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DAVENPORT-BETTENDORF
BRANCH

Theme: Empower Women,
Empower Communities

Issue 3

May-June 2021

EMPOWER WOMEN, EMPOWER COMMUNITIES
GENERAL MEETINGS
ZOOM General Meetings

DATES TO NOTE

All meetings are via
ZOOM unless noted
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AAUW IOWA STATE

CONFERENCE -

Virtual Gathering

May 8, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

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\*Lit Group

May 11 @ 3 p.m.

All the Devils are Here,

Jeanne Withycombe's
home

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Dining Group

May 15 @ 7 p.m.

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Heritage Celebration/
General Meeting

May 18 @ 6 p.m.

Invite a Friend!!!!

Topic: Meet our 8
Scholarship recipients

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Creative Women

May 25 @ 7 p.m.

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National AAUW

By-Laws voting

ends May 17

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2021-2022

Membership

Renewal Deadline

June 6th

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Adelante Book

June 9th @ 10:00 a.m.

The Warrior of the
People

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Creative Women

June 22 @ 7 p.m.

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Summer Picnic

June 27 @ 4:00 p.m.

Duck Creek Park

MAY 18, 6 PM - HERITAGE CELEBRATION/GENERAL MEETING

Our virtual monthly meeting & scholarship recognition night

Join us for a chance to meet all 8 of our scholarship recipients this year. This is our second year of welcoming them by Zoom. This year we have extended invitations to their counselors, supporters, and family, and have combined it with a chance for guests to join AAUW as new members for half-price, bringing their total cost down to just \$41.

This Shape the Future event is a chance to join the century old fight for women's equity. Do you have a daughter, a niece, a cousin, friend, co-worker? It is a great time for members to invite them to come along, and show them one of the things our branch does so well - supporting the education of so many women. It is always fun to have someone to come to a meeting with and they can join for half price.

SUMMER PICNIC --- SAVE THE DATE!

All members invited...

We are planning a Summer Picnic, Sunday, June 27th at 4 pm at the Duck Creek Park. We will get together to eat and visit in person! Meet your new board. Bring your own Brown Bag Lunch. More information will be emailed to members in the summer...



JOIN AAUW-IOWA'S STATE CONFERENCE

Virtual Gathering - Saturday May 8, 2021, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

9 a.m. - Welcome by Carletta Knox Seymour - Iowa AAUW President

9 a.m. - "Empowering Women & Girls through Education & Small Business: Self-Help International Programs in in Ghana and Nicaragua by Jessica Crawford - Self Help International (SHI)

9:45 a.m. - "COVID's Impact on PK-16 Education" by Dr. Barb Ramos, Simpson College

10:15 a.m. - State Business Meeting

11 a.m. - "Making Both Halves Whole: Ensuring Full Recovery through Investments in Working Women and Moms by Congresswoman Cindy Axne, IA-03

Online registration is free for both members and non-members of AAUW. Complete the form available at: https://www.cognitofirms.com/Engerlmchsicm1/

AAUWIowaStateConferenceRegistrationForm

## LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

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

Spring Greetings to all,

As spring is now upon us, we notice all the new and the blooming. This signifies all of the new beauty beginning. I hope you can see this in all.

The beauty of new beginning is hopefulness and a chance for thinking outside of the box. In the past year we have been forced to think outside the box by using remote communication amidst covid-19. However, we now face new concerns: will we continue this form of communication or use the hybrid style? How can this hybrid of communications best be utilized? It is a combination of remote communication and in-person meetings co-existing. On the other hand, will we use one or the other? I feel we can do remote, in-person, or both.

As we embark on the end of our year, we should look forward by getting more involved in OUR organization.

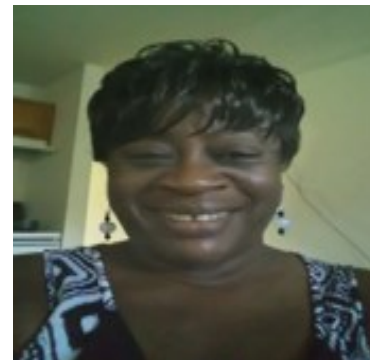
AAUW organization has a great mission of: RESEARCH-EDUCATION-ADVOCACY.

Since 1881 AAUW has continued to support women and girls' vitally important issues. Through research we find the issues that affect women and girls, through education we inform and follow-up with advocacy in which we fight to uphold laws and policies. This all leads to the changes that need to take place which cause us as women and girls to survive and thrive, in this world. As Association of American University Women (AAUW) and our branch enter 2021-2022, we must continue to work on our goals, in this vein. RESEARCH-EDUCATION-ADVOCACY. We need you. We have a new generation coming up behind us. We must think of them and what we hand them to work with in order that they survive and thrive, as well.

Now as we bring this year to a close let's reflect on how we have contributed and want to contribute to the future of women and girls' progress. It also concerns the future of our branch, the state, the nation, and the world.

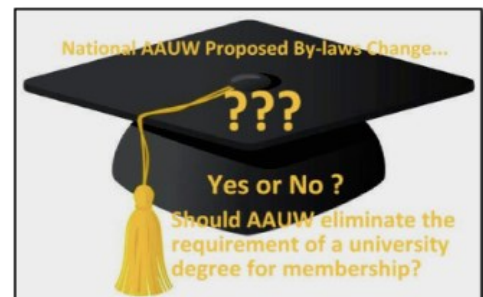
Janice Harris-Williams, MBA  
AAUW Dav/Bet -Branch Pres.  
Diversity Equity & Inclusion -Iowa State Dir.

P.S.  
Congratulations to our newly elected, appointed chairs and V-P's.  
Looking forward to a successful year with you.



## NATIONAL AAUW PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

YES or NO? Should AAUW eliminate the requirement of a university degree for membership? An email from AAUW with your membership number and voting pin number should have been forwarded to you around April 7th. Deadline to vote is May 17<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already done so, please vote!



## 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	March Meeting	April Meeting
<i>Adelante Book Club</i> – Chair: Rosanna Krubsack	<b>No meeting</b>	<b>ZOOM</b> June 9, 10 am <i>A Warrior of the People: How Susan Le Flesche Overcame Racial and Gender Inequality to Become America's First Indian Doctor</i> , by Joe Starita
<i>Creative Women</i> - Chair: Terry Collins	<b>ZOOM</b> May 25, 7 pm Hostess: Pat Francois	<b>ZOOM</b> June 22, 7 pm Hostess: Maria Bribriesco
<i>Eat, Meet &amp; Be Merry Dining Group</i> – Chair: Janice Hill	<b>ZOOM</b> May 15, 7 pm Hostess: Judy Rutledge	<b>No meeting</b>
<i>Literature</i> – Chair: Angela Chenus	May 11, 3 pm - <i>All the Devils are Here</i> , by Louise Penny; at Jeanne Withycombe's home	<b>No meeting</b>
<i>Public Policy/Women's Issues</i> — Chair: Marie Bribriesco	<b>No meeting</b>	<b>No meeting</b>

## MAY/JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### MAY

25	Suzanne Hawkinson
27	Cindy Winckler

### JUNE

10	Dr. Sarah Mesick
15	Dr. Marjorie Johnson
21	Naomi Hanson
26	Ann McGlynn
29	Pat Francois
29	Rosanne Krubsack
30	Arlene Vincent



## ADELANTE'S JUNE SELECTION

“In 1889, Susan La Flesche Picotte received her medical degree, becoming the first Native American doctor in U.S. history – 31 years before women could vote and 35 years before Indians could become citizens in their own country... By age 26, this fragile but indomitable Native woman acquired 1,244 patients scattered across 1,350 sq miles of rolling countryside with few roads.” Join the **ZOOM** June 9, at 10 am to discuss this amazing woman, from the book *A Warrior of the People: How Susan Le Flesche Overcame Racial and Gender Inequality to Become America's First Indian Doctor*, by Joe Starita.

## NEW DAVENPORT BETTENDORF BRANCH AAUW OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

Voted in at the April 2021 General Meeting

Co-Presidents: Janice Harris-Williams  
and Jeanne Withycombe

Membership VP: Suzanne Hawkinson

Secretary: Linda Paplinski

President-elect: Elaine Kresse

Fundraising VP: Erica Goldstone

Program VP: Donna Naae

Treasurer: Bonnie Moeller



### FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP VP – JEANNE WITHYCOMBE

**IMPORTANT!! Membership Information for June 2021 - June 2022**

**Essentials: Renewal Amounts** National: \$62, (\$59 is deductible) State: \$10, and Branch: \$10 for a total of **\$82**. Please renew as soon as you can.

**It is easy to renew your membership on line – Do not go to the AAUW website.**

You should have received a personal e-mail renewal notice somewhere around April 16th (marked [membershipinfo@aauw.org](mailto:membershipinfo@aauw.org)). The e-mail contains a secured link with easy instructions on how to renew your membership. Click on the link. No login is required. If at all possible, this is the way National prefers members to renew. You will need a credit card to pay.

If you renew by **check**, please make it the check payable to: Davenport-Bettendorf AAUW and mark "Membership." **Send your payment to:** Jeanne Withycombe, 3669 Eastwood Ct., Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. You can also send a check to the organization post office box . #2693, Davenport, Iowa 52809. This is very important this year as we may not be able to have a group meeting where you can pay.

\*\*\*\*Please indicate if you have **ANY CHANGES** to your address, phone number, or e-mail address. This will ensure accuracy in the yearbook when published, and that you receive all communications. **Please make sure your e-mail address is correct.**

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

**RENEW TODAY AND SHAPE THE FUTURE WITH AAUW.**

### FROM OUR COMMUNICATIONS VP, CAROL WYENN

**New AAUW Davenport-Bettendorf Directory**

A new directory will be published August 1, 2021 with information from our 2021-2022 membership roster from state. Please make sure that you renew your membership ASAP so that you will be included in the directory.

Please double check your 2021-2022 - membership information as you register so that we will have the correct spelling of your name; your correct address, school info, birthday (month/day), and e-mail address for the 2021-2022 directory which will be published in August 1, 2022.

If you do not want your information (or select information) in the directory, please contact Carol Wyenn ASAP.

## FROM OUR FUNDRAISING VP

### Chip in for Scholarships - Birdies for Charity

It's that time once again! Just like last year, Birdies for Charity will not be distributing pledge forms to the participating charities.





In order to make a pledge or make a donation, go to [www.birdiesforcharity.com](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com) and choose the "donor" button at the top of the home page. From there you can make online donations by clicking on the "Donate now" button and make your donation directly online. If you prefer, you can find the official Pledge Form, print it off, fill in the blanks, and mail it to: Birdies for Charity, 15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244.

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. Don't forget, our Bird number is 1705.

The deadline for pledges/donations is June 21, 2021. But why 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 donations PLUS a minimum of a 5% bonus. All monies we receive will go towards scholarships. Your AAUW branch, and especially the scholarship winners greatly thank you.

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

Linda Paplinski

<p>CHARITY SOLICITED FOR _____</p> <p>BIRD NUMBER _____</p> <p><b>I pledge and promise to donate:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ one-time flat donation.</p> <p>Please attach payment. Checks payable to Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____</p> <p>extra donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund</p> <p><small>Donations to the BFC Bonus Fund (#1041) help provide the 5% match for all participating charities.</small></p>	<p><b>OFFICIAL PLEDGE FORM</b></p> <p> <b>JOHN DEERE</b></p> <p><b>2021</b></p> <p><b>Chip in for your chance to win</b></p> <p>When you chip in to help area charities, you can win some great prizes. But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive <b>100% of the donations</b> pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a <b>guaranteed 5% match</b>.</p> <p></p>										
<p><b>GUESS THE BIRDIES &amp; WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2021 LEXUS NX!</b></p> <p>I guess that _____ birdies will be made.</p> <p>Only 1 grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law.</p> <p><b>BIRDIES SCORED (YEAR)</b></p> <table border="1"><tr><td>2,160 (2011)</td><td>2,040 (2014)</td><td>1,918 (2017)</td></tr><tr><td>2,113 (2012)</td><td>1,990 (2015)</td><td>2,355 (2018)</td></tr><tr><td>2,142 (2013)</td><td>1,982 (2016)</td><td>2,091 (2019)</td></tr></table> <p><b>PLEDGE INFORMATION</b> (Please print)</p> <p>NAME _____</p> <p>ADDRESS _____</p> <p>CITY _____ STATE _____</p> <p>ZIP _____</p> <p>PHONE OR EMAIL _____</p>	2,160 (2011)	2,040 (2014)	1,918 (2017)	2,113 (2012)	1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)	2,142 (2013)	1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)	<p><b>HERE'S HOW IT WORKS</b></p> <p>Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at 15623 Coaltown Rd., East Moline, IL 61244.</p> <p>To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA Tour Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.</p> <p><b>KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS</b></p> <p>I pledge \$ _____ one-time donation</p> <p>I guessed _____ birdies would be made</p> <p>Payment was included with pledge</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK NO. _____</p> <p></p>	<p><b>GRAND PRIZE:</b> 2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2021 LEXUS NX</p> <p></p> <p><b>LEXUS</b> SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES</p> <p>One lucky supporter of the John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2021 Lexus NX, courtesy of Smart Lexus of the Quad Cities. Other prizes awarded by random drawing.</p> <p><b>CONTEST RULES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties and other prizes determined by random drawing.</li><li>• All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by <b>June 21, 2021</b>.</li><li>• Rules are available at <a href="http://www.birdiesforcharity.com">www.birdiesforcharity.com</a>.</li><li>• No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.</li><li>• Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.</li></ul>
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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 - e-mails and phone numbers are in the affiliate directory. Thank you.**