

AAUW Iowa Branch Connector

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A Monthly Electronic Bulletin for AAUW Leaders in Iowa

The Value of Affiliation with AAUW: *By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.*

Welcome to this monthly electronic publication. You are invited to share this information with other branch leaders and members by forwarding it to them, or providing a hard copy.

– Diane Patton, AAUW IA President

The Iowa Initiative Spring Issue

The Iowa *Initiative* is available on-line and is also being mailed to every AAUW Iowa member. It is packed with information about the State Conference at Wartburg College. The conference will inspire you, motivate you, encourage you and make you proud of your AAUW.

Sandra Keist Wilson has been nominated as the President- Elect. It's important for branch delegates to participate in this election as well as other business during the annual meeting. Help us recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of AAUW in Iowa.

State Conference at Wartburg College in Waverly- April 17-18

Please note the fast approaching deadlines for housing at the AAUW rates.

\$25 Bed and Breakfast with AAUW members. Fundraiser for AAUW Philanthropy.

Contact: Ardelle Brown 319-266-6882. dabrown@cfu.net

Hotel Rooms have been blocked for AAUW convention attendees at discounted rates at two nearby hotels. Mention "AAUW Annual meeting" and call by the indicated dates to get a discounted rate

Super 8 Motel

301 13th Ave. S.W., Waverly

Directions: from Highway 3, turn south on 4th St SW (Business 218) Double/ Queen: \$65.88 + \$7.92 tax. Free continental breakfast plus. 48 hour cancellation policy.

Call 319-352-0888 by April 1. Discounted rate: ask for Group Code AAUW

Comfort Inn

409 29th Ave S.W. , Waverly

Directions: from Highway 3, turn south on 4th St. SW (Business 218). Double/Single: \$99.95+ \$12.00 tax. Free hot continental breakfast. 24 hour cancellation policy

Call 319-352-0399 by March 15. Discounted rate: ask for American Association

Breaking Through Barriers Conference Agenda, April 17-18

Friday, April 17

- 2:30 Registration—Waverly, Cedar Falls, Waterloo Branches hosts
- 3:00 Welcome and Opening of Conference
 - “Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?” Presenter, Rhonda Christiansen
- 4:00 “Matching Philanthropic Goals with Financial Planning” - Presenters, Mary Ann Burk andCarolynn Sween
- 6:00 Dinner and Outstanding Faculty Awards
- 7:30 “Let’s Start the Conversation” - Presenter, Christie Vilsack
 - She speaks about the Iowa Initiative. The presentation is open to the public.
- 8:30 Social with the Prez—Calhoun County Branch hosts
- 9:30 Walk About Wartburg benefits EF/LAF/LTI Giving Circle

Saturday, April 18

- 7:00 Walk About Wartburg benefits EF/LAF/LTI Giving Circle
- 8:00 Registration and Silent Auction Set-up
- 8:30 Welcome by Diane Patton, AAUW Iowa President
 - “The Accidental Feminist” - Presenter, Sharon Lake, 2008-2009 AAUW Fellow
- 9:30 Break
- 9:45 Breakout Sessions
 1. “Advocacy” - Presenter, Rachel Scott
 2. “ Latina Al Exito” - Presenters, Jan Mitchell & Pam Swarts
 3. “International Affairs Panel” - Facilitator, Jane Edwards
 4. “Membership Marketing” - Presenters, Renne Jedlicka & Mary Elizabeth Sievert: Facilitator, Joan Thompson
- 11:00 Lunch
 - “International Communication” -Presenter, Kathryn Koob
- 50 year Membership Awards—Joan Thompson
- 12:30 “ Association ByLaws Changes” - Presenter, Ronni Nivala
- 1:30 Breakout Sessions
 1. “Association ByLaws Discussion” - Facilitator, Ronni Nivala
 2. “The Women of Afghanistan in the Post-Taliban Era” -Presenter, Rosemarie Skaine
 3. “The Next Generation: Women Leading Girls” STEM project) - Presenter, Kathy Nestyby
 4. Learn What AAUW Technology Can Do For Your Branch” - Presenter, Laura Browne
- 2:30 Break and chance to make final bid on Silent Auction items
- 2:45 Business Meeting
- 4:00 Closing of Conference

Child Care will be available if there is enough interest expressed.

Directions: Wartburg College is located at the intersection of Hwy 3 (Bremer Ave) and Wartburg Blvd (between 7th St NW & 12 St NW) in Waverly. Traveling from the north or the south on Hwy 27/218, merge with Business Hwy 218 , then turn onto Hwy 3.

Registration and meetings in Saemann Student Center.

Visitor parking available east of Whitehouse Business Center/ Saemann Student Center, accessed from Wartburg Blvd/7th St NW. Additional parking accessed from 1st Ave NW.

Campus map: www.wartburg.edu/tour/map