

# American Association of University Women

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**Monday, March 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.**

## Annual Meeting

### Menu:

Meat Loaf Peas  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Brownie

You may order a Chef's Salad  
\$10.00 for either

### Reservations:

Phyllis Steele 266-1595  
psteale@cfu.net  
8:00 pm Tuesday, March 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.

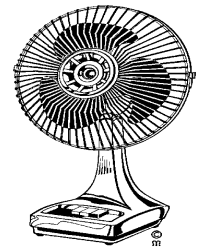
### Diversity Statement:

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.

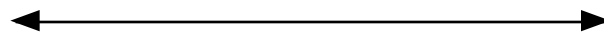
### Board of Directors:

President Jane Close  
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Judy Focht, Gloria Tollefson  
Past President Pat Higby  
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**What in the World  
are we doing?  
~ about alternative  
energy sources?**



**Speaker: Betty L. Zeman  
Manager, Marketing and Sales  
Cedar Falls Utilities**



### Annual Meeting:

The Nominating Committee of the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW is very pleased to announce the slate of officers for consideration and approval at the March Annual Meeting.

President Elect ~ Nancy Henderson

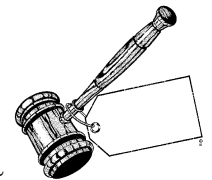
Treasurer ~ Diane Davison

Vice President for Membership ~ Mimi Zischke

Co-Vice Presidents for Educational Foundation ~

Bev Lundy and Melba Widmer

Pat Higby, chair, Nominating Committee



## From the president ~

Celebrate Women's History Month! The public celebration of women's history in the United States began in 1978 as Women's History Week in Sonoma County, California. The week was selected to include March 8, International Women's Day. In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) co-sponsored a joint Congressional resolution proclaiming a national Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to a month, and March was declared Women's History Month. In its various incarnations, International Women's Day has been celebrated for over 95 years.

Let's take advantage of the recognition of women that was so hard won. Below are just a few events (at UNI) to help you celebrate:

Wednesday, March 21, at noon in Baker 161 will be the second in a series of panels on the history of the women's and gender studies program, "The Intervening Years: Women's and Gender Studies at UNI." Panelist will include comments about their most significant memories, what they found the most engaging and compelling about the field of women's studies, and the importance of WS at UNI. Panelists will include AAUW member Victoria DeFrancisco, along with Martha Reineke, Susan Hill, and Annette Lynch.

Thursday, March 22, at 8 p.m. in Baker Hall 161 the poet Nadine Sabra Meyer will be reading from her National Poetry Series-winning book "The Anatomy Theater." This is a collection of poems that investigates representations of the body within a historical and contemporary context, particularly images of women.

Monday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. in Commons Ballroom Lyn Cutler will give a public presentation entitled "One Woman's Political Journey". This promises to be an outstanding finale to the month. There will be a banquet in the Georgian Lounge preceding her talk; contact the Women's Studies Department at 273-7102 for dinner reservations.

Let's make a special effort to celebrate women this month and every month from here on out!

*Jane Close President 983-2016 jane.close@uni.edu*

~ Women Build 2007 ~

**Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity**

What a fun time fourteen women had on Saturday, March 3! We hammered and measured (oops, other way around) walls together a storage shed for Shauna, the home owner. The fun will continue on upcoming Saturdays at 9 am, through March 31, at Lowe's in Waterloo. No need to bring anything but yourself and the willingness to learn how to build a home. We will be building house walls at the Habitat warehouse in April.



The 8th annual Habitat for Humanity auction has been postponed until March 23. If this event now fits your schedule, call or e-mail the office for tickets. For additional information, contact AAUW members Kristin Olson or Linda Morgan.

Linda Morgan [www.cedarnet.org/habitat](http://www.cedarnet.org/habitat)

**UNI 'Lifelong University'**

**continues Spring 2007 courses**

The University of Northern Iowa Lifelong University will offer three non-credit courses this winter and spring. Classes will meet at the UNI Museum, 3219 Hudson Road.

**Susan Hill**, associate professor of philosophy and religion: teaching "The Seven Deadly Sins".

Emeritus History Professor **Thomas Ryan** teaching "History of Iowa".

"Representing the Holocaust Through Film: Documentaries, Visual History and Dramatizations": taught by **Stephen Gaies**, professor of English language and literature.

For info: call University Events Coordination, 273-6899, or visit [www.uni.edu/llu](http://www.uni.edu/llu).



**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

**Community Action**

**GANG OF ONE:**

**MEMOIRS OF A  
RED GUARD**

by **Fan Shen**

discussion: Monday,  
April 9, 4:30-5:30

UNI Museum

**Cedar Valley  
Discuss & Discover**

**Diversity**

**Reading & Sharing**

Sixty-five million were killed under Mao's rule. Fan Shen, who now teaches English at Rochester Community and Technical College in Minnesota, wrote *GANG OF ONE*, commemorating that rule. Shen grew up under Mao's rule, as a preteen was a member of the Red Guard in Beijing, the son of "revolutionary" parents. As this boy he ransacked homes, burned precious books, and actively hated the bourgeois. Slowly, he lost that Mao heart and his goodness shone through, but not before he suffered life-threatening close calls and was thoroughly steeped in a world full of death and mass sadism.

All Cedar Valley residents are invited and welcomed. Partipants need not have read the book to attend.

Questions? [drjudy.Beckman@cfu.net](mailto:drjudy.Beckman@cfu.net)

or call Dr. Judy Beckman at 319-268-0544

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**SINGLE SEX EDUCATION STUDY**

**Single Sex Education Study** will meet on Thursday, March 29, 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Cedar Falls Library. We will discuss the new U.S. Department of Education regulations which have paved the way for single sex classrooms and schools. If you would like to join the discussion, contact Neysa Picklum ([Neysa@mchsi.com](mailto:Neysa@mchsi.com)) or Victoria deFrancisco ([defrancisc@uni.edu](mailto:defrancisc@uni.edu)). The study material is available on line.

This group was formed in response to stories about the success of the Cunningham School project in Waterloo. AAUW's interest was aroused by headlines which seem to give major credit to the effect of single-sex classrooms, although there are many other factors to consider. Joining us in the study are several colleagues from Waterloo AAUW as well as interested members of the community.

**Reminder !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Want to submit an item for the newsletter?

contact editor Sheryl Bewyer

266-6614 or email [sbewyer@cfu.net](mailto:sbewyer@cfu.net)

Deadline is the first Wednesday of the month.

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

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

A conference for women college student leaders entitled "Leadership for Today and Tomorrow" is being planned for June in Washington, D.C. at the American University. AAUW's Leadership and Training Institute has teamed up with NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, to provide "opportunities to build leadership, advocacy, networking, financial management and other skills for campus leaders."

This conference is timely considering the women who are now appointed to the presidency of prestigious academic institutions like Harvard, MIT, Brown, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

The Educational Foundation raises money exclusively to support women furthering their education in graduate studies, so they can position themselves for leadership and assume roles in areas previously closed to women.

Cure the wintertime blues now with a little early spring cleaning. Set aside items for the **EF GARAGE and PLANT SALE, MAY 19, 2007.**

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## Coming Soon:

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

April 20 and 21, 2007  
Iowa Annual Spring Conference  
Marshalltown

#### TWO ASSOCIATION GUESTS AT CONFERENCE MEETING

In addition to featured speakers, Supreme Court Chief Justice, Marsha Ternus, and EF Fellow, Marta Maltanado, we will have two Association staff members as speakers and guests, Lisa Maatz, Director of Public Policy and Gloria Blackwell, Staff Liaison for International Relations.

#### CALLING ALL LEADERS!

Friday afternoon, April 20, between 12 and 3 p.m. (before the conference begins) Several experienced AAUW leaders, including Jan Mitchell, Marshalltown, Mary Ann Ahrens, West Des Moines will conduct a workshop designed for branch leaders. The Marshalltown branch has agreed to provide a dessert bar and coffee for the session.

#### FOR IOWANS AND BY IOWANS

The name of the Silent Auction 2007 to be held at the annual conference tells it all. EF director, Lida Sigg, and LAF Director, Carol Cooper urge you to "scour" your local artisans studios, vintage jewelry shops, specialty candy stores, vineyards and find items made by Iowans for Iowans to bring to the silent auction.



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### 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



## Report From the Board of Directors

On March 6, 2007, the Board reviewed the following updates:

- Community Action Projects -
  - Bright Move International Tea
  - Feed My Starving Children
  - Single Sex Education
- Standing Committees -
  - Communications Program
- Study Interest Groups -
  - E-List Friends, ELF
  - Women in Motion

The Branch Annual Meeting will be held on March 26, 2007. The following items will be on the agenda:

- ~Election of officers – Nominations are -
  - President Elect – Nancy Henderson
  - Treasurer – Diane Davison
  - Vice President for Membership – Mimi Zischke
  - Co-Vice Presidents for Educational Foundation  
Bev Lundy and Melba Widmer
- ~Financial report
- ~Discussion of proposed 2007 - 2008 budget  
Recommendation by Board -no increase in local dues  
Budget to be approved at April Board Meeting

Annual reports due to President Jane Close on May 15. Transitional Board Meeting at the home of Gloria Tolfson, date and time to be announced. Members of the new board will be surveyed to determine future meeting time and dates.  
*Allaire George, Secretary*

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## Public Policy - Voter Education

### Legislative Forums

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

### A Reminder....

You may still sign-up to receive the newsletter electronically. Paper copies will continue to be available. Contact Secretary Allaire George at allaireg7@mchsi.com or call 233-5320.

## Women in Motion...

If you'd like to see a horse auction or network with business and professional women, join Women in Motion for the following events:

### March 27-31 - Waverly Midwest Horse Sale

The world's largest draft horse and equipment auction is held annually in Waverly, Iowa. You will see Belgians, Percherons, Clydesdales and Shires, as well as miniatures. While there, plan to eat a hearty meal of county comfort food. If interested, contact Jane Close.

### Tuesday, April 24 - Pay Equity Day

Join the Cedar Falls Business and Professional Women on Pay Equity Day at Mulligan's in Cedar Falls for "Unhappy Hour." There will be food/drink specials--23% off for the wage gap between women and men. Come and network with an organization whose mission is "to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information."

contact Denise Bouska 235-2667

## 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.

~ 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

## Literature Group

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

March 12 Marion Svendsen hostess

Marilyn Hanson program

April 9 Glenyce Butschy hostess & program

May 8 Mystery Tour ~ planned by

Phyllis VerPloeg and Maralyn Curl.

contact Jean Kelly 266-0809

**ELF: E-List Friends** plans to meet as a group, as well as through e-mail, to help each other find solutions to e-mail, Internet, and software problems. All are welcome to join us. If you would like to receive announcements about place, time, and specific problems to be addressed, contact

[Neysa@mchsi.com](mailto:Neysa@mchsi.com) Help is also available at the Cedar Falls Senior Center. They have a very good computer teacher (from Holmes Jr. High) who teaches from 5:30 -6:30 every Tuesday night. You may go in with your questions and he will help you individually.

## Telling Our Stories

Gloria Tollefson, chair 266-4075

## 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](mailto:dargybaxter@mchsi.com)

### Wednesday Bridge

at Bonanza 11:30 am

• March 21, 2007

Hostess Gladys Wagner

• April 18, 2007

Hostess tbd

• May 16, 2007

Hostess Ardelle Brown

• June 20, 2007

Hostess Darlene Peterson

• July 18, 2007

Hostess Mary Franken

• August 15, 2007

Hostess Mildred Wood

### Fourth Tuesday Bridge

12:30 homes

• March 27, 2007

Hostess tbd

• April 24, 2007

Hostess Mildred Wood

• May 22, 2007

Hostess tbd

• June 26, 2007

Hostess Willa Smith

• July 24, 2007

Host-Ellie Thompkins

• August 28, 2007

Hostess Mary Franken

### \*\*\*\* BOARD MEETING:

Newsletter items due on, or before, April 4, 2007

Tuesday April 3, 4:30 pm CF Public Library

All branch members are welcome to attend.

## Cedar Falls AAUW

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