

Monday, October 27, 2008**Cedar Falls Woman's Club
Third and Clay Streets****Gather 5:00 p.m.****AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.****Dinner and Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.**

The Glass Slipper Myth: Cedar Valley Women Address Gender Equity

Ledes and Leaders

Nancy NewhoffEditor, *The Courier*

Gender Equity Still an Issue

Mission:

AAUW advocates equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Vision:

AAUW, Cedar Falls Branch, will be recognized in the community as an advocate 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.

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Nancy Raffensperger Newhoff is the first woman, ever, to be editor of *The Courier*. She still sounds excited about it a year after taking the job.

And what a year it's been. She began her new job a few months before the Iowa caucuses, when everybody and his brother was coming to Iowa, and nobody knew when the caucuses would be. Not long after the political storm died down, the May 25 tornado struck, and brought a different kind of logistical problem. How do you cover a story in places you can't get to, with reporters who are stranded elsewhere, and communications disrupted? Then in June the flood came. Never mind how hard it was to get reporters in and out of flooded areas, the paper's printing operation had to be moved out of town because its presses were under water.

Nancy Newhoff went to work as a reporter for *The Courier* in 1979, and subsequently won numerous state awards for writing and reporting. She became city editor in 1991 and managing editor in 1995. She received an Iowa Associated Press Managing Editors award for column writing, was named master columnist by the Iowa Newspaper Association and, with editor Saul Shapiro, won the 2003 Iowa Associated Press First Amendment award.

Join us for a presentation and Q&A with Nancy Newhoff, the first woman to lead the paper's news operation in its 150-year history.

Reservations:

Marcia Street 277-1780

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Wednesday,**October 22, 8 pm****\$11** State your menu choice**Menu:**

Baked Chicken with Apricot Sauce

Marinated Vegetables

Waldorf Salad Spice Cake Trifle

or

Chef Salad, regular or vegetarian

United Nations Association of the Cedar Valley

Our AAUW branch is co-sponsoring these meetings. Please plan to attend and learn more about the United Nations and its work. Did you know that AAUW is represented at the U.N.?

October 14**Street Children**

The meeting will be from 7 - 8:45 pm at the Cedar Falls Library. Jo Anna Van Gerpen will be the speaker and a DVD, *Street Children of Mongolia* will be viewed. Jo Anna was employed by UNICEF from 1987 until her retirement in 2007. She worked in Sudan, Sri Lanka and Sierra Leone.

December 10 Sixty Years of Human Rights: Is the US Still a Leader?

The meeting will be from 7-8:30 pm at the Area Education Agency 267, conference room G. The purpose of the forum is to recognize the 60th anniversary of the United Nation's Universal Declaration on Human Rights. Dolly Meier will be the introductory speaker, with a PowerPoint presentation by Katy Hansen, Co-Director of the United Nations Association Iowa Division. It will be used to highlight the Articles of the Declaration especially relevant to justice issues such as the use of torture, right to a trial, and arbitrary arrest and detention.

for information contact Jo Ann Finkenbinder

From your co-presidents ~

Dr. Judy Beckman, co-president

Make November 4, 2008 The Day Every Woman in the Cedar Falls AAUW Branch Votes!!!!



Women did not have the power of the Vote until 1920. But today women wield considerable power in U. S. politics. Our AAUW Branch can display that power on November 4, 2008 - less than a month from now.

Do you need to register? Go to AAUW's National Website. Click on "Election Guide - Register to Vote."

A template will appear that makes registering to vote a four-step process: 1) Select your state; 2) Enter the required information; 3) Print the voter registration application on *Adobe Acrobat*. 4) Mail in your voter registration application with a 42 cent stamp. Your registration will come to you in the mail.

Need a ride to vote.? Contact your co-presidents: Gloria Tollefson or Dr. Judy Beckman. Their phone numbers and e-mail addresses are in your membership **red 2008-09 Education, Advocacy Research, Cedar Falls Branch** yearbook. At the bottom of the front cover you will also find the **website** addresses of the Branch, State, and Association websites. Use the Association website: www.aauw.org to find your "Election Guide-Register to Vote."

Will your vote make a difference? Since 1980 there have been noticeable differences in candidates supported by women and men. The gender gap is driven by policy issues. As more women vote, politicians will be forced to respond to the interests of women voters. Help the women you know get to the polls by taking at least one other woman with you when you vote. Your *AAUW Branch sisters will help you get to the polls if you need a ride*. Help your fellow AAUW branch members make a difference in this election and in future elections. If we develop the habit of voting and help other women to get the opportunity to vote, we will influence policy issues important to the women we know. We have the power to hold elected officials accountable for their votes.

What is the most powerful way to secure Voter Turnout? The most powerful voter turnout techniques use peer-to-peer contacts. I am contacting you right now. If you are registered, register a friend. Let me help you get to the polls. Now, you contact someone else you know who needs a ride to the polls. Tell them you know how to get them a ride from a woman in your AAUW Branch. 1) Tell them now. 2) Then remind them within one week of the election. 3) Call them the night before the election and remind them that tomorrow is Election Day. Be sure to call one of your co-presidents if you need a ride to the polls. Let's make this a Woman To Woman Election. **WARNING!** Our efforts could make voting a habit and women a more formidable vote to consider!

Help make certain that all the women in the Cedar Falls Branch Branch of AAUW vote on November 4, 2008.

AAUW at Work for You

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) supports sex discrimination cases by seeking *amicus curiae* or "friend of the court" status. LAF also offers:

Legal Referral Network Referrals are available through a network of attorneys and experts who provide initial consultations to individuals considering or conducting sex discrimination litigation. The Network--more than 300 participants in 48 states and DC--provides plaintiffs and potential plaintiffs with the information they need to make the best decisions about their legal recourse. Referrals to Network participants are provided at no charge and Network participants are encouraged to provide consultations free or at reduced rates.

Resource Library Resources are available on issues such as the Family and Medical Leave Act, pay equity, tenure, sexual harassment, Title IX and athletics.

Campus Outreach Program AAUW members can receive funding and 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, sexual assault, equal pay and preparing for the workplace, Title IX in the context of athletics or women in nontraditional fields and tenure issues for faculty.

Jane Close, LAF Director, jane.close@uni.edu



Report From the Board of Directors

The Board met on October 6, 2008. Co-President Judy Beckman asked members to remember the following dates: December 10, 2008, United Nations Association celebrating 60 years of Human Rights. October 25, 2008, Celebrate Woman's Suffrage in Boone, IA.

Mimi Zischke reported there are ten new AAUW members this year.

The Silent Art Auction sponsored by EF and LAF will be held through the month of March 2009. Donations by members or supporters of AAUW are due February 15 to Allaire George.

Great Decisions will meet Tuesday, October 21, at 7 pm in the library. The topic will be South America.

The United Nations Association will present a series of videos beginning October 14 at 7 pm in the library.

Mary Franke, Secretary

Your dues support the **AAUW Public Policy and Governmental Relations** staff who work with members of Congress on issues of importance to AAUW members. Priorities for action at the federal level are to 1) support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity and diversity, 2) achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, and 3) guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society.

To stay informed and involved with issues of importance to AAUW, you can sign-up for the Washington Update, a weekly bulletin from AAUW, by send an email to votered@aauw.org. The Two Minute Activist is a quick way to learn about an issue that is before Congress and to send a brief message to your congressperson or senator. On the AAUW home page, go to Quick Links (upper right corner). Select Take Action and then select Two Minute Activist. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Under the Stay Informed heading click on Action Network and complete the brief sign-up section. Your contact with your member of Congress can make a real difference.

*Maureen White
Public Policy/Voter Education Chair mwhite@cfu.net 266-9901*

Community Action



GREAT DECISIONS

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

Little Heathens: Hard Times and Spirit On The Farm During The Great Depression, written by UNI (ISTC) graduate, Mildred Armstrong Kalish, will be discussed on Monday, November 10, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the UNI Museum on Hudson Road. Remember, all facilities are handicap accessible and all Cedar Valley residents are invited to participate whether or not you've read the book. Come, share your own memories of growing up during the Great Depression or those others in your family shared with you.

Remember old fashioned remedies designed to cure everything from warts to sleeplessness? What was Thanksgiving like in your family when the pickins' were slim and the family ate what they grew? What games did your family play then that they may still play now? We look forward to sharing your memories, laughing at your own heathenish behavior as a kid.

A former neighbor from Garrison, Iowa, wrote down her memories to share with her grandchildren. Little did she realize that her memoir would become a Number One Best Seller on the New York TIMES Booklist.

Gloria Tollefson will be your hostess. For further information: drjudy.beckman@cfu.net or call 319-268-0544.

Iowa Radio Reading Information Service (IRIS)

Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped provides readings of newspapers and magazines by way of radios distributed free of charge to visually impaired Iowans.

Locally *The Courier* is read daily from the Communication Arts Center at the UNI campus from 8 to 9 am.

Thanks to the AAUW Kickoff this year five new members expressed interest in joining the team of IRIS volunteers. Three of these have already read once. Thank you to all the AAUW IRIS readers. You provide a valuable and much needed service.


Barbara Cardamon, project chair, cardmore@aol.com

Hawkeye Community College - AAUW Non-Traditional Student Boost International Friendship Program

A **GREAT DECISIONS** discussion group is being organized by AAUW -Cedar Falls branch and the United Nations Association of the Cedar Valley. Discussion will be based each month on one of the eight topics found in the book, Great Decisions 2008 which is published by the Foreign Policy Association. The group will meet the third Tuesday, October-May at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 7:00-8:15 pm. The first meeting will be October 21 and the topic will be "Latin America: the next U.S. President's Agenda". Other topics that will be discussed throughout the year will be Foreign Aid (Nov. 18), European Integration (Dec.16), U.S.-China Relations (Jan.20), Exiting Iraq (Feb.17), U.S. Defense Policy (March 17), Blacklisting the Enemy (April 21) and Russia and Putinism (May 19). The national discussion program materials include the book, guide, a DVD set and an extensive website (www.fpa.org). This national organization has been devoted to citizen education in world affairs since 1911. Our discussion group is open to anyone in the community interested in world affairs.

"An informed public is an educated public."

Gloria Tollefson 266-4075 gtollefson@mchsi.com



Cedar Valley's Promise Early Childhood Task Force

The State Empowerment Board met with the local Early Childhood Task Force team on October 3. Anyone may attend this or other task force meetings to find out how our Federal dollars are being spent. Usually the early Childhood task Force team meets at AEA 267 on the first Friday of each month from 9-11 am.

A task force team is a way to unit local agencies, organizations and community partners to speak with a shared voice and meet a set of goals on behalf of all young children and families.

For more information go to
www.empowerment.state.ia.us or
www.cedarvalleypromise.org

I have been attending and it is wonderful how these agencies work together to provide a safety net for families in the greater Black Hawk County.

Ardelle Brown

Educational Foundation (EF) (LAF) Legal Advocacy

The Educational Foundation is teaming up with the Legal Advocacy Foundation to raise money through a **Silent Art Auction during the month of March, 2009.**

We will be seeking artistic donations such as needle work, paintings, collage, folk art, prints, constructed items such as birdhouses etc. from members or supporters of AAUW. We would like these items by mid **February 2009. Start thinking now about what you might create or donate.**

We would like to engage all members in this project in the form of an artistic donation or the bidding process. Watch for more information.

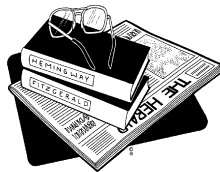
Barbara Cardamon, EF co-chair, cardmore@aol.com

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Welcome to Nine New Members:

Molly Breneman
Martha Kroese
Mary Lyman
Lisa Reindl
Carolyn Scoville
Ann Shimeall
Louise Spickerman
Dayna Timmerman
Donna Wood

Literature Interest Group



This group meets the second Monday afternoon of each month at 1:15 pm at different homes. Learn about what people are reading and about books you might enjoy reading. Please call for more information

October 13 Liz Poole hostess and presenter.
November 10 Penny Brown and Gloria Tollefson.

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Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

Telling Our Stories



At our October meeting, sixteen members learned how to use the internet and "Heritage Makers" to create heirloom family storybooks. We will meet again November 3 at the CF Library conference room from 1:15 to 3 pm. Some may want to continue working with "Heritage Makers" with Neysa Picklum's help. Others may choose to write their memories to share with future generations. **JOIN US!** *Gloria Tollefson*

Ghoul's Night Out

(otherwise known as **Women in Motion!**)

Thursday, October 30, 4:15 pm

Wear a costume!



Meet inside the northwest corner of College Square Mall. we will be going to some of our Branch member's homes to let them know how much we care. Bring treats such as fruit, home baked cookies or bars or even some candies.

We had a great time last year and some of us ate out after we delivered the treats. We will be parked close to Panera, so why not eat there?

Please let Ardelle Brown know if you are coming so the group can plan the routes.

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International Studies

The International Studies group will meet Monday, October 20, 1:15 pm, at the home of Kathy Agness. The topic presented will be Latin America by Marcia Street.

Bridge Groups



Third Wednesday Bridge

- October 15 Bonanza Judy Beckman

Fourth Tuesday Bridge

- October 28 Hostess Judy Beckman

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