

Monday, February 22, 2010**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.**

Helping Young Women to Achieve



*Gloria Gibson, Provost
University of Northern Iowa*

Women Unbound

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.

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Gloria Gibson, who became UNI provost on July 1, is the chief academic officer of the university. Her purpose, as she has described it, is to provide leadership in shaping the academic mission, to oversee academic policies and activities throughout the university, to encourage and foster campus collaborations that contribute to academic life, and to seek outreach partnerships that will enhance UNI's relationship with various constituencies and community groups. She came to UNI from Arkansas State University, where she was dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and before that, professor of folklore and ethnomusicology. As a distinguished leader in the community and the university, and from her experience as a dedicated teacher, she has much to share with us about helping young people, and in our case especially young women, to set aside attitudes and behaviors that limit their possibilities, to open their minds, heighten their aspirations, and challenge the restrictions, both mental and physical, personal and societal, that unnecessarily hold them back from what they might achieve.

We are fortunate that Dr. Gibson was able to attend our August kick-off and we could get to know her a bit. We are delighted to welcome her back to our branch as our guest speaker this month. Join us for what promises to be an engaging and valuable presentation.

Menu:

Barbequed pork ribs

Potato salad

Cole slaw

Fudgy pecan chocolate pie

or Chef's Salad, regular or vegetarian, and dessert

Reservations:

Marcia Street 277-1780 streetmc@cfu.net

8 pm Wednesday, February 17, 8 pm

\$11 State your menu choice

***** You MUST call or email MARCIA *****

You will not be able to eat a meal at the meeting if you do not make a reservation with Marcia Street. Likewise, if you make a reservation and do not come, you will be expected to pay for that meal.

From your co-presidents ~

AAUW State Conference April 23 and 24 Ames Quality Inn and Suites



Keynoting AAUW's State Conference will be Lilly Ledbetter. She will speak at the evening dinner meeting on Friday, April 23. Ledbetter's appearance is a momentous occasion for AAUW members. Over a year and a half after the Supreme Court eliminated the chance for victims of discrimination to seek vindication. Congress and the Obama administration finally righted this wrong. Thanks to the hard work of AAUW Action Network members and coalition partners, the **Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act** was signed into law on January 29, 2010. The **Ledbetter Fair Pay Act** restores the long-standing interpretation of civil rights laws that allow employees to challenge any discriminatory paycheck they receive.

Friday afternoon Lisa Maatz is presenting: *Here's the Data – Where Do We Go Next – Year 2*. In addition, a panel, including Patty Judge, is speaking on *Identifying Women to Lead*. On Saturday, two Cedar Falls Branch speakers will be presenting: Tara Thomas, News Anchor at KWWL in Waterloo, speaking on *Equity Issues in Broadcasting*; and Dr. Sharon DuClos, Co-Medical Director of Peoples Community Health Clinic will speak on *Equity in Medicine*. Janet Heineke will speak on *International Linkage between Public Policy Issues and International Conference of Women—Women in the World*.

A Green Auction, a Presidential Reception, breakout sessions, an early Saturday morning book talk, a Title IX Panel, and a campus art tour are also included in the two-day conference offerings. Friday evening, for a small donation to AAUW's Giving Circle, registrants may have their photograph taken with Ledbetter. Registration for the two-day conference is \$85 for AAUW members and \$40 for students. This conference registration price includes all meals. A block of twenty hotel rooms is available at the Quality Inn and Suites, conference headquarters, for the conference price of \$89.00 plus tax. This is an excellent price since one to four AAUW members may stay in one of these \$89 rooms. Only sixty seats will be available for the Friday evening dinner at which Ledbetter will be speaking. Early reservations will be imperative. The early registration price deadline is April 1. After this date the price will be \$90 for registrants and \$45 for students. AAUW Members may expect registration materials to be on line in late February or early March. Start making your plans now.

Judy Beckman & Mary Dove, Co-Presidents

Scholarship Committee Looking for Volunteers

As work begins on the development and process of our AAUW local scholarship, the committee invites any member interested to become involved. "Get in on the ground floor" as we organize for the awarding of a \$1000 scholarship to a worthy female college student. To indicate interest contact Doris Mauer (266-6394 or dmauer@cfu.net) or tell any Board member and she'll pass your name along. Your participation is welcome



Report From the Board of Directors

- > The Board met at AEA 267 Monday, February 1, 2010.
- > Meeting was called to order by Co-President Judy Beckman at 4:30 pm.
- > The AAUW State Conference will be held in Ames April 23-24. Lily Ledbetter will be the featured speaker on Friday evening. The Green Auction will be held again this year.
- > Monthly committee reports were reviewed by the Board.
- > EF(Educational Foundation) is now known as EO, Educational Opportunities.
- > Doris Mauer, chairman of the scholarship committee, presented questions to the Board on scholarship guidelines. Discussion followed.
- > The next Board Meeting will be held Monday, March 1, 2010.
- > Meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

Mary Franke, Secretary

Community Action

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

Monday, February 8, 2010, CV3D will meet at the UNI Museum from 4:30-5:30 p.m. to discuss Immaculee Ilibagiza's New York TIMES bestseller *Left To Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*. Our own UNI student and former Rwandan citizen, Jacqueline Ingibirie will speak that evening, sharing her own survival experiences.

The March 8 CV3D title to be presented by Tanis Diedrichs will be *AL' America: Travels Through America's Arab and Islamic Roots* by Jonathan Cruel.

Great news! Dr. Jeffrey Copeland's new title, *Olivia's Story: The Conspiracy of Heroes Behind Shelly v. Kraemer, the sequel to Inman's War*, is now available. Members of our Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity are able to receive a discount on the \$19.95 cover price. This title will be on the consideration list for the 2010-2011 CV3D readings. Copeland spoke to CV3D in September 2009 right after *Inman's War* was purchased for its film rights by Hollywood.

CV3D is one of AAUW's successful Community Action Projects. All residents of the Cedar Valley are welcomed to attend these discussions on diversity and do so. The time slot appears to be an effective one. Numbers fluctuate, but audiences average about twenty monthly participants. Anne Schuessler and Mary Ellen Beckman provide the monthly publicity and Mary Dove and Judy Beckman continue to co-chair the planning for each monthly event. April is the month when titles for the 2010-2011 CV3D begin. Your suggestions are encouraged and welcomed. CV3D presentations are sponsored by AAUW-Cedar Falls Branch, the Cedar Falls/Waterloo Public Libraries and the UNI Museums.

Contact Dr. Judy Beckman drjudy.beckman@cfu.net for further information.

Promoting Global Awareness - Great Decisions

Gloria Tollefson Project chair

Our AAUW and Cedar Valley United Nations Association will co-host the February Great Decisions discussion group on Tuesday, February 16, at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 7 to 8:30 pm. Our topic will be Egypt; Key Ally in the Middle East. Egypt has long been an important ally in the Middle East, but how important is it relative to our relationship with other nations in the region? It will be another very interesting discussion following the viewing of a 30 minute DVD about the subject. Come join us! To find out more about the Great Decisions program go to www.fpa.org.

Gloria Tollefson and Marcia Street, facilitators

Books for Incarcerated Women-

-Judy Beckman, Gayle Wood,
Maureen White

Over 60 books and magazines were collected at the October dinner meeting for donation to the women's unit at the Black Hawk County Jail. We are collecting books again for this project. If you have new or good condition used books to donate, please bring them to the February 22 dinner meeting. Avoid donating books with strong sexual themes or violence. Remove mailing labels from magazines. If you have a large number of books to donate and prefer they be picked up, contact one of us.



UNI Children's Literature Participants

International Friendship Program

Public Policy/Voter Education



Legislative Public Forum-

-Maureen White

Education is the main topic for the Saturday, February 6 Legislative Public Forum. It will be at the AEA 267 Conference Center at 3712 Cedar Heights Drive in Cedar Falls. Informal coffee is 9:30-10 am, followed by the Forum from 10-noon.

Maureen White, Public Policy/Voter Education
266-9901, mwhite@cfu.net

Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

International Studies

Great Decisions Study Groups

Tuesday February 16.
further info on page three.

Kathy Agness

Educational Opportunities and Legal Advocacy Fund

Upcoming Events

April 23-24

AAUW - IA State Conference and Go Green Silent Auction in Ames. Lilly Ledbetter, keynote speaker

May 15

Garage /Plant Sale

June 26

Purse and Bag Sale during Sturgis Falls weekend

Barbara Cardamon, co-chair, cardmore@aol.com

Used books are for sale at each dinner meeting. Bring some of your already read books to add to the supply or buy something to read during this long cold winter. Share a favorite and learn about some authors you may not have met yet.



Literature Interest Group

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Women in Motion...

Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter

Sheryl Bewyer, editor

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Please Note This Communication Change



We Need Your Help!

This past month I appreciated your patience as I geared up to take over the job that Jane Close has done, the job of sending branch e-mails to all of our members.

I found that some e-mails were returned to me because of address changes. I realized how important it is to keep our e-mail address list current. Please - - - when there is a change in your e-mail address, inform either Phyllis Steele or me, Gloria Tollefson. Thank you for your help.

Gloria Tollefson

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Gloria Tollefson, Communications Chair



Bridge For Educational Foundation



AAUW Bridge Groups meet the third Wednesday at Bonanza Steak House at 11:30 am for lunch followed by an afternoon of Bridge.

Hostess for the February 17 gathering is Dargy Baxter, and for March 17 is Anne Schuessler.

February 23, at 12:30 pm, Esther Kieffer will host the fourth Tuesday game and hostess on March 23 will be Anne Schuessler.

For further information: Contact Lorraine Tressler or Ardelle Brown. All members of AAUW are welcome to join either or both of these two Bridge groups.

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