

## Monday, January 23, 2012

### 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*

## Feeding the Hungry in the Cedar Valley

Barbara Prather, Executive Director  
NE Iowa Food Bank



### 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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~ Imagine children going to bed with their stomachs aching from hunger.

~~ Imagine a family only being able to eat one meal a day.

~~~ Imagine a grandparent having to choose between buying food or needed medications.



These scenarios are not imaginary. They are real and happen all the time for working poor families, seniors and children in Northeast Iowa. Come hear how the Northeast Iowa Food Bank partners with food pantries, emergency shelters and kitchens in our community to provide food needed for our hungry neighbors. Our speaker, Barbara Prather, has been the director of our area food bank since 1999 and will share with us the many programs that serve the hungry in our area, along with information on how important volunteers are to their success.

### Menu:

Pork Chop with Apricot Sauce  
Roasted Potatoes  
Escalloped Corn,  
Orange Jello with Crushed Pineapple  
Lemon Meringue Pie  
or Vegetarian Salad with Dessert

### Reservations:

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

**8 pm Wednesday, January 18,**  
**\$11** State your menu choice

**\*\*\* You MUST call or email  
Mary Ellen if you plan to eat \*\*\***

## Silent Auction

The Branch Silent Auction will be held at the January general meeting. Please bring a white elephant or a regifting item to be auctioned off. Put the item in a bag and close the top. Include a short sentence, poem or song that gives a clue about the item. The example used at the November meeting was an Oriole bird feeder and the clue was "This will draw the birds to your yard in the spring". The money raised will be used for the scholarship fund.



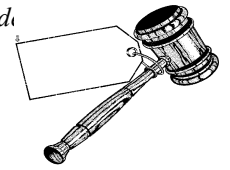
### Remember the Silent Auction

and bring something to auction  
and/or money for shopping.  
Don't you just love surprises?



*From your co-presidents ~*

*Linda Morgan & Ardelle Brown, Co Presid*



## Focus on STEM

### Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

In July 2011, Gov. Branstad issued Order 74 that formed the Iowa STEM Advisory Council because Iowa is lagging behind other states. The Council has identified activities to advance the STEM initiative by forming regional STEM networks, increasing exemplary education programs and focusing on teacher recruitment, public awareness and public-private partnerships. The shortage of American scientists and engineers threatens our nation's ability to compete and innovate, especially as the outsourcing of jobs to and importing of science from other nations continues to grow.

Pat Higby and Ardelle Brown attended a town meeting November 30, 2011 at UNI'S STEM Advisory Council which was started at UNI four years ago. Cedar Falls AAUW needs to advocate for funding and continued emphasis in our schools for STEM subjects which has been an AAUW focus since 2009. AAUW supports promoting and strengthening STEM education, especially for girls and other underrepresented populations. These efforts will help increase America's competitiveness by reducing gender barriers that deter women from pursuing academic and career goals in these fields.

Go to [iowaeducation.iowa.gov/iowa-education-summitstem/](http://iowaeducation.iowa.gov/iowa-education-summitstem/) for more information or search AAUW STEM education for research from AAUW.

### All Iowa AAUW Reads

In May 2008 the Cedar Falls Branch Diversity Book Club invited Mark Grey to lead a discussion on T. C. Boyle's book, *The Tortilla Curtain*. Five minutes before the 4:30 beginning time, Mark Grey appeared, sweating, and catching his breath. So much for T. C. Boyle.

Mark had been at the Cattle Congress Grounds in Waterloo where the Immigration and Customs Enforcement had raided the AgriProcessors in Postville. Every non-documented worker - fully 20 percent of the town's population were carted off to the Cattle Congress grounds and in the process disclosed the disastrous enforcement of immigration policies.

Our diversity audience had a firsthand report on this example of Federal government indifference. Grey and his colleague, Michelle Devlin were firsthand advocates who assisted these people arrested and prepared for deportation leaving families back in Postville with no work and no way to feed families.

We invite you to hear Grey, an anthropologist and Devlin, a public health professor discuss the raid, the interviews of Postville citizens, and the insights small towns across rural America need in the face of rapid ethnic change.

**POSTVILLE U.S.A.: Surviving Diversity in Small-Town America** is the 2011-12 AAUW book for discussion. Copies may be purchased at Barnes Noble, Amazon, as well as University Book and Supply. Copies will also be available for purchase at the **April AAUW Conference**.



### Report From the Board of Directors

### The Many Faces of Diversity

We invite you to our spring conference on April 20-21, 2012 in Des Moines at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites on Merle Hay Road. This year's conference will have a diversity of sessions which we hope will inspire you to attend. You will have the opportunity to learn about human trafficking. You will hear a story of a Rwanda refugee and her journey to become a United States Citizen. Authors Mark Grey and Michele Devlin will share about their work with Iowa immigrants and their book Postville USA. Come hear Dr. Karen Zunkel from Iowa State University share about women in science and engineering field. You won't want to miss our keynote speaker, Iowa Supreme Court Justice Mark Cady. One issue Justice Cady will speak about is the importance of keeping politics out of the court systems. Save the date, April 20 -21. Join the many faces of our Iowa AAUW organization as we come together breaking through barriers for women and girls.



### Upcoming Legislative Public Forums Public Policy/Voter Education

Friday January 20 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
Topic: Human Services  
Saturday February 4 10 am - Noon  
Topic: Women's Health Issues  
Sessions are held at AEA 267 on  
Cedar Heights Dr. Cedar Falls.

*Joan Kurt: Public Policy/Voter Education*

Contact secretary Dargy Baxter for further information

# Community Action

## Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

>>> **January 9**, Dr. Kerrie Bossard, medical doctor from Waverly will discuss two facets of *Heart Matters* by Kathy Magliota. She will talk heart health in women, and also underscore the stresses faced by a world-known cardiologist as she attempts to balance the roles of mother, while finding a place in the man's world of heart surgery.

>>> **February 13th**, Gloria Tollefson will discuss *The City of Veils: A Novel*. In a world closed to women, Lelia is beaten and brutally murdered. An American contractor disappears. His wife must negotiate this veiled world of women to discover what happened to her husband and who murdered Lelia.

These two programs will be held from 4:30 - 5:30 pm at the UNI Museum, a partner with AAUW. Participants need not have read the book to join this Cedar Valley event.

>>> Finally, a reminder that Kent Nerburn, Minnesota prize-winning author and theologian will be speaking **April 9** on *Wolf at Midnight: An Indian Elder's Journey Through the Land of Ghosts and Shadows*. A Lakota Elder loses his sister, Yellow Bird, while in her governmental school. What happened to her? Nerburn takes readers on this factual search. This special event will be hosted by the Cedar Falls Public Library, from 7 - 8 pm on the second floor large room. All are welcome whether you join the discussion or wish for a boost that leads you to put *Wolf at Midnight* on your "must read" list.

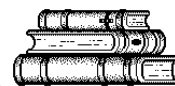
for more information - Call Dr. Judy Beckman at 268-0544 or e-mail: [drjudy.beckman@cfu.net](mailto:drjudy.beckman@cfu.net).  
Co-chairs Dr. Judy Beckman and Mary Dove

## Promoting Global Awareness - Community Action Project

This Great Decisions discussion group will resume their discussion of major foreign policy issues facing U.S. decision makers, **January 17** in the small conference room at the Cedar Falls Library from 7 - 8:30 pm. The January topic will be the popular revolts and upheaval that have radically changed the Middle East. What lies ahead for the Middle East's transition to democracy? What are the prospects for the governments that have held out in the new order? With many longtime U.S. allies ousted, how will the U.S. rethink its relations with the new regimes? Our discussion will be based on a 30 minute DVD and topic #1 **Middle East Alignment** in the 2012 Edition of *Great Decisions* briefing book. This project is co-sponsored by our AAUW and the Cedar Valley United Nations Association of the Cedar Valley and is open to all members of the community.

*Gloria Tollefson and Marcia Street, co-leaders*

## Community Action Project - Books for Incarcerated Women



The next delivery to the Black Hawk County Jail with books and magazines for women incarcerated there will be following the March 26 general meeting. A plastic carton, appropriately labeled, will be placed on the stage at the January, February and March AAUW dinner general meetings.

The books and magazines are appreciated by the women. According to Lt. Schmidt, preferred books are romance, western, mysteries and thrillers. Lt. Schmidt asks that no Reader's Digest books be sent.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.  
Dee Lynch, for the Committee: Gayle Wood, Judy Beckman, Maureen White and Dee Lynch.

## Branch Leaders Needed

Election of officers for the 2012-13 membership year will take place at the April 23, 2012 annual meeting of our AAUW Branch. Leadership positions for which nominees are needed are: President-elect (one year term, followed by one year term as President), Vice President for Program (two year term), and Secretary (two year term). Terms of office begin on July 1, 2012. Responsibilities of officers are listed in our Branch By-laws, Policies, and Duties and Responsibilities documents. If you do not have those documents and would like to learn more about what is expected of an officer, an electronic version can be provided at your request.

Our branch has a reputation as one that is active and gets things done. This is only because of the commitment of our members to do their share in providing direction and leadership for the group. We have so many members that are very capable of serving as an officer. Please consider whether you can lend your time and talents for the good of the branch. Serving as an officer is also a great way to get to know other branch members.

Members of the Nominating Committee, chaired by past-presidents Maureen White and Mary Dove, are responsible for presenting a slate of candidates to the membership. Contact Maureen ([mwhite@cfu.net](mailto:mwhite@cfu.net), 266-9901) or Mary ([elybound1982@aol.com](mailto:elybound1982@aol.com), 987-2593) for more information, to recommend a nominee or to volunteer to be placed on the ballot for one of the elected offices.

*Maureen White and Mary Dove, Nominating Committee co-chairs*

## International Studies Interest Group

This interest group will meet at the Cedar Falls Library on January 16, Monday afternoon at 1:15 pm. The topic of discussion will be *Middle East Realignment: the Arab Upheaval* following a viewing of a 30 minute DVD on this topic. Liz Poole and Anne Schuessler are hostesses. Call Lois Crowley at 266-2174 for additional information. All members are welcome to join us!

contact Gloria Tollefson for information

## Women in Motion

The Be a Santa to a Senior project sponsored by the Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging matches senior wishes to donors in surrounding area towns as well as the Cedar Falls - Waterloo area. Area businesses, charitable organizations, and individuals provide the gifts which then need to be wrapped.

The Happy Wrappers (Gloria Tollefson, Jane Hartman, Marcia Street, and Mary Lyman) helped by wrapping many, many of those gifts on Wednesday, December 14 at Home Instead on Ridgeway Avenue.

Those gifts were distributed by area Rotary organizations.



## Bridge For Education

- Tuesday Bridge and Wednesday Bridge



The group will meet both dates at Willow Wood, 1100 Grove Street. You will be called to see if you are available. There will be dessert followed by bridge.

>> Third Wednesday, January 18, 12:30 pm

>>>> Fourth Tuesday, January 24, 12:30 pm

Esther Kieffer will host both dates.

Dargy Baxter [mmbaxter76@hotmail.com](mailto:mmbaxter76@hotmail.com)

## Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

### Literature Interest Group

The literature group will meet in the lounge next to Marion Svendsen's apt. 226, at NewAldaya (formerly the Lutheran Home). Enter at the new entrance to "Main Street" and take the elevator from there to second floor. The lounge is to the right as you exit the elevator. Oreaan Yahnke will be her co-hostess.

Dee Lynch will review the book *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff, a Pulitzer prize biographer.

Call Jean Kelly at 266-0809 for additional information. We welcome visitors!

### Celebrate AAUW Accomplishments -2011 AAUW Action Network

\* Awarded \$3.7 million to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations to support 239 fellowships and grants, thanks to the longstanding contributions of generous AAUW members.

### International Friendship Program

Books !

### Iowa Radio Reading Information Service

### BOOKS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN PROJECT

### Member Information

Have you moved, changed your phone number or changed your email address since our Branch Yearbook was printed? If so, please contact Communications Chair, Maureen White ([mwhite@cfu.net](mailto:mwhite@cfu.net) or 266-9901) so that we can let our members know that new information. Thank you.

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