

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. You are invited to share this information with the new branch president, other branch leaders and members by forwarding it to them, or providing a hard copy. – Diane Patton, AAUW IA President

Branch Officers Roster due June 30

It's time to share information about your branch leadership. Continuing or outgoing branch presidents (or your designated branch contact person) are responsible for reporting all branch leadership contact information to the Association and the Iowa President. It is critical to have this information submitted so our communication with your branch is not interrupted and it flows to the right persons. Please submit at the association website, print a copy for yourself and send a copy to me (dpatton@iowatelecom.net). I really appreciate having the email addresses of your branch leaders and sending it electronically reduces the chance of error in transcription.

Member Dues by June 30, please

Iowa Treasurer Louise Conklin, 147 Barrington Dr, Waterloo IA 50701, is awaiting your members' Iowa dues (\$10). The Association dues are (\$49). Please confer with your branch treasurer to ensure all members' dues are accounted for. Branches and members may opt in for the Membership Pilot Program – please refer to the May Branch Connector Issue or the Association website for MPP information. [With passage of a new AAUW structure at the Association Convention, a portion of the Association dues will become tax deductible. More information will become available this summer.]

Mary Ann Ahrens-Iowa Giving Circle to be recognized at Association Convention

Watch for an announcement about Iowa's work to raise funds for the Mary Ann Ahrens-Iowa Giving Circle. This effort is resulting in exciting action projects on college campuses across the country. (Check out the LTI campus action projects <http://www.aauw.org/education/cap/>.)

Iowa is committed to raise a total of \$25,000 and we reached \$10,748 by Dec 31, 2009. Since then additional funds were raised at the Iowa Conference. Let's work together to complete our financial commitment as well as work with colleges near our branches to encourage submission of a campus action grant application.

EF, LAF, LTI Fundraising at Iowa Conference Exceeds 2008 by \$694.50

EF Director Colleen Jolly reports the total contributions from the Silent Auction and Honor a Woman in Your Life were \$1411. This exceeds last year's Silent Auction total by \$694.50. Silent Auction proceeds were divided equally between LAF, EF and LTI. This was an outstanding effort by branches to bring appealing "Go Green" auction items and the attendees to bid boldly, keeping in mind their bid was to support AAUW philanthropies.

AAUW Iowa present for Governor's bill signing

Membership Committee Member Mary Ann Ahrens and I were present May 26, 2009 for Governor Chet Culver's signing of [HF243](#), legislation for gender balance on appointed subdivisions of state government

Branch Program Planning for 2009-10

Mission-based programming (equity, action, education, research) is a great membership recruitment tool. With the passage of the gender balance bill for local subdivisions of Iowa government (city and county appointed boards and commissions), you may wish to consider learning more about appointive boards and commissions and the process for appointment. AAUW IA is working with the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women to create recruitment guides.

You might also consider two new Association "Programs in a Box" scheduled for release fall 2009:

- **Sexual Assault on Campus Project:** LAF is crafting a manual and a Program in a Box focused on campus sexual assault policies in collaboration with the AAUW Research Department, Harvard University Law Professor and Title IX expert Diane Rosenfeld, her students, and Students Active for Ending Rape.

- ***Title IX in High School Athletics Project:*** In collaboration with the AAUW Research Department and the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco, LAF plans to release a new tool kit and Program in a Box on Title IX enforcement in high school athletics. These materials will focus on the rights of girl athletes and how schools can and should be approached to ensure title IX implementation and enforcement.

AAUW Members Can Receive Funding for Campus Programming!

Through the LAF Campus Outreach Program, AAUW branches and MALs can **receive funding** (up to \$750) and LAF staff support to implement a gender equity-focused program or event at their local college or university.

Topics for campus outreach may include: sexual harassment on campus, sexual assault on campus, equal pay and preparing for the workplace, Title IX in the context of athletics or women in nontraditional fields, and tenure issues for faculty. This is a great way to partner with local community colleges, colleges or universities in your area. Check it out at <http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/campusOutreach.cfm>.

AAUW IA Member Celebrates 100th Birthday

You can never be too old to be an AAUW member. Jean Gannon, a member of AAUW Calhoun County, Iowa Branch celebrated 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.

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 and was great mentor.

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.

Information Provided to the Iowa Division of Latino Affairs, by Melissa Esquivel

Upcoming events, courses, internships, grants, jobs and scholarships can be found by visiting: <http://www.iowalatinofairs.org/Announcements/Upcoming%20Events.doc>. This is a great resource if you are working with Latinas in your communities.

Let Me Know About Your Members and Branch Activities...

Have a Celebratory 4th of July!