

Monday, October 24, 2011

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.

***Empowering Women
by Volunteering
in Our Community***

**Enhancing Literacy Opportunities
at the
Cedar Falls Library**

*Library Director Sheryl McGovern
and Sue Doody,
President of Friends of the Library*

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:

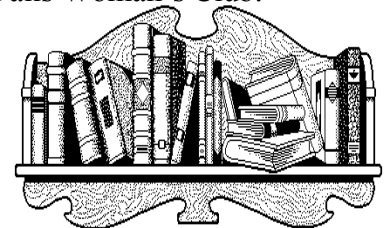
In principle and in practice, the AAUW, Cedar Falls Branch, values and seeks diversity. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Board of Directors:

- Co-Presidents
- Linda Morgan, Ardelle Brown
- Presidents Elect
- Nancy Henderson
- Past President Maureen White, Mary Dove
- Vice Presidents for Program
- Gloria Tollefson Marcia Street
- Vice President for Membership
- Gayle Wood
- Co-Vice Presidents for Fundraising
- Jean Kelly, Bonnie Smith
- Secretary Dargy Baxter
- Treasurer Mary Fogarty
- Public Policy Joan Kurt

Have you ever attended a book discussion group or gone to a meeting or maybe even taken a computer class at the library? If you have then you know just checking out books plays a small part in what happens there. Sue Doody, President of Friends of the Library and Director Sheryl McGovern, are anxious to share about how they involve our citizens in making this wonderful community resource their place of learning at our October 24th dinner meeting at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

They will also share the many ways volunteers give an amazing amount of their time to help aid the staff which keeps the library doors open.



Menu:

- Cashew Beef with Brown Rice
- Sesame Fresh Green Beans
- Cranberry Jello Salad
- Chocolate Passion Dessert
- or Chef Salad, regular or vegetarian

Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman 269-1893
or pal.m@cfu.net

8 pm Thursday, October 20,

\$11 State your menu choice

***** You MUST call or email**

Mary Ellen if you plan to eat ***

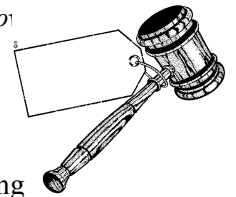
It's not just us, it's all of us...



AAUW IOWA is an organization with a 76-year history....for busy people wanting to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research to achieve the American Dream!

AAUW IOWA is the community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women will have a fair chance.

AAUW IOWA members reach out to women of all ages in a variety of ways keeping them informed about issues impacting women and their families.



Membership

Gayle Wood, Vice-President for Membership

Meet Kathleen "Kass" Harper, who joined our AAUW branch at the Fall Kickoff this year. You will enjoy getting to know Kass, as she has a wonderful sense of humor! Kass enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren, as well as other members of her family; she loves reading, enjoys drawing and writing--attempting the last two activities.

Although Kass will tell you that "if you look up couch potato in the encyclopedia, there is a picture of me", don't completely believe her, as this lady recently completed her very first 5k Walk/Run Event as her 65th birthday gift to herself. Thirteen men and women, friends and family, all also participated as part of the Kass Harper "Green Team" in this 5k event; Kass is truly grateful for all the support and encouragement of her team. Maybe she does "intensely dislike exercise", but she gets herself off the couch and out the door. Congratulations to you, Kass!

Another great quote from Kass: "if I had the money, I would get a vanity license plate for my car that reads, 2F2BTO - Too Fit To Be This Old!!"

Another new member ~

Jamie Castle is an architect with AHTS Architects in Waterloo, the firm which is currently renovating our Cedar Falls Woman's Club. Jamie has worked in the Cedar Valley for eight years, and has been a licensed architect for the last two years. Jamie, although she was "a Navy brat" while growing up, did attend Cedar Falls High School for several years. She received her degree from Iowa State University.

Jamie and her husband Wayne, a city engineer for Waterloo, have two young children: Zoe who is five years old and Henry who is two years old. Jamie says she has to miss our October dinner meeting on the 24th, as Zoe is turning six on that day. Welcome, Jamie!

Fun With Fundraising

We have several interesting and FUN events planned this year to help with our Fundraising this year. All of our proceeds will go to AAUW Funds, Community Action, or our new Local Scholarship which is a Transition Scholarship awarded to a local woman who is transitioning from a two year college to a four year program at UNI. We will support her with at least \$1,000 this year.

Starting in September we will be selling very fashionable AAUW tote bags for \$10 each. Cookbooks are \$3 each.

In October we will be having a Premier Designs Jewelry Fundraiser on October 24, our regular AAUW meeting night. Come early (4 pm on) to check out the jewelry or stay afterward to see it. Twenty five percent of the sales will benefit AAUW general Fundraising. You can also do a catalog order if you can't attend.

In January we will be having a fun White Elephant exchange. More information will come to you later.

In April we will be busy making items for the State AAUW convention.

In May we will have our annual Garage Sale. We are planning on a two day sale this year instead of one.

As you can see we're "off and running" for another great year! We encourage each of you to be a part of our efforts. *Jean Kelly and Bonnie Smith, Fundraising Co-Chairs*



Report From the Board of Directors

Tuesday, October 11, 2011 - Cedar Falls Municipal Forum at City Hall. 7 - 9 pm.

Monday, October 17, 2011 - International Studies will meet at Gloria Tollefson's. Ellie Tompkin will lead discussion on countries and regions of the Caucaus and how Russia, Iran and Turkey influence that area today. 1:15 pm.

Monday, October 24, 2011 - AAUW monthly meeting - Cedar Falls Woman's Club 5 pm social. Come early (4 pm) for the Jewelry Sales Fundraiser.

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 - Cedar Valley United Way Women's Philanthropy Connection at Park Place Event Center 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Luncheon speaker is Kathy LeMay. Topic *Creating a Generosity Plan for Life - 7 Steps to Making the World a Better Place.*

Monday, November 7, 2011 - Branch Board meeting at the Cedar Falls Public Library conference room. 4:30 pm.



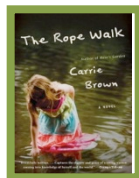
Community Action

Cedar Valley

Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

CV3D Dr. Judy Beckman and Mary Dove

Mark your calendar for Monday, November 14. Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity will be held at the UNI Museum from 4:30 - 5:30. The November book is an All Iowa Reads title, *The Rope Walk* by Carrie Brown, discussion led by Kathryn Rogers and Judy Beckman.



We are fortunate to be able to hold our meetings at UNI. No immediate museum closing date has been determined. You will find parking convenient and handicap accessible. These discussions welcome all residents of the Cedar Valley. Attendees need not have read the book. These discussions are co-hosted by the AAUW Cedar Falls Branch, the Cedar Falls and Waterloo Public Libraries, and the UNI museums.

Take Note! The AAUW State Conference will be held April 25 and 26, 2012, in Des Moines. The Saturday luncheon speakers will be Mark Grey and Michelle Devlin, authors of *Postville U.S.A.: Surviving Diversity in Small-Town America*. Copies of *Postville U.S.A.* are available at University Book & Supply.

More information: drjudy.beckman@cfu.net or 268-0544.

CV3D Co-chairs Mary Dove Dr. Judy Beckman

Branch Yearbooks

A **bright pink** 2011-12 Yearbook (directory) was available for each member at the September dinner meeting. Those not picked up at the meeting will be mailed or personally delivered to members.

Please note that on the back, there is a place for you to record your AAUW Membership Number and Password. This information is necessary in order for you to access "member only" areas of the AAUW website, so write it down in this special, easy to remember location.

Our thanks to Phyllis Steele for formatting and printing the Yearbooks.

Community Action Project - Promoting Global Awareness

Public Policy/Voter Education

November 8: Municipal Election

October 11: Candidates Forum at City Hall

Cedar Falls AAUW is a co-sponsor, along with the Black Hawk and Bremer County League of Women Voters, for the Cedar Falls Municipal Candidate Forum to be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. The Forum will be from 7 - 9 pm at Cedar Falls City Hall.

Candidates are:

Mayor - Jon Crews and Frank Darrah
Ward 2 - Council Susan DeBuhr and Jedd Saul
Ward 4 - Council Mare Schmidt, Carol Hansen,
Carol Cooper, and Jim Miller
At-Large - Dave Wieland and Stan Smith.

One Woman/One Vote: Get Involved

1. Enter website: www.AAUWPublicPolicy.org
2. Scroll down the page. At the bottom is a Stay Informed Section.
3. Click on the Two Minute Activist Alerts, and enter your sign in data. You will receive alerts on bills before the legislature related to AAUW goals.
4. Also, click on Mega Vote and sign in. You will receive weekly reports on how your representatives are voting on issues. *Joan Kurt Public Policy*



The Ticket Exchange

Have you ever NOT been able to use or sell tickets that you have purchased and they've gone to waste? Well, we have another solution to allow someone to use the tickets and help AAUW Fundraising at the same time. It's called "The Ticket Exchange." Here is how it works:

1. Contact Maureen White, our communications board member and give her information (event, time, place, money, etc.) regarding the ticket you have.
2. She will e-mail the membership with this information for the event and the person selling the ticket. The most advanced notice possible is the best.
3. If you would like to BUY the ticket(s) posted, then contact the person selling it (NOT Maureen) and make the arrangements.
4. The money will then be given to Mary Fogerty, our Treasurer, who will add it to AAUW Fundraising account.
5. It is a WIN-WIN for everyone involved as well as an EASY way to help your branch!

Fundraising Committee, Jean Kelly and Bonnie Smith

Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

Literature Interest Group

"Lit group" will meet at the home of Gloria Tollefson on October 10 at 1:15 pm. Joan Bunkofske will share a book. We welcome visitors/members. Call Gloria if interested - 266-4075
or e-mail gtollefson@cfu.net.

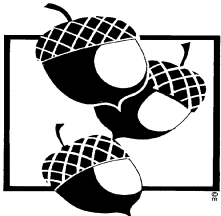
International Studies

The International Studies interest group will meet at the home of Gloria Tollefson on October 17 at 1:15 pm. Ellie Tompkins will lead the program on "The Caucasus". The countries and regions of the Caucous all have strong identities but have long lived in the shadow of their larger neighbors, Russia, Iran and Turkey. How does this influence the Caucasus today? How do the region's energy resources plan into its relations with the outside world? Join us for this interesting topic by calling Gloria 266-4075 or e-mail gtollefson@cfu.net.

Did You Know ??

Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW has donated \$600 to the Woman's Club building fund -
\$500 in January 2010, and
\$100 in October 2010

- Mary Fogarty, Treasurer



Books !

Women in Motion...

Iowa Radio Reading Information Service

International Friendship Program

Member Information

Reminder: whenever there is a change in your address, phone number or email address, please notify Maureen White (mwhite@cfu.net or 266-9901) of the change so that all members can receive the updated the information for their Yearbooks.

Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter

Sheryl Bewyer, editor

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BOOKS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN PROJECT



Please begin to save your gently used reading materials for our **Books for Incarcerated Women Project**. We will collect appropriate, gently used or brand-new, books and magazines at our November dinner meeting, for delivery during November or early December to the Women's Block of the Black Hawk County Jail.

AAUW Iowa History

In 1890, three Iowans joined the Association of Collegiate Alumni. This was the predecessor of the American Association of University Women. At this time, no Iowa college or university was on the accredited list of the Association of Collegiate Alumni making it difficult to secure members in Iowa in the 1890's.

However, ten or more members within a state could form a State Branch. Thus, in 1903, the Iowa Branch was recognized. By 1911, the Iowa Branch was declared non-existent, because Iowa no longer had 10 paying members. In 1909, a branch was formed by women living in Davenport, Iowa and Rock Island and Moline, Illinois, across state lines. [That branch, now QC Iowa-Davenport/Bettendorf celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2009.]

By 1921, the name American Association of University Women was used, and AAUW branches were being formed in communities across Iowa. State Divisions [organizations] came into being when branches wanted to be able to function as a unit within their own state in order to have more contacts with other branches throughout the state.

...and now you know more than you did.

Bridge For Education

Wednesday October 19, 2011 - Wednesday Bridge will meet at Willow Wood. 12:30 P.M. Ellie Tompkin is hostess.

Tuesday October 25, 2011 - Tuesday Bridge at Willow Wood. 12:30 P.M. Dargy Baxter is hostess.



Dargy Baxter

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