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***Waverly AAUW – Celebrating our 95th Anniversary in 2023!***

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) empowers women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Our nonpartisan, nonprofit organization has more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States, as well as 1,000 local branches and 800 college and university partners. Since AAUW’s founding in 1881, our members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

[AAUW National Strategic Plan](https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/)

**AAUW’s Mission:**
To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

**AAUW’s Vision:**Equity for all.

**AAUW’s Values:** Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and intersectionality.

**AAUW’s Value Promise:**
By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

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**Waverly AAUW 2023-2024**

**Programs (**[**https://waverly-ia.aauw.net/programs/**](https://waverly-ia.aauw.net/programs/)**)**

**Thurs., Sept. 14, 6:15 p.m.**, McCoy Rooms, Wartburg Saemann Student Center, Join us for our Kick-Off event – Speaker – Hannah Dutcher, one of the two Wartburg students who attended NCCWSL conference this year, supported by our branch, Iowa AAUW, and a number of you who donated at our brunch last March.  Hannah is a 4th year Wartburg student, and she will share information and her impressions about the National Conference for College Women Student leaders (NCCWSL) that she attended in Washington D.C. May 31 to June 3.

Oct. 19-21 – Click here for details: [AAUW Regional Conference, St. Louis, MO](https://aauw-ia.aauw.net/)

**Thurs., Oct. 19, Wartburg Science Center, Rm 134, 6:30 p.m.** – Rabecca Ndlovu, Wartburg Student – Davis Project for Peace – Ending Period Poverty

**Thurs., Nov. 9 – 5:00-6:30 p.m. – Bremwood, 106-16th St. SW, Waverly. Karen Lehmann, contact – (karen.lehmann@wartburg.edu)**

Serve Thanksgiving dinner to students at Bremwood – Meet at the Spiritual Life Center on the Bremwood campus,   Feel free to bring a centerpiece for a table if you have one handy (these can be taken home afterwards) and small prizes for Bingo – appropriate for boys and girls ages 11-18. If you can’t attend, let us know and we’ll make arrangements for you to drop off your prizes. *Click here for [Bremwood-Bingo-Prize-Ideas](https://waverly-ia.aauw.net/files/2021/11/Bremwood-Bingo-Prize-Ideas.docx)*

**Thurs., Dec. 14** – **5:00-6:00 p.m. – Social Gathering  – Waverly Senior Center –**Note this is the 2nd Thurs. of the month and coincides with Waverly’s Christmas Greetings on Main event.  $5 cost for hors d’oeuvres and beverages. RSVP to karen.lehmann@wartburg.edu.

**Thurs., Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.** – Public Policy Forum – join us to learn more about AAUW’s positions on key issues.  Find out about how you can participate in Iowa AAUW’s Lobby Day at the State Capitol in February and other ways of advocating for important issues.

(Optional) Sat., Jan 27, 2024 – CF/Waterloo AAUW Brunch, 10:00 a.m.:  Sarah Diesburg, Associate Professor of Computer Science at UNI, will speak on the Ramifications of Artificial Intelligence.  YWCA Waterloo. $20.  Reservation required.  Carpooling available.

**Thurs., Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m.** – Laurie Traetow, Executive Director, Iowa Dental Foundation, IMOM Annual Free Dental Clinic Project

(Optional) Sat., February 24, 2024 – CF/Waterloo AAUW Brunch, 10:00 a.m.:  Alan Czarnetzki, Professor of Meteorology at UNI, will speak on the Implications of Climate Change. YWCA Waterloo. $20.  Reservation required.  Carpooling available.

**Sat., Mar. 16 Brunch, 10:00 a.m.** – Dr. Mike Bechtel, Associate Professor of Science Education, Wartburg College. Topic: *The state of science education in Iowa* .  Brunch with CF/Waterloo AAUW Branch.

Hosted by Waverly branch; CF/Waterloo branch invited. Wartburg College Heritage Ballroom – Saemann Student Center, 2nd floor above Wartburg Bookstore (east side of campus; north of Neumann Auditorium and Whitehouse Business Center). Parking lot east/southeast of the building.

Apr. 12/13 – AAUW Iowa State Conference – Cedar Rapids Hilton Garden Inn. Great opportunity to meet AAUW members from across the state and participate in keynote and break-out sessions on important issues.

**Thurs., Apr. 18, 6:30 p.m.** – Branch-wide Book Discussion – Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

**Thurs., May 16 – TBA**

**Book Club (**[**https://waverly-ia.aauw.net/bookclub/**](https://waverly-ia.aauw.net/bookclub/)**)**

**Thurs., Sept. 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – Redeemer Lutheran**

Read a book by Heather Gudenkauf – many available at Waverly Public Library

**Thurs., Oct. 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – Redeemer Lutheran**

The Measure by Nikki Erlick

**Thurs., Nov. 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – Redeemer Lutheran**

The People We Keep by Allison Larkin (Hawkeye Community College Book in Common)

**Thurs., Dec. 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – Redeemer Lutheran**

Read a banned book of your choice to discuss with the group.

**TBA - Thurs., Jan. 11, 2024; Thurs., Feb. 8, 2024; Thurs., Mar. 14, 2024, Thurs., May 9, 2024**

**Thurs., April 18, 2024 – Full AAUW Branch Book Read**

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus