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Monday, February 26, 2007

Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Third and Clay Streets

Gather 5:00 p.m.

AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:15 p.m.

**What in the World
are we doing?
~ about women living
in poverty?**

Menu:

Marinated chicken breast
Rice pilaf ~ Broccoli
Cook's choice dessert
You may order a Chef's Salad
\$10.00 for either

Reservations:

Phyllis Steele 266-1595
psteele@cfu.net
8:00 pm Tuesday, February 20

Mission:

The American Association of University Women, Cedar Falls Branch, promotes education and equity for all women and girls, life long education, and positive societal change.

Vision:

The American Association of University Women, Cedar Falls Branch, will be recognized in the community for promoting the status of women and girls.

Diversity Statement:

In principle and in practice, the American Association of University Women, Cedar Falls Branch, values and seeks a diverse membership. 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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Helping People Help Themselves

**Barb Grant
Executive Director
Operation Threshold**



Our guest speaker for our February general meeting is Barb Grant, the Executive Director of Operation Threshold. Barb was born and raised in the Chicago area and received her BA in Sociology and Political Science from Drake University in Des Moines. She received a law degree from the University of Iowa, as well as a Masters in Social Work and a certificate in Aging Studies. She has been the Executive Director of Operation Threshold since 2001.

Operation Threshold is a Community Action Agency serving

Black Hawk, Buchanan and Grundy Counties.

The purpose is to eliminate the causes of poverty as well as ameliorate its effects by providing programming to meet the needs of the people involved.

You will be surprised to learn how many different programs they offer and the number of people they serve in Cedar Valley.



From the president ~

The board has completed its review of midyear reports on community action projects, standing committees and study/interest groups, among others. We are very pleased with this year's overall programming and will share final annual reports with the membership toward the end of the fiscal year (June 30).

The board is now in the process of planning the annual meeting to be held on March 26. Since the annual meeting will follow our regularly scheduled program, it's important the board be well prepared. We are required by our bylaws to elect officers, review the financial report and annual budget, establish branch dues, present officers' reports and solicit input from our membership. This letter serves as the 30 days notice required for some of these items. The meeting will be as concise as possible while also allowing for adequate discussion and should last about fifteen minutes.

Please plan to attend; the board looks forward to your participation. If you have an agenda item other those listed above, please contact me in advance of the meeting.

Jane Close President 273-6250 jane.close@uni.edu

International Tea to be Held

Sunday, February 18

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo



Our community project, to assist the Bright Move Network by sponsoring an international tea for the women refugees/immigrants in the mentoring program, is progressing and invitations will be sent out this week.

Several of our AAUW members met with Clementine Msengi and some women from First Presbyterian Church to continue planning for the event. The tea will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, on Sunday, February 18, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the tea is to help build community among the refugees/immigrants and other women in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area. There is no charge for the tea and the public is invited.

Our branch, as sponsors, will be furnishing various items for the tea such as: tea sandwiches, small cookies/sweets, tea breads, as well as the tea, napkins and other necessary items. Several members signed up at our meeting in November to bring some of these items and others are contributing money for us to purchase items from the Bosnian and Hispanic bakeries in the Waterloo area and to defray other costs.

The program will include Cedar Falls Branch member, Mimi Zischke, and her Fabulous Hats style show, as well as music and other entertainment.

We hope that all of our members will be able to attend and participate as hosts and greeters and get to know our most recent 'neighbors'.

For more information, and how you can help, please call me at 268-1321 Liz Poole

Cedar Falls Branch AAUW Community Action Projects 2006 - 2007

House of Hope

contact Gloria Tollefson 266-4075

Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity

contact Dr. Judy Beckman 268-0544

Bright Move Network

contact Liz Poole 268-1321

Single Sex Education Study

contact Neysa Picklum 290-6220

Victoria DeFrancisco 989-2254

UNI Conversation Partners

contact Judy Focht 266-3083

UNI International Friendship Program

contact Glenyce Butschy 266-3196

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Want to submit an item for the newsletter?

contact editor Sheryl Bewyer

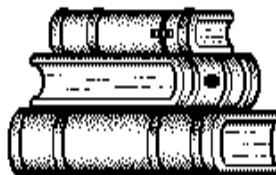
266-6614 or email sbewyer@cfu.net

Deadline is the first Wednesday of the month.

Community Action

SINGLE SEX EDUCATION STUDY

Single Sex Education Study will hold its second meeting after it receives data from Waterloo Schools, which has now been arranged. Anyone who would like to join the group for that meeting may contact Neysa Picklum or Victoria DeFrancisco. All will be notified by e-mail.



Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

*WHEN HEAVEN AND EARTH
CHANGED PLACES:*

*A Vietnamese Woman's Journey
From War to Peace*

In 1963 Le Ly Hayslip was 14 years old living near Da Nang, Vietnam. So young, yet she had been accused of being a spy and sentenced to death. Instead of killing her, her executioners raped her. Her journal-like story tells the private side of war that the newspapers never tell. Read, and then discuss the book.

**Monday, March 12,
at the UNI Museum,
4:30-5:30 p.m. with Gloria Tollefson**

View Oliver Stone's film of based on Hayslip's memoirs, "Heaven and Earth."

E-mail drjudy.Beckman@cfu.net for further information. or 268-0544

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Reminder



~ Women Build 2007 ~ Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity

Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity's eighth annual Spring Benefit Dinner Auction is set for March 2, at Slife Ballroom in the Commons at the University of Northern Iowa. A cash bar and silent auction begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. A live auction follows at 8:00 p.m. Further info is also found at www.cedarnet.org/habitat

the Educational Foundation (EF) and Legal Advocacy (LAF)

Bev Lundy lundy1185@msn.com 266-1185
and Melba Widmer 277-7311 EF co-chairs

GARAGE and PLANT SALE

Saturday May 19th

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1103 Ellen St. Cedar Falls

Proceeds from this annual Garage and Plant sale benefit the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund of AAUW. Start stashing your treasures now! More info will come closer to the date.

Coming Soon:

**American Association of University
Women ~ Iowa
because equity is still an issue**

**April 20 and 21, 2007
Iowa Annual Spring Conference
Marshalltown**

Three outstanding speakers:

Martha Ternus, recently appointed Chief Justice
of the Iowa Supreme Court;

Dr. Marta Maldonado, the only Educational
Foundation Research recipient studying
in Iowa this year;

Lisa Maatz, Director, Association Public Policy.

Special Opportunity:

Friday, April 20, 12:00 - 3:30 pm
Leadership Development

News for YOU!

Newly appointed to the Iowa College/
University Relations Committee: Dr. Victoria De-
Francisco, faculty member at UNI and CF Branch
member.

Two Association candidates will be nomi-
nees at the Phoenix Association Convention.
Myrna Sandvik, local branch member also, will be
a candidate for Regional Director from the Upper
Midwest Region. The other is Florine Swanson
from Clarion, past Iowa AAUW President and As-
sociation officer. She will be candidate for Asso-
ciation Vice President for the Educational Foun-
dation.

Your help is requested...

Dr. Laura Browne, chairman of the state
committee for College/ University Relations has
requested the assistance of branch presidents in se-
curing nominations for the Distinguished Faculty
Member Award for this year. As you know your
branch may nominate someone, or you can forward
this nomination form to your University President
and or Provost encouraging him or her to nomi-
nate someone, OR you can do both! There are
many fine faculty members at UNI so I am most
hopeful that a nomination will be coming from
your institution. Thank you for your help.

*Sincerely, Janet Heinicke
State President, AAUW 2006 - 08*



Report From the Board of Directors

On 6 February 2007, the Board reviewed the fol-
lowing updates:

Community Action Project -
Single Sex Education Study

Standing Committees -
Educational Foundation
Legal Advocacy
Membership
Program

Study/Interest Groups
Bridge for Educational Foundation
Literature
Potpourri

There was a discussion concerning the commit-
ments an individual board member is expected to make
and initial plans were made for a 2007-2008 timeline.

Members are reminded they may still sign-up to re-
ceive the newsletter electronically. However, paper cop-
ies will continue to be available.

Allaire George, Secretary

A Special Request...

*If you know an AAUW member who needs support
due to an illness, or a note of condolence, please contact
Secretary Allaire George and provide her with the name
and pertinent information so an appropriate card can be
sent.*

allaireg7@mchsi.com 233-5320



Public Policy - Voter Education

Legislative Forums

Friday 4:30 - 6:30 pm February 23

Saturday 10:00 - 12:00

March 10, March 31, March 14

AEA 267 Cedar Heights Drive

coffee 30 minutes prior

*Liz Poole, Public Policy/Voter Education
lizpoole@cfu.net*

Membership Update

New Members:

Clementine Msengi
3026 Valley High Dr.
CF 50613
266-7114

clementinemsengi@yahoo.com

Susan Lyons
1818 W. 12th St.
CF 50613
266-6496
suelyons@cfu.net

Women in Motion...

The Women in Motion group invites all AAUW members to join them for a one-woman show taking place in Russell Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, February 20, beginning at 7:30pm. The show is a chamber music theater production that features, in addition to the actress, musicians of the cello, piano, and percussion. This group is known as the Core Ensemble, and the performance is entitled, "Ain't I a Woman!"

"Ain't I a Woman" is a phrase from an address by Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) who was responding to a chauvinist and sexist remark by a man relegating women to menial and domestic servitude. Part of her response included a litany of her ability to do things equal to men, ending with the phrase, "And ain't I a woman?" The actress, Kim Hines, portrays four women in African American history, and Sojourner Truth is one of them. Hines also plays Zora Neale Hurston, a leading black writer; Clementine Hunter, a leading folk artist who depicted the rural life of blacks in the South; and Fannie Lou Hamer, the redoubtable country girl who grew up to lead the voting rights campaign in Mississippi. Although focused on the lives of African American women in contribution to Black History Month, the show is in celebration of the history of all women who have had to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds to claim their rightful places in all aspects of human affairs.

Plan to attend by meeting at Russell Hall on the UNI campus by 7:15pm. The event is free and open to the public. It is followed by a reception and the chance informally to dialogue with the actress, who also wrote the show, and the musicians.

contact Denise Bouska 235-2667

Telling Our Stories

Please join us for our March 5 mtg. at the CF Library at 1:15pm. Jane Close will be with us to share an album and memory box she and her husband have compiled to share with their grandchildren. She describes it as "a combination of genealogy, anecdotal stories, scrapbooking and interactive play." Even if you would like to join us for just this session, don't hesitate to come. This will be very special. Don't miss this meeting!

Gloria Tollefson, chair 266-4075

Literature Group

Each month the meeting is held at a members home on the second Monday at 1:15 pm.

February 12 Liz Poole hostess
Marilyn Hanson program
March 12 Marion Svendsen hostess
Dee Lynch program
contact Jean Kelly 266-0809

International Studies

A Study of India

Co-leaders Lois Crowley and Kathy Agness

Meetings are the third Monday of the month at 1:15 pm.

*February 15 will be at the Cedar Falls Library
India Today
March 19 will be at University Book and Supply
Current Issues: India in the News
April 16 at the home of Carol Dotseth
Dee Lynch Co-hostess
Mahatma Gandhi Maelou Baxter*

Bridge Groups



Playing bridge is good fellowship, challenge for the brain, good food, laughter and giving to the Educational Foundation. Each player donates two dollars to the Educational Foundation each time they play bridge.

A night group could be started. Beginners are welcome. Anyone interested in playing bridge with either group that is not already on the member lists, contact Dargy Baxter dargybaxter@mchsi.com.

Wednesday Bridge	Fourth Tuesday Bridge
at Bonanza 11:30 am	12:30 homes
• February 21, 2007	• February 27, 2007
Hostess Willa Smith	tbd
• March 17, 2007	• March 27, 2007
Hostess Gladys Wagner	tbd

****** BOARD MEETING:**

Newsletter items due on, or before, March 7, 2007

Tuesday March 6, 4:30 pm CF Public Library

All branch members are welcome to attend.

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