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DAVENPORT-BETTENDORF
BRANCH

Theme: Empower Women,
Empower Communities

DATES TO NOTE
All meetings are via
ZOOM until further
notice.

- Literature Group:
Jan. 12th @ 7 p.m.
The Orphan's Tale
General Meeting:
Jan. 19th @ 6 p.m.
"Public Policy & the
Equity Network"
Dining Group:
Jan. 23rd @ 7 p.m.
Hostess: Jeanne
Withycombe
Public Policy:
Jan. 25th @ 10:30 a.m.
Legislative Forum
Creative Women:
Jan. 26th @ 7 p.m.
Trial Zoom Meeting
Literature Group:
Feb. 9th @ 7 p.m. Less
General Meeting:
Feb. 16th @ 6 p.m.
"What is Our Legacy"
Dining Group:
Feb. 20th @ 7 p.m.
Hostess: Gail
Flockhoff-Long
Public Policy:
Feb. 20th @ 10:30 a.m.
Legislative Forum
Creative Women:
Feb. 23rd @ 7 p.m.
Hostess: Doris Mack

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EMPOWER WOMEN, EMPOWER COMMUNITIES
GENERAL MEETINGS
ZOOM General Meetings

Public Policy & the Equity Network

January 19, 6 p.m.: Maureen White, the AAUW Iowa State Public Policy
Director, will inform us of the issues pending in the legislature. Members will be
encouraged to bring a guest from another group that works for or celebrates the
issues AAUW is working toward as an introduction to the Equity Network. This will
be a lead into the local forums and Des Moines Lobby Day.

"What Is Our Legacy?"

February 16, 6 p.m.: The program will address these important questions: Why
would you want to join the Legacy Circle? What does it involve and what are the
benefits for you and your branch? The program will be presented by Maxine
Lampe, the AAUW Legacy Circle Liaison for 5 states. She is a past Iowa state
president and, also, the Board Chair for the Foster Care Review Board in Storm
Lake. This will be a business meeting with emphasis on strategic planning for next
year asking for your input and leadership on programming, study groups and "doing"
projects. Two of the stars in our crown will be earned by joining Legacy and by
planning for the future to meet the needs of new members.

LOOKING AHEAD

March's General Meeting: "Pay Equity" will be discussed with law partners Dorothy
O'Brian and Kelsey Marquard, on March 16th, 2021 via ZOOM at 6 p.m.

DAVENPORT-BETTENDORF BRANCH IN IOWA INITIATIVE

Our Davenport-Bettendorf Branch Zoom General Meetings were featured in the
IOWA INITIATIVE, the State AAUW newsletter, inviting other branches to join our
Zoom meetings scheduled for this winter quarter. They are all very relevant to our
AAUW mission and vision. Mark your calendars today to attend our January,
February and March ZOOM meetings. We will forward the ZOOM link to all of our
members by e-mail prior to each meeting.

LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Theme this year: Empower Women-Empower Community

Greetings Ladies,

The electoral votes were confirmed and we will have a new president: president-elect Joe Biden and our first woman vice president, Kamala Harris, a woman of color. How great is that? And new diverse presidential cabinet. There is also a covid vaccine. The particulars must be worked out but there is hope. I think that we can be optimistic about this year 2021.

On a different note, please join our general meetings ladies. It's a good idea to stay informed about what is going on in your organization plus the general meetings are conveniently scheduled right after our programs. In January we are having Maureen White, our state public policy officer and Phyllis Thede, our local representative. Congrats on your reelection, Phyllis.

In addition to staying updated on what is happening in the organization, we would like to know what you've been doing. How are you handling the covid situation? Have you attended any specialty groups? How did that work for you? We would like to know.

Going forward let's stay encouraged and involved.

Best regards,

Janice Harris Williams
AAUW Davenport/ Bettendorf Branch President



PS.... It is 2021 and 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 me your interest.

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

From our Fundraising Vice President: Linda Paplinski

Our Branch brought in \$320.00 in donations and John Deere added a 5% bonus (\$16.00) for a total of \$336.00 for our scholarship program. Thank you to all who participated this year.



PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to AAUW members Cindy Winckler and Phyllis Thede for winning re-election to the Iowa House of Representatives.

Our condolences to the friends and family of Frankie Wilson, former AAUW member and newsletter editor, who died on November 25, 2020, at the age of 65.

Our condolences to the friends and family of Mary Ahlgren, a long-time member of AAUW, who dies on December 19, 2020.

SPECIAL INTEREST & STUDY GROUPS

Below is a listing the monthly 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 to get your ZOOM invite.** All contact information for the chairs is available in our annual yearbook. Check our website and Facebook page for any up-to-date information regarding additions, cancellations, or changes to our scheduled programs.

Interest/Study Group	January Meeting	February Meeting
<i>Adelante Book Club</i> – Chair: Rosanna Krubsack	No meeting	No meeting
<i>Creative Women -</i> Chair: Terry Collins	Trial ZOOM —January 26, 7 p.m. See Article on page 4	ZOOM — February 23, 7 p.m. Hostess: Doris Mack
<i>Eat, Meet & Be Merry Dining Group</i> – Chair: Janice Hill	ZOOM —January 23, 7 p.m. Hostess: Jeanne Withycombe Theme: Viva Italia	ZOOM —February 20, 7 p.m. Hostess: Gail Glockhoff-Long Theme: “Your Valentine’s Favorite Food”
<i>Literature</i> – Chair: Angela Chenus	ZOOM —January 12, 7 p.m. <u>The Orphan’s Tale</u> , by Pam Jenoff	ZOOM —February 9, 7 p.m. <u>Less</u> , by Sean Greer
<i>Public Policy/Women’s Issues</i> — Chair: Marie Bribriesco	ZOOM —January 25, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Legislative Forums	ZOOM —February 20, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Legislative Forums

JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

9	Doris Mack
11	Erin Fitzsimmons
12	Angela Chenus
13	Jeanne Withycombe
15	Joan Marie Resnick
25	Maria Bribriesco
31	Ann Toole

FEBRUARY

23	Phyllis Thede
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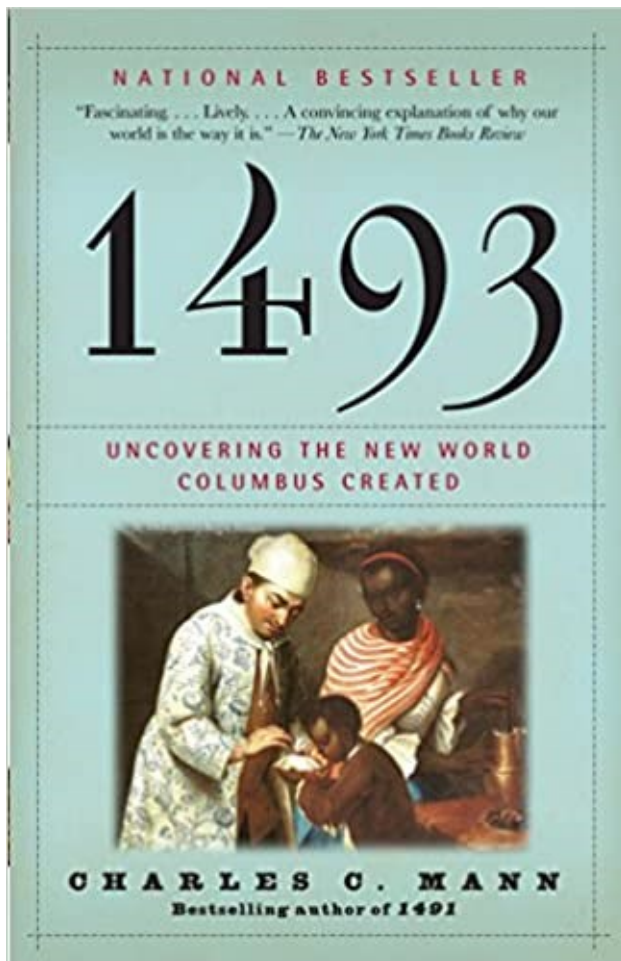


LEGISLATIVE FORUMS

From Our Public Policy Chair - Maria Bribriesco

There will be legislative forums via zoom in 2021. AAUW plans to sponsor one, possible the January or February forum. The dates are preliminarily: January 25, February 20, March 27 and April 17. All from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. At this point, they will be via Zoom; you may need to register for your ZOOM invite. We will forward information to our members, as more information is made available.

ADELANTE MARCH BOOK SELECTION



From Our Adelante Chair: Rosanne Krubsack

1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created
Paperback – Illustrated, 720 pages, non-fiction,
published 2011 by Charles C. Mann

This book will be discussed on March 10 at 2 p.m. via ZOOM. There are many copies available in area libraries in book, CD, and online formats. Elaine Kresse will be the discussion leader. According to Goodreads: “It covers the global effects of the Columbian Exchange, following Columbus’s first landing in the Americas, that led to our current globalized world civilization.” It is long but a good read, so begin now!

If you will be attending, but are not a regular Adelante member, **please contact Rosanne (krubsackr@yahoo.com)** so that we can send the ZOOM link to you.

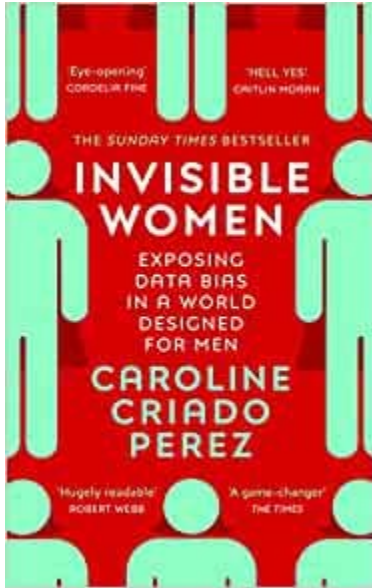
TRIAL ZOOM MEETING FOR CREATIVE WOMEN GROUP

From Our Creative Women Chair: Terry Collins

Before we start our new (virtual) year in Creative Women in February, why not have a dry run on ZOOM the month before? We would "meet" on our usual 4th Tuesday, **January 26, at 7 pm**. It wouldn't have to be long, maybe half an hour, 45 minutes, maybe an hour at the most. We could show each other what kind of craft projects we've been working on during this Covid time - and just visit, too! It would be great to see everyone.

Members not currently in the group should contact Terry Collins by phone (in yearbook) if they'd like to attend.

A NEW TWIST TO THE GENDER GAP



The main goal of AAUW is to promote equity for women: in personal rights, the workplace, education, leadership. Have you ever wondered just how far we, as women, really have come?

According to Caroline Criado Perez, author of the book *Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men*, there are a myriad of places where we just don't know or realize that bias exists! Mrs. Perez espouses a gender data gap – places where research has not taken place, or if it has, the data has been ignored. “We are living in a world largely built for and by men,” she explains. Men have become the model for humanity. Women’s uniqueness is silent. From government policies, the buildings we enter, the transportation, equipment, and technology we use, to the media we see, to the responsibilities women carry, and even to the medicine we take, the world is “systematically ignoring half the population, often with disastrous consequences.”

In writing *Invisible Women*, Mrs. Perez has traveled all over the world meeting and listening to women. She has collected their stories. The book also refers to an impressive range of case studies and research from around the world. All put together her book reveals the thousands of hidden ways in which women are forgotten and the impact it has on us all.

Our branch Adelante group read and discussed the book in November, and we have decided that *Invisible Women* is a book every woman and her daughter should read. The book is not difficult to read, despite the statistics. We think you will be both fascinated and amazed. There are many aspects of a woman’s life she takes for granted and would be made easier very simply, if someone would just ask us first. There is a reason why women often have to wear an extra sweater to work in an office or why we are 47% more likely to be injured in an auto accident. In short, we would like to recommend *Invisible Women* for your reading experience during the coming winter days.

Jeanne Withycombe

10 THINGS TO DO ON NEW YEAR’S DAY IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

1. Watch some football, such as the Rose Bowl, Sugar Bowl or Peach Bowl.
2. Start a movie marathon, a new TV series put on a old favorite.
3. Take a road trip or go for a hike, remembering to maintain your physical distance.
4. Start a new book. We recommend: *The Orphan’s Tale*, *Less, 1943: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created*, or *Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men*.
5. Cook a homemade brunch or order take-out from a new restaurant for dinner.
6. Plan your next DIY project: acrylic paint pours, paint by number, embroidery, weaving, paper cutting, pottery, woodworking, soap making... Check out Pinterest for inspiration for your next project.
7. Indulge in “me time,” you deserve it! Take a nice, long bath, meditate, get a mani/pedi, or watch an online concert, event or lecture.
8. Reach out to say Happy New Year to friends and family via ZOOM, video chat, text or social media.
9. Write down your resolutions, but the last one should be to resolve to just be your best!
10. Make a toast to celebrate the end of 2020 and ring in the New Year.

This is a good list for any day. Be safe and stay well in 2021. Happy New Year! Carol Wyenn

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