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DAVENPORT-BETTENDORF
BRANCH

Theme: Empower Women,
Empower Communities

DATES TO NOTE

Adelante Book Club
Sept 15th 2pm,
Unbought & Unbossed
Eastern Library

General Meeting
Sept 18 @ 12:45 pm
Luncheon Topic:
Frugality, Minimalism
– *What’s Your Plan?*

Lit Group
Sept 21 @ 7 pm
The Island of Sea Women,
@ Carol Wyenn’s

Dining Group
Sept 25th
@ 6 pm; Hostess:
Jeanne Withycombe

Creative Women
Sept 28 @ 2-4 pm
Hostess: Terese
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In-person & ZOOM
General Meeting
Oct 16 @ 10 am
Topic: *Covid-19 Update*
Eastern Library

Dining Group
Oct 16th or 23rd
@ 6 pm; Hostess:
Janice Harris-Williams

Lit Group
Oct 19 @ 7 pm
The Vanishing Half
@ Jeanne
Withycombe’s

Creative Women
Oct 26 @ 2-4 pm
Hostess: Pat Francois

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EMPOWERED TO THRIVE
GENERAL MEETINGS

September 18: FRUGALITY, MINIMALISM – WHAT’S YOUR PLAN?
(12:45 pm)

Our first meeting will be a luncheon that will take place on September 18th, Saturday, from 12:45-3:00 pm at the Hickory Grove Garden Family Restaurant, at 3311 Hickory Grove Road in Davenport. Ordering from the menu, we gather in food and friendship to start the new AAUW year. We will also discuss the Marie Kondo Japanese method of decluttering and organizing your life. This KonMari method encourages people to get rid of items that no longer have a purpose (or no longer “spark joy” and keep items that are purposeful and meaningful. Come spare your experience with decluttering!

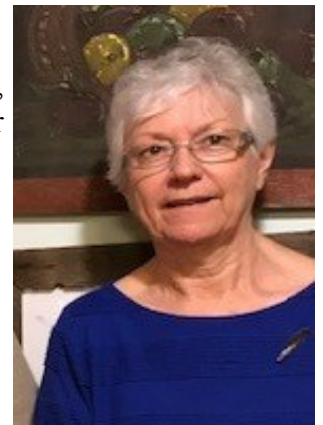
In Person & ZOOM - October 16: COVID-19 UPDATE (10:00 am)

Dara L. Wegman-Geedey, a Professor of Biology at Augustana College, will give us an update and answer our questions on Covid-19. She joined the Augustana faculty in 1995 and her teaching responsibilities have included microbiology, immunology and cell biology as well as specialty courses in virology, public health and related areas. We will meet at Davenport’s Eastern Public Library, at 6000 Eastern Ave, on October 16th, Saturday, from 10:00-11:30 am. You can also join us by ZOOM at meeting ID: 201 720 1809 and Passcode: 413287.

AAUW’S LEGACY CIRCLE

A big “Thank You” from our branch to Rosanne Krubsack for being a visionary member who joined AAUW’s Legacy Circle in 2021. By making a planned gift to AAUW National, Legacy Circle members embrace gender equity as part of their personal legacy and advance AAUW’s critical mission.

If you have included AAUW National in your estate plans, please contact AAUW Director of Advancement Heather Miller at 202-785-7766 to enroll in the Legacy Circle so that they may celebrate you too!



LETTERS FROM YOUR CO/PRESIDENTS:

Theme this year: Empowered to Thrive

Co/President's Message: Janice Harris-Williams

Greetings to all

I'm happy to see and looking forward to this new year 21-22. We will be having hybrid meetings this year. You have a choice to come out or zoom from your location. Looking back on our 20-21 year, it was very challenging because of covid and now the new variants. Please refer to: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus to receive an accurate update. Please respect those who wear mask and those who decide not to wear mask.

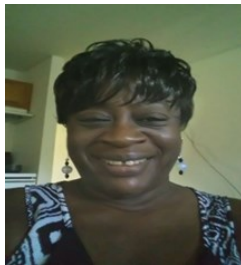
This year we have worked hard at putting together to bring you informative and enlightening programs. We hope to educate you with practical subjects. Set your intentions to participate this year. Although we have set our program dates and topics, please let Jeanne or myself know of your interest or what you would like to further see as a program or special interest.

This year AAUW is further embracing the topic of diversity introducing a new department called Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DE&I). I am the new Co-Director of DE&I for the state of Iowa AAUW. I am in charge of disseminating information on ethnic equity. We need to broaden our perspectives of one another's difference and respect those differences.

I am in need of a branch DE&I Chair. Hopefully someone will step forward. You don't need to be from the black, indigenous, and people of color community to be chair. To be DE&I Chair you just need heart to highlight and move toward equity and inclusion. One or two programs are sufficient. It should not be much work with 1 or 2 programs. I will help you. An example program: a topic relating to how various ethnicities can better communicate.

Best regards and let's make it a successful year by participating as much as possible because together we work best.

Janice Harris Williams MBA
AAUW Davenport-Bettendorf
Branch Co-President 21-22
Iowa AAUW State Co-Director 21-22



Co/President's Message: Jeanne Withycombe

Time can be an unusual thing. It flits and flies by, or drags on endlessly. We grow older, and watch the younger generation grow up. We celebrate; sometimes we cry. The seasons change: life changes. 2020 taught us that time can be dramatic and fearful. We learned, too, that time can be full of dedication, selflessness, and courage. Often in our country's history it has been the women who have stepped to the forefront to lead and carry us through. Their friends and neighbors have been along side them helping in a myriad of ways, large and small. These are the women that AAUW represents.

Working on three levels (national, state, and local), AAUW has fought to improve the lives of women for over 130 years. AAUW has provided the chance for getting an education to thousands of women. We have achieved much in the area of respect in the workplace, career accessibility, equality before the law, adequate

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adequate and reasonably priced health care, and training in leadership. As an AAUW member, I hope you are proud of our progress.

A caveat must be inserted here. There is still much work to be done. For one, pay equity is a huge area of needed improvement. Worldwide, many of our sisters in other countries are still living lives minus the barest necessities. We need every member working as a team to reach our goals as an organization. We need new and younger members to carry on some traditions, while foreseeing the future and making changes so that progress continues. To quote a popular 2020 phrase, "We are all in this together." Together increases the size and volume of our voice – we are noticed and we are listened to. We can be more creative and productive because together brings a diversity of knowledge and ideas to be used. Each of you is an important part of AAUW.

Now the time has come to welcome you back as a new season of AAUW begins. It feels good to be back together in person. There are some interesting programs planned, and I urge each of you to join us. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Jeanne Withycombe
AAUW Davenport-Bettendorf Branch Co-President 21-22



PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our condolences to the family and friends of Bobbi Rogalski, a past AAUW president, who died this summer.

Rosanne Krubsack has become an AAUW's Legacy Circle member in 2021. Thank you for embracing gender equity and helping AAUW further its vision to assure "equity for all".

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

3	Christine Turnipseed
5	Janice Hill
7	Stella Herzig
19	Lisa Killinger
28	Nola Gottschalk

OCTOBER

3	Erica Goldstone
22	Mona Martin
26	Donna Naae
26	Janice Harris-Williams



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. All contact information for the chairs is available in our annual yearbook. If the program will be Zoomed, **please let the Chair know if you plan to attend a group event to get your ZOOM invite.** Check our website and Facebook page for any up-to-date information regarding additions, cancellations, or changes to our scheduled programs.

Interest/Study Group	September Meeting	Ocyober Meeting
<i>Adelante Book Club</i> Chair: Rosanna Krubsack	Sept. 15, 2 p.m. @ Eastern Library. Book: <i>Unbought and Unbossed</i> , by Shirley Chisholm	No meeting
<i>Creative Women</i> Chair: Terry Collins	Sept .28, 2-4 p.m. Craft: Yard Art Hostess: Terese Touvelle	Oct .26, 2-4 p.m. Hostess: Pat Francois
<i>Eat, Meet & Be Merry Dining Group</i> Chair: open position	Sept. 25 th , 6 p.m. Hostess: Jeanne Withycombe Location: TBD Theme: We all scream for ice cream!!!	Oct. 16 or 23 rd , at 6 p.m. Hostess: Janice Harris-Williams Location: TBD
<i>Literature Group</i> Chair: Angela Chernus	Sept. 21, 7 p.m. – <i>The Island of Sea Women</i> , by Lisa See; at Carol Wyenn’s home	Oct. 19, 7 p.m. – <i>The Vanishing Half</i> , by Brit Bennett; at Jeanne Withycombe’s home
<i>Public Policy/Women’s Issues</i> Chair: Kay Pence	No meeting	No meeting

CHANGES TO THE YEARBOOK

Page 4 “2021-2022 National and State Officers”: State Membership VP will be Kim Folkers (connect@aauw.org); Elaine Kresse will be College/University Partners Director.

Members Info Correction: Dr. Erica Goldstone’s email is etgoldstone@gmail.com

ADELANTES SEPTEMBER SELECTION

Join the meeting at Davenport’s Eastern Library, on September 15th, at 2 pm to discuss Shirley Chisholm’s book *Unbought and Unbossed*, by Shirley Chisholm (1924-2005). Originally published in 1970, you can now purchase an expanded 40th Anniversary Edition, dated 2010. This is Mrs. Chisholm’s own story of how she became the first black woman to be elected to Congress in 1968 and how she assessed her role as a black woman in politics.

YOUR 2021-2022 DAVENPORT BETTENDORF BRANCH AAUW OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Janice Harris-Williams and Jeanne Withycombe

Program VP: Donna Naae

President-elect: Elaine Kresse

Fundraising VP: Erica Goldstone

Membership VP: Suzanne Hawkinson

Secretary: Linda Paplinski

Treasurer: Bonnie Moeller

Communications: Carol Wyenn

OFFICER'S REPORTS

From Our Membership VP – Susan Hawkinson

Everyone who was going to renew has renewed. We added 6 new members for the 2021/2022-year. Please introduce yourself to people you don't know at our meetings so all feel welcome. I sent out invitations to two women this month and hope you can invite people you think might enjoy AAUW programs and support our mission. If we have enough interest we will hold a Shape-the-Future Event in November, which makes a greatly discounted membership price available to first time members. Contact information changes should be sent to Suzanne Hawkinson as the new VP of Membership.

From Our Fundraising VP – Linda Paplinski (2020-2021)

Birdies for Charity, 2021

We took in \$230.00 for our scholarships. The Birdies Committee hasn't yet released the amount of bonus money to be added to that amount from John Deere.

From Our Communications VP, Carol Wyenn

New AAUW Davenport-Bettendorf Directory

A new directory was published August 1, 2021 with information about our 2021-2022 programs, and our 2021-2022 membership roster. Please make sure that your information is correct in the yearbook. Email me any corrections and I will publish those corrections in the newsletters.

All members are welcome to submit articles, personals, and other pertinent information to our newsletter. The newsletter is emailed to all members 1 every two months. The next newsletter – November/December – will be emailed November 1. If you have an item for the newsletter, please get it to me by or as close to October 15th as possible.

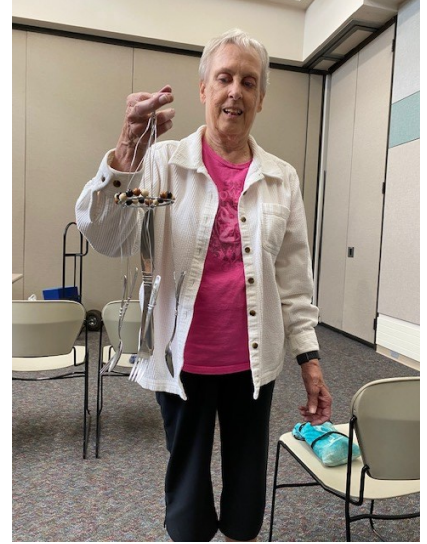
SUMMER PICNIC

We had a wonderful, fun Summer Picnic, on Sunday, June 27th at the Duck Creek Park. We gathered together, members and families, to eat and visit in person! We met the new board. We also recognized Elaine Kresse with an Appreciation Award for all the hours of work she has given to our branch. Her dedication and help has been tremendous and we wanted to thank her.



CREATIVE WOMEN GROUP

The creative women group met in the afternoon in June at the Bettendorf library to make windchimes. We had fun making wind chimes for the garden out of old spoons, breads, and wire. These ladies usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month in someone's home or at another convenient location order to visit and complete crafting projects together. Come join the fun. Everyone is welcome.



Rudie Eberlein hosted the meeting.

