

AAUW IOWA Connector

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An Electronic Bulletin for AAUW Leaders in Iowa

You are invited to share this information with other branch leaders and members by forwarding it to them or providing hard copy.

Sandra Keist Wilson, President AAUW IA

I am sending notes from the winter board meeting. The board gathered in cyber space using EluminateLive. Members joined us from the comfort of their homes or winter warm weather addresses. Branches may want to use this program when you have members moving south for the winter months. Information will be given at the Annual Conference.

The theme for the April 29-30 Conference and Annual Meeting is "Grow Your Branch, Grow Yourself." The Clarion Inn in Cedar Falls and the campus of UNI will be the site for our activities. Sarah Brown Wessling, 2010 National Teacher on the Year, is giving the keynote address. Friday dinner and keynote will be on the UNI Campus. The evening will continue at the Socrates Café with conversations with special guests hosted by the Waterloo Branch. Saturday activities will take place at the hotel. There will be breakout sessions such as Hands on Kindle Reader, Meeting on EluminateLive, AAUW IA Partners, and Warden's Diary in Iowa Outdoors. Marcia Capriotti, our guest from AAUW National, will give us Membership Growth Tips and National Priorities Up Dates. The lunch speaker will be Jeff Copeland, author of the AAUW IA book selection, "Inman's War." The story is based on love letters, found in a flea market trunk, between Sergeant Inman Perkins & his wife. The silent auction's theme is "Know Your Branch." Bring items that are unique to your branch & community. Printable registration forms are available now on the aauwiowa.org website. Please encourage your members to give themselves a treat and attend.

Upon the recommendation of the Gender Equity Committee, the board voted unanimously to become a partner with The One Iowa Coalition. Its mission is consistent with AAUW Public Policy Priorities. AAUW IA supports One Iowa along with a number of other organizations. Examples are the Interfaith Alliance, League of Women Voters, & the Iowa Council on Civil Rights Commission. For further information see their website at www.oneiowa.org. Information about all our partners is on the aauwiowa.org website.

The Nominations Committee presented a candidate for AAUW IA President Elect, position, Maxine Lampe of Storm Lake Branch. The board approved the Committee report and nomination. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting in April.

The On-line Branch has had 3 meetings in the virtual room provided by EluminateLive. The last program was given by Rachel Scott about the Priorities of

the Women's Commission on Status of Women. All members are invited to attend a meeting in cyberspace. Contact Jan Mitchell to tell you how to set up your computer; it is not hard.

Membership Out Reach meetings are underway. This is a board project to talk to all branches about membership issues. By sharing ideas we can respond creatively to build membership.

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Laura Browne resigned from the board as Communications Director; if anyone has an interest to help Lois with the webpage and Linda with the newsletters please let me know. Lois and Linda do excellent jobs but they could use some help. A support committee of 4 would be terrific.

Yours in Equity, Sandra