

Monday, November 25, 2013

Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Menu:

Garden Vegetable Quiche
Fresh Fruit
Raspberry Patch Cream Pie
*Vegetarian and Meat Salads
available*



Reservations:

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

NOON Thursday,

November 21, \$11.00

**> call or email Mary Ellen
if you plan to eat with us.**

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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**Perspective on the
Glass Ceiling in Media**

**Tara Thomas
Waterloo Community Schools**



Continuing with this year's mission-based programming, centering on the glass ceiling as it affects women in education, the media, government, sports, the military, and religion, we welcome Tara Thomas as our featured speaker at the November 25 dinner meeting. After over twenty years as a news anchor, Tara Thomas has a lot to say about how the TV business has changed, and how it hasn't, when it comes to the on-air talent of her gender. She has a unique perspective on the glass ceiling and its impact on women in front of the camera.

Thomas, who is from Peoria, Illinois, spent the past eleven years as a news anchor for KWWL in Waterloo, Iowa. Before that she worked at TV stations in Yakima, Washington, and Mason City, Iowa. This fall she left television work to become the communications director for the Waterloo Community School District.

Join us at the Cedar Falls Women's Club to hear Tara share information, on Monday, November 25. Remember that we meet and greet at 5 pm. Tara will speak between 5:30 and 6:10 pm. Dinner follows at 6:15 pm.

Please help! Fundraiser in progress...



November and December are **Support Your Local Scholarship** months. We are asking members to make a donation to the **Transition Scholarship Fund**. This scholarship awards \$1000 each year to one or two non-traditional female students transferring from Hawkeye Community College to the University of Northern Iowa.

You may make your donation by cash or check at the November branch meeting. You may also contribute by check at any time. Make your check payable to the **Cedar Falls Civic Foundation** and write *AAUW Scholarship* on the memo line. This way your contribution can be tax deductible.

You may send your contribution directly to the Cedar Falls Civic Foundation, 524 Main Street, Cedar Falls, or you may give it to Mary Fogarty, who will deliver it to the Foundation, and can also give you a receipt, if you want one. If you have any questions, please ask Mary Fogarty. And thank you for your generous support!

Darlene Balm-Demmel and Mary Fogarty, Vice Presidents for Fundraising

The Presidents' Corner

Greetings from your President--



Don and I are on our way home from a wonderful trip to Vermont and Connecticut. This trip has been on my bucket list, long before I retired! We stayed at Middlebury, Vermont between the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains. Everywhere we looked was beautiful fall color. We went from there to Mystic, Connecticut and traveled the back roads looking at the scenery, eating seafood and stopping at the many quaint little shops. The name for us is "leaf peepers."

Hope your fall season has been a happy one. Thanks so much to Nancy Henderson for chairing the board meeting in my absence. Hope to see you all soon. Barb
Barb Feuerhauk, President

Cedar Valley United Nations Association (CVUNA)

Monday, November 18, 2013
CF Public Library, 7 - 8:30 pm

The Case for Ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
Speakers: Ms. Tamara Milton from Senator Harkin's Cedar Rapids Office and Dr. Augustina Naami, native of Ghana and Assistant Professor of Social Work at the University of Northern Iowa. Ms. Milton will provide an update on the issues associated with the Treaty and an outline of what actions could be taken to support ratification. Professor Naami will discuss what ratification of the treaty means for her native country, Ghana, and why she sees U.S. ratification as important.

International Studies overview

The topic for both International Studies Groups for November is "Assessing threats to the U.S." There are many threats to the safety and security of our country.

These include threats from within the U.S. as well as threats from outside. There are threats involving terrorists, other governments, organized crime, drug traffickers, internet hackers and others. There are threats related to climate change and pandemics. Join us as we assess what this means to the country and to us individually. This will be the last meeting of the year. If you have the Great Decisions book, it will be helpful if you read Chapter 8 before you come.

The Monday afternoon group meets November 18 at 1:15 in the dining room of First Presbyterian Church, 9th and Main. The Tuesday evening group meets November 19 at 7 pm in the conference room of the CF Library.

Both these groups will be ordering books for 2014.

They are \$20 and Gloria will be ordering them in December, so if you are not at the November meeting call her to order yours.

Topics for 2014 will be:

U.S. Defense and the New Technologies ---
Israel and the U.S. --- Turkey's Challenges ---
Islamic Awakening --- Energy Independence ---
Food Security and Climate Change --- China's Foreign Policy --- U.S. Trade Policy

If you have any questions contact Gloria Tollefson at 266-4075 or Ellie Tompkins at 231-4737



UNICEF Our Cedar Falls branch members donated a total of \$177.75 to UNICEF. Thank you for your support for women and girls.

Membership ~ ~ ~ Address update info

>>>> Diane Davison, 306 N Francis St., Cedar Falls
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>>>> Kristin Olson is now Kristin May, 4926 Algonquin Dr., Cedar Falls

>>>> Anne Schuessler has moved to 914 Bluegrass Circle # 310 CF phone / email same

>>>> Phyllis VerPloeg has moved to 2603 Orchard Dr. Room 302 CF Phone / email same

>>>> Marion Svendsen broke right hip / left femur in September / surgery in October. (7511 University Avenue, # 209, CF) or to her brother by e-mail (roger.hanson@cfu.net)

Pauline Harding & Jean Richardson Co-Vice-Presidents Membership 2013-14

Human Trafficking Awareness

Sixty four community members from Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Waverly, Cedar Rapids, Dysart, and Eldora attended the October 21 program "Human Trafficking in Iowa". The program was planned by the Cedar Valley United Nations Association and co-sponsored by the Waterloo, Waverly and Cedar Falls branches of AAUW. Three members from Waterloo and eleven from the Cedar Falls branch attended. Thanks to all who participated. It was especially gratifying to see a large number of students there.

Cathy O'Keeffe, Executive Director of Braking Traffic, and Michael Ferjak, Criminal Investigator with the Iowa Department of Justice and member of the Iowa DCI Special Crimes Unit - Human Trafficking Squad, did an excellent job of explaining the various aspects of human trafficking. Were you aware that there are more slaves in the U.S. now than at any other time in our country? Children and adults are forced into slavery as workers or in the sex trade, and Iowa is no exception when it comes to modern day slavery.

AAUW Iowa has joined other state affiliates and branches across the country in spreading awareness, working to pass legislation and in improving human trafficking victim services. Every branch in Iowa received resource materials this fall to assist them in studying this issue or in taking action. We have taken the first step here in partnering with the CVUNA in holding this program. Share what you have learned and be ready to take action.



Report From the Board of Directors

Contact secretary
Dee Lynch for
further information

Community Action

Cedar Valley

Discuss & Discover Diversity

Reading & Sharing

Monday, November 11, 2013

1st Floor Classroom University Book & Supply

4.30 - 5:30 pm CV3D Discussion

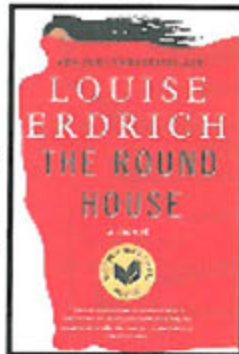
The Round House by Louise Erdrich

During the summer of 1988, thirteen-year-old Joe's mother, living on a reservation in North Dakota, is attacked. She is neither willing to relive or reveal the details of what happened to her, to the police or her family. Gradually, she takes to her bed and slips further into solitude and depression. Joe's whole family is devastated by the attack on his mother. It splits the relationship between husband and wife as well as Joe's close ties to his mother. A trauma forces a thirteen-year-old child to grow up overnight. The on-going dislike between whites and the Ojibwe adds to the questions about justice and vengeance as well as the boundary between childhood and adulthood.

Is Joe's mother's rape an isolated incident, vengeance, or vigilante justice? Did the rape occur on the sacred ground of The Round House?

Join Cedar Valley Discover Diversity and Discuss on the second Monday of the month, **Monday, November 11**, and share the conclusions you unearth. Please note the location for this month. All Cedar Valley residents are invited; participants need not have read the book to join the journey to discovery. CV3D is sponsored by the Cedar Falls AAUW, the Cedar Falls and Waterloo Public Libraries, and University Book & Supply. If you have further questions, contact:

Dr. Judy Beckman and Ms. Mary Dove Co-Chairs of Cedar Valley Discover Diversity Discuss (CV3D) drjudy.beckman@cfu.net



Promoting Global Awareness



This community action project will meet on Tuesday evening, November 19 in the conference room at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 7 to 8:30 pm.

We will be discussing the last topic, "Threat Assessment" in our 2013 Great Decisions program book. Members of the Monday afternoon group are welcome if they are not able to attend their meeting. Orders will be taken for the 2014 Great Decisions book. The price remains the same - \$20.

Gloria Tollefson, Chair
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When you shop at the World's Window for your holiday gifts, you "do good by doing well." Each original and beautifully made gift, besides pleasing the recipient of the item, helps people around the world to improve their well being. Fair trade saves lives and builds communities.

Located at 214 Main Street, Cedar Falls, the World's Window is our community's fair trade store. Many of us regularly buy our fair trade coffee and chocolate there, as well as jewelry, scarves, books, and a multitude of other types of gifts. Currently, besides buying gifts for others, holiday shoppers will enjoy the many original Christmas decorations, nativities, and unique menorahs that the store is featuring.

The store is run by a tiny staff and dozens of dedicated volunteers, including a number of AAUW members. As with many retail stores, this community asset has been negatively affected by the nation's economic downturn, and it needs the financial support of people like AAUW members. Fair trade stores benefit low income people all over the globe. About 75% of the craftspeople are women, many of them single mothers. When you buy a fair trade item, not only are you providing a person with a fair price for their work, but you are also helping to provide leadership training and community development in many villages and cities where they are most needed.

This fall the AAUW board received a request from the World's Window for a donation as matching money for a grant they were seeking. The board, following AAUW policies, voted not to do so. However they did want to strongly encourage all members to patronize the store and, if they wished, individually to make a donation to this very worthwhile cause. Shop fair trade - and give the gift that gives twice!

Pamela Hays and Joan Kurt
Public Policy/Voter Education

Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

Iowa Radio Reading Literature
Information Service Interest Group
International Friendship Program
International Studies Interest Groups
Afternoon Book Club

AAUW Burma-Iowa Friends
Bundles of Joy Community Action Project

BOOKS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN PROJECT

We have recently had a very successful collection of books a magazines to give to the center. We thank all of you for giving.



Ghouls in Motion

On Sunday afternoon, October 27, eight AAUW members (including one "seeing eye dog") set out, in costume, laden with Halloween treats and a list of 15 AAUW members to visit. We divided into three teams and went to care facilities, assisted living residences and personal homes to visit those who don't get out and about often. This is always a much appreciated visit and we invite all of you to join us next year.



Bridge For Education

3rd Wednesday bridge - November 20th
Hostess is Ellie Tompkins
12:30 pm Willowwood - Pfeiffer Lounge.

4th Tuesday bridge - November 26th
Hostess is Ardelle Brown
12:30 pm Willowwood - Pfeiffer Lounge.
Please join us. We always have room for more players. *Dargy Baxter Bridge Groups Facilitator*



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Women in Motion

... is an interest group that participates in service projects, activities and events that provide some degree of physical activity.

- >> **Count Your Blessings and Plan to Help**
4:30 - 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 12, at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Contact Jane, Jamie or Linda if you are able to help.
- >> **Burmese / Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity** - Someone you know is moving into a Habitat home in Waterloo. If you tutored for last year's English program, you will know Twah Lwin. His family of six will be moving into their Habitat home at 2416 City View (off Newell Street) W'loo, Tuesday, November 26, at noon. Come wish Twah and Monica well. Call 235 9946 for more information.
- >> **Retirement Party for Linda Morgan** - Executive Director of Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity is hosting a community wide retirement party for Linda on Friday, December 6th from 4 - 6 pm. Location is Covenant Medical Center, rooms 10 & 11. Use the Outpatient and Women's Center entrance - south side of campus, take an elevator to fourth floor, exit left.

>> November 10 - 3 pm concert at GBPAC - Kristallnacht Remembrance

Several members of AAUW are participating in a multi-media/concert collaboration with Metropolitan Chorale, UNI, WCF Symphony, a local children's choir, GBPAC, Cedar Valley Chamber and others. Kristallnacht is also known as "The Night of the Broken Glass." On this night, November 9 - 10, 1938, almost 200 synagogues were destroyed, over 8,000 Jewish shops were sacked and looted, and tens of thousands of Jews were removed to concentration camps. This program received its name because of the great value of glass that was smashed during this anti-Jewish riot. Riots took place throughout Germany and Austria on that night and into the next day. For more information about the historical event go to <http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10005201> Tickets at the door or at GBPAC's website.

>> **Christmas Concert at the Hearst Center**
Sunday December 8th at 2 pm, the Cedar Falls Hearst Center will host the Cedar Valley Singers in a one hour Christmas concert. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the gallery, listen to a-cappella holiday music and nibble on treats at no charge. Linda Morgan has directed this vocal ensemble since 1991.

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