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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

Happy St. Pats Day to all!
April Showers bring State Conference!

April 29-30 is the Annual Meeting and
“Grow Your Branch, Grow Yourself” Conference Dates.
Clarion Inn, Cedar Falls
Gallagher Bluedorn Bldg. on UNI Campus

The Initiative Newsletter will be in the mail the end of the week
with all the particulars. Be sure to read it from beginning to end.
If you can't wait, an on-line copy along with the registration form is
on the website, www.aauwiowa.org

The conference program will give you hands-on experience, ideas
on how to grow your branch and yourself using education,
advocacy, and opportunity for community partners. Remember
working together gets more done than alone. Come and be
inspired for branch programming for 2011-12.

Breaking through Barriers-Advocating for Change
AAUW Convention 2011
Washington DC June 16-19

How exciting to be in DC. There are opportunities to attend a party
at an embassy, visit the capital, participate in a service project, and
an inspiring conference program. I hope many of you have an
opportunity to attend. Some branches offer a conference
scholarship to help cover some of the costs; members who attend
return full of enriching experiences to share, ideas for
programming, research to make use of, and issues for advocacy.
Attendees grow within and show greater interest in leadership
roles in their branch and state.

Just Received News: Congratulations! AAUW is proud to announce that the AAUW Iowa: Taking Middle School Latinas to College is a finalist for the new 2011 Breaking through Barriers Awards. The AAUW Branches involved in the project are Clarion, Des Moines, Marshalltown, Tama-Toledo.

Thoughts toward a Democratic Culture:

“We must commit to rebuilding the institutions for a decent society.”

People don't have deliberative conversations on their own. Deliberation and negotiation are necessary for a free society.

Genuine politics recognizes restraints.

Collaboration could lead to innovation.

Self-interest includes understanding of the common good.

Real politics leads to justice.

The wisdom of citizens is a prerequisite.

People connect to the stories of others.

Taken from an article by Ernesto Cortes, Jr in the Kettering Review//Spring 2006

I have added some news about women from the White House :



Weekly Women's Update

Welcome to the Council on Women and Girls Weekly Highlights. Women's History Month is in full swing! This week the Administration celebrated the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day and honored remarkable women and girls at home and around the world. In addition, the President, First Lady, and members of the Administration participated in an important conference on bullying. We also featured an amazing woman in the Administration, Tammy Duckworth, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Please read below about her story and these incredible events.

[President Obama & the First Lady at the White House Conference on Bullying Protection](#)

On Thursday, the President led the first ever White House Conference on Bullying Prevention. Here, he talks about how discussing bullying prevention will help those who want to break the unfortunate tradition of bullying and help those who have been bullied realize that they're not strange or alone.

The White House Celebrates International Women's Day:

- [Statement by the President on the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day](#)
On this 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day, we celebrate the extraordinary gains made by women over the past century—and the women pioneers who made them possible—as we reaffirm our unwavering support for the rights, security, dignity, and opportunity of all women around the world.
- [First Lady Michelle Obama speaks at the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day and Women's History Month Celebration.](#)
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- [Women Around the World Celebrating International Women's Day](#)
Tina Tchen, Director of the Council on Women and Girls, writes about how she joined First Lady Michelle Obama and people around the world in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day. [Click Here to watch the event](#)
- [International Women of Courage Awards](#)
On International Women's Day at the State Department, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton hosted the 2011 International Women of Courage Awards ceremony, together with special guest First Lady Michelle Obama. [Click Here](#) to see Secretary Clinton's statement on International Women's Day.
- [Ambassador Susan Rice Speaks to Young Women Leaders in East Harlem](#)
Ambassador Susan Rice, the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, marked the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day on March 8th in East Harlem, New York. There she urged the 11th and 12th grade classes of The Young Women's Leadership School (TYWLS) of East Harlem, to continue to win the future through education.

[Launching the Women in America Data Report](#)

On March 4th, the Center for American Progress and the White House Council on Women and Girls held an event with administration officials and policy experts to discuss the new White House report, ["Women in America, Indicators of Social and Economic Well-Being."](#)

[Advise the Advisor: Melody Barnes and Education](#)

In the third edition of the Advise the Advisor program, Melody Barnes, Director of the Domestic Policy Council and one of President Obama's senior advisors on education policy, is asking for feedback from parents, teachers and students on what's working in communities and what needs to change.

[Gender Equality in Our Nation's Armed Forces](#)

On March 4th the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) met to discuss the Administration's goals of achieving gender equality for individuals who serve in our Nation's Armed Forces.

[National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: What Can You Do? Take Action!](#)

Today is the sixth annual National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, a nationwide initiative coordinated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's

Health (OWH) to make more people aware of the increasing impact that this deadly epidemic is having on women and girls in the United States.

[Protecting Families: National Consumer Protection Week](#)

For more than 10 years, National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) has showcased the free resources that government agencies provide to our Nation's citizens. With its focus on the link between education and empowerment, NCPW 2011 continues this tradition.

[West Wing Week: "Law School in 15 Seconds"](#)

This week, President Obama focused on education, visiting some innovative classrooms in Miami and Boston, and dropping in on a US History class in Alexandria, Virginia with Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

[President Obama Announces "100 Youth Roundtables"](#)

A few weeks ago, when President Obama dropped by a Roundtable with Young Americans in Cleveland, Ohio, he announced that he was tasking his Administration with participating in 100



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