

American Association of University Women



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October 2018

“Women in Politics: Why More is Better”

Co-Sponsored by AAUW & LWV

10:00 on Saturday, October 13

***Human Services Building, 317 7th Ave SE, 2nd floor conference room,
ample parking under the building is free***

RSVP to Sue Jorgensen ejorg04@gmail.com or 360-8757

***A panel of female politicians/candidates will discuss what women bring to
the political process and why their contribution is valuable***

Moderator: Jean Lloyd Jones, former State Senator

Panelists:

Kirsten Running Marquardt, Iowa House Representative

Teresa Daubitz, first time candidate for Iowa House

Monica Vernon, former CR City Council Member and

candidate for multiple political offices

“Open Minds, Open Doors”

Annual STEM conference for middle school girls

Thursday, October 11

8:30-2:30

All AAUW Members are Guests for the Luncheon

On Oct 11 at 12:00 (location TBA)

Reservations needed by October 9th

To Volunteer and/or to attend luncheon

Email Sue Jorgensen: esjorg04@gmail.com or Call: (319) 360-8757

***** See Carletta’s President Greeting on Page 3***

Condolences to Carletta Knox Seymour her mother and the family for the loss of Carletta's younger brother, Jake. He had a stroke last week with no hope for recovery. Carletta and her sister, Rhonda, drove to Minneapolis to be at his bedside until his passing. We all extend our sympathy and love at this sad time. Their address is: 1902 J St SW, CR, IA 52404

Report from Membership Director, Linda Armitage (319 393-0675)

We Welcome 8 New Members of the Cedar Rapids AAUW Branch!

Jennifer McNabb, Brenda Steinke, Tiffany Flowers, Renee Penalver, Gisela Steffe, Gwen Randall, Della Howard, and Betty Johnson. We are so pleased for the talents and gifts you bring to our branch and hope you find it gratifying as well.

Announcements:

Linda Armitage and Lillie Moore hosted an orientation for new members at Vito's on 42nd Street on September 6th. The next "Meet and Greet" for prospective members will occur in November.

Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m. Saturday: There will be a get-acquainted time at Scott's family restaurant on Blairs Ferry Rd. NE. There will be a brief greeting, then time for making friendships.

October 25, 5:15 p.m. Thursday: Join us for a "Dinner Night Out" for all members and friends at Fong's Pizza in New Bo.

Book Group will not have a meeting in October.

The Directories will be handed out at meetings or mailed. It was a group effort this year. As you can tell, we need a proof reader! There are several corrections as follows:

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Carol Berg email: carol.v.berg@gmail.com, Connie Erickson phone: 319-362-6160,
Junko Fujimori (name misspelled) phone in U.S.A.: 319-895-8383,
Jennifer McNabb email: Jennifer.m.mcnabb@gmail.com,
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Erlene Spicer has been "our secretary" since 1997!! She is retiring this year, so we will be presenting her with a gift and a card on October 5th when the crew is putting packets together for the Open Minds, Open Doors Conference. Initially she did all of the work designing programs etc. When Susie Green became the director for OMOD, her secretary took over those responsibilities. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ERLENE FOR HER LOYALTY AND SERVICES 21 years!

The Program on September 5th was attended by 22 people which included members of LWV, Amnesty International and NOW. When Ruth Bader Ginsberg was appointed she was the only woman on the U.S. Supreme Court. She has authored 2 books: "My Own Words" and "Sisters in Law". Our challenge is to get everyone out to VOTE! This is no time for complacency!

GREETINGS from President Carletta

What a gorgeous time of year this is! Not long from now we will begin to see the leaves changing into their beautiful array of colors. Every season has its own beauty and well as the drudgery that comes with it. We take the good with the bad, and make as much lemonade out of lemons as we can. That's called life. But every day we have an opportunity to experience the most out of our lives, and bless others at the same time.

I have an idea for a fundraiser next spring that would assist in our efforts toward advocating equity for women and girls. I need every member to give me feedback for such an event. Let me give you some background. Earlier this year when we celebrated our 90th year as a branch, we also gave \$100 to a very deserving 8th grader from Wilson Middle School. Not only had she attended Open Minds, Open Doors previously, she also had impressive awards for scholastic achievements in many areas. Because of that, I believed she was one of those deserving students that could use a financial helping hand. And we, as a branch, did that for her. I was very proud of our membership for doing that because I truly believe that is what we should be doing. Giving financial assistance to a deserving student set the framework for me. I believe it is our time to stretch ourselves and go higher in what we can do for women and girls.

Here is what I am proposing. I would like our branch to seriously consider hosting a fundraiser for the sole benefit of raising monies for deserving women and girls by which we will be helping them advance their educational goals. This is what AAUW is all about. Though this organization has been a pioneer for several generations throughout the country and world, we still have many fights to win. We still have many stones to turn over. We still have women and girls who need our help. If the general membership has a collective by-in for this fundraiser, we will move forward. My idea is to host a costume event. It will be one of historical nature. People could come dressed as their favorite historical figure.

I have been in communication with a sponsor, and this is what I can share with you at this time.

- The sponsor is Coe College
- They are committed to donating their space to this event
- They are committed to donating their media team for this event
- They are committed to using their name in association with this fundraiser effort
- The date that is available is Saturday, April 20th, 2019

This project can only go forward with our members agreeing to do it. I am open to all questions, ideas and comments, so please contact me and give me feedback. My phone number is (319) 929-5365, My email is: carlettav@gmail.com. I am eager to hear from each of you!

Another project that is already in progress is seven branch members who are volunteering for the Jane Boyd Academic Achievement after school program. They are mentoring and tutoring female students. This is consistent with our mission. Those members are: Linda Topinka, Gisela Steffe, Carole Bernard, Lillie Moore, Renee Penalver, Tiffany Flowers, and me. Barb Goings has been volunteering for some time at the Catherine McAuley Center. I applaud all members who are stretching themselves to share their time to mentor and tutor those in need.