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**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

This month our guest editors are Nancy Magnall from the Waverly Branch and Bonnie Smith from the Cedar Falls Branch. They are AAUW IA Funds Co-Directors:

Greetings to all of our AAUW friends and Happy New Year in 2014!

When we signed up to contribute to the Connector last summer our April 2014 Conference seemed like such a long way off. Now, here we are in a new year looking forward to new goals and a successful and fun conference this spring.

At our summer Board retreat the Program Committee chose the theme for our State Conference, “Blooming for a Century, Thriving in the Future”. In keeping with this idea our AAUW Funds Committee wants to continue the flowers/plants/gardening theme.

This year we would like to have our silent auction baskets to be centered around the idea of “blooming and thriving”. Some suggestions might be:

- live plants or flowers in a decorative pot or basket
- flower arrangements ( live or silk flowers)
- small “fairy gardens”
- gardening supplies or books
- anything to do with gardening or plants

We would like to use some of our baskets for centerpieces for our tables on Friday evening. We would then use all of them on Saturday for the Silent Auction as we have in the past years. Please start thinking of ideas and preparing your live

donations from your branch now. Wouldn't it be great if we could have 100 different arrangements for our 100 years of AAUW's "thriving" here in Iowa!

Also, if you have not contributed directly to AAUW Funds, please consider doing so at this time. Contributions to AAUW Funds are fully tax deductible and can be restricted to any specific fund or program by writing the name or number on your check. You can also contribute online at [www.aauw.org/contribute](http://www.aauw.org/contribute).

The most commonly designated funds and programs are:

- Legal Advocacy Fund #3999
- Educational Opportunities Fund #4336
- Eleanor Roosevelt Fund #9170
- Public Policy Fund #4337
- Leadership Programs Fund #4339

You can find detailed information about each fund on the national website AAUW.org.

And don't forget that a wonderful way to honor the mission of AAUW is by making an annual planned gift to AAUW national or by including it in your estate planning. By making a planned gift to AAUW national you become a member of the AAUW Legacy Circle and affirm your commitment to women and girls now and in the future.