

Monday, February 27, 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***

**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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The Value of Volunteers at Sartori Hospital

**Rose Fowler
Vice President of
Operations
Sartori Hospital**

Rose (Rosie) Fowler has been working at Sartori Hospital as an administrator a relatively short time. (When asked, she will tell you by months and days!) A delightful person, and a sports fan, she loves to make new friends. When speaking, she is able to share important information in a concise way and then follow up with specific

information based on your questions. She will contribute information to our knowledge about an important part of our community, and how we can contribute by volunteering at Sartori, our local hospital!

**Menu:**

Turkey Breast Slices
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Glazed Carrots
Fudgy Pecan Pie
or Vegetarian Salad with Dessert

**Reservations:**

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

**8 pm Wednesday,
February 22,**

**\$11 State your menu choice
call or email Mary Ellen
if you plan to eat**

Did You Know ?



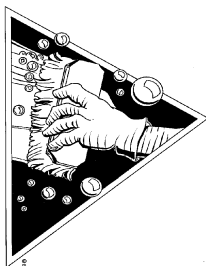
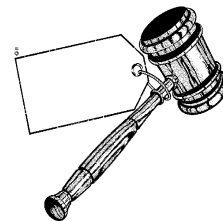
If you itemize your deductions, \$46 of the \$49 AAUW member dues are tax deductible as a charitable contribution; the remaining \$3 are not. Branch and AAUW Iowa dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Go to www.aauw.org <<http://www.aauw.org>> and search for AAUW National Dues FAQ for more information.



The Presidents' Corner

Linda Morgan & Ardelle Brown, Co Presidents

Cedar Falls AAUW has had an ongoing partnership with Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity and their mission of helping families build and own simple, decent, affordable homes. The majority of Habitat homes are built with single mothers with children. We have an opportunity to help again in 2012 with attendance at their 13th annual Spring Auction on Friday, March 2nd. Dinner tickets are \$40 and will be at 6 pm at the Park Place Event Center in Cedar Falls. Call 235 9946 to purchase tickets or look on the web site www.heartlandhfh.org for more information.



Women Build 2012 will continue to have women's work days on February 15, March 28 and April 18th. In May, we start building the 5th women Built Habitat home with Karis and her daughter Nia, age 7. During the week of May 7 – 11, walls will be raised at 314 Thompson Street in Waterloo. Building will continue through August on Thursdays and Saturdays. AAUW can help with volunteers on the work site, preparing lunches and snacks, providing flowers for landscaping or other projects as the group decides. What will you help build in 2012?

All Iowa AAUW Reads

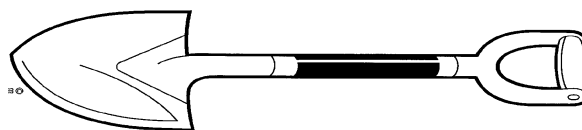
In May 2008 the Cedar Falls Branch Diversity Book Club invited Mark Grey to lead a discussion on T. C. Boyle's book, *THE TORTILLA CURTAIN*. Five minutes before the 4:30 beginning time, Mark Grey appeared, sweating, and catching his breath. So much for T. C. Boyle.

Mark had been at the Cattle Congress Grounds in Waterloo where the Immigration and Customs Enforcement had raided 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 acquired at Barnes Noble, Amazon, and University Book & Supply. Copies will be available for purchase at the April Conference.



Recognition Nominations Requested

In January 2012, the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW equally contributed \$500 to AAUW Funds to each of the following; Educational Opportunities Fund, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, Leadership Programs Fund, Legal Advocacy Fund, Public Policy Fund. When a branch contributes at least \$500 then the branch can designate a Named Gift Honoree.

It is time to nominate a member as the Named Gift honoree for outstanding contributions to our Branch. The names of past recipients are printed in the back of the Yearbook. This year, the certificate will be presented to the honoree at the April annual meeting. All members of the branch have the opportunity to submit the name of a member for this recognition. You may wish to consider a member who has made a significant financial contribution, served as a dedicated officer or has simply been a staunch supporter of AAUW. When submitting a nomination, please supply the name and reasons for the nomination.

Send your nomination via email or US mail by February 28 to Ardelle Brown. A committee of at least three past recipients will review the nominations and make a selection. The name of the honoree will be announced when the certificate is presented at the Annual Meeting.



Report From the Board of Directors

Contact secretary Dargy Baxter for further information

Community Action

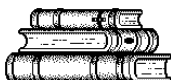
Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

Mark your AAUW calendars for **February 13, 2012**. *City of Veils* - A Novel by Zoe Ferraris, will be the diversity discussion co-chaired by Anne Schuessler, Karen Henriksen, Judy Beckman, Ardelle Brown, and Dee Lynch. This group discussion will be held at the UNI Museum on Hudson Road, a facility that is totally handicap accessible. Participants will begin their discussion at 4:30 and be finished by 5:30 pm, when the UNI Museum closes. Ferraris is well acquainted with the background of this novel. Zoe Ferraris moved to Saudi Arabia in the aftermath of the first Gulf War to live with her then husband and his extended family.

This is a thrilling, fast-paced mystery with a rare look into the women in Saudi who are expected to lead quiet lives following carefully prescribed Islamic tradition. Participants are not expected to have read the book to join and participate. This engrossing mystery woven around the a society with strong sexual, religious, political, and moral contradictions.

Mary Dove Dr. Judy Beckman Co-chairs
Further Information: drjudy.beckman@cfcu.net

Community Action Project - Books for Incarcerated Women



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.

Promoting Global Awareness - Community Action Project



This Great Decisions discussion group will resume its discussion of major foreign policy issues facing US decision makers, on February 21, in the small conference room of the Cedar Falls Library, from 7 - 8:30 pm. Our discussion will be based on a 30 minute DVD and topic number two: Promoting Democracy, in the 2012 Edition of the Great Decisions Briefing Book.

The US has had a history of advocating and supporting democracy around the world. We will discuss the following: What place does democracy promotion have in US foreign policy today? With a choice of tools ranging from economic aid to military force, what are the most effective methods for promoting democracy? This project is co-sponsored by our AAUW and the Cedar Valley United Nations Association of the Cedar Valley and it open to all members of the community. Are you interested in this topic? Join us.

Gloria Tollefson and Marcia Street, co-leaders

Gender Balance on Boards and Commissions

The Black Hawk County Gender Balance Coalition, which includes members of our Branch, has worked to inform the public about the Iowa law which went into effect on January 1, 2012 requiring gender balance on appointed city and county boards and commissions. The Coalition also has worked to recruit women (and men) as needed to achieve gender balance. Jane Close has begun a similar project in Butler County. At the same time, Dr. Christopher Larimer, Associate Professor of Political Science at UNI, along with a co-researcher, has been studying the role of gender on city boards and commissions. He will be sharing some preliminary results of his research at a News Talk program on Saturday, March 31. It will be from 10:30-11:30 in the lower level of University Book and Supply in Cedar Falls. The News Talk is open to the public.



In Remembrance

Darlene Obadal,
passed away January 21, 2012.
Past President and secretary of AAUW
and a very active member of our branch.

Fund Raising for AAUW

Silent Auction

Treasurer Mary Fogarty reports a \$296 profit from the January 23 Silent Auction held during our dinner meeting. WOW! Thanks to everyone who participated. Many were delighted with their purchases and enjoyed the surprises.

*Jean Kelly and Bonnie Smith,
Co-Vice President's
for Fundraising*



Public Policy/Voter Education

Upcoming Legislative Public Forums

Friday February 17, 4:30 - 6:30

Topic: Education

Saturday March 3 10 - Noon

Topic: Environmental Concerns

Sessions are held at AEA 267 in the
Conference center 3712 Cedar Heights Dr. Cedar Falls

Joan Kurt, Legislative chair

Celebrate AAUW Accomplishments



Bridge For Education

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, February 15, 12:30 pm
Glenyce Butschy is the hostess.

> > > Fourth Tuesday, February 28, 12:30 pm
Dargy Baxter and Ann Schuessler are co-hosting.

Dargy Baxter mmbaxter76@hotmail.com

Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

International Studies Interest Group

This interest group will meet at the Cedar Falls Public Library on Monday afternoon, February 20, at 1:15 pm. The topic of discussion will be "Promoting Democracy". This discussion will follow the viewing of a 30 minute DVD on this topic. Liz Poole will lead the discussion. Dee Lynch and Dargy Baxter are hostesses. Call Lois Crowley, 266-2174 for further information. All members of our AAUW Branch are invited to join us.

Literature Interest Group

Women in Motion

International Friendship Program

AAUW Action Network

BOOKS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN PROJECT

Iowa Radio Reading Information Service

Books !

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 or 266-9901) so that we can let our members know that new information. Thank you.

Please make the following change in your
2011-12 AAUW Yearbook.

For Nancy Henderson, change the email address
to nancy.henderson@hawkeyecollege.edu

Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter

Sheryl Bewyer, editor

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