

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 sent to you as the identified branch leader who will receive, on the branch's behalf, current news and/or important updates. 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

High Priority- IRS Reporting Requirements for branches before November 15, 2008:

Beginning with FY 08, each AAUW branch with annual gross receipts of less than \$25,000, are required to start filing electronic notices, Form 990-N, also known as an e-Postcard. The IRS website address for the form is <http://epostcard.form990.org>. This form must be filed electronically; there is no paper form and no other notice from the IRS. The fiscal year filing is based on the Association '08 fiscal year, July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008.

To assist branches who are now required to file, Linda Bors, Association Finance Vice President, sent a memo to branch finance officers noting the importance of this requirement and detailing the basic information needed. When you've successfully completed the filing, keep a copy of your email receipt from the IRS in your files. If you have questions or comments, please send them to allfinance@aauw.org, which is staff support. I've heard from one branch that it takes a little bit of time, but with Linda Bors' suggestions and IRS instructions, it was easy to complete.

Iowa Women and Money Conference, October 18:

This conference is designed to address the unique financial issues women face in their work and personal lives. The state treasurer's office, in coordination with the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women, is offering this event to provide reliable information that will help the women of Iowa to achieve financial success and security.

This is a **free** event being held at the Iowa Events Center, Hy-Vee Hall in downtown Des Moines! For more information and to register, go to <http://iowawomenandmoney.com/>

End of Year EF Donation Information:

Colleen Jolly, Educational Foundation Director, announced that information for end-of-year donations to EF will be sent to the branches in October.

Voter Turnout Effort - It's not too late!

Program in a Box (PIAB) is available at aauw.org website.

Congressional Voting Record on AAUW website:

http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/votingrecord.cfm

This site informs AAUW members of positions taken by their senators and representatives on the Association's federal legislative priorities. The specific legislation included in this voting record for the 110th Congress was selected on the basis of AAUW's public policy priorities and principles as adopted by AAUW convention delegates in 2007.

Way-Up Conference Nov 6-7:

AAUW IA will have a display table at the Way-Up Conference in Coralville. The conference audience is women in higher education administration from all over the state of Iowa. AAUW Iowa will be able to share resources, showcase programming, recruit members, and network with those in higher education. Learn more at www.uni.edu/ietti/wayup

Member-Get-A-Member Campaign:

While you are recruiting new members for your branch, keep in mind the Member-Get-A-Member campaign for tips on recruiting and incentives (including gift certificates from Amazon.com) for individuals and branches. Find more information at http://www.aauw.org/member_center/membership_growth/MGM_Campaign.cfm

Ideas to Borrow: Contact their branch presidents to learn more

Oskaloosa: *Women in Local Government.* A panel of city council women speak about their personal experiences in the political arena, relay reasons they became active, and give members ideas of how to encourage women to get involved.

Oskaloosa: Members volunteer to serve as e-mentors for technology students. This consists of e-mailing back and forth during the year and meeting face-to-face three times during the year.

Cedar Falls: An EF-LAF silent auction will be held on their website, Oct 30-Nov 14. Check it out at www.uni.edu/aauw

Davenport-Bettendorf: An all-day antiques trip is a fundraiser for their Charitable Trust Scholarship. The cost is \$65 per person and \$40 of that fee goes to the fund.

Celebrate Suffrage in Iowa!

Grab your hat and help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the only Women's Suffrage Parade held in Iowa. AAUW IA will have a display and members will be among those participating in a reenactment of the 1908 Boone, Iowa, Suffrage Parade on **Saturday, October 25, 2008**. If you participate, look for the AAUW banner. For more information, call 515-432-1907 or go to www.celebratesuffrage2008.org

AAUW Art Contest:

AAUW has a new art contest for note cards that are mailed in the spring. Designs must be submitted through the website by November 3. Designs will be selected by AAUW member vote November 10-December 12. Please take a look at www.aauw.org/contests and encourage AAUW member artists to enter.

Women Graduates-USA:

The mission of Women Graduates-USA is to empower women globally through education, friendship and mutual support to secure a better world. AAUW was one of the founders of the International Federation of University Women. Although that affiliation no longer exists, many AAUW members who care about international relations will find this new organization continues that focus. Florine Swanson of Galt, IA, a past AAUW Iowa president, is the current WG-USA president. Kathleen Lauria and Janet Heinicke, also past AAUW Iowa presidents, serve on the national board. To learn more, go to www.wg-use.org.