



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

Pay Equity Day is April 9. I hope each branch is planning some activity to make their membership and community aware of the significance of that day. AAUW Iowa is handing out Pay Day candy bars and a note to each of our 150 legislators. I know you received many good ideas for your branch from our Public Policy Co-Directors, so please use one of those or an original idea you have and then share with all of us.

Online voting for National AAUW begins on April 15, and ends on June 10. Members may request paper ballots by contacting connect@aauw.org or calling [800.326.2289](tel:800.326.2289) from April 1 - May 2. Deadline for receipt of paper ballots is May 17. In order to vote, members will need their AAUW member number and a special PIN number which will be sent from the national office. This process is described at www.aauw.org, under *One Member One Vote*.

Thanks to the Algona, Ames, Atlantic, Clarion, Webster City and Waverly branches for sharing their fundraising activities. You will see their ideas shared both in our conference packet and at the National Convention.

This brings me to the Silent Auction which is our annual opportunity to help raise money for AAUW funds. According to Bonnie Smith and Nancy Magnall our Funds Co-Directors “This year we are planning to have baskets of “Consumable “ items. Many of us are trying to clean out our homes, recycle, and reuse rather than accumulate more. So, with that in mind and the theme this year being “The Power of One” we would like to suggest that each branch donate recycled baskets that contain foods that can be shared with others; i.e. One basket to share with many.” Ideas were sent to you earlier by the Co-Directors.

Baskets can be delivered to the registration desk at whichever Conference your branch is attending. Each branch can select a fund to support:

The Legal Advocacy Fund, which *protects* the rights of those who face discrimination.

The Educational Opportunities Fund, which *educates* women for a lifetime of success.

The Public Policy Fund, which *advocates* for policies and laws that are fair to women.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, which *researches* issues that are important to women and girls.

The Leadership Programs Fund, which *leads* and teaches others to lead in their schools, workplaces, communities, and country.

Let's make our Silent Auction Fun and Profitable. Remember all donations to AAUW Funds are tax deductible. Last year we raised \$982. Let's see if we can top that this year.

Under the able direction of Janet Heinicke we have put together art work from AAUW Iowa artists and put them on the cover of two different notebooks you may purchase at the conference. Proceeds will go to AAUW Funds.

**Investing in women benefits society at all levels.
See you at the State Conference of your choice!***

***Please note that the Decorah Conference at Luther College will be in
Valders Hall of Science**

(map can be found on the AAUW Iowa website - click on the Power of One
Information and scroll to p. 5)

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