

Monday, January 25, 2010

Cedar Falls Woman's Club
Third and Clay Streets

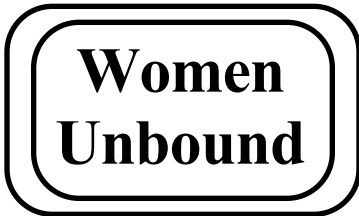
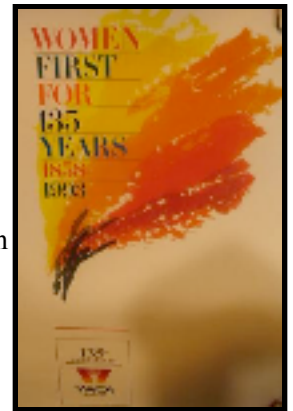
Gather 5:00 p.m.

AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Persimmon Women

The YWCA and AAUW have separate histories, but compatible missions and at least one shared goal: the full and equal participation of women in society. The YWCA was founded in London in 1855 to provide housing, an employment bureau, a library and Bible classes for young single women who moved to London the Crimean War. This was a period of great change, and the speed with which the movement spread to other parts of the UK, and to Europe, India, and the US, indicates that there was a considerable need for such services. The first association in the US was established in 1858 in New York. It opened a boarding house there for female students, teachers and factory workers in 1860, and by 1872, it was operating an employment bureau. In 1874, a low cost summer resort for employed women was opened in Philadelphia. The first world conference of the YWCA was held in 1898 in London, with participants from seventeen countries, and firmly established the association's principles of unity based on service and faith. Those principles directed its involvement in the European refugee crisis after World War II, the civil rights struggle and the labor movement in the US, and the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. Today in 22,000 communities in 120 countries, the YWCA works to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Cindy Mohr will talk with us about how the YWCA of Black Hawk County is carrying out this mission in our community.



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
- Judy Beckman, Mary Dove
- President Elect Maureen White
- Past President Gloria Tollefson
- Vice President for Program Mary Fogarty
- Vice President for Membership Dee Lynch
- Co-Vice Presidents for Educational Foundation
- Barbara Cardamon, Allaire George
- Secretary Mary Franke
- Treasurer Nancy Henderson
- Public Policy/Voter Education Director Maureen White
- Legal Advocacy Fund Director Jane Close

Menu:

- Beef and broccoli stir fry
- Brown rice Egg roll
- Cook's choice dessert
- or Chef Salad, regular or vegetarian

Reservations:

Marcia Street 277-1780 streetmc@cfu.net
8 pm Wednesday, January 20, 8 pm
\$11 State your menu choice
*** **You MUST call or email MARCIA** ***

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**Sharing Our Gratitude with Our Partners**

For the past several years our monthly AAUW meetings have been held at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club which offers us a warm, friendly, and beautiful meeting place. The Cedar Falls Woman's Club has undertaken a restoration project of their home and when it is completed they will have an adequately handicapped accessible facility. At our January board meeting we voted to donate \$500 to this worthy cause. We look forward to seeing the completion of their restoration project and hope to enjoy many more AAUW meetings at the Woman's Club.

Have you attended a Cedar Valley Discuss Discover Diversity (CVD3) book meeting? We meet the second Monday of the month at the UNI Museum free of charge. Our Cedar Falls AAUW branch appreciates the partnership we have with UNI and the UNI Museum. To show that appreciation we have voted to become a friend of the UNI Museum with a \$65 donation to their program. Our next CVD3 book discussion will be Monday, January 11 at 4:30. We will discuss, *Monique and the Mango Rains, Two Years with a Midwife in Mali*.

## *From your co-presidents ~*

Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 8 pm, is the deadline for making dinner reservations for the January 25 AAUW meeting. Send reservations to Marcia Street via e-mail: [streetmc@cfu.net](mailto:streetmc@cfu.net) or call 277-1780. Marcia will respond and confirm your reservation.

If you do not receive a confirmation from Marcia, assume that you **DO NOT** have a reservation and try to contact Marcia again. Reservations may be canceled up until the due date, if needed. After the date has passed, you are responsible for payment even if you don't attend the dinner. The dinner reservations are part of a contract made between AAUW and the Cedar Falls Woman's Club. Please help us honor our commitment to them by reserving your place for dinner and *expecting to pay \$11 if you fail to cancel* your reservation. AAUW does not call you asking about your reservation for the monthly meeting. Please contact Marcia Street and make your reservation. Thank you.

*Judy Beckman & Mary Dove, Co-Presidents*

## How to Support AAUW Programs

AAUW has restructured, but the philanthropic purpose, goals, processes and activities remain the same. Only the terminology used to refer to the destination for charitable giving has changed and is now called AAUW Funds (#9110).

Within that fund you will find the Legal Advocacy Fund #3999, Educational Opportunities Fund #4336, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund #9170, Leadership Programs Fund #4339, and the Public Policy Fund #4337. You may still designate your gift to one or more of the funds of AAUW. Your gift will be acknowledged and recognized according to your intent and designation and will be greatly appreciated.

*Allaire George, Barb Cardamon, EF Co-chairs*



**MEETING THE CHALLENGE**



## Report From the Board of Directors

- > The Board met at AEA267 on Monday, January 4, 2010.
- > The meeting was called to order by Co-President Judy Beckman at 4:30 pm.
- > The Board approved a donation of \$65 to the Friends of the UNI Museum. A donation of \$500 was approved for the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.
- > Beginning January 2010 national AAUW is offering half-year membership to perspective members and former members whose memberships have lapsed for at least two years.
- > Ardelle Brown will host Game Night on January 31st at her home from 3:00 to 6 pm at no cost.
- > January 21 Alice Dahle will be speaking on Rights for Women and Girls at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 7 to 8:30 pm for the United Nations Association.
- > CV3D book discussion January 11 at the UNI Museum will be *Monique and the Mango Rains* by Kris Holloway. Speaker will be Joan Loslo, retired UNI faculty librarian.

*Mary Franke, Secretary*

## Membership News *Dee Lynch*

Beginning in January of 2010, National AAUW is offering **HALF-YEAR MEMBERSHIPS** for two important groups of potential members – prospective members and former members whose memberships have lapsed for at least two years. If you have a friend in either of these categories, this would be a good time to encourage them to join or renew their membership in AAUW. The programs this year have been exceptional, morale and a sense of excitement is evident and interest groups and community service projects are attracting participation.

The following information may help you in your recruitment:

### Prospective members:

Beginning in January 2010, an opportunity for a **HALF-YEAR Membership** is being offered. The regular fees for membership are \$70 (\$49 for Association; \$10 for State; and \$11 for Branch memberships). **\$46** is deductible on your income tax returns.

From **January 1 through March 1** AAUW is offering a **HALF-YEAR Membership** for a reduced price. Association dues would be \$24.50, State \$10 and Branch \$5.50. This would be a total of \$40, a savings of \$30. The AAUW Membership year begins on July 1, 2010. Members would then renew yearly memberships at \$70.

### Lapsed Memberships:

Beginning in January 2010, **from January 1 – March 1** an opportunity for a **HALF-YEAR Membership** is being offered. The regular fees for membership are \$70 (\$49 for National; \$10 for state and \$11 for Branch). For this Half of a Half Membership Fee, National dues would be \$12.25, State \$10, and Branch \$5.50, for a total of \$27.75, a savings of \$42.25. Membership dues for 2010 – 2011 (beginning July 1, 2010) would be \$70.

It is bitter cold outside; however, the warmth of new or renewed friendships and the challenge of participating in efforts to advocate for women and girls will be a gift that will transcend the coldest winter temperatures.

# Community Action

## Cedar Valley

### Discuss & Discover Diversity

#### Reading & Sharing

Monday, January 11, Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity meets at the UNI Museum from 4:30-5:30 to discuss *Monique and the Mango Rains: Two years with a midwife in Mali*, by Kris Holloway. Joan Loslo, UNI Library faculty member will be the discussion leader. She spent two years in the Peace Corps at about the same time that Kris Holloway was in Mali.

The UNI Museum is handicap accessible. Faculty and staff are very accommodating. Ask a question or directions and expect a smiling response. It isn't necessary to read *Monique and the Mango Rains* before the meeting, but the discussion will be more engaging if you have.

CV3D is a co-partnership sponsored event. Cedar Falls AAUW, the Waterloo and Cedar Falls Public Libraries and the UNI Museums provide the impetus for these monthly meetings. All Cedar Valley residents are invited. For information: [drjudy.beckman@cfu.net](mailto:drjudy.beckman@cfu.net)

## Public Policy/Voter Education

AAUW is a co-sponsor of the Legislative Public Forum. The forum is designed to give citizens an opportunity to express views or ask questions of their legislators as well as to hear updates on legislative activities and our elected representatives positions on issues. Each forum is 90 minutes long and has a focus topic.

The dates for 2010 are: Friday, January 22 at 4:30 pm (State Budget and Legislative Priorities), Saturday, February 6 at 10 am (Education), Friday February 19 at 4:30 pm (Business and Labor), Saturday, March 6 at 10 am (Health and Human Services), and Friday, March 19 at 4:30 pm (Environmental Issues). All are held in the Seminar A, B, C room at the AEA 267 office at 3712 Cedar Heights Dr., Cedar Falls.

The format is as follows: several persons will give statements about the topic, legislators will respond regarding the topic, one Senator and one House member will give updates on legislative activity in their branch of the legislature, and members of the audience will have a chance to ask questions or make statements about the Forum topic or other topics.

*Maureen White, Public Policy/Voter Education  
266-9901, [mwhite@cfu.net](mailto:mwhite@cfu.net)*

**Books for Incarcerated Women** - Maureen White, Judy Beckman, Gayle Wood Sixty six books plus a number of magazines were delivered to the Black Hawk County Jail for use in the women's unit. Another collection of new or good condition used books will be held in February. Thanks to all who contributed.

**Cedar Valley United Nations Association** - Maureen White and Gloria Tollefson Gloria and Maureen are the organizers for the CVUNA program to be held from 7-8:30 pm on Thursday, January 21, at the Cedar Falls Public Library.

Alice Dahle, an AAUW member from Cedar Rapids who has a special interest in the international human rights of women, is the speaker. She will address the definition of trafficking, the many forms of human trafficking, statistics on trafficking, where it takes place, human rights documents intended to combat the practice, and the factors that allow trafficking to continue in spite of efforts of governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to stop it. Ms. Dahle will provide information about the US TIPS (Trafficking in Persons) report and how it is used in making foreign policy decisions.

Since our branch is a partner organization with the CVUNA, we are looking forward to a large number of our members attending this program. Members of the public are invited to attend, so plan to bring a friend.

## Promoting Global Awareness - Great Decisions

*Gloria Tollefson Project chair*

January 19, at 7 pm, our discussion group will meet at the Cedar Falls Public Library to discuss "The Arctic Age". As rising temperatures alter the landscape of the Arctic, new challenges and opportunities are created. Participants will focus on how well prepared the U.S. is to deal with these changes. Please join us!

## International Friendship Program Socks and Underwear UNI Children's Literature Participants



## Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

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### International Studies

#### Great Decisions Study Groups

The International Studies group will meet on January 18th at 1:15 pm at the Cedar Falls Library. Mary Fogarty will lead the Great Decisions discussion on Egypt in the 21st Century.

*Kathy Agness*



### Cabin Fever?

Bring a friend and have a rousing good time at 2117 Rownd St. on Sunday, January 31. We'll play games like Farkle, Bridge, 500, Bunko or some other game you might bring.

The wild rumpus will start at 3 in the afternoon and end with a steaming bowl of soup served promptly at 5:30.

Make your reservation at [dabrown@cfu.net](mailto:dabrown@cfu.net) or call 266-2882.



### Literature Interest Group

*Jean Kelly 266-0809 [jeankelly@cfu.net](mailto:jeankelly@cfu.net)*

### Women in Motion...

Marcia Street, Mary Lyman and Maureen White, along with Gloria Tollefson, Judy and Mary Ellen Beckman and Jane Close met on December 7, from 1-7 pm, to answer 28 letters that had been left at the College Square Mall's Santa Mailbox. Mary made the meeting room at the library very pleasant with music, decorations and even treats. Mary said it was fun and heartwarming to be a part of this volunteer effort.



### Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter

Sheryl Bewyer, editor

266-6614 [sbewyer@cfu.net](mailto:sbewyer@cfu.net)

## Please Note This Communication Change



For several years Jane Close has taken the responsibility of sending all AAUW e-mail messages to all our members. Now that she has retired from her position at UNI, Judy Beckman and I will be passing along e-mail messages to all of you. When you have a message to be sent to all members of our Branch, please send it to BOTH Judy Beckman and Gloria Tollefson and we will relay it to the members. Thank you Jane for all your help in getting messages to all our members in such a timely fashion.

*Gloria Tollefson, Communications Chair*

## Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund Upcoming Events

### April 23-24

AAUW - IA State Conference and Go Green Silent Auction in Ames. Lilly Ledbetter, keynote speaker

### May 15

Garage /Plant Sale

### June 26

Purse and Bag Sale during Sturgis Falls weekend

*Barbara Cardamon, co-chair, [cardmore@aol.com](mailto:cardmore@aol.com)*



Gently used books are for sale at each dinner meeting. Bring books to add to the supply or buy something to read during this long cold winter.

## Bridge For Educational Foundation



AAUW Bridge Groups meet the third Wednesday at Bonanza Steak House at 11:30 am for lunch followed by an afternoon of Bridge. Hostess for the January 20th date is Ardelle Brown. January 26, at 12:30 pm, Gladys Wagner will host the fourth Tuesday game. For further information: Contact Lorraine Tressler or Ardelle Brown. All members of AAUW are welcome to join either or both of these two Bridge groups.

*Dargy Baxter, Facilitator, 266-2890 (home)*

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