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ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, PHILANTHROPY, AND RESEARCH.



Ann Gale, Iowa 2016-18 Iowa President

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Spring Conference April 20-21 at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge

The spring conference for this spring promises to be an interesting one, so I hope that you will plan on coming to join us in Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge April 20-21. Feel free to join the AAUW Iowa board for dinner at the Triton Café (see the ICCC map) between 5:00 and 6:30 Friday evening. Then we will have an opportunity to participate in “Wonder Women.” We will be sharing poetry, music, and stories about inspiring women, so we want to have you there! We want to thank members of the Keokuk branch for inspiring us to do this event. Then on Saturday morning, we will have 2 Legal Advocacy Fund speakers who have been involved in a Title IX case in Minnesota, a speaker from AAUW at the national level, a panel about AAUW branch activities in STEM all over Iowa. In the afternoon, Deborah Thompson will talk about how Iowans are affected by opioid addiction. At the branches brag-bazaar, branches will showcase what your members are doing that makes your branch special. Feel free to bring table displays, photos, videos, posters, and treats from your branch. We will end the day with an informative session about the consequences of privatization of public services. You will also have an opportunity to bid on auction items throughout the day. Make plans to attend now.

Advocacy in the Statehouse

On February 13, I represented AAUW at a House Education Subcommittee hearing on HSB 651. That bill would have diverted funds from public education to educational savings accounts. Essentially, it would create two different educational systems in Iowa, with two different sets of rules. I was one of about 10 people who spoke in opposition to that bill. Thanks go to everyone who contacted your representatives and opposed this bill.

Future of AAUW

In November new AAUW CEO Kim Churches had an online conference call with state presidents about the future of our organization, stressing that we need to be more focused with our efforts. We followed up with a zoom conference call in Iowa. Watch for future changes at the national level about who we are as an organization.

Lobby Day

Thanks go to members who came to visit with your representatives about issues that we care about. When we show up in numbers, our legislators pay attention.

Truth and Consequences

AAUW Iowa
2018 State Conference
April 20 and 21, 2018
Iowa Central Community College
Biosciences and Health Science Auditorium
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Friday, April 20

5 – 6:30 pm – Join us at the Triton Café on the ICCC campus for dinner.
7:30 – 9 pm -- **“Wonder Women”**: A selection of songs and readings celebrating women, performed by members of our local Iowa AAUW branches. This is a free presentation, so please bring a guest!!!



Saturday, April 21

8:30 am – Registration and coffee, juice, and pastries
8:45 am – Welcome by Ann Gale
9 – 10 am – **LAF speakers**: Donald Mark and Sharon Vandyck, attorneys representing plaintiffs in Portz v. St. Cloud State University
10 am –Break with coffee/juice, begin bidding on Let’s Go Pink! Silent Auction
10:20 am –**National AAUW speaker**
11:20 am – **Iowa’s STEM Initiatives**: Indianola, Storm Lake, Cedar Rapids, and Cedar Falls
12:10 pm – Salad Buffet and Awards
1:00 pm – Annual meeting
1:30 pm – **Opioid Addiction in Iowa**: Deborah Thompson, Iowa Department of Public Health
2:30 pm – **Iowa Branches Brag-Bazaar**. Iowa AAUW branches showcase their activities, provide small snacks, and/or sell items to support their groups
2:45 pm – End Silent Auction
3:00 pm –**Consequences of Privatization of Public Services Panel**: Education, Mental Health Care, and Medicaid
4 pm –Closing ceremonies

Showcase your branch at the Iowa Branches Brag-Bazaar! Attract people to your table with small goodies, and then share your best events/activities.

AAUW Iowa mourns the loss of 3 of its past presidents in recent months:

Mary Elizabeth Sievert, 12/28/2016
Betty Durden, 2/20/2017
Alice McKee, 2/14/2018

Wanted: Ideas for celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

This is a time to celebrate women’s suffrage. Do you have an idea to share with other branches? Share it in a suggestion box at the branch bazaar.

Speakers

Donald Mark and Sharon Vandyck, attorneys representing plaintiffs in Portz v. St. Cloud State University, will be our LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) Speakers.

Deborah H. Thompson is the Policy Advisor and Legislative Liaison at the Iowa Department of Public Health. She provides legislative, public policy, and policy development direction and coordinates legislative impact information across the department to successfully inform and serve as the liaison between the department and legislators, both state and federal; and coordinated the Healthiest State Initiative from 2011 to 2014. She will inform us about opioid addiction in Iowa.

Iowa State Senator Liz Mathis will join us digitally with a pre-recorded video about the consequences of privatization of Medicaid in Iowa.

Kim Jensen and/or **Jen Alexander**, members of the group Trauma Mamas will discuss the problems they have had finding mental health service for their children.

Laura Segal is Senior Vice President of Communications and External Relations at AAUW. She brings more than 25 years of strategic communications experience to the role. She graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with distinction from the University of Pennsylvania, and holds an M.A. from the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania.



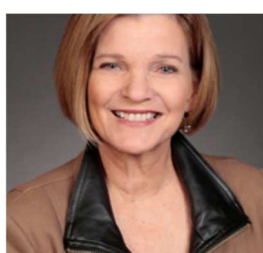
Donald Mark



Sharon Vandyck



Deborah H. Thompson



Liz Mathis



Laura Segal

Candidates for AAUW Iowa Officers

The Nominations Committee has made a diligent search for the AAUW Iowa State Board for 2018-2020 term. The nominations committee of Karen DeVore, Mary Koenig, Sharon Vana, Maureen White and Irene Dodder is pleased to present this slate of candidates for your vote at the 2018 AAUW Iowa Conference. We believe that the tradition of outstanding state leadership is exemplified in this slate.

Anne Johnson, President. Anne's Master's Degree in Public Administration and doctoral study toward Community College Leadership equipped her to serve as Director of Admission for Iowa Lakes Community College. She retired from that position in 2015. She served on the AAUW Iowa Board as Public Policy Co-Chair and president of the Palo Alto Branch. Anne has served as President Elect on the current Iowa board.

Elaine Kresse, Membership Vice President. After implementing new projects for recruitment in the past term, we are pleased that she will carry on. Elaine earned an MA from the University of Iowa. As a life member, she has held most of the local offices and has served on the AAUW Iowa state board as Public Policy Chair and Membership Vice President.

Pat Higby, Program Co Vice-President. Pat has master's degrees in both general science and home economics. She has taught high school classes, served as education director of UNI Museums and retired from the position of Energy Educator at UNI Center for Energy and Environmental Education.

Ann Henninger-Trax Program Co-Vice President. Ann has a Ph.D in physiology, and was a professor of biology and the chair of the Biology Department for many years, retiring as Professor Emerita of Biology from Wartburg College in 2016. Ann held many offices in the Waverly AAUW Branch and served as AAUW Iowa Legal Advocacy Fund Coordinator, producing a video on the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

Angela Fay, Secretary. Angela has an Ed.D degree and has taken the position at Clark University as assistant professor of education after serving in public schools teaching and working for Green Valley AEA. Angela has found time to be active in the Palo Alto Branch and serve one term as AAUW Iowa secretary.

Penny Foy, Treasurer. Penny is the business manager for Townsquare Media. As an active AAUW member, she has served as secretary, treasurer and webmaster in her local branches as well as Web Manager and Web Technician for AAUW Iowa. Her community involvement includes the Vita income tax program, Day Break Rotary, book clubs, Faith Formation committee chair and catechism teacher.

Katherine Farris, Nominations Director. Kathie has a master's degree in special education, and retired from a career in teaching. She has been active in AAUW and has held many local offices and AAUW Iowa two terms on funds, and one term as treasurer.

Jane Goldsmith, Nominations Committee, SW District. Jane is a retired teacher, and has a Master's Degree in Reading. In addition to classroom teaching, she has served as lead Chapter 1 reading teacher, Southwest Reading Council president, and president of the Council Bluffs Education Association.

Jo Richey, Nominations Committee, SE District. Jo taught in the Des Moines public schools, serving on many committees and providing leadership in education. She is currently retired, and is the president of the Indianola Branch of AAUW.

Candidates are still needed for the northeast and northwest districts.

The AAUW Iowa Public Policy Program is revised every two years. Members had the opportunity in the fall of 2017 to recommend revisions which were considered in writing the 2018-20 version. The Board of Directors submits the following AAUW Iowa Public Policy Program 2018-20 for consideration of our members at the 2018 annual meeting on April 21.

The Mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

AAUW Iowa endorses the AAUW Public Policy Program, Principles for Action and Biennial Action Priorities, which can be found on-line at www.aauw.org.

Iowa's Public Policy Program is intended to **complement** that of AAUW and be a focus of active educational and advocacy efforts for our members. The program can be found on-line at <http://aauw-ia.aauw.net/publicpolicy/public-policy-program>

To promote a strong system of public education and lifelong learning that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW of Iowa advocates:

1. Adequate and equitable funding of public education, preschool through post secondary; including full funding of mandated programs, as well as programs such as counseling and the visual and performing arts.
2. Affordable public community college, college and university tuition and provision of programs that help women or disadvantaged students access higher education.
3. Opposition to use of public funding for non-public, charter, or home schools that do not meet the civil rights and accountability standards required of public schools and educators.
4. Availability and adequate funding for sexual health education and programs that expand opportunity for girls, including science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.
5. Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and other civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination or harassment at all levels of education; making schools safe for all students, regardless of gender, race, religious affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression.

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW of Iowa advocates:

1. Pay equity and fairness in public and private employment compensation and benefits.
2. Equitable opportunities for workplace advancement, including training opportunities, and enforcement of sex/gender bias and anti-discrimination statutes.
3. Workplace policies that promote work-life balance, including quality affordable dependent care, adequate family and medical leave, flexible hours, and provisions for pregnant workers or new mothers.
4. Collective bargaining rights for public or private sector employees and the right of workers to unionize without employer intimidation or reprisal.
5. Funding for facilities and programs designed to transition women from the criminal justice system back to their communities, including employment training and education.
6. Protecting and strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including state run retirement programs.

To guarantee gender equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW of Iowa advocates:

1. Measures that protect, facilitate, and expand the right of all citizens to vote.
2. Equitable representation of women and minorities in elected, appointed, policy making, and judicial positions.
3. Support and funding for programs to prevent hate crimes and violence against women and children in homes, schools, the workplace, and communities, including gun violence, and to address the needs of victims of violence.
4. Rigorous enforcement of laws against human trafficking and support for programs to aid trafficking victims.
5. Access to public education and basic health and safety programs, without unreasonable requirements for proof of citizenship or other provisions beyond those included in Federal law.
6. Increased access to quality, affordable family planning services and physical and mental health care within a reasonable distance; including prescription medication coverage, and addictive substance education, prevention and treatment programs.
7. The right of a woman to make decisions regarding her reproductive life without intrusive or restrictive government regulations, including the targeted regulation of abortion providers.
8. Protection of the elderly through strict enforcement of nursing home regulations and stiff fines for violators.

BRANCH NEWS

The Cedar Falls branch has a new name. It is now AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo.

NOMINATE A FACULTY MEMBER

FOR RECOGNITION AS A DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR

All college/university partner schools will be notified by **February 15** of the opportunity to nominate a faculty member deserving recognition as a distinguished educator. The selection committee will review the applications. Specific qualities will be evaluated. These areas are:

exemplary contributions toward creating a climate of gender equality in education through excellence in teaching, continual efforts to develop new understandings and competencies in a discipline, and outstanding leadership

AAUW members throughout the state of Iowa are encouraged to submit applications to recognize educators who are deserving of the distinguished faculty award.

Please read over the information and submit your applications:

AAUW-Iowa shall recognize distinguished faculty members each year by awarding one or more Distinguished Faculty Awards at the annual state convention.

The following guidelines will direct the process of creating and operating the committee that oversees accepting nominations for and selecting the recipient(s) of the Distinguished Faculty Award each year:

1. The Distinguished Faculty Award will consist of a certificate with an appropriate inscription that will be presented to the recipient(s) each year at the annual conference.
2. Each year, the state College and University Partner State Committee member will seek and accept nominations for the Distinguished Faculty Award.
3. The Distinguished Faculty Awards Selection Committee will consist of three appointed members who have no affiliation with any of the nominees. The state College and University Partner State Chair will select the committee to review the applications.
4. The recipient(s) of the award should be selected by the committee at least three weeks prior to the state conference. The dates of the conference for 2018 are April 20 and 21 in Ft. Dodge.
5. The recipient(s) of the award should be formally notified of their selection by letter by the College and University Partner State Chair and their attendance at the annual conference will be sought for receipt of the award at the conference. The nominee(s) of the recipient(s) are also to be invited to the state conference.
6. The College and University Partner State Chair should also notify the state AAUW president of the award recipient(s). The C/U Chair, or her or his designee, shall be responsible each year for obtaining the certificate.

The following guidelines will direct the procedures for nominating individuals for the Distinguished Faculty Award each year:

1. Nominees may be involved in higher education teaching at any level: community college, private or regents institution.
3. Nominees must teach in the state of Iowa.
4. Nominees need not be members of AAUW although preference may be given to nominees who are.
5. Nominees will be encouraged to attend the state AAUW conference to accept the award if selected.



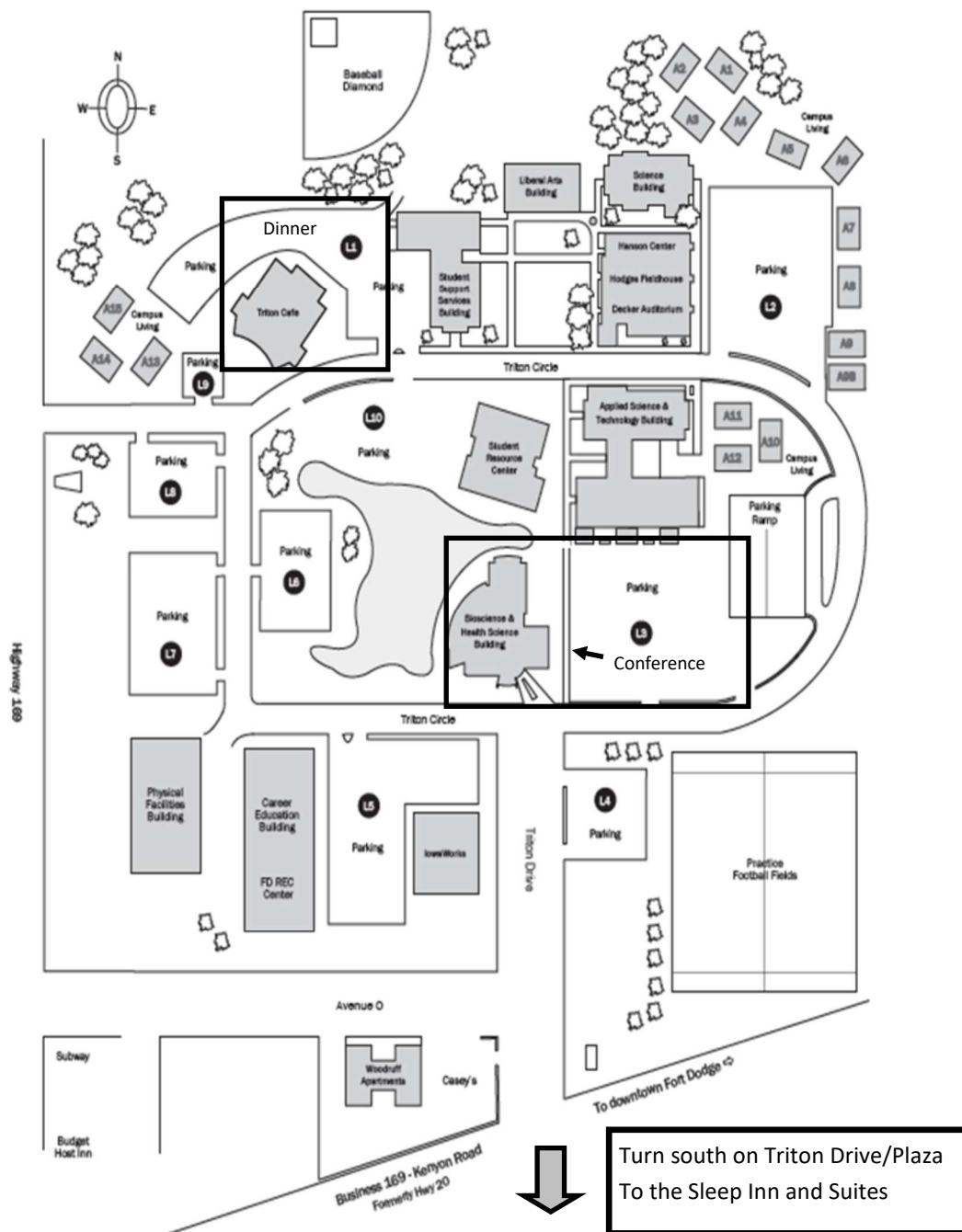
Thank you for your assistance in selecting the distinguished faculty member(s) for 2018!

Driving Directions and Parking

Iowa Central Community College is located off Business 169 – Kenyon Road (formerly Hwy 20). Turn north on Triton Drive/Plaza. The Biosciences and Health Science Building is directly in front of you at the T intersection. Turn right on Triton Circle, and then left into the parking lot (L3 on the map). Parking is free.

Hotel Information

There are many lovely hotels in Fort Dodge. The Sleep Inn and Suites has reserved a block of rooms with two queen beds for \$95.99 per night. It has a hot breakfast, pool and spa. Please act quickly! They will hold the rooms for us until March 20, then release them to the public. They are at 110 Leah Lane in Fort Dodge. The entrance is directly south of ICCC. Just turn south from Bus. 169 on to Triton Drive/Plaza. Call 515-302-8508 X2 or go to <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/ST5ZD2> to make a reservation.



AAUW Iowa State Conference Registration: Truth and Consequences

April 20 and 21, 2018 at Fort Dodge, Iowa
Iowa Central Community College, Biosciences and Health Science Auditorium

Conference registration fees cover the cost of a light breakfast, beverages, and lunch on Saturday. The “Wonder Women” presentation on Friday night is free and open to the public. All registrations must be post-marked on or before **April 7, 2018** to avoid paying the \$10 late registration fee.

I will attend the “Wonder Women” presentation on Friday.

___ Total number attending

I will attend the Saturday conference. I have enclosed payment for:

___ \$75 Member Rate (Please add \$10 if postmarked after April 7, 2018)

___ \$80 Non-member Rate (Please add \$10 if postmarked after April 7, 2018)

___ \$25 Student Rate (Please add \$10 if postmarked after April 7, 2018)



Personal Information (Please complete for each registrant)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

AAUW Member ___ Student ___ Non-member ___ (please check one)

If a member, AAUW Branch: _____

If a member, AAUW office held: _____

Are you bringing a display for the Branch’s Bragging Bazaar? ___ yes ___ no

If not a member, other organization you represent: _____

Any special needs, including dietary (please list): _____

Any questions, call Pat at 319-266-4934. Please mail this form with your **check payable to AAUW Iowa** to:

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Cedar Falls, IA 50613

While You Are in Fort Dodge...

Studio Fusion—Do it yourself art creations in glass, pottery, ceramics, and canvas. W-F 10-5, Sat. 10-4. 21 S 12th St.
Blanden Memorial Art Museum. 11-5. 920 3rd Ave S, Fort Dodge
Fort Museum and Frontier Village, 9-5. 1 Museum Rd, Fort Dodge
Veterans Memorial Park, 1421 National Avenue, Fort Dodge



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Silent Auction – In honor of an amazing year of women, the theme for the silent auction is Let's Go Pink! From the Women's March to the 100th anniversary of the suffragette movement to the focus on ending sexual harassment and assault, women's issues and voices have been in the news.

As you make your conference plans, please consider bringing one or more items to the Silent Auction to celebrate such an extraordinary time. The women of Iowa are a creative group so put those thinking caps on and let's celebrate!

The Silent Auction monies will be donated to the AAUW-Legal Advocacy Fund. You can drop off items at the beginning of the conference on Saturday morning. Bidding will be throughout the day and will end later in the afternoon on Saturday. If you have any questions, please email me at nancy.henderson@hawkeyecollege.edu

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