

## THE BRANCH CONNECTOR APRIL 2008

A little electronic newsletter to remind you of the latest news in the American Association of University Women in Iowa. Please share with your branch members and interested members of your community!

### ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 11 AND 12 SIMPSON COLLEGE, INDIANOLA

All but seven branches have registered for the coming annual conference to be held on the campus of Simpson College this weekend. Looks like we may break a few records!

If your branch is “among the missing” please consider a late registration and come! Contact Diane Edwards ([edwardsdc@mchsi.com](mailto:edwardsdc@mchsi.com)).

### MEMBERSHIP NEARS 1000 IN IOWA

Latest report from Association membership office shows two astonishing figures for Iowa! As of February 2008 state membership totals were 990.

Will we make 1000 by annual conference? **Which branches will get a rose for their recruitment efforts because they recruited a new member in the six week window between mid February and mid March at the conference?** Thirteen branches, of our 31 branches in Iowa show gains during the year.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER 25, 2008

On October 25 there will be a re-enactment of a 1908 Woman’s Suffrage Parade. The original parade was either the first or the only woman’s suffrage movement parade in Iowa so historically it is quite a marker. A few hours later a play written by Joyce Schulte member of the Dennison IA branch in 1995 will be performed in Boone. We have been invited to have representatives of every AAUW branch in Iowa walking in the parade, perhaps wearing a sash with AAUW written on the sash. If they wish, they can wear period costume. Contact Joyce Schulte . Her email address is [joyceschulte@iowatelecom.net](mailto:joyceschulte@iowatelecom.net).

### OFFICER ROSTERS; COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

It is very important that an accurate contact list for each branch be available to incoming state board members. **The official roster form is available at [records@aauw.org](mailto:records@aauw.org) . A sure way to “get lost” is to neglect this comparatively small task.** Diane Patton, incoming state president, is looking for a few good women to work with her in the year ahead. Let her know of your interest by contacting her at [dpatton@iowatelecom.net](mailto:dpatton@iowatelecom.net) .

**ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN!** (from among the many who are AAUW members!)

Vitae for Association committees are being solicited now. Association committees for By laws, Program, and membership committees have vacancies.

### **MORE LATER**

**The Association Convention will be held next June (2009) in St. Louis. That is close to home and provides an excellent opportunity for linking with other like minded men and women. There is no regional conference this year.**

### **AND RIGHT NOW!**

**In the immediate future, however, we will have the unbelievable opportunity to learn from Association staff and leaders at this week's leadership workshop Friday afternoon when they introduce a new DVD leadership training tool to us. It's right here in Iowa!**

**We are one of the first states in the country to have an opportunity to use this material. I previewed it this weekend and IT IS GOOD!**

**Come and see Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Carver Science Hall on the Simpson Campus!**

### **FOCUS GROUP CALENDAR FOR APRIL AND MAY**

**Here are dates for the last focus group meetings, some of which were re-scheduled due to Iowa's winter weather problems:**

**April 5. Charles City (Patton)**

**April 14 . Pella (Heinicke)**

**April 26. Washington. ( Thomas and Wilson)**

**April 28. Denison (Heinicke and Ahrens)**

**May 8. Atlantic. (Thomas and Coret)**

**May 10. Webster city. (Patton)**

**Open dates. (I.e. unscheduled) Tama, Waverly, Decorah**