

Monday, October 25, 2010**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.***Celebrating Our 85 Years of Empowering Women***Mission:**

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

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Women and Men Leading Our Community Equally



AAUW Iowa was one of the groups that worked for passage of the 2009 Iowa law that requires appointed city and county boards, commissions, committees and councils to be gender balanced by 2012. Now our Cedar Falls branch is part of a coalition in this area that is working toward successful implementation of this new law. Monday, October 25, at our general meeting, Maureen White, our co-president, and Barbara Brown, former Cedar Falls City Councilwoman and community activist, will share information about the law and explain the goals and activities of the Black Hawk County Gender Balance Coalition. They will address the application and appointment process and will talk about the skills needed to be a member of a board or commission.

As we heard from one of our 50 year members at the September dinner meeting, gender equity has been a long term priority for AAUW. This is an exciting opportunity for all of us to help to get another step closer to accomplishing that goal! Come to find out all about this new project!

Menu:

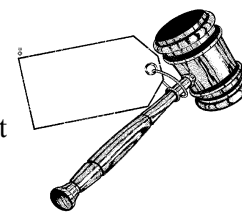
Pork Chops with Orange Sauce
 Roasted Potatoes
 Orange Jello with Crushed Pineapple
 Escalloped Corn
 Lemon Meringue Pie
 or Chef Salad, regular or vegetarian

Reservations:

Allaire George 233-5320
 allaireg7@mchsi.com
8 pm Thursday, October 21,
\$11 State your menu choice
 *** **You MUST call or email**
Allaire if you plan to eat ***

From your co-presidents ~

50-50 in 2020



September 22 marked the start of a ten year campaign by a new bipartisan organization, **50-50 in 2020**, to elect more Iowa women to public office. The group is headed by Democrat Jean Lloyd-Jones and Republican Maggie Tinsman and has a 14 member board. Working with other state and national groups they will recruit, train and mentor women who are interested in running for public office. Their goal is to achieve political equity in Iowa by 2020, the one hundred year anniversary of women's suffrage, by electing: 50 women to the Iowa House of Representatives, 25 women to the Iowa Senate, 2 Iowa women to the U.S. House of Representatives, 1 Iowa woman to the U.S. Senate and a woman governor of Iowa. They aim to achieve civility and respect among political opponents, are not a PAC, will not endorse candidates and are committed to being issue-neutral. The website for **50-50 in 2020** is www.50-50in2020.org

One of the members of the Board is former Lt. Governor Joy Corning, a Cedar Falls branch 50 Year Honorary Life Member. AAUW Iowa is a partner organization.

Maureen White & Mary Dove, Co-Presidents

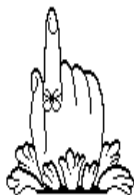
Yearbooks

Thanks to Judy Beckman and Phyllis Steele for preparing the 2010-11 Yearbook for printing. It contains a wealth of information, so keep it handy. On the back cover, you will notice the words Membership # and Password. Be sure to write your membership number on there since it is needed to access some areas of the AAUW website. (this number is found on the address label of your AAUW mailings and the *Outlook* magazine. A password is needed in some cases as well, so if you create a password, write it down.

If you have not yet received your Yearbook, please contact Mary Ellen Beckman at 269-1893 or pal.m@cfu.net.

Co-presidents Maureen White and Mary Dove

Dates to remember:



October 20, 2010 - Jewelry Sale fund raiser at the home of Bonnie Smith: 4 to 6:30 pm. (see page four of this newsletter for details).

October 21, 2010 - Cedar Valley United Nations Association at the Waterloo Public Library: 6:30 pm.

October 25, 2010 - AAUW Branch dinner meeting at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club: 5 pm - 7 pm.

November 1, 2010 - AAUW Cedar Falls Branch Board of Directors meeting at AEA 267: 4:30 pm.

Dargy Baxter, Secretary

Report From the Board of Directors

AAUW Online

We most certainly are in the digital age. Our own Dr. Judy Beckman is one of 15 Iowa women who have agreed to help launch a new AAUW branch – Online!! AAUW Iowa has subscribed to an interactive web-conferencing environment that will allow meetings and communication using audio, visual, and text tools. Convener, Jan Mitchell, announced a first meeting date and information about the meeting space for these 21st century AAUW leaders. They will be using *lluminate Live* and each member of the team will need a headset with a microphone for her computer. Jan and Judy (and I am sure the rest of the 15 women) are excited about the potential for connecting vital women across Iowa through technology and about meeting with one another online!!

We share their enthusiasm and can only begin to ponder the possibilities for making membership in AAUW open for many busy women and possibly students. If you have questions you may contact Dr. Judy Beckman (drjudy.beckman@cfu.net). We look forward to updates from Jan Mitchell, Mary Ann Ahrens, and the other State AAUW Board Members interested in this exciting project.

Dee Lynch for Membership

Member Recognition

At the September meeting, the board decided to develop a new format for recognition of a member who has made outstanding contributions to the branch in place of the former Named Grant recognition. This was done because the AAUW no longer has the Named Grant program, the AAUW Funds have been restructured and because there were not clear criteria for selecting a recipient of the recognition award. Sheryl Bewyer, Gloria Tollefson, Ardelle Brown, Jane Close, Phyllis Steele and Myrna Sandvik will make a recommendation to the board in January of 2011.



Community Action

Cedar Valley

Discuss & Discover Diversity

Reading & Sharing

November 8, CV3D will have an Alzheimer's guest speaker. The book is *Still Alice*, written by Lisa Genova. Alice is a 52 year old Harvard professor learns to her disappointment that she has the onset of Alzheimer's. Host for the speaker is Gloria Tollefson. CV3D meets 4:30-5:30 in the classroom of the UNI Museum, Hudson Road. The facility is handicap accessible. AAUW partners with the UNI Museums and The Waterloo Cedar Falls Public Libraries to bring you these speakers and discussions. Participants do not have to have read the book to join this event.

Coming up!

Mark your calendars for March 14, 2011, and read *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*. Kent Nerburn, author, sculptor, and theologian will be here at 4:30-5:30 and 7-8:30 at the Cedar Falls Public Library. Dan is a Lakota tribal chief wishing to keep people from forgetting that land hungry whites destroyed the dreams and families of his entire race. This is an unforgettable book and a skilled author. You have plenty of time to get the book read and its sequel, *Wolf at Twilight*. For further information contact Dr. Judy Beckman at drjudy.beckman@cfu.net or call 319-268-0544.

Public Policy/Voter Education

Election Information:
Read, Research, and Vote

Be informed on where the Congressional candidates running for reelection this fall stand on AAUW position bill votes in Congress. This can be accessed on the Two Minute Activist.

Remember you can vote early at the Black Hawk County Auditor's Office during normal working hours. You can also call and request an absentee ballot if you have not received one.

This fall there is a vote on whether or not to retain the Isle Casino. Go to the website: www.bhcca.org to learn more about how the monies obtained are used throughout the county.

In addition there is a vote on retention of judges. An excellent review as well as a replay of a broadcast pertaining to this issue can be obtained at the website: www.LearnIowaCourts.org. You will also see the article in the Des Moines paper about Sandra Day O'Connor's position, and belief that our present system is the best. We must remember courts are a separate branch of the government and should not be beholden to special interest monies and agendas.

Read, research and vote. *Joan Kurt Public Policy*

Cedar Falls Branch Welcomes New Members

The Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW welcomes nine new members who joined our group during the Kickoff on August 30. They are: Kathryn Rogers, Darline Balm-Demmel, Pauline Harding, Joan Bunkofsky, Susan Kimball, Mary E. Dieter, Joan Ogdon, Pratiksha Holavannur, Gloria Gibson. All information to help contact them is in your 2010 – 2011 Yearbook. You may meet them at Literature, International Studies, Discover and Discuss Diversity, Promoting Global Awareness or at a Women in Motion activity. Introduce yourself to them and help make them welcome. We would like to introduce them in the next several newsletters.



Kathryn Rogers and her husband Kenneth reside in rural Janesville. Kathryn received her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Art History and her Master of Education Degree from the University of Illinois. She has many hobbies that include painting, trap shooting, quilting, gourmet cooking and others. Reading is also a favorite hobby and she has recently enjoyed *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* and the sequel, *The Weed that Strings the Hangman's Bag* by Alan Bradley. She wanted to rejoin AAUW because "there are many women who are nice to be around, who have a wide variety of interests, and help me broaden my horizons."

Pauline Harding and her husband, Dr. James Harding, a clinical psychologist with Black Hawk – Grundy County Mental Health Center, live in Cedar Falls. A former elementary teacher, Pauline received her Bachelor of Arts in Education Degree as well as her Master of Education Degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, and her Master of Arts in English Language and Literature from UNI. She retired from teaching composition and literature after the 2009 summer term at Hawkeye Community College. Reading is a favorite hobby and *Little Heathens* by Mildred Armstrong Kalish is a recent favorite. Her reason for rejoining AAUW is that she enjoyed it very much before she became too busy and wanted to return to AAUW as soon as she retired.

Promoting Global Awareness -

Scholarship Committee

Great Decisions

International Friendship Program

Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

Books for Incarcerated Women

We will again donate new and gently used books for the women's unit at the Black Hawk County Jail. Please set aside mysteries, thrillers, romance novels, and the like, that do not contain graphic violence or pornography. The jail administrator requests no Readers Digest Condensed Books. If you wish to donate magazines, be sure the address label is removed. Information about a date to bring your books to a dinner meeting will be announced at a later time.

Gayle Wood, Judy Beckman, Dee Lynch and Maureen White



Hats Off to AAUW!



Forty-six members celebrated the 85th anniversary of the Cedar Falls AAUW at our September dinner meeting at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

Marcia Street led a panel of four longtime members who shared the highlights of our history since its' beginnings at Iowa State Teachers College in 1925. Four longtime members: Phyllis Steele, Sheryl Bewyer, Ardelle Brown and Myrna Sandvik, took their hats off to our branch as they told of 85 years of accomplishments and awards of which we can be proud. It was special to have two fifty year members; Marge Polacek and Julie Bailey there along with Phyllis Steele's mother, Jane Beard, who was a long time member from 1931! Thanks to all of you who participated!

Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter

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Educational Opportunities and Legal Advocacy Fund

You are invited to the "Fundraiser" Premier Designs Jewelry Show at the home of Bonnie Smith, 2528 Cottage Row, CF, on October 20th. This jewelry show will be held from 4 - 6:30 pm.

Twenty percent of the profits from this show will be donated to AAUW LAF Fund. It's a great way to have fun, see beautiful, affordable jewelry, and help our organization at the same time.

Please RSVP to Bonnie Smith (266-2526) if you are able to attend.

The Premier Designs Catalogs will be at the AAUW meeting this month also, and you may order at that time if you are not able to come to Bonnie's home. Please call her if you have any questions.

International Studies

Our study group will meet at the home of Ellie Tompkins, 3406 Clearview Dr., CF, at 1:15 pm on Monday, October 19. Barb Cardamon is her co-hostess. Marcia Street will facilitate the second topic of the Great Decisions program, "Halting Atrocities in Kenya" (Eliminating Genocide). Interested members are encouraged to attend.

Literature Interest Group

The Afternoon Book Club will meet at 1:15 pm October 11 at Jean Kelly's. If you would like to hear about a new book and author you might like to read, please call Jean at 266-0809.

Bridge For Educational Foundation



News Flash! Bridge Group piggy bank is retired! For the last two years the loser at Wednesday bridge meetings contributed the boobie prize of 25 cents to the piggy bank. The entire contents of \$5.25 was donated to the Educational Opportunities Fund.

October 20, 2010 - Third Wednesday Bridge will be hosted by Lorraine Tressler, 268 - 0815. She will arrange for the place to meet and play. Start time is 11:30 am and lunches are "Dutch treat." November 17 hostess: Jean Richardson.

October 26, 2010 - Fourth Tuesday Bridge will be hosted by Ardelle Brown, 266 - 6882, at her home: 12:30 pm. November 23 hostess: Judy Beckman.

To be included on the calling lists for either or both of these groups contact Dargy Baxter:

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