

Monday, January 27, 2014
Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Gather 5:00 p.m.
AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.
Dinner and Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.



Menu:

Roast Beef
and Blue Cheese Salad
Cheese Muffins
Cherry Pie Pie

*Vegetarian and Meat Salads
available*

Reservations:

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

NOON Thursday,
January 23, \$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.

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**Perspective on the Glass Ceiling
in Government**



Dr. Allison Martens
Assistant Professor of
Political Science UNI

Monday, January 27, 2014, join the Cedar Falls AAUW Branch at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club to welcome Dr. Allison Martens, Assistant Professor of Political Science at UNI. She will give her insights on the glass ceiling and its impact on women in government.

Dr. Martens has a law degree and a doctorate in Political Science from the University of Texas in Austin. Among her research focuses is gender and politics. As well as touching upon the low numbers of women who make it into political office and how to remedy that, she will spotlight newer research revealing the unique challenges women face once they gain political office. What can hinder influence and advancement? How do differences in male and female leadership styles impact effectiveness? In which contexts may women have an edge? What institutional features of Congress may affect advancement for women in political office? Listen to Dr. Marten's take on these issues as we continue with our year's focus on women and the glass ceiling.

Hospitality gathering starts at 5 pm, followed by Dr. Marten's remarks at 5:30 pm, and dinner at 6:10 pm.

We found help! Funds for Transition Scholarship Fund



Each spring, the Cedar Falls branch of AAUW awards \$1000 to one, or \$500 to each of two students transferring from Hawkeye Community College to the University of Northern Iowa. We are more than halfway to raising the \$1000 we'll need for this scholarship, thanks to the generosity of branch members who contributed in 2013. Our Cedar Falls AAUW branch members donated nearly \$700 this past year: 2013. We do appreciate your generous gifts.

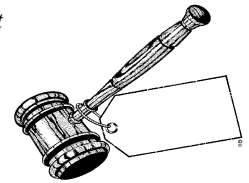
A special note: The afternoon Literature Group donated \$260 to the CF Civic Foundation for the AAUW scholarship fund in memory of Mary Jean Kelly who died last year and was a member of this group. Our sincere thanks.

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

The Presidents' Corner

Barb Feuerhauk, President

Check out our new web site: <http://www.cedarfalls-ia.aauw.net> Barb will share more information on how to enter our new website and how to work with it. Three cheers for new things and explanations on how it works and what to do.



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Introducing Kathy Krieg

Kathy received her undergraduate degree from Westmar College, and her master's degree from the U of Iowa. She graduated with a major in elementary education and a minor in reading disabilities.

Kathy worked in education for 34 years before retiring. She taught kindergarten, first grade, fifth grade, Title I reading, Resource, and served as an educational consultant with AEA 12 in northwest Iowa. She was also an adjunct instructor at UNI, teaching Children's Literature and Methods of Early Reading. For the last six years of her career she was the Language Arts Coordinator for the Cedar Falls Schools.

Kathy has been married to her husband, Jim, for almost 11 years. Their blended family includes six children, two of whom are married. They live in northern California, Arizona, Colorado, Des Moines, and Iowa City offering them plenty of great places to visit!

They love going to National Parks, and Yosemite is one of their favorites. Gimmelvald, Switzerland, is absolutely one of the most beautiful places she has ever been. Kathy enjoys hiking, swimming, gardening, quilting, playing piano, and reading.

Kathy and Jim are enjoying the time they spend with their UNI students from China, and wish to thank AAUW for connecting them and providing such a fantastic opportunity to get to know the world a little better. They have hosted exchange students in the past through Rotary. Welcome to AAUW, Kathy!

Meet Arleen Cook

Arleen graduated from Kansas University in 1975. Her majors were Spanish and History with an emphasis in Latin American Area Studies. She earned high school certification in Spanish and World History at Bethel College, Kansas; elementary and bilingual education certification at Fresno Pacific University and a Masters in TESOL/Spanish from UNI, 1991.

She has taught high school Spanish, regular elementary, bilingual elementary, sheltered and pull out English Language Learner (ELL) classes and college level Spanish. She is currently teaching adult ELL at Hawkeye Community College and enjoys reading, gardening and traveling.

Arleen met her husband at KU. Following her husband's educational opportunities, their family has lived in 3 communities in Kansas, Mexico City, Fresno and Palo Alto, California, Wooster, Ohio and now, Cedar Falls. They've lived here since 1989; the longest she has lived anywhere! They have a son in Los Angeles and another in Lawrence, Kansas.

Arleen is very excited about participating in the AAUW's Research Delegation to Cuba in January where she will learn about the lives of women in Cuba; education, challenges, opportunities and changing roles. She looks forward to sharing what's she learns on her return! Welcome to AAUW, Arleen!

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

The Women - to - Women Career Mentoring Program

Would you like to make a difference in the life of another woman? Do you know there are women, some who are young and others who are making career changes, who are looking for someone to provide a little encouragement and guidance as they pursue their college education and prepare to enter (or re-enter) the workforce (or transfer to a four-year campus)? Make a difference by participating in the Women-to-Women Career Mentoring Program at Hawkeye Community College.

As a mentor, you will be paired with a female student from the College who is pursuing a program of study. The match will last one to three semesters depending upon the student's needs. Mentors are asked to be in touch with their mentees every few weeks. The mentor and mentee work together to determine how the relationship will progress and determine what specific issues the pair will work on. Each pairing is unique. In some of the previous matches, mentors have helped mentees network with professionals in the students' fields of study. Mentors have been a sounding board for mentees and have helped mentees think through approaches to dealing with obstacles in their path. Mentors do not provide monetary assistance or tutoring assistance.

If you are interested, we are looking for mentors for this spring semester 2014. Please contact Nancy Henderson at nancy.henderson@hawkeyecollege.edu immediately. Mentors are asked to go through a short orientation session (1-hour) prior to being matched with a mentee. Each mentor is given a mentoring book and guide which provide information about the program. The next orientation sessions are scheduled for late January.

I look forward to some of you joining the program! Nancy Henderson

BUY BUY BUY Come with dollar bills to buy books. Paperbacks \$1 and most hardbacks \$2.



Report From the Board of Directors

Contact secretary
Dee Lynch for
further information

Community Action

Cedar Valley

Discuss & Discover Diversity

Reading & Sharing

Monday, January 14, 2014

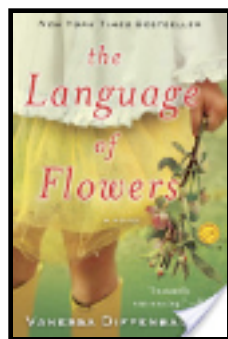
Cedar Falls Public Library

4.30 - 5:30 pm CV3D Discussion

The Language of Flowers

by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Join AAUW's Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D) on January 14. Maureen White will be leading the discussion on Vanessa Diffenbaugh's first novel. We will meet in the small meeting room at the Cedar Falls Library, a handicap accessible facility.



Meet Victoria, product of eighteen years in the foster care system, she has nowhere to go but sleep in the park and grow a little garden. She looks for a job but with no experience in a flower-shop, she is relegated to the park for sleep and survival. Find out how a local florist discovers her talent and that she has no place to live. Is it worth turning her world around, telling her past to give herself a second chance at giving love and finding love for herself?

The AAUW group is a diversity book discussion group. We partner with University Book and Supply, and the Waterloo and Cedar Falls Public Libraries. Cedar Valley residents are always invited to join the discussion. They need not have read the book to join the Monday, January 14 CV3D discussion. We look forward to your joining us.

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

Member Gladys Wagner turns 100 on January 17

Gladys joined AAUW in January 2000 to support the programs and to play bridge. She was a CPA, world traveler, has two children and her husband, Guy taught at UNI. She arranges for the room at Willow Wood for the two bridge groups and we all want to be her partner because she is an excellent bridge player. Keep smiling and counting cards to keep up with Gladys.

>> Send cards to Gladys Wagner, 1100 Grove St., #34, Cedar Falls, IA 50613



Promoting Global Awareness



Our new DVD and study books have arrived! Defense Technology or how robots, drones, etc. will affect our military superiority will be our first discussion topic in the 2014 series of **Great Decisions**.

Our study group will meet on January 21 from 7 - 8:30 pm in the conference room in the Cedar Falls Public Library. We encourage members and other interested persons in our community to join us.

Gloria Tollefson, Chair
gtollefson@cfu.net 266-4075

Public Policy

Democracy in Action!

Legislative Forums sponsored by AAUW and other groups begin January 31. Attending a forum is a very interesting way to observe and be part of democracy in action. As they used to say in the 60's, "if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem," so come to a forum and be a problem solver.

The forums are held at the AEA 267 Building on Cedar Heights Drive in CF. Park in the back and go in the back door for easiest accessibility. About 100 people usually attend them, along with most of our local state legislators.

Each forum is focused on an issue area. Three people make short formal presentations about a specific concern within that issue area. The general subject areas always include those that relate to AAUW policy concerns. Legislators respond with questions to the presenter or they provide further information or updates about the topics.

After that time, anyone present may line up and, as time allows, make a brief statement related to the issue area - or even bring up a different subject. They can also suggest specific legislation proposals and ask the legislators if they would support the idea. After the forum is over, the legislators stay for a while and talk to attendees one-to-one.

Mark your calendars for these dates:
Friday, January 31, 4:30 pm - Criminal Justice
Saturday, February 15, 10 am - Education
Friday, February 28, 4:30 pm - Education
Saturday, March 15, 10 am - Environment
Friday, March 28, 4 pm - Iowa State Budget

Pam Hays, Public Policy Chair

annebcook@mchsi.com **Address update info**
change of email... leaving Hawkeye as of January 10

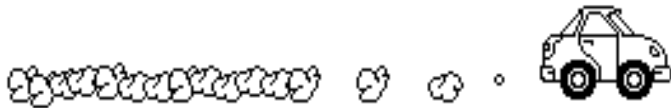
Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

International Friendship Program **Literature Interest Group**
Afternoon Book Club

Iowa Radio Reading Information Service

The Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped, IRIS, provides visually handicapped persons access to the local news via an easy to operate radio receiver. Pairs of volunteers read items of local interest from the Courier daily from 8-9 am. The small studio is located in the Communication Arts Building on the UNI campus. Volunteers are always needed.

Contact Barbara Cardamon at cardmore@aol.com



International Studies Interest Group

International Studies will meet January 20 at 1:15 at First Presbyterian Church. All AAUW Members are welcome to join us. *Ellie Tompkins*



Women in Motion

Co-facilitators: Jamie Castle castle.jamie@gmail.com

Jane Close closej@q.com

Linda Morgan Linda47@cfu.net

Bridge For Education



3rd Wednesday bridge - January 15th

4th Tuesday bridge - January 28th

Hostesses are Gladys Wagner and Dargy Baxter

12:30 pm Willowwood - Pfeiffer Lounge.

Please join us. We always have room for more players. *Dargy Baxter Bridge Groups Facilitator*

Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter
Sheryl Bewyer, editor
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AAUW Burma-Iowa Friends Bundles of Joy Community Action Project

After a slow start the Bundles of Joy project to provide infant layettes for Burmese newborns is up and running. Baby boy Thwang Tha Bik was born in November. A layette was delivered to the family through the USCRI (US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants) office in Waterloo and the parents were excited to receive it. We know of two more babies due in 2014 and will likely hear of others as our project becomes known throughout the Burmese community. The Black Hawk County nurses have been provided with layettes, as they will likely see every new mother in their clinic.

We expect to continue to get informed of newborns through USCRI, Burma-Iowa Friends members and ELL (English Language Learners) teachers. We are also working with the Allen Hospital birthing center determine a way for them to distribute layettes as soon as possible after birth. However, we are limited in getting information due to the restrictions of the HIPAA (Health Information Portability and Accountability Act) Privacy Rule. What we need to know is the sex of the newborn (so that we can deliver boy or girl layette) and some identifier so that we do not duplicate our services.

Our list of needs has narrowed to: newborn or 0-3 month sleepers and blanket sleepers, infant nail clippers and baby wipes. All of these items are inexpensive and sleepers can be purchased at thrift and consignment shops. Donations will be accepted throughout the year and may be brought to monthly meetings.

Thank you for your support.

Jane Close and Diane Davison

BOOKS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN PROJECT

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

