

American Association of University Women



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January-February 2019

“Open House...Open Hearts”

Saturday, February 9, 2019 10:30 a.m.

***Carole Bernard opens her home to AAUW members.
Invitation to open your heart and engage in stimulating
conversation and enjoy a sampling of yummy food.***

3909 Oakridge Dr SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

RSVP by February 2nd to Carole Bernard elorgiejb@yahoo.com or 319 364-7038

New Member Orientation: Thursday Feb 7th at Vito's Restaurant on 42nd St NE.
from 5pm -6pm. Everyone is welcome!

Meet and greet: Feb 21st from 5-6:15 Napoli's Italian Restaurant, 500 Marion Blvd (a continuation of 1st Ave NE (near Collins Road). This is an invitation to socialize and get acquainted over appetizers. Invite guests who might be prospective members.

Lobby Day: AAUW members from across Iowa will gather in Des Moines on February 13th to speak with legislators. The main topic will be Equal Pay. If you are able to go contact Carletta Knox-Seymour to request carpooling.

Need Muffins or Coffee Cake! AAUW is co-sponsor of the Legislative Forum on March 16th and we will be providing the pasteries. Beverages will be catered. Please contact Linda Armitage to volunteer to bake or make a monetary contribution.

Good News: Newmembers: Jennifer McNabb has been appointed website manager and Renee Penalver is marketing/fundraising chair.

Report from Membership Director, Linda Armitage (319 393-0675)
Linda announced that in the last 3 years our branch has added 19 new members.

Book Group: Monday, January 28, 7:00. The Invention of Nature by Alexander Von Humbolt, Meet at Barnes and Noble, Collins Rd.

February 25. Spring Chicken Stay Young Forever or Die Trying by Bill Gifford, 5:30 at Barnes and Noble

New Directories: available Sue Jorgensen email: ejorg04@gmail.com or call 319-360-8757

Legislative Forums are scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. Feb 16 it will be at Mercy Medical Cntr. March 16 it will be at the KCC Regional Center at 1770 Boyson Rd.

Report on Donations, from Carol Hills, AAUW Funds Chair: On December 20th Carol sent in \$1,205 which would be matched dollar for dollar for a total of \$2,410! Congratulations and thanks for your generous contributions which carry on the important work of AAUW. We are one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women providing \$3.9 million in funding for fellowships and grants to 250 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2018-19 academic year. Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. The awards also include research publications, grants in engineering, medicine, and science along with international fellowships and international project grants.

Holiday Brunch at Clark Alumni House: December 8, 2018



More Pictures from 2018



Dorothy Johnson and Betty Debban

Minnie, Carletta, Rhonda Knox



Maria Dean and Coe Students



Lorraine Bomkamp



Norbe Boettcher Linda Armitage



Joan Jacobs and Jinny Adams
Omitogun



Barb Goings, Sharon Vana and Sophia



Trudy Sundermann, "JD" and Mary Lou Selzer



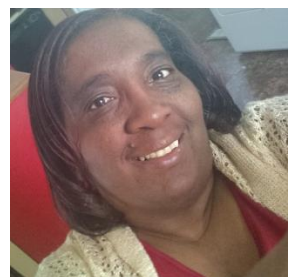
Cheri Dickey, Carole Swanson, Millie Peshek



Renee Penalver



Marilyn Bowman



Sarah Swayze



Lillie Moore, Sue Pearson, Carole Bernard



Sundee Raudabaugh, Maria Dean

TITLE IX Under Attack Report by Linda Topinka, Public Policy Chair

Remember the days when the culture dismissed harassment as “just the way it is”? Title IX has made it possible for girls and women to expect equal treatment in educational settings prohibiting harassment, assault and discrimination. Approximately 50 handwritten postcards were sent to Secretary Betsy DeVos. Linda Topinka, Bev Philpott and Sue Jorgensen organized the campaign to protest the proposed changes.

What you can do about Title IX: Speak Up! Send your objections (write or call) about the Notice of the Proposed Rule Changes to Title IX before January 28th to: Brittany Bull, US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave SW, Room 6E310, Washington DC 20202
Phone US Senators: Joni Ernst 202-224-3254, Charles Grassley 202-224-3744
US Representatives: Dave Loebsack 202-225-6576, Abby Finkenauer, DM office: 515-281-3221 or go to the AAUW website and become a Two Minute Activist!!

The battle for equality was a hard fight and one pioneer, Bernice Sandler, took on sex discrimination. Bernice Sandler died this week at 90 years old. Thank you, Dr. Sandler, for leading the way for the first federal investigation of sex discrimination on campuses.

AAUW’s Board Meeting Minutes: January 7, 2019 Attended by: Carletta Knox-Seymour, Sarah Swayze, Linda Topinka, Sue Jorgenson, Jennifer McNabb, Renee Penalur and Sue Pearson

Call to Order

Reading of minutes: Secretary-Sarah Swayze

President’s Report: Carletta Knox-Seymour

Carletta introduced Sue Pearson the director of Charitable Funds. Sue helped us understand more about the Charitable fund and the usage of the monies in the fund. She recommends that the board discuss if the charitable fund is necessary for us to support our primary mission or project? How will monies be raised? What projects are we going to get behind? Do we want to continue with the Charitable Funds

beyond 2019? Does the branch want to continue with our connections to Open Minds, Open Doors? Sue P does not recommend establishing another 501C3.

The remaining balance of \$1218.73 left in the Charitable Funds as of 12/8/2018 after the payment of the 2018 Open Minds, Open Doors invoices that totaled \$1154.00. Following the conference in 2019 the remainder in the funds will be about \$50.

Renee Penalver accepted the role of director of marketing and fund raising. She also agreed to investigate some grant writing for young girls.

Jennifer McNabb accepted the role of website Director/Manager

Public Policy: Linda Topinka reported on the pay gap between men and women. Go on AAUW national site to sign up for 2 minutes Activist. Once this is done, you may cast your support for or against Iowa Fetus Heartbeat Law. During the midterm election over 100 women were sworn into offices.

Treasurer's Report: Emailed by Mary Lawrence Checkbook balance: \$4546.26

Newsletter Editor Report, Sue Jorgenson: AAUW will be co-sponsors with the League of Women Voters for the Legislative Forum in March. We will provide refreshments.