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QC IA DAVENPORT-BETTENDORF BRANCH

**Theme: Empower Women,
Empower Communities**

DATES TO NOTE

Issue 4

July-August 2021

SUMMER PICNIC – 2021

On June 27th we gathered at Duck Creek for Branch Picnic. This pot luck/brown bag allowed us to visit in person for the first of a very long time. Members of the Board attended, meeting with the membership and gathering ideals for next year. Everyone had a great time.



Jeanne Withycombe (right) recognized Elaine Kresse (left) for her years of service to our AAUW branch.



Literature Group
August 17
@ 6:30 p.m.
That Summer,
Location TBD

**HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER!**

LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

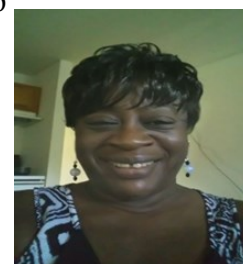
Greetings all,

Well, it's the end of our year and it's time to wrap up our 2020-21 year. We have had a year filled with the challenges that covid brought with it. However, we overcame. We could not meet in person so we learned a new way. Zoom brought with it new challenges for us, not meeting in person, and technology. We seem to be moving pass the effects of covid19. But as we move pass covid issues we must decide on something, do we continue to meet via zoom etc. or bring back in person meetings? I have even heard a buzz about hybrid meetings. Hybrid is a mix of the two.

I want to thank the executive board for your support and help in planning this year. Thanks to those who were able to attend zoom meetings. I look forward to an even better year to come. Congratulations to all of our scholarship winners. Thanks to all of our program speakers.

I'm looking forward to 2021-2022 and hope you are as well. Have a great summer.

Janice Harris-Williams, MBA



ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONALS

- Congratulations to **Jan and Tom Hill** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 19, 2021.
- Our Condolences to the friends and family of **Gail Glockhoff-Long** on the death of her brother **Paul Glockhoff** on June 8, 2021.
- Branch members offer encouragement and wish fast healing to **Patt Zamora** as she recovers from knee surgery.
- WELCOME to new members **Alana Calander, Amberly Ferguson, Kelsey Marquard, Dorothy O'Brien, and Sarah Sheldon.**
- WELCOME BACK to **Jane Duax.**
- Congratulations to our **Janice Harris-William** who will be the 2021-2022 AAUW Iowa State Diversity & Inclusion Director.
- **Kay Pence** will assume the duties of Public Policy Chair effective immediately. The Branch thanks **Marie Bribriesco** for her many years of service in this position.
- **Joan Martilla** is now the secretary for the trust.
- **Helen Stahl** was honored at our Heritage Celebration for achieving her 50-year membership in AAUW
- Outgoing Chair, **Sarah Mesick**, was honored at our Heritage Celebration for her years of service in the branch and as Chair of our Charitable Trust.

JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

JULY

	Pam Kaufman
13	Patt Zamora
14	Maggie Tinsman
15	Jane Duax
20	Kristine Paisley-Rupp
22	Barbara Foster
23	Terry Collins
24	Chris Cournoyer
25	Kelsey Marquard
30	Alana Callender



AUGUST

12	Joan Marttila
15	Maria Pimentel-Sneath
22	Rita Sterling
24	Marie Gleason
24	Norma Wren
30	Jazmin Newton
30	Helen Stahl



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	Chair Person	July/August Meetings
<i>Adelante Book Club</i>	Rosanna Krubsack	No meeting
<i>Creative Women</i>	Terry Collins	No meeting
<i>Eat, Meet & Be Merry Dining Group</i>	Janice Hill	No meeting
<i>Literature Group</i>	Angela Chenus	August 17 at 6:30 p.m. <i>That Summer</i> by Jennifer Weiner Location TBD
<i>Public Policy/Women's Issues</i>	Kay Pence	No meeting

ADELANTE'S JUNE SELECTION

The Adelante Group met in person on June 9, at 10 am at Duck Creek Park to discuss this amazing woman, Susan Le Flesche Picotte in 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.

Susan La Flesche Picotte received her medical degree in 1889 and became 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 Native woman had acquired 1,244 patients scattered across 1,350 sq miles.



Photo: (l to r)

Suzanne Hawkinson
 Carol Wyenn
 Elaine Kresse
 Eileen Cacioppo
 Jeanne Withycombe

Photographer: Rosanne Krubsack

DAVENPORT BETTENDORF BRANCH AAUW OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

Voted in at the April 2021 General Meeting

Co-Presidents: Janice Harris-Williams and Jeanne Withycombe

President-elect: Elaine Kresse

Fundraising VP: Erica Goldstone

Membership VP: Suzanne Hawkinson

Treasurer: Bonnie Moeller

Program VP: Donna Naae

Secretary: Linda Paplinski

Communications: Carol Wyenn



AAUW 2021 NATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

From an AAUW May 19th Email Announcement: “The board-recommended ballot initiative to remove the college-degree membership requirement did not receive the two-thirds, or 66.6%, vote required to enact a bylaws change. However, the board is heartened that a remarkable 63% of you voted in favor of making this change, indicating a momentum shift toward a more inclusive membership. This was a significantly higher number than we saw in previous votes, which hovered just below 50%, to make the change.”

FROM OUR COMMUNICATIONS VP, CAROL WYENN NEW AAUW DAVENPORT-BETTENDORF DIRECTORY

A new directory will be published and distributed August 1, 2021 with information from our 2021-2022 membership roster from state. We use the information that you provide with to the state when registering. Please check your 2021-2022, membership information so that we will have the correct spelling of your name; your correct address, school info, birthday (month/day), and email address for the 2021-2022 directory.

If you have corrections or **do not want your information (or select information)** in the directory, you must contact Carol Wyenn ASAP or no later than July 15th (print-date). It is your responsibility to provide this corrected information or any restriction of this information. Thank you.

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP VP – JEANNE WITHYCOMBE FINAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2020-2021

This has been quite a year. All the new things we had to learn, all the adjustments we had to make, and all the people we missed seeing in person, all contributed to the strange environment. Thank you to all the members who stepped up to help keep our AAUW ship afloat. While not 100% perfect, ZOOM allowed us to have our meetings and managed to keep us connected.

We began the year with 54 active members, a small but faithful group. In March we had Mix and Mingle on line (no goodies though). The meeting resulted in *welcoming new members: Alana Callender, Amberly Ferguson, Kelsey Marquard, Dorothy O'Brien, and Sarah Sheldon*. Member *Helen Stahl celebrated 50 years* as an AAUW member. In late spring *we welcomed back* former member **Jane Duax**.

The membership renewal drive is completed. It is somewhat interesting that with six members not renewing and one who moved to Tennessee, we again have 54 total members. On line renewal went better this year but still has some bugs to be worked out. I had several who told me they did not get the invoice, which according to National, is not technologically possible – if one goes, they all do. We will leave it there for now, but we definitely have to figure it out.

Our big goal for next year is to gain some new members. There are some good ideas out there, but we simply don't have enough people to implement them. National and State are working hard on increasing equity, diversity, and inclusion. They want us to participate – again hard to do with so few people. We need everyone's help to make a difference in this problem.

PLEASE!!! If you change any part of your contact information, especially your email, let a board member know before July 15th so that your information will be included in the 2021-2022 directory correctly.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Withycombe MVP

HERITAGE CELEBRATION - MAY 18, 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION NIGHT

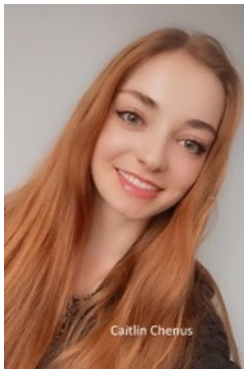
By Zoom on May 18th, we gathered to recognize our 2021 Scholarship recipients. We have 9 scholarship recipients this year. We extended invitations to their counselors, supporters, and families. We are so proud of all our scholarship recipients as they are amazing young women with challenging goals ahead.

We also honored **Helen Stahl** for achieving her 50-year membership in AAUW and outgoing Chair **Sarah Mesick** for her years of service in the branch and as Chair of our Charitable Trust.

Our scholarship recipients, along with their pictures, are below:

Mary Elizabeth Sievert & John Parker Whitaker Graduate Scholarship Recipients:

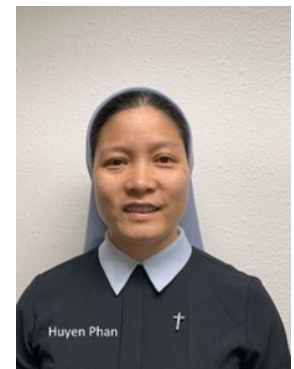
Caitlin Chenus (Law) Jenna Ringsdorf (Pharmacy)



Jepsen Sophomore, Junior, or Senior Scholarship Recipients:

Nuong Bui

Huyen Phan



Catherine Berta Freshman Scholarship Recipients: Jordan Coltan Sophia Heller



Glynn Graduate Scholarship Recipients: Guadalupe Chavez (Pharmacy)



Madeline Sotos

Kiearra Williams (Chiropractic)



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Newsletter Editors: Steffanie Adams and Carol Wyenn.

Next Newsletter – September-October issue. Articles about AAUW, our programs, or our members will be due August 15th. 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.