



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 members and branch leaders by forwarding it to them, or providing a hard copy.

Maxine Lampe, AAUW IA President 2012-2014

Deadlines! Deadlines! Deadlines! What am I talking about:

March 1 Speech Trek Tapes need to be sent to Renee Jedlicka

March 15 Digital Artwork sent to Janet Heinicke

March 30 REAP Applications sent to Maxine Lampe

April 1 Early Bird State Conference Registration Deadline sent to Hiliary Burns

April 9 Pay Equity Day - More information will come from our Public Policy Co-Directors

David Letterman always does his Top Ten List on the Late Night Show, so I would like to add the **Top Ten Reasons for you to Attend the Annual Spring Conference:**

10. Meet and hear outstanding young students who are the winners of Speech Trek talk about bullying, cyber-bullying and harassment.
9. Great get away for the day or extend your stay - see below. Come with other branch members or bring your spouse *
- 8.. Great Venues - Luther College and Boulders Conference Center are wonderful settings for our meetings.
7. Great Food -In Denison, taste the cuisine of the Lidderdale Country Store. in Decorah taste Norwegian Cookies, local ice cream and other tasty treats.
6. An opportunity to bid on Silent Auction items and raise money for AAUW Funds. This year the directors are requesting "consumable baskets". Read more in the Initiative which should be arriving in your mailbox shortly if not already. Also a chance to purchase an art poster from our branch artists. That information arrived under separate cover.
5. Inspirational Speakers and actors*
4. Autograph Sessions*
3. Network with other branches and women
2. Vote and discuss the Public Policy Priorities. Make your voice heard.

1. Because Equity is Still an Issue for Women in Iowa. Your presence matters and you have “The Power of One”!

- * The idea of a one day conference was to save money for our branch members. However, Norma Coret and the Denison Branch have planned some excellent activities for those of you who want to come the afternoon/night before. There is a tour of the McHenry House , dinner together at Cronks and a presentation at the Donna Reed Theater. She has asked four of the neighboring branches to contribute \$25 to help defray the cost of those activities. The Boulders Conference Center has a great golf course attached for your spouse if he would like to come along.
- * Elizabeth Kaschins and the Decorah Branch will have brochures available for self-guided walking tours of Decorah, the Vesterheim museum and much more. For your spouse there are wonderful trout steams in and around Decorah or spend some time in the Luther library. If you come the night or day before you can join some of the activities of the “Women’s Weekend Out”. Their activities are listed on the website: www.visitdecorah.com.

Both sites sound like so much fun that I can’t imagine why you wouldn’t want to attend. We tried to keep the registration cost low. I recently attended an all day conference which charged \$ 125. So this is a real value deal.

At Denison, Kesho Scott will autograph her book **Tight Spaces** if you bring a copy. Wind Goodfriend and Pamela Lassiter Cathey will have copies of their new book, **Voices of Hope- Breaking the Silence of Relationship Violence** which will soon be released to the public. So you will have an opportunity to purchase one for \$20 if you desire. Amy Blackwell will tell us about the power of one in regard to Immigration.

And what fun it will be to hear Annie Whiteley tell about her work with the women in Tanzania making soap. This has developed into a cottage industry. She is the only Rhodes Scholar recipient from Iowa this year. She is truly a model of how one individual makes a difference. We will hear from Nancy Berry who is a cancer survivor who wrote a play called **Lessons from Cancer College** and Diane Whealey who is one of the co-founders of the nationally known Seed Saver Exchange. She will then lead a tour of the facility for those who are interested. What a great opportunity.

There will be more surprises, so don’t miss out! Make plans now to attend.

And finally, How do you like the new AAUW logo? Let me know your thoughts!

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