

AAUW Iowa member Jean Gannon Celebrates her 100th Birthday



You can never be too old to be an AAUW member. Jean Gannon, a member of AAUW Calhoun County, Iowa Branch will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 12, 2009. She joined AAUW in 2001, when she was 92, after she moved to Rockwell City, Iowa to live near her younger sister, Mary Morton, who is now 98.

Mary was thrilled to join AAUW in 1985 after completing a bachelor's degree which she pursued following her retirement. Mary overcame discrimination due to a polio disability and being a woman to successfully manage the Calhoun County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service office during her career. She joined AAUW because of its mission of equity.

Jean is a retired special education teacher who taught in Cedar Rapids and Knoxville. During World War II, she served as a time study engineer for a defense contractor in Detroit, MI. According to her sister, Mary, Jean was a "very efficient person." After she married, Jean served as a 4-H club leader where parents reported she taught their children more than they could.

Even though Jean's health has declined and both she and Mary live in a care center, they continue their memberships because they support AAUW's mission.

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