

Saturday, January 16, 2016

Cedar Falls Woman's Club

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Menu:

Spinach Quiche
Fruit Salad
Sweet Rolls

Tea, Coffee or Milk

Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893 pal.m@cfu.net
NOON Friday, January 8
\$12

Call or email Mary Ellen
if you plan to eat with us.

January 16, 2016

Gather 10:00 a.m.

Brunch 10:15 a.m.

Program 10:40 a.m.

Mission:

AAUW Cedar Falls Branch advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Vision:

AAUW Cedar Falls Branch will be recognized as a leader in the community in advocating for women and girls.

Diversity Statement:

In principle and in practice, the AAUW, Cedar Falls Branch, values and seeks diversity. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Board of Directors:

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and Bonnie Smith
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UNI STEM Students Panel

Come meet some of UNI's female STEM Students as they share stories about how they found their passion, the educators and others who supported them, their experiences as a STEM student at University and their career aspirations. Student panelists will represent fields where men traditionally outnumber women and those in which males and females are approximately even. Come prepared to ask questions and to offer some advice to our panelists about how they can best pursue their career goals.



Named Gift Honoree for 2015, Nancy Henderson

Nancy was presented with the award in recognition of her outstanding leadership in AAUW since joining in 1996. She has served as president of the branch, treasurer and chairperson of various committees.

Nancy is Dean of students at Hawkeye Community College.

Nancy was instrumental in creating the Transition Scholarship given by this branch and continues on that board as chair. The Transition Scholarship is for students transferring to UNI from Hawkeye Community College. It began in 2011. The Named Gift is a way to honor a member for her contributions in support of the mission of AAUW. A \$500 contribution has been sent to the AAUW Fund in Nancy Henderson's honor.

Reaching out with Books

Bring books and magazines to this meeting, they will be collected & delivered Anne Cook and Kathy Krieg, chairs

Greetings and a Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful, joyful holiday season with friends and family. We are now ready to begin our activities for 2016 and look forward to many interesting, informative programs and opportunities with AAUW.

One of the exciting opportunities that Jane, Bonnie and Ardelle had was on December 10, 2015. They were able to meet with 11 faculty members at UNI who are also AAUW members or prospective members. We thank Marcy Seavey and Pat Higby, who arranged this lunch meeting. Some of the ideas that came from the discussions were:

- to schedule a membership lunch with UNI faculty and administrative AAUW members in May 2016, during finals week
- to assist AAUW for UNI students for January 23rd Elect Her program on campus
- to continue Smart Start conversation with UNI faculty
- to explore the feasibility of setting up a mentoring program for UNI students

As you can see, we have a lot of work to do but some exciting things in our future. We are thrilled to begin to enhance our connection with UNI faculty and staff. We hope that you will join us in this endeavor.

Here are a few other December events that are worth noting:

AAUW for UNI is now an official AAUW organization. Members Rachel Gregory and Kerri Robinson were instrumental in forming the group.

AAUW Holiday Open House on Dec. 13 was attended by 34 people at the home of Al and Pam Hays. It was a fun-filled event and great to connect with our members and spouses.

Jane, Bonnie and Ardelle made home visits to 6 of our long time AAUW members. Fruit and AAUW holiday decorations, made by Mary Ingamells, were delivered to show appreciation for their continued membership.

Hope to see you at the January 16th brunch! (No evening dinner meeting this month)

Jane Close and Bonnie Smith, Co-Presidents



Lunch at UNI, Jane Close, Bonnie Smith and Nancy Hill Cobb, Associate Provost for Faculty at UNI.

**State Conference
April 16-17
Grandview University**

So mark you Calendar!
Plan to attend for one
great day or both days.
More information will be
coming later.

Community Action Projects and Chairs

International Friendship Program (IFP)

"We had a very successful annual Thanksgiving dinner for the IFP on November 8, 2015. There were about 200 people in attendance. This year is the 50th anniversary of the IFP, started by Cedar Falls AAUW. IFP promotes better understanding of different cultures of the world.

Applications from students for the spring semester are already being received and we would like more AAUW members to become a part of this wonderful program. Please sign up at the following link: If you need further information call Pramod Sarin or email her at:

sarinpramod@uni.edu."

Community Action Projects and chairs continued

THE GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY by Heidi Durrow

Monday, January 11, 4:30-6:00 p.m.. Ardelle Brown will lead the discussion about THE GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY by Heidi Durrow. **Begin the new year of CV3D** with this discussion of bi-racial struggles in Heidi Durrow's first novel,

All Cedar Valley residents are invited to join the discussion of this girl who struggles with a new school, her blue eyes, and her confusion about whether she is black African American like her father or white like her Danish mother.

CV3D, Cedar Valley Discuss, Discover Diversity will hold this discussion on the second floor of the Cedar Falls Public library, a handicap accessible venue. Participants need not have read the book to join the discussion. CV3D is supported by the Cedar Falls branch of the American Association of University Women and assisted by the support of the Cedar Falls Public Library.

Dr. Judy Beckman and Mary Dove Co-Chairs

PROMOTING GLOBAL AWARENESS

"The diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty." James Madison

The evening Great Decisions study and discussion group will meet from **7 to 8:30 pm**

Tuesday, Jan.19 in the Cedar Falls Public Library conference room

The first topic in our 2016 program is **"Shifting Alliances in the Middle East."** After viewing a 30 minute DVD on this topic, we will discuss what the U.S. can do to secure its' interests without causing further disruption? If you are interested the new study books are available for purchase. We welcome interested AAUW members and interested people in our community.

Gloria Tollefson 266-4075

Panther Update

AAUW for UNI's next event will be the showing of *Anita: Speaking Truth to Power* in the Segebarth Auditorium, **Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 5:00pm**. This is part of the Women in Politics Film Series and features a faculty panel and discussion at the end of the screening. All branch members are welcome to attend. This event is co-sponsored by 50/50 in 2020's student organization and the Hispanic Latino Student Union. The event will also serve as promotion for Elect Her.

Elect Her is Saturday, January 23, 2016, from 10:30am to 4:00pm in Maucker Union. Speakers include Rep. Timi Brown-Powers, Rep. Abby Finkenauer, Claire Celsi of The Public Relations Project, Dr. Angie Widner, Hillery Oberle and Katie Evans and a representative from the National Coalition Building Institute. Sessions will include communication and campaign strategy, diversity in leadership, government advocacy for nonprofits, involvement in local office and more. You can sign up to volunteer for shifts throughout the day by contacting Pam Hays.

A reception for the participants will occur at 4:00pm in Ballroom A at Maucker Union. All members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Community leaders, campus administrators and faculty will also be in attendance.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in campus events, please email Rachel Gregory at gregoryr@uni.edu.

Nancy Hasenwinkel and Sandy Lawry are planning a surprise fundraising activity for the February meeting, more details to follow in the next newsletter. Picture taking will wait until the February meeting.

At the November AAUW Board meeting, the board voted to donate \$100 to the Expanding Your Horizons Conference for scholarships for middle school girls. The Board voted to subsidize a (board approved) student member of AAUW up to \$500 to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in 2016.

Legislative Forum

Be Informed, Be Present, Speak Up! All Forums take place at the AEA267 Building on Cedar Heights Drive in Cedar Falls. **Friday, January 22, 4:30p.m.** Introductory Forum-Projections for the 2016 session, Emerging issues & unfinished business **Saturday 6, 10:00a.m.** Mental Health and Disability issues. The branch is part of a coalition that puts on the forums. Pam Hays, Public Policy

Interest/Study Groups

Bridge for Education

Wednesday, Jan. 20-Patti Hucka Hostess
Tuesday, Jan. 26-Anne Schuessler Hostess
AAUW Bridge plays in the dining room of Willowwood beginning at 12:30 p.m. You will get a call to see if you can play this month. Call Dargy Baxter if you want to be added to the list.

Literature

Our first meeting of the new year will be a late Christmas luncheon on January 11 at Ferrari's Ristorante at 1521 Technology Pkwy, Cedar Falls with Melba Widmer as hostess as well as presenting the book. All AAUW members are welcome. Call Melba at 277-7311 or preferably e-mail her at melba.widmer@uni.edu if you are coming. Then reservations can be made.

International Studies

International Studies will meet **January 18 at 1:15 p.m. in the library of First Presbyterian Church.** Kay Thrall will be our new Coordinator. Ellie will lead the discussion on the first chapter of our Great Decisions Book, "Shifting Alliances in the Middle East." Turmoil in the Middle East in the last few years has shaken the traditional alignments in the middle East to their core. As alliances between state and non-state actors in the region are constantly shifting, the U.S. has found itself between a rock and a hard place. In a series of disputes that are far from being black-and-white, what can the U.S. do to secure its interests in the region without causing further damage and disruption? Come and join us as we discuss possibilities. If you have any questions, call Kay Thrall at 266-6190.

Weavers of Burma

Members at the Holiday Open House on Dec. 13 generously provided \$544. These funds will be used to purchase more of the fine, bright cotton yarns the weavers use so creatively as well as looms and other supplies. At the open house, members also purchased items handwoven by the refugee weavers; money from those sales will be shared by the weavers of EMBARC's Community Fabric project. **Come celebrate the Karen New Year** with members of the Karen community from Burma on Sunday, January 10, 10:00-2:00, at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center. Presentations of history, music, dance as well as food! Alicia Soppe & Karen Agee, Co-Chairs

Women in Motion

Happy Hour planning meeting, Thursday, January 14. Old Chicago 4:40-6:00 p.m. Planning events for the next newsletter. Come with ideas.

Games/Just for Fun on Sunday, January 17 1:00 p.m. at Jane Close's house north of New Hartford. Play board games and have a light lunch. Spouses/friends welcome too. Contact Jane Close for a reservation.

Tour the Women's Center for Change on Monday, January 18, 10:00a.m. The center is a 45 correctional facility in Waterloo.

Amy Jones, Residential Director, will present our April 25 program. Contact Ardelle Brown to sign up and we can carpool.



The Cedar Falls junior high principals as well as twelve middle school principals in the local area have been contacted by AAUW Cedar Falls with program and nomination information about *AAUW Tech Trek Iowa*. This week-long summer camp focuses on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) for seventh grade girls. Science and math teachers may nominate up to five girls from their school for consideration.

Tech Trek Iowa will be held on the campus of Buena Vista University from July 17 to July 23, 2016. AAUW Storm Lake is responsible for organizing the camp. Girls will reside on the campus of Buena Vista University where they will attend a daily math or science class, perform hands-on activities, participate in a field trip and interact with female STEM role models.

The costs of Tech Trek are fully funded by AAUW, so that campers may attend at no cost to their families. What a great opportunity for our local girls! Jane Close and Bonnie Smith, Co-Presidents

Opportunity to Volunteer: Iowa Radio Reading Information Services (IRIS) needs you Read the Courier on the radio for the blind, visually impaired and print handicapped in our area. Call Barbara Cardamon 233-2848

Meet Some of Our New Members

Mary Traetow is one of our new members this year. She's a UNI grad who has worked as an elementary teacher in Denver, IA. She also lists real estate broker, testing coordinator and academic advisor at Wartburg, as well as owner of Debut Art Gallery. She continues to sub in the Cedar Falls elementary schools

Mary has four children and four grandchildren. Favorite places she's traveled include San Diego, Italy, and Arizona during the winter. She enjoys gardening, singing, and hang

Sherrie Dreyer joined our branch at the fall kick-off. She graduated from Drake with an elementary art major and taught art in Cedar Falls, Waterloo, and New Hartford before retiring ten years ago.

She and her husband Dean just celebrated 46 years of marriage. They have two daughters.. Sherrie traveled to Paris. As an art teacher, it was wonderful to be able to visit the Louvre.

Since retiring, Sherrie has had fun learning to quilt. She also enjoys helping her P.E.O. sisters make diapers for refugees in Nicaragua. Sherrie remarks that she was a member of AAUW in the early 70's and is glad to be back and see many familiar faces and learn of our many projects.

Jane Nelson is another new member who joined our branch at the fall kick-off. She earned her BA in education with a major in political science and a minor in history from UNI in 1972, followed by her M.A. in secondary school counseling in 1978. She taught social studies at Peet Junior High School for five years before leaving the education field to work as a juvenile court officer for Blackhawk County. She retired from Juvenile Court Services in 2006 and now occasionally substitute teaches in the Cedar Falls Schools.

Jane is married to Bob Nelson. She has three stepchildren. They also enjoy the benefits of having 11 grandchildren.

Jane and Bob enjoy spending the winter months in Arizona. She enjoys reading, walking her dog, playing bridge, golfing, and attending sporting and musical events at UNI.

Kate McElligat, who recently retired after 39 years as a school social worker for AEA 267, is also a new member of our branch. She graduated from Washington University, St. Louis.

Kate has two children and 3 grandchildre

Kate reports that she has enjoyed traveling to Northern Michigan and France. She likes to watch good movies, read, garden, exercise, and spend time with family and friends

Marilyn Mercado joined our AAUW branch at one of our first meetings this fall. She has a B.A. from Point Park University and masters degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and UNI. She has worked in a variety of librarian positions: Interamerican University, San Juan, P.R.; University of South Florida; and UNI, where she was also Dean of Library Services from 2000-2011.

Marilyn is married and has one daughter and one son; each couple has two children.

She spends a fair amount of time with afterschool care of grandchildren and reads, and she adds that she's a "wannabe quilter that needs a lot of help." A favorite place she has traveled is St. Petersburg, Russia.

ing out with fun people.