programs especially considering the challenges of this covid situation. However, Zoom has been a great tool for keeping our group connected. I'm hoping, as many of you are, that this will end sometime soon in order that we can start meeting in person. Until then let's continue to stay encouraged and meet by Zoom every chance we get...the more the merrier. Let's support one another. You must admit that there are advantages of meeting by Zoom, no driving,

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Reciprocity Brunch this year due to covid concerns. We were thinking of doing it by ZOOM but after talking with the Rock Island/Moline Branch, we all felt it was better to cancel the brunch this year and resume next year in December 2021. If you still want to gather with other AAUW members for the holidays, please consider joining the Dining Group ZOOM on December 19th. Elaine Kresse is hosting; please contact her to be included.

There are also some items of concern such as, the search for new officers for 21- 22, ideas for next year programs, as well as donating to AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.

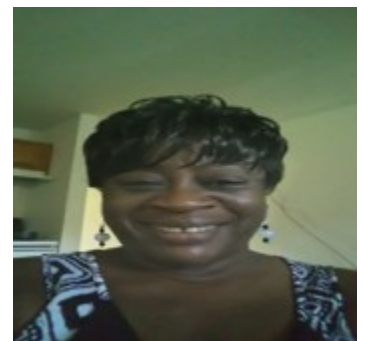
Carletta Knox-Seymour was our guest in September and the topic was Stars in Our Crown. On that note Carletta Knox-Seymour and Maureen White have been considering a special study regarding school disciplinary policies as it pertains to girls of color. If anyone is interested in this topic or have something to contribute or want to participate I can send you the proposal. Text me at 563-650-6007.

Lastly, let's continue to participate in our great specialty groups and programs set forth.

I hope you have a great holiday season. Until we meet again, fair thee well.

Janice Harris Williams
AAUW Davenport/ Bettendorf Branch President

P.S.... Getting set for 2021. We need to elect 2 people to be on the nominating committee. Even if you've joined recently you are welcome to get more involved in this way. Please contact President Janice Harris-Williams with your interest.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

Joan Marttila had to resign from the Berta Scholarship Chair. Her husband is very ill. We all wish him well and thank Joan for your work on the Scholarship Committee.

The good news is that we have found two needed Chairs. **Helen Stahl** will become the Chair of the Jepsen Undergraduate Scholarship and **Chris Turnipseed** will become Chair of the Berta Freshman Scholarship. Thank you ladies for stepping up and helping out. Please note these changes in your 2020-2021 Yearbook for future reference.

THANK YOU, BRITTANY TULLIS

Our branch AAUW member, Brittany Tullis (she/her/hers) is the Associate Professor and Chair of Modern Languages and Cultures, and the Director, Women and Gender Studies at St. Ambrose University. She gave a very informative presentation on the topic of “He, She, They: Fostering Inclusivity via Personal Pronouns” at our October General Meeting. She helped us understand the importance of recognizing and respecting personal pronoun choices. She also presented the major changes to Title IX and how it affects us all.



You can view Brittany’s presentation by going to AAUW’s state website, www.aauw-ia.aauw.net

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hats Off to AAUW members Cindy Winckler and Phyllis Thede running for re-election to the Iowa House of Representatives, to Marie Gleason for her candidacy for the Iowa House of Representatives, and to Jazmin Newton for her candidacy for the Scott County Board of Supervisors!

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 scheduled programs.

Interest/Study Group	November Meeting	December Meeting
<i>Adelante Book Club</i> – Chair: Rosanna Krubsack	ZOOM November 11, 2 p.m. <u>Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men</u> , by Caroline Criado Perez	No meeting
<i>Creative Women</i> - Chair: Terry Collins	No meeting until February	No meeting until February
<i>Eat, Meet & Be Merry Dining Group</i> – Chair: Janice Hill	ZOOM November 21, 7 p.m. Hostess: Rosanne Krubsack	ZOOM December 19, 7 p.m. Hostess: Elaine Kresse
<i>Literature</i> – Chair: Angela Chenus	ZOOM November 10, 7 pm <u>Letter from a Stranger</u> , by Barbara Taylor Bradford	No meeting

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

2	Linda Paplinski
4	Bonnie Moeller
9	(Mary) Kay Pence
10	Carol Wyenn
29	Eileen Cacioppo



DECEMBER

1	Rudie Eberlein
2	Ann Lannan
12	Penny Peterson
24	Judy Rutledge
30	Regina Matheson

Mary Elizabeth Sievert and John P. Whitaker
Davenport Female Graduate Study Scholarship

**Given by: QC IA Davenport-Bettendorf Branch/AAUW
(American Association of University Women)**

Application for I - \$1000 calendar year 2021

Application Deadline: Friday, December 8, 2020

Notification of award by: December 20, 2020

Awarded at Outstanding Women of the Community / Heritage Brunch in May 2021

Recipients must be present to receive the Award and complete additional acceptance forms by December 31, 2020. Failure to complete the acceptance form can result in the loss of this award.

Applicant Name _____ e-mail _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

(Note: must be Davenport Resident or within 40 miles)

Phone #: Home _____ Cell _____

Name of Graduate College/University that recipient will attend: _____

College/University Student Registration Number _____

College/University Financial Aid Office Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Wish to receive scholarship for: (Check One) Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _____

Major Field of Graduate Study _____

and working toward _____ Degree _____

Name of 2 References (1 must be from chosen field of study):

1. _____

2. _____

(Letters from the 2 references must be included with this application.)

Are you a previous AAUW scholarship recipient? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, state which one(s), year(s) and amount(s) received: _____

Include/attach a One Page (no more than 250 words) Essay on your goals and aspirations for the future in your chosen major graduate field and how it could help the Davenport community.

Recognition of these scholarships will be given in May 2021, at the branch's Outstanding Women of the Community (OWC) / Heritage Day Brunch. The scholarship recipient is the branch's guest and may also bring another person as a guest of her choice. The scholarship recipient also receives a student AAUW membership in the branch, the state and national for the following year.

Only printed, paper material is accepted as an application. References must be signed.

All recommendations, transcripts, and application forms must be sent as 1 package.

Parts sent separately will result in disqualification.

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Signature of Applicant _____ **Date Signed** _____

Send Complete Application (postmarked no later than December 20, 2020) to:
QC IA Davenport-Bettendorf Branch/AAUW, PO Box 2693, Davenport, IA 52809

Mary Elizabeth Sievert and John P. Whitaker Davenport Female Graduate Study Scholarship History:

The above scholarship was originally named the Davenport Female Graduate Study Scholarship. Upon the death of Mary Elizabeth Sievert on December 28, 2016, the branch voted to rename the scholarship to include the names of the founders of the original scholarship, which are two longstanding members of the Davenport-Bettendorf Branch of AAUW. It was their goal to reach out to all women seeking help for graduate study. They did stipulate that if you received the Glynn Fellowship, you were not qualified for this scholarship. Only the interest of the funds received will be used for the scholarship operations. Each applicant must have a legal permanent residence of Davenport or within 40 miles, and be able to show a college/university enrollment that indicates a continuing pursuit of education, and a good record-to-date. The scholarship funds are not retroactive. The award will be paid in January of the scholarship award year, once enrollment has been confirmed. Previous Davenport-Bettendorf scholarship recipients may re-apply.

Questions concerning the application are addressed to the Chairperson MES/JPW Scholarship – Maria Pimentel-Sneath, 563-299-8712 or pimentelmarial@sau.edu

For Committee Use Only:

Recd: _____ Application recd: _____ Transcripts recd: _____ Refs recd: _____

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Next Newsletter – January-February issue. Articles about AAUW, our programs, or our members will be due December 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.