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**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.

**One Shared World
Awareness, Advocacy,
Action**



Access to Water - Celebration of Joy

Mission:

The American Association of University Women advocates equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Vision:

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

Diversity Statement:

In principle and in practice, the American Association of University Women, 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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The speaker for the February 25 general meeting will be Anne Bonsall Hoekstra. Anne will address our continuing interest in global issues with a presentation: **Access to Water – A Celebration of Joy**. Her trip to Tanzania as a Wartburg student will be highlighted. This trip helped her to see the world through the eyes of another culture in a far part of the world. She worked with AIDS patients and their families and came home with a passion for becoming part of a solution to another serious problem for Tanzanians – access to water! Her story and passion resulted in a Rotary International project that you will want to hear about. This will be another great opportunity to bring a friend and introduce them to the mission of AAUW.

Anne is a graduate of Cedar Falls High School and Wartburg College, where she received a BA in Psychology and Spanish. She completed a Master of Arts degree in Psychology at Minnesota State University in Mankato, MN. She presently works for Mudd Advertising and has recently been promoted from Marketing Assistant to Marketing Manager.



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WOMEN

Menu:

Roast Beef
Peas, Red Jell-O Salad
Strawberry Swirl Cheesecake
You may order a Chef's Salad
(regular or vegetarian)
\$10.00 for either

Reservations:

Liz Poole 268-1321
lizpoole@cfu.net
**8 pm Wednesday,
February 20, 8:00 pm**



What's Next For AAUW ?

I hope you have read this article found in your latest copy of **Outlook** which you received right after Christmas. If you have not, I hope you find it in your stack of magazines and take time to read it. It challenges each of us to return to the original mission of AAUW: "to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research".

At our meeting with state board members in December, we discussed our branche's need to:

- Reach out to younger women still in the workplace and women of diversity.
- Actively partner with Hawkeye Community College and University of Northern Iowa.
- Select long term projects that would give us a higher profile in our community.
- Become more involved in the educational equity research group.

This article would support all of these goals. We need each and every one of you to help us reach them. How can we do this together?

- Adopt a positive attitude. Believe we can make a difference.
- Stop studying and start doing. To not act is to lose energy and momentum.
- Shift perspective from how our membership benefits us to how it can advance a mission in which we believe.

Our association is evaluating itself at each level: national, state and our branch and the results will help AAUW focus on working together to fulfill our mission.



Educational Foundation (EF) (LAF) Legal Advocacy

It's that time of year again. Mark your calendar for the annual Educational Foundation Garage Sale. This year we will hold the sale May 17, from 8 am to 1 pm at the home of Bev Lundy. This has been a terrific fundraiser for the EF, thanks to all your wonderful donations.

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Report From the Board of Directors

The Board met on February 3, 2008 and Pramode Sarin reported on the locally and nationally recognized International Friendship Program at UNI. She reminded members that this organization was started in 1965 by the Cedar Falls Branch and encouraged its inclusion as a Community Action Project.

President Gloria Tollefson challenged all members to read "What's Next for AAUW?" published in the Fall/Winter 2008 issue of *Outlook*.

The Board approved removing the line item for Scholarship and reallocating the budgeted amount to Community Action. Also approved was placing International Friendship into Community Action.

The electronic newsletter saves \$50.00 for each time it's published with a total savings of \$350 for the year.

A one-time project was approved for the solicitation of supplies and funds for materials to support Marilyn Busch, the speaker for the March dinner meeting, as she works as a volunteer for handicapped school children in Russia.

The decision was made to place all past AAUW Branch materials with the UNI Special Collections Library where they will be archived and made available for patron use.

Please remember that *all* members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

Allaire George, Secretary

Community Action

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

Come laugh with Nora Ephron, on Monday, February 11, 4:30-5:30 pm. *I Feel Bad About My Neck* is a candid, hilarious look at the frustration of women getting older, dealing with the realities and tribulations of the maintenance of the failing body, menopause, and the empty nest. Nora Ephron's books bring readers a new Erma Bombeck sense of humor and some common sense. See you at the UNI Museum. All Cedar Valley residents are welcome. Participants need not have read the book to participate in the laughter and sage advice.

Looking ahead...

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission To Promote Peace One School At A Time, is the title for the CV3D discussion, on Monday, March 10, 4:30-5:30 pm, UNI Museum. Greg Mortenson, this month's author, speaks at Wartburg Convocation, Wartburg College, Waverly, on March 18, at 11:30 am.

Judy Beckman, Diversity Chair
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Iowa Radio Reading Information Service (IRIS)

American Association of University Women, Cedar Falls Branch, volunteered 27 hours of actual reading time for the print handicapped since August. These volunteers read items of local interest from Waterloo Courier on a subcarrier frequency of KHKE. Additional volunteers are always needed. Contact Barbara or Larry Cardamon at 233-284 for more information.

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Community Outreach: Habitat for Humanity

Current Research on Educational Equity

Meeting Scheduled with Waterloo Schools

The Current Research on Educational Equity group finally has a meeting scheduled with key people from the Cunningham school. We will meet at the school on Wednesday, February 13, at 9 am. Any member who is interested in this gender equity issue is invited to attend and share ideas to help children and suggest other community organizations that might work together on a future project. Contact Neysa Picklum for further information.

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Public Policy: Your AAUW at Work

The Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW is one of the sponsors of the Legislative Public Forums. Legislators from Cedar Falls, Waterloo and surrounding communities are invited to participate. The purpose is to give legislators an opportunity to inform the public about issues in the Legislature and to provide attendees a chance to make statements to legislators or ask them questions about issues. There are opening remarks from each legislator and a question and answer period. The Forums usually last two hours, with social time before the actual start.

The schedule for this legislative session is:

Friday, February 15 - 4 pm
Friday, February 29 - 4 pm
Saturday, March 15 - 9:30 am
Friday, March 28 - 4 pm

Forums are held at the AEA 267 office on Cedar Heights Drive.

Maureen White, Public Policy/Voter Education
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Linda Morgan, Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity
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Literature Interest Group

February 11 Marilyn Hanson
Phyllis Ver Ploeg
Phyllis will share a favorite book.
March 10 Penny Brown
Penny Brown
April 14 Dee Lynch
Marilyn Hanson
May 12 Jean Kelly
Jean Kelly 266-0809 jeankelly@cfu.net

Telling Our Stories



Telling Our Stories will meet Monday, March 3, at the Cedar Falls Public Library at 1:15 pm. Bring your memories of people, places and experiences and spend the time away from distractions at home to record them on your laptop/notebook for future generations. We are a small group and welcome any member who is interested in writing.



Reminder to all Study Group Leaders, Project Chairs, Community Action Chairs:

Please be sure to notify Newsletter Editor Sheryl Bewyer with up-to-date information about your activities and projects. Details do change as the year progresses. It is interesting for all of our readers to know what is happening in all of our groups... we may want to join you in the future!! Also, we still have several members who do not have e-mail and rely on the newsletter for information. Thank you.

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Tech Talk

Tech Talk will meet Wednesday, February 20, at the Cedar Falls Public Library (Conference Room on the second floor) 4:30-6 pm. Marcene Seavey, a branch member, will present a program "Welcome to the new Internet W 2.0."

She will explore with us three new technologies which encourage creativity and communication: YouTube, blogs, and wikis and may help set up one of those for us if time permits.

Bring your lap top if you have one.

Questions: marcene.seavey@uni.edu

Judy Beckman will be facilitator for this session for Judy Focht.

Thank you, Judy, for helping out.

Judy Focht, Facilitator (when not gone!)

Women in Motion...

*Spice of Life
Branch Cookbook
\$12.00*



International Studies

A Study of Turkey

Co-leaders

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Bridge Groups

Third Wednesday Bridge

- February 20, 2008
Willa Smith
- March 19, 2008
Mary Frankie
- April 16, 2008
Mary Frankie

Fourth Tuesday Bridge

- February 26, 2008
Esther Kieffer
- March 25, 2008
Dargy Baxter
- April 22, 2008
Ardelle Brown

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