** AAUW Waverly – April 10, 2025**

***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.*

[**Waverly Programs 2025**](https://waverly-ia.aauw.net/programs/) **(click to access):**

**April 10, 6:30 p.m. - Branch Book Read:** Defiant Dreams: The Journey of an Afghan Girl Who Risked Everything for Education by Kapoor & Mahfouz  (check with Waverly Public Library for copies)

**May 15, 6:30 p.m. -** Ann Henninger will continue an overview of the definitions and meanings associated with DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) that she started at our January meeting. This time we’ll focus on a better understanding of the concepts of sex vs gender and sexual orientation vs gender identity.

**State Conference – Sat., Apr. 26** – Cedar Falls – let’s have a great showing from our branch! Waverly branch will reimburse the $30 registration for any member who registers and attends. Registration forms available tonight. [Conference info](https://aauw-ia.aauw.net/)

**Interested in serving on the Waverly AAUW Board July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026?** We’d love to talk with you! Contact Kim, Karen, or Ann.

AAUW Iowa website: <https://aauw-ia.aauw.net/>

State Newsletter – <https://aauw-ia.aauw.net/archieves/news-releases/newsletters/iowa-initiative/>

**2024-2025 AAUW State Task Forces:**

Human Trafficking – Mary Ann Ahrens (maahrens@mchsi.com) - <https://aauw-ia.aauw.net/state-task-force-24-25/human-trafficking/>

Periods With Dignity – Maureen White (mwhite@cfu.net) – need task force members! See attached info. <https://aauw-ia.aauw.net/state-task-force-24-25/periods-with-dignity/>

Making Repro Kits Available– Ann Henninger; Pat Higby (ann.henninger@wartburg.edu; patricia.a.higby@gmail.com)

Stronger Together – AAUW Iowa is collaborating with many other like-minded organizations around the state for added impact. <https://aauw-ia.aauw.net/files/2025/02/AAUW-Stronger-Together-Organizations-1.pdf>

Eleanor “Elle” Smith is a HS Junior at the Church we attend.  She has been working for several years on getting feminine hygiene products in the girls’ restrooms at schools for grades 6 thru 12, first in her own district and now statewide.  (It began for her as a Girl Scout project.) This policy has been shown to significantly reduce absenteeism.  I am forwarding her email with the petition she is circulating for for support of HF883.

Feel free to forward this to any Iowan you think might be supportive. The wider area of the state which can be reached the better.  Passing this bill would be a real win-win.  It would be good for kids and it would be an opportunity for our Legislature to actually do something positive - just saying 😉

If you have any questions please respond to us, and we will relay your questions to Elle.

Thank you,

Al & Phyl Charlson

Hello all,

In order to reach a wider audience, I have created an online petition in addition to the in person petition I already possess. I would ask that you please sign this if you are able and interested and share it with anyone who would be interested in signing. The only requirement is that they live in the state of Iowa. Thank you all so much, and please reach out with any questions.

<https://www.change.org/SupportHF883>

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| A large building with a gold dome with Iowa State Capitol in the background  Description automatically generated | [Sign the Petition](https://www.change.org/SupportHF883)Support HF883 to provide free period products in Iowa public school bathroomswww.change.org |

Elle Smith

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Program Planning: All Board members