

**Monday, January 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.**

*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.

**Board of Directors:**

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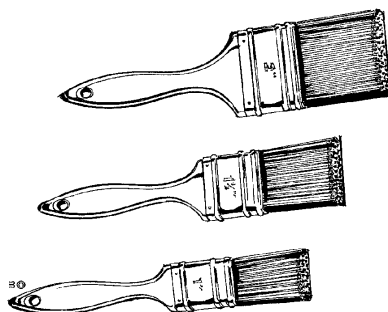
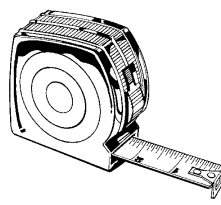


## Habitat International Build with Linda Morgan

The program at our January general meeting will be presented by our vice-president Linda Morgan. She will share information about her role as the local Habitat for Humanity director and how Habitat helps women and families in our community. Her presentation will focus on Habitat International Builds. She and her husband were members of a crew that recently went to northern Thailand to build homes for families. Photos of her trip and their experiences will be shared with our AAUW members.

**Menu**

- Beef and Broccoli Stir Fry
- Brown Rice
- Asian Cole Slaw
- Apple Crisp and Topping
- or Chef Salad, vegetarian/ regular



**Reservations:**

Allaire George 233-5320  
allaireg7@mchsi.com

**8 pm Thursday, January 20,**  
**\$11** State your menu choice  
**\*\*\* You MUST call or email**  
**Allaire if you plan to eat \*\*\***

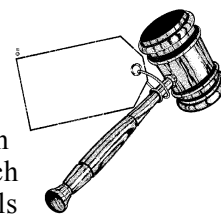
**If you have made a reservation and find you can not attend, please find someone to take your place or you will be responsible for paying for your meal.**

## *From your co-presidents ~*

### **Gender Balance**

Black Hawk County Gender Balance Coalition members have presented information to the Cedar Falls AAUW, Cedar Falls Woman's Club, Waterloo Business and Professional Women men, and at "News Talk" at University Book and Supply regarding the Gender Balance law which goes into effect on January 1, 2012. Members have also met with mayors and other city officials in most of the cities of Black Hawk County to discuss implementation of the law.

On Saturday, February 12, Christopher Larimer, faculty member at UNI, will be the speaker for "News Talk" at University Book and Supply from 10:30-11:30 am. The title is Gender Balance in Local Government. He will discuss how this legislation is viewed by members currently serving on boards and commissions as well as some of the challenges faced by local government in adapting to this provision.



### **Save the Date**

The film *Iron Jawed Angels* will be shown at 1 pm on Saturday, February 26 at the Iowa Veterans Museum in Waterloo. The film is about women's suffrage and stars Hilary Swank.

### **Branch Leadership**

The nominations committee will soon begin work on recruiting members for leadership positions for the 2011-12 membership year. The names will be on the ballot submitted to branch members at the April 4, 2011 Annual Meeting.

As with any leadership position, there is work that must be done and a time commitment that must be made. None of you would believe there isn't, especially if you have been an officer or committee chair. But there is also an opportunity to help shape the priorities and direction of the branch and to work with some fantastic women. We hear from AAUW members at the state level that our branch has a reputation as a group that gets things done. That is only because previously uninvolved members made the commitment to lead and because longtime members continued to volunteer for an organization they believe in. The branch benefits from the fresh ideas that come from newly involved leaders and from the "history" shared by longtime members.

Please consider whether, if asked, you will make the time and energy commitment as an elected branch leader. Or you can volunteer! Terms of office begin on July 1.

The president will also be asking members to accept appointment as a director, standing committee chair, or study/interest group leader. Be one of those who say "yes".

*Maureen White & Mary Dove, Co-Presidents*

## **Wessling Kicks Off Iowa AAUW State Conference**



AAUW and the University of Northern Iowa have collaborated to bring Sarah Brown Wessling, National Teacher of the Year, to be our keynote speaker Friday, April 29 for the State AAUW Conference. Ms. Wessling topic will be *Worthy Learning: Students are Worth the Learning that is Worth Doing*.

Wessling begins the school year for her senior English students with a copy of Plato's *Parable of Light* and a candle. She tells them that, by the end of the class period, they need to tell her the course expectations. And in this classroom in Johnston, Iowa, they can. Wessling lives her belief that, as she says, "Learning must be learner-centered."

Many interesting sessions are planned at our spring conference with presentations by the author of *Inman's War*, Jeff Copeland, to how to use Elluminate Live!, and also how to increase your branch membership.

Save the date for Iowa AAUW spring conference, April 29 – 30, held right here in Cedar Falls. You won't want to miss it!

*by Dr. Judy Beckman and Mary Dove State Program Co-chairs*

# Community Action

Cedar Valley

Discuss & Discover Diversity  
Reading & Sharing

## Upcoming Events:

1. **CV3D** January 10, 2011: Discuss *Half Broke Horses: A True Life Novel* by Jeannett Walls. Kathryn Rogers will lead the discussion. UNI Museum, 4:30-5:30 pm.

2. **Author Visit:** Kent Nerburn, Minnesota Prize-winning author comes March 14 to discuss *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*. Two presentations will be made, both at CF Public Library: 4:30 - 5:30 pm.; 7-8 pm. Bring your book for signing. Visit is co-sponsored by AAUW and Cedar Falls Public Library.

3. **CV3D** February 14, *The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind* by Klamwamba and Mealer. Pat Highby will lead the discussion at the UNI Museum 4:30-5:30 pm.

4: **Author Visit:** Iowa AAUW State Conference, Cedar Falls, Jeffrey Copeland, author of *Inman's War* and *Olivia's Story* will speak on Saturday, April 30, 2011.

It's a busy spring for readers! Save these dates and join us.

For further information contact Dr. Judy Beckman at [drjudy.beckman@cfu.net](mailto:drjudy.beckman@cfu.net) or call 319-268-0544.

## Fall Fundraising \$\$\$

Thank you to everyone who helped us have two successful fundraisers this past fall.

The first one was a *Premier Designs Jewelry* fundraiser which raised \$150.00 for our Scholarship program. This was in October, with twelve people participating and 20% of the sales going to AAUW. Those ladies are "looking good"!

After our monthly program on November 22, our second fundraiser was November 23 at *The World's Window*. We had fourteen coupons turned in from those shopping and participating. Our sales were \$776.74 that day and *The World's Window* donated 20% of that to AAUW. We were able to add \$153.15 to our Scholarship fund from that fundraiser.

We were also pleased to learn how *The World's Window* really does help empower women throughout the world. Also, we need to mention that *The World's Window* **always** needs more volunteers and it's a wonderful way to give back to the community and beyond. Please consider this as an opportunity in 2011.

Future fundraisers are being discussed and will be announced when plans are finalized. In May we will be having our annual Garage and Plant Sale, so start saving items to donate for that. *Bonnie Smith, Jean Kelly*

## The Iowa R

### Iowa Radio Reading Information Service

The Iowa Radio Reading Information Service provides readings of newspapers and magazines by way of radio receivers distributed free of charge to visually impaired Iowans. The statewide program broadcasts 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Locally, *The Courier* is read from 8 - 9 am daily by volunteers. During the 2010 calendar year, twelve AAUW current or former members or spouses volunteered 154 hours of reading. This constitutes more than 20% of the total reading time done in the Cedar Valley during the year.

**IRIS** is a community action project of our Cedar Falls Branch. Volunteers are always needed. If you or someone you know is interested in reading for **IRIS**, please contact us at 233-2848 for more information or training.

*Barbara Cardamon, project chair, cardmore@aol.com*

### Public Policy/Voter Education

Legislative forums are to be held at AEA 267, rooms ABC, on the following dates on the following topics before the legislature.

Friday, January 21	Human Services
Saturday, February 5	Education
Friday, February 18	Health
Saturday, March 5	Criminal Justice
Friday, March 18	Civil Rights

Friday forums are 4:30 - 6 pm

Saturday forums are 10 - Noon

Plan to attend all, or those of particular interest. *Joan Kurt Public Policy/Voter Ed*

### Cedar Falls Branch Welcomes a New Member

Elaine Bruns is transferring her membership from Waterloo to Cedar Falls. Please add this information to your yearbook:

Elaine Bruns  
1400 Maxhelen Blvd. Unit 1302  
Waterloo 50701  
296-7146 [ebruns3@mchsi.com](mailto:ebruns3@mchsi.com)

### Scholarship Committee

### International Friendship Program

Promoting Global Awareness -

Great Decisions

## Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

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### Books for Incarcerated Women



We are continuing to support the Books for Incarcerated Women Project again this year. One day in mid-October, 2010, 152 books donated by members were delivered to the Blackhawk County Jail. Along with the books AAUW members donated twenty-one magazines, fifteen puzzle books, one blank journal, and one game.

Thank you to Judy Beckman, who donated a large number of these items from her own collection, and thanks to all who brought books and magazines for this project.

Please set aside any items you wish to donate to this cause, as we will be collecting them again at the February dinner meeting. New or gently used books, paperback or hardcover editions, fiction and non-fiction, are greatly appreciated, as are magazines. Thank you so much.

*Maureen White, Dee Lynch, Judy Beckman, Gayle Wood*  
AAUW Project Coordinators

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### Report From the Board of Directors

#### Dates to remember:

Wednesday January 19, 2011 AAUW Bridge for EF will meet at Willowwood, 12:15 pm, Dargy Baxter is the hostess.

Friday January 21, 2011 there is a Legislative Public Forum at the AEA 267 Offices, Cedar Heights Drive, 4:30 pm.

Monday January 24, 2011 is our AAUW Cedar Falls branch monthly meeting and dinner at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club, 5 pm is the social, 5:30 pm. program, and dinner afterwards.

Thursday January 25, 2011 AAUW Bridge for EF will be hosted by Phyllis Steele. *Dargy Baxter, Secretary*

#### Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter

Sheryl Bewyer, editor

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## International Studies

The *afternoon study group* will meet at the Cedar Falls Public Library, Monday, January 17 at 1:15 pm.

Dee Lynch will lead the discussion on the Great Decisions January topic, "China Looks at the World". Anne Schuessler and Dargy Baxter are co-hostesses. This group welcomes any AAUW member interested in this topic.

The *evening group* will also meet at the CF Library on Tuesday, January 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. AAUW members and interested people in the community are encouraged to attend the evening study group. Both study groups will discuss how China's expanding military and economic power affect traditional roles and alliances in eastern Asia? How will Japan, South Korea and India respond? Join us.

*Gloria Tollefson and Marcia Street, Project Chairs*

## Literature Interest Group

Monday afternoon, January 10, 1:15 pm at the home of Orea Yahnke, 1803 Grand Blvd.

Liz Poole will present a book of her choice. We would like to invite you to visit our group!

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## Educational Opportunities and Legal Advocacy Fund

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### Bridge For Educational Foundation



Reminder: Bridge Group piggy bank was 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.

**Third Wednesday Bridge** will be  
January 19, 2011 Dargy Baxter-hostess  
February 16, 2011 Ardelle Brown-hostess

**Fourth Tuesday Bridge** will be  
January 25, 2011 Phyllis Steele-hostess  
February 22, 2011 not assigned

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

*E-mail [dargybaxter@mchsi.com](mailto:dargybaxter@mchsi.com) or call 266 - 2890.*