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NEW BEGINNINGS...

[Editor's Note: *New Beginnings*' is the theme for the feature articles and statements on the outside pages of the fall initiative. These are stories of real people from around Iowa meant to inspire us as AAUW members to promote equity and education for all women and girls - it is our mission!]

Artist Nicole Friess-Schilling Asks for 'Hope' Through Art

There was a piece of art at the Iowa State Fair which caused me to go back again after I looked at all the other art on display. It was unique because it asked for interaction from the audience. I had read some of the cards which people had written. Amazingly, children had even answered in reaction to the message of "hope" the artist had written about what her art piece portrayed. I wanted to share this with you as I feel Nicole is just at the beginning of something great in her career. Right now she is very busy with her family and she is inventing her art out of what's around her. She is eligible for membership in AAUW.... Nicole Friess-Schilling is the real spirit of what the NEW BEGINNINGS theme is all about...*Joan Thompson*

Artist's Statement for "Hope" (displayed with the art piece pictured)

I remember visiting pioneer cemeteries on Decoration Day and asking my mother for whom the little white slabs stood. They were simple, hand-cut; weathered by time and element. Many simply bore a name. There were no flowers on these graves. These stones were tiny monuments to the ghosts of their parents' hopes for a brighter future. (If you look closely on the dress, you will see grave rubbings taken from infant headstones in a pioneer cemetery near my home. The names: Sarah F., Minerva, Johnson, Martin and Elizabeth). And yet, with their future seemingly gone, these parents persevered out of necessity. For tomorrow always comes, no matter how bleak today.

There is much wrong with our world today. There is genocide in Africa, elderly persons abandoned in nursing homes, children starving, an illegal and bloody war; our nation has "blood on its hands" as a blind eye is turned to everyday atrocities. Yet, no matter how dark today, tomorrow will dawn. There is always hope - that is what keeps us going as a human race.

Plant the seed from which the future will grow. Please write down, or illustrate, your hope for the future on the paper provided. Perhaps it is a personal hope or dream, or one that speaks for us all. You may remain anonymous. Then, deposit it down the top of the sculpture. Thank you. The "hopes" will be placed in a book that will travel with the sculpture.

Just a few of the 300 responses Nicole received are given here:

"Never, ever hold hate in your heart."

"Educate, downsize, provide equal health care, enjoy the little things, be patient when standing in line, treat every creature with respect, know that we will all be gone someday."

"I hope people realize that it all starts with them!"



"Hope"

Who is this Artist?

Nicole Friess-Schilling, 28, lives and works on a farm northwest of Jefferson, Iowa with her husband, Christopher, and three children: Jack Miles (6), Eliot DeSales (2 1/2) and Ava Louise (5 months). She has been creating artwork since childhood and especially enjoys painting the human form. She is active in the Greene County area, serving as president of the Greene County Arts Council, director for the Summer Youth Theatre in Jefferson, current chair of the Democratic Party in Greene County. She attended Luther College in 1996, on a vocal scholarship, and earned an Associate of Arts degree from Des Moines Area Community College (Carroll Campus) in 2002. Professional experience includes: Commissioned portraits and a full-wall mural for the Greene County Medical Center's physical therapy department. She has received two Awards of Merit at the Iowa State Fair (acrylic) and mixed media sculpture. (This is the first time she entered her art at the Iowa State Fair).

Congratulations to Nicole for her successful *New Beginning....*

NEW BEGINNINGS...

Dr. Susan Burns Honored with AAUW 'Distinguished Faculty Award'

By Kathy Kremer and Joan Thompson

Dr. Susan Burns joined the faculty of Morningside College in 2002, where she teaches in the Department of Psychology and coordinates a freshman Seminar program. She also maintains her scholarship with eight publications and 23 paper presentations in the last four years.



Distinguished Faculty Award Dr. Susan Burns receives Award from Kathy Kremer at Annual Conference, April, 2006.

Since coming to Morningside, Dr. Burns has developed the Palmer Student Research Symposium, the third annual which was held in April 2006. She also mentors 18 women conducting independent research projects and twice has been an invited speaker at the Siouxland WINGS Conference, encouraging middle school girls in math and science. She also serves on the Bullying Prevention Committee of a local Elementary school.

As immediate past President of AAUW-IA Sue Jorgensen noted, "Dr. Susan Burns has been successful as a model for, and mentor of women in academia, breaking gender role constraints and then successfully encouraging others to follow in her footsteps. She is recognized by her colleagues as a role model and inspiration on the Morningside College Campus and in the region."

Every year, the American Association of University Women recognizes a woman faculty member's exemplary contributions toward creating a climate of gender equity in education in the state of Iowa. This year's nominees demonstrated excellence in teaching, outstanding leadership and service to women and girls, scholarship that advances gender equity, and support and mentoring for women students at their institutions.

While this was a difficult decision for the selection committee, there was one nominee whose contributions demonstrated her passion for teaching, advising and mentoring women and girls. This year's AAUW Distinguished Faculty Award is presented to Dr. Susan Burns, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Morningside College.

Dr. Burns received her Bachelor and Masters degrees at Emporia State University and a Ph.D in Personality and Social Psychology from Kansas State University. She is a member of both Tau Beta Sigma and Psi Chi National Honor Societies. She is the recipient of the Sharon Walker Faculty Excellence Award, and has been included in 'Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges' and 'Who's Who of American Women'.

In her acceptance speech, Susan Burns ended her remarks by sharing a quote from a poet, who died in WWII named Guillaume Appollinaire. Dr. Burns thinks this explains why many girls and women do not pursue majors and careers in sciences; why they often limit themselves.

"Come to the edge," He said. They said, "We are afraid." 'Come to the edge,' he said. They came. He pushed them...and they flew."

Dr. Burns continues that there have been tremendous strides that have allowed girls and women to be "pushed" and given the opportunity to fly. Organizations like AAUW must keep pushing so that one day gender equity will be a *reality* for all women and girls!

One year AAUW member...new Treasurer of local branch...

Ana Venator has made many changes in her life over the years. She was born in Ecuador. the third of seven children (5 girls and 2 boys). Her parents were hard working and offered all of their children four years of college education.



Ana Venator

Ana graduated from Central University of Ecuador (90,000 students) with a B.A. degree and a National Federated Diploma on December 11, 1981 after passing oral exams, which meant she could do social work in the provinces and nationally also.

Many applied, but she was one of two honored by UNESCO in 1982 for a National Seminar project to go to communities to see if roads could be opened to those who do not have modern facilities.

"My job was to inform and organize the people and to help them request the services and to act as a liaison between the project and the services with teachers, leaders, priests and others." Ana explains. Often she needed to ride on horseback to reach the people because of lack of roads, but the government provided her with a car and a driver. The hours were long and she was the only woman much of the time, Ana says. The project was funded for ten years. However, after five years, she was offered another job and left employment to take the new job.

Ana was offered a job with Social Security (government health benefit program) of Ecuador. They wanted her to go to the rural communities to explain that the government would provide a small equipped clinic with a doctor and a nurse. The people in the area would have to agree to build the clinic and participate in the Social Security program.

This is where Ana met her future husband, Bob Venator, who was with the U.S. Agency for International Development and had accepted assignment in Ecuador for two years. After dating for two years, he asked her to marry him. They got married in the United States with a valid visa. Then they moved to his next assignment in Mexico where they lived three years and their daughter was born.

It was 1994 before Ana and family moved to Ottumwa, Iowa. She thought she could start teaching her native language right away, but she could not speak any English which was a handicap. She sat in on classes at Indian Hills Community College to learn English—slowly she began to learn. She worked on becoming a citizen and became a U.S. citizen in 2002. She also is a citizen of Ecuador.

Finally, she ended up at the Department of Education of Iowa because no one would hire her as a teacher. They directed her to William Penn College where she was able to complete some additional education courses to meet the certification requirements for the State of Iowa. Ana now works for Southern Prairie AEA.

Ana Venator joined AAUW in 2005. She is an active member, attending most of the meetings and accepting nomination for Treasurer for the coming year...so this is to **NEW BEGINNINGS** for ANA in AAUW and as an **OFFICER** and on the **BRANCH BOARD!**

Updates: AAUW Membership in IFUW

Landlocked Iowa has a remarkable history of strong, vital international interests. Iowans have also had first hand experience with economic upheaval in the past twenty five years. Perhaps that's why there is a strong interest and engagement among Iowa AAUW members with the current issues about membership of AAUW in the International Federation of University Women.

During the months which have intervened since the 2005 Association convention the Association Board of Directors has worked vigorously to seek a means by which AAUW members might remain part of the IFUW. Legal advice indicated that, when confronted with the dual issue of fiscal responsibility and member concern about losing affiliation with the IFUW, precedent must be given to fiscal responsibility. "As a compromise, individual member contributions or funds and/or dues payments were explored. However when presented to IFUW this compromise was rejected by the IFUW Board of Directors since the amount to be realized through such solicitation was uncertain." "The current IFUW dues structure is not one that fits organizations like the AAUW and the Canadian Federation, who maintain their own programs and public policy efforts. The majority of the countries have less than 100 members thus the IFUW program is their program," writes Florine Swanson, Regional Director. Swanson continues, "If we paid our past and present dues to IFUW we would draw down all of our reserves most of which are life memberships and would shortly be bankrupt. The task force who worked on this issue was made up of members who believe in the value of IFUW, but the financial numbers did not make it possible.

After December 2007 and the 2007 Federation meetings of IFUW in England, AAUW will no longer be a member of the IFUW. At that point AAUW members may apply for international membership in IFUW as individuals upon paying an individual member's fee. Kathleen Laurilla, an AAUW life member, former Iowan, and current vice president of the IFUW, writes that she urges such applications to be made until a new organization in the US for addressing international interests can be formed.

The latest communication from Ruth Sweetser, Association president has been forwarded to all Iowa Branch presidents. Readers are reminded that there is a web site address in the members section of the AAUW website that has a complete history of communication between AAUW and IFUW concerning these dues arrearages and affiliation. For those readers who are deeply concerned this is an important site with which to become familiar. The address is http://www.aauw.org/member_center/IFUW/index.cfm.

AAUW-IA Receives Awards at Conference of State Leaders

During the Awards banquet at the conference of state leaders in Washington D.C. Dr. Janet Heinicke, AAUW-IA president accepted, on behalf of the members of the Iowa AAUW, an award for the contributions Iowa members have made during the past two years to the Legal Advocacy Fund of the Association, The Iowa Association also received an "Impact Grant" which will assist Iowa members in their some thirty local communities to develop strategies so that local citizens can have greater influence over the formation of public policy. Iowa AAUW also received a 21st century award for its' work toward achieving goals between 2004 and 2006.

A Message from the President...

So much to do! So little time to do it!

Have you ever heard that expression? Of course you have! We apply it to our work lives, to our family expectations, to the expectations we have for ourselves and sometimes to our lives as members of various volunteer associations. It's an expression which conveys a certain amount of urgency. It is an expression which seems, to me, to sum up where we are right now in the "life" of this very special volunteer association, the American Association of University Women. There *is* much to do...and there *is* little time to do it! The *scope* and the *quality* of AAUW concerns are impressive. These are exciting times to be "alive in AAUW" just because there *IS* so much to do and so little time to do it in!

As your representative I attended meetings with other AAUW members in our region in Grand Forks, North Dakota in June as well as the conference of State Leaders in Washington, D.C., meetings separated by only two weeks. The willingness of the members present to grapple with current issues was heartening. In neither situation was there any reluctance to struggle with the difficult issues which AAUW faces. Imagination, initiative and even some 'yeast-y' futuristic thinking occurred. Putting these concerns in the simplest and broadest terms, it is time to ask ourselves:

What do we want to do as an organization in the next ten years?

How will we go about doing it?

What should we do first?

When the new AAUW Iowa Board of Directors meet for its' first official board meeting in July these questions were put into a broad context, and placed in the continuum of both the past accomplishments, the past hopes and dreams of AAUW in Iowa. The State board met for a period of a day and a half to discuss some of the Association-wide issues as well as to consider issues and priorities for each committee. A consensus emerged that, here in Iowa, **visibility, vitality (energy), effective communication and assertive collaboration** were important to every area. Specific goals and/or objectives were formulated for each of four areas, programming, membership, and communication and financial. The State Board of directors will meet again on **September 23** in Urbandale to continue to work on refining these expectations into manageable goals and reachable objectives. To get a sense of the relationship between these expectations of the State Board and the Association goals, you will want to review the comments of our Regional Director, Florine Swanson as well as a summary of the board discussions.

Already your excellent Iowa Board of Directors has begun to develop positive plans for the immediate future. Many of these plans require a partnership with a local branch. Could that be you and your local group?

For instance I am delighted to be able to direct your attention to the new web site which Web site manager Neysa Picklum has developed. If you haven't turned to www.iowaauw.org please do so soon! You'll find it a valuable tool for your use. There is the capacity for every branch to have a link at this site. Let's do it!

Our equity/diversity co-chairs, Pam Swarts and Jan Mitchell, are looking for branches willing to replicate the diversity mentoring program they have begun in Marshalltown. Does that idea fit your branch's needs, or hopes for the coming year?

Our College/University representatives are looking for branches in communities where there is a collegiate institution to partner with that branch. Does that possibility fit your branch's interests? Let them know.

It's going to be an exciting year ahead because there is indeed *much to do* AND *so little time* to do it. That necessity will bring us to an energetic and dynamic future for Iowa AAUW, I am confident!

Cordially,

Janet Heinicke

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Florine Swanson

Five Key Goals

This will be an exciting year for AAUW as we celebrate our 125th anniversary. At the same time we will be rolling out a new strategic design, something that AAUW has not done for over 20 years. In fact, our state president, Janet Heinicke, was the chair of that Strategic Plan that was called the Design for the 21st Century and “our own” Mary Grefe was the Association President.

Your AAUW Board has set five key goals for the coming year that we hope all states and branches will work hard to achieve. As a member of the board, I of course hope, my state will excel!

Each state is asked to have a **program theme committee** around, “Education is the Gateway to Economic Security.” The same is true for your branch. We hope you are including programs at branch meetings or community forums or projects around the theme. Check out the AAUW web site on a regular basis to see what others are doing around the nation. And when you do something great, share as well!

The celebration of the **125th Anniversary of AAUW** is November 28. Take advantage of this occasion to have a public event or a party at your branch meeting. All kinds of 125th anniversary items will be available through Shop AAUW including a “Party in a Box”. This could be a great time to invite back anyone who had ever been a member of AAUW, some might even rejoin!

The Association Membership Committee has launched a membership campaign with the request that **every member get a member**. Our goal would be that 50% of our members would get a new member. Certificates will be available to award to every member who gets one new member and for every member who gets 5 new members, there is a special Keys to the Future pin. Hopefully every branch will have someone who will receive a pin.

The **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders** takes place each June in Washington, DC. AAUW has provided the major leadership for this conference for the last few years. We are asking states to help identify and support students to attend. If you have a college or university in your community, consider partnering with them to send young women. By identifying these students in the fall, colleges often have financial support to pay for their registration.

Our AAUW year concludes with the **Convention in Phoenix**, Arizona on June 29 to July 2. We are encouraging all branches to fill their branch delegates’ quota plus one additional member. Thus every branch would have at least two members attend. Larger branches would have 3 or 4 members attending. You’ll hear dynamic speakers, outstanding workshops, elections of your Association and Foundation leadership as well as business sessions that will evoke emotions on critical issues for the Association both as an organization and public policy. When I first joined I thought I would never attend and now I’ve gone a dozen times.

These are five significant goals for our organization for the coming year. I look forward to Iowa being successful in achieving all five!

Florine Swanson
Upper Midwest Regional Director

AAUW Keys to the Future: A Member-Get-Member Campaign -- Membership Matters

By Elaine Bruns, Membership Committee

How long have you been an AAUW member? At what age did you join? Is membership worth it, for yourself and women at large?

To understand the importance of this membership campaign we need to **look at the demographics** of AAUW. 41% of AAUW’s current members are age 70 or older, 31% are between 60 and 69, and only 3% of our members are under the age of 40. Result: **72% of our members are 60 and older**. Are we headed for demise?

Today’s world is different, so we need to **think differently**. How? I don’t have an answer yet, but I have some ideas. Start a study group called “Women in Motion” for younger women. Have that group meet at the library or YWCA. Meet on Saturday morning with child care services (activities for the kids). At this interest group, have the young women do a project; decorate, help with mailers, work with other kids, etc. It might help to have a younger person head of this group. I’m an old foggy too, so I don’t know the answers, but **get out of the box and do things very differently!**

What’s in it for me? Rewards and recognition. All members who recruit at least one new member will **receive** a certificate of recognition and will be **listed in the Membership Hall of Fame** on the AAUW website. When a member recruits **5 or more** members, an AAUW “Keys to the Future” pin will be awarded to that member. Your local branch should also create a special recognition.

Why should one join the AAUW? There are **seven keys** recognized as essential as the focus on this membership campaign:

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| Equity | Leadership Training |
| Advocacy | Public Policy |
| Lifelong Learning | Diverse Membership |
| An Unmatched 125 Year Legacy | |

I’m sure you can think of many more reasons why you belong.

Check out www.aauw.org under AAUW Keys to the Future: A Member-Get-A-Member Campaign for more help and ideas. Check with your branch membership chair.

So....What’s your excuse for not bringing in a friend (or stranger) or two to AAUW? If you want to, you can do it and win!

How passionate are you about AAUW?

How Will You Celebrate 125 Years?

November 28, 2006 is the 125th anniversary of the founding of the AAUW. All members are encouraged to submit their ideas and recommendations to commemorate AAUW’s historic milestone.

States and Branches, please e-mail your state/branch’s plans for the 125th Anniversary or what your state/branch has already done to recognize this event to the national office. We will spotlight and share these examples on the AAUW website.



Meet AAUW-IA Board of Directors/Officers, 2006-2007.

Bottom row, l. to r.: Elaine Bruns, Laura Browne, Lida Sigg, Joan Thompson, Sue Jorgenson, Neysa Picklum

Middle row, l to r.: Le Thomas, Mary Harlan, Florine Swanson, Jan Mitchell, Jo Treadwell, Jan Heinicke

Top row, l to r.: Kathy Kremer, Sarah Hanuske, Mary Ann Ahrens, Carol Cooper, Sandy Keist Wilson, Pam Swartz

Missing: Norma Coret and Alice Dahle

Calendar, 2006-2007

2006

Sept. 23 Fall meeting, Bd. of Directors Urbandale Pub. Library, Urbandale

2007

Jan. 20 I.C.N. Winter meeting, Bd. of Directors, various locations

Feb. 16 DEADLINE for articles/pictures for *initiative*—including dates, place, program of annual mtg.

Mar. 15 Publication date of *initiative*

Apr. 20 Spring Leaders Round Table

Apr. 21 Annual Conference

May 15 DEADLINE for articles, pictures for *initiative*—including dates, place, program of annual meeting.

June 11 Publication date of *initiative*

June 29- July 2 Association Convention, Phoenix, AZ

July 20, 21 Summer Retreat, Board of Directors, AAUW-IA

Save the Date: 2007 AAUW National Convention



Successful Branches Are Continuously Evolving

Mary Ellen Smyth, Workshop Leader

The workshop focused on the importance of development which is strategic giving based on the personal preferences and values of people and their individual resources.

The difference between fundraising (raising money for today) and development (raising money for tomorrow) was emphasized.

It was clarified that development takes time. One establishes contacts with individuals and organizations that may result in the cultivation of a partnership. That partnership can lead to significant contributions by the partner in underwriting or sponsoring a project, etc.

The individual's strategic giving is based on the mission of the organization, the voice the individual will have in actions, and the personal values the individual possess that are in sync with the organization. Members were encouraged to consider strategic giving as they direct and manage their own resources.

In fundraising it is important to distinguish whether it is for branch operating expenses, the Foundation or the Legal Advocacy Fund. It is important to publicize and market the event by stating where the funds will be directed. It is also important to emphasize to people why they should attend and contribute to the event. Let them know what's in it for them.

It is important to learn about the many Foundation programs and who the awardees are so that people know why the money is going to Washington and who the recipients are in Iowa (individuals, our state or branch community action projects). If the money is going to the Legal Advocacy Fund (which is now under the Foundation umbrella), it is important to highlight the plaintiffs and their plights and learn about the programs within LAF Fund. Both programs are important in accomplishing AAUW's mission.

Emphasis was placed on seeking out information on the website (aauw.org) to gain further information about the Foundation programs and branch/state fundraising projects.

Mary Ann Ahrens, Recorder

Latinas Toward Success

The Marshalltown branch, on behalf of AAUW-Iowa, has received grant support for an equity/diversity project. The grant provides an alliance to network college-experienced Latinas (Hispanic females) with eighth-grade Latinas. *Latinas al Éxito* (Latinas toward Success) has the goals of (1) encouraging young Latinas to pursue education beyond high school and (2) empowering young adult Latinas by placing them in leadership roles. Other branches will have the opportunity to replicate *Latinas al Éxito* as additional funding is available. To follow the events of the project, go to the Diversity/Gender Equity page at aauwia.org.



Left to Right: Janet Heinicke, President AAUW-IA welcomes Mary Ellen Smyth, Keynote Speaker and Workshop leader at annual meeting in April, 2006, with Lida Zigg, Iowa EF Director.

Book Discussion Group Builds Bones

Algona AAUW's Book Discussion Group departed from its usual delicious



Algona book club women trying the tummy tuck.

breakfasts and decorous book discussions and entered into the realm of bone-building exercise. Ann Stillman, the volunteer discussion leader for the month, introduced the group to the book *Strong Women, Strong Bones* by Dr. Miriam Nelson. The members arrived dressed in work-out clothes and carrying towels for the floor work. After Ann summarized some of the important points from the book, members of the group assessed their balance and tried out some of the exercises designed to strengthen bones for a lifetime of healthy living. Amidst the laughter, we gained hope that fragile and broken bones are not necessarily a part of aging. The photo shows some of the women trying the Tummy Tuck, which improves posture and protects the spine. The Algona AAUW Book Discussion Group has 16 members which meet six times during our AAUW year on the first Thursday morning of the month.

NEW BEGINNINGS...

Story Teller Schedules First Annual Central Iowa Storytelling Festival



Maureen Korte's storytelling workshop was so popular at the State conference in April that people were standing in the halls and a room for 30 was crowded with 48 people.

No one was disappointed with her presentation as she introduced herself and gave the history of storytelling by telling how storytelling has changed over the years, yet remains a part of each world culture.

Maureen says early storytellers were history keepers of culture and civilization. Their responsibilities were to watch, remember and tell back in a fair way the world and life of a people. She explained three reasons for storytellers: to preserve the cultural history of a people, to pass on values and mores of a people and to entertain.

Storytelling helps people make an emotional connection

to their history. People remember a story because of the emotional on them and that often influenced them to stop and think about what is told. Dry facts may not remain in the mind, but an emotional response to a story will remain a part of us forever.

Maureen Korte was instrumental in planning the first Annual Central Iowa Storytelling Festival at the Iowa State Historical Society in June of this year with many well known story tellers. The Festival included ghosting, workshops, a family concert and ended with a reception at Terrace Hill.

In a phone conversation recently, Maureen said, "The Storytelling Festival was very successful with a second Annual Central Iowa Storytelling Festival (expanded) scheduled for May 8-13, 2007, with a special session for children from May 8-11 only, Festival workshops will be held on May 12-13."

Maureen Korte is Director of Special Projects and Programming at the State Historical Society of Iowa and is also connected to the Iowa Arts Council.

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AAUW-IA Website Up and Running. TRY IT TODAY!

Our Iowa AAUW website has been completely rewritten to make sharing information and ideas easier for all of us.

Branches have all been offered their own page on the Iowa website. A sample page suggests showcasing programs and projects, listing officer contacts, and posting any scheduled meetings or events that would be open to visiting AAUW members. Your page may be already formatted and submitted as an attachment, or as text in an e-mail message to be formatted by the website manager. Please e-mail questions from the website, www.aauwia.org, by clicking on Website Manager.

If you missed the Gateways Conference in Marshalltown, you can see on the website some of the presentations that energized those who attended. [AAUWIA Branch Recognition 2005 - 2006](#) highlights the activities of many of our branches during the last year and would be another source of inspiration to fill in any gaps in programming for 2006-2007.

On our home page, find links to new tools for easier access to the wealth of information that is available on AAUW's website: Twenty-two [Discussion Boards](#), for everything from Adelante books to Campus Connections; a [Planning Tool for International Relations](#) with programs, project ideas, and resources; and BBVX, a new collaborative environment for members to share ideas about using technology.

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Congratulations to the new Council Bluffs branch!

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