

# American Association of University Women

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**Monday, March 24, 2008**

**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**

### **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.

### **Board of Directors:**

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## ***Education - A Gateway to Hope in Russia***

Continuing our series, "One Shared World," our guest speaker will be Marilyn Busch, a former consultant for Area 7, who travels to Russia twice a year, as a volunteer, to work with teachers to enable them to better serve the needs of exceptional children. Having worked with many handicapped children over the years she has acquired the skills necessary to help these children become better equipped to function in Russian society today.

Not only does she provide the teachers with ideas as to how to work with the children, she also provides the materials to make it happen. She packs an extra suitcase with items that she knows will help them to develop language as well as self help skills. Some of these items include poker chips, clear packing tape and velcro.

Come join us at the Woman's Club to hear her tell us how she plans to use these, as well as the other items that we plan to present to her with that evening. You will receive a list of the items she usually takes with her and we hope you will help her out and bring them with you to the meeting. It will be a fun evening as well as inspiring.



### **Reservations:**

Dee Lynch 266-3747  
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**8 pm Wednesday,  
March 19, 8:00 pm**

### **Menu:**

Ham Loaf   Corn  
Lettuce Salad  
Paradise Pineapple Pie  
You may order Chef's Salad  
(regular or vegetarian)  
\$10.00 for either

## **UNI Women's & Gender Studies Program**

### **Celebrating Women's History Month in March**

Sponsored by the UNI Women's & Gender Studies Program, the month will include "Women's Vision in Young Adult Literature," a **March 10** lecture by Judith Griffith, associate professor of English at Wartburg College. **March 11**, there will be an author reading by Leslie Goetsch and discussion of "Back Creek," the story of a young girl in Virginia who struggles to keep her family together in the wake of unexpected events. "Women's Art: Women's Vision," a celebration of women's visual arts in a variety of forms and mediums is **March 13**. Art works will be on display in the main lobby showcases in the KAB. "The Female Indian Killer: The Memorialization of Hannah Dustin and the Feminization of American Violence," a lecture by Barbara Cutter, will be **March 26**. The Lynn Cutler Women in Leadership Lecture will be **March 27**. AnaLouise Keating will present "Gloria Anzaldua's Legacy of Spiritualism and Activism." "Composing before Suffrage: Women Composers in the 18th and 19th Centuries," a lecture by Rebecca Burkhardt, **March 31**. A performance of the play "Fefu and Her Friends" will be **March 31**.

**For more information and a complete list of the month's events, visit**  
[www.uni.edu/womenstudies](http://www.uni.edu/womenstudies).

***From your co-presidents ~***

*Gloria Tollefson and Judy Focht, Co-Presidents*

**AAUW of Iowa Spring Conference April 11 and 12 Simpson College, Indianola**

### ***Common Goals, Uncommon Connections***

One of our goals as co-presidents this year is to increase the number of our Cedar Falls branch members attending our state conference. Featured speakers will include Nancy Rumstead, immediate past Association president and Senator Maggie Tinsman. There will be an interesting panel discussion Friday night about the "Ages and Stages" through which women travel and how it affects their decisions. Mary Brubaker, well known radio and TV personality will be its' moderator. Four concurrent workshops will be held on Saturday, repeated twice, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Registration is set at an early bird price of \$60 for both days, \$40 for one day (either Friday/Saturday). These fees include all meals and if desired a continuing educational credit (CEU) will be available through Simpson College at no extra fee. Registration deadline is April 1. Watch for your registration form that should arrive in your mailbox after March 10. Car pooling is encouraged.



If you plan to stay overnight discounted rates are available at

- Super 8 Motel, Indianola (until March 18) Call 515-961-0558
- Apple Tree Inn, Indianola (until March 28) Call 515-961-0551

Remember—Spring WILL come! The tulips and daffodils will bloom and green will eventually replace the white snow and gray ice.

***THINK GREEN! THINK SPRING! THINK AAUW of Iowa SPRING CONFERENCE!***



### ***Educational Foundation (EF) (LAF) Legal Advocacy***

Mark your calendars and start putting things aside for these two events.

**Annual Conference, April 11 and 12th** at Simpson College, in Indianola. Be thinking about and saving articles that were made in Iowa. A Basket for the Silent Auction will be made using your donations. You may drop them off Bev Lundy's house, 1103 Ellen St., CF, or she will be glad to pick them up.



**New Date - Garage & Plant Sale  
May 3, 8 am -1 pm**

*Barbara Cardamoncardmore@aol.com*

## **MEETING THE CHALLENGE**



### **Report From the Board of Directors**

The Board met on March 3, 2008, with President Gloria Tollefson presenting information concerning the upcoming State Convention. Also noted was the resignation of Nancy Henderson from the position of Branch President Elect because of the many new responsibilities of a new work position with Hawkeye CC.

There were brief reports from Communications, Membership, Program and EF. The Nominating Committee reported that a slate of officers for 2008-2009 is nearly complete.

Community Action Projects are moving forward with involvement on Gender Equity, Discuss and Discover Diversity, House of Hope and Women in Motion.

The Annual Meeting will be held on April 28 to review the budget, elect officers for 2008-2009, amend the by-laws (if necessary), and provide direction to the Board. This is an important meeting and all members are strongly encouraged to attend.

*Allaire George, Secretary*

# Community Action

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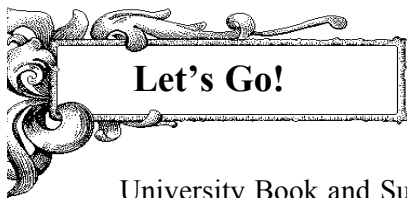
## Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

**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, 11:30 am.

### Looking ahead...

**SOLD** by Patricia McCormick ~ Lakshmi is 13. She lives an ordinary adolescent life in Nepal until the crops become monsooned nothingness. She believes she is going to the city to serve as a rich lady's maid and add to the family's lost income. But her stepfather is selling her into slavery for cash. **SOLD**, by Patricia McCormick grew out of her research on child slavery. Join Cedar Valley Discover Diversity Discuss at the UNI Museum on April 14, 4:30-5:30 pm. All Cedar Valley residents are welcomed. Participants need not have read the book.

*Judy Beckman, Diversity Chair*  
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University Book and Supply is going to host a three course dinner at Classic Kitchens on **April 1, 2008**, in conjunction with reading the book **UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN: At Home in Italy** by Frances Mayes. There is room for 20 people; how about four tables? The chef at Classic Kitchens in Waterloo will cook the meal in conjunction with the foods from the novel.

Does that seem like a good AAUW time? Go to UB&S and get the book, then pay your \$40 for your ticket for this gourmet meal and a good time with good women.

Let me know if you are going to come. You may have to sell all your extra shoes in your closet, hock your jewelry, etc., but just think how much fun we will have and who needs extra shoes anyway. I do not want to go alone. I am planning to see the old shingles we took off the house last summer, maybe the mailbox. I get most of my mail e-mail.

This is THE FUN of AAUW. Give this some thought. But, make a plan. *Judy Beckman*

## Current Research on Educational Equity

### Meeting with Waterloo Schools

Eight members, five from Cedar Falls branch and three from Waterloo, met February 13 at Walter Cunningham Elementary School for Excellence. Six Waterloo personnel attended, including two classroom teachers. They explained the teaching strategies used in the all girls classes and the benefits they see from separating the girls and boys. Plans are being made but not yet approved, to extend the single gender classes as the children move on into different middle schools.

Possible ways AAUW and other community groups might support the project were discussed, include classroom mentors and books the children could be given for home libraries – books to call their own.

A study group may be formed to continue studying single gender education and the growing support nationwide for separating girls and boys. Online readings about single sex classes or schools and other issues on gender equity can be found on the Iowa Website:

<http://www.aauwiowa.org/current%20research.htm>

Contact Neysa Picklum for further information:

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### Iowa Radio Reading Information Service (IRIS)

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### Community Outreach:

#### Habitat for Humanity

*Linda Morgan, Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity*  
[www.heartlandhfh.org](http://www.heartlandhfh.org) 319 235 9946 office phone

### 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 next forum is: Friday, March 28 - 4 pm  
Forums are held at the AEA 267 office on Cedar Heights Drive.

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## Care Bag Project

Cedar Falls AAUW decided to support the Drug Free Community Support Project of Black Hawk County by making fleece blankets for their Carebags. These bags were given to children in meth-effected homes. The project expanded over time to children in other drug related situations. The bags contained a fleece blanket, toothbrush and paste, shampoo, lotion, coloring book and crayons, and other miscellaneous items. The bags give comfort to the children when they are removed from their situation or when drug testing is going on in the home.

Our contact on this project was Cathy Upham at Pathways. We originally hoped to have the fleece paid for by member donations and monies from the AAUW Community Action Fund. As the year went on money became available to us through a grant the county project received. We were reimbursed for any money we spent above donations we received.



We held two sessions to make blankets which involved cutting and tying fringe. We met in August 2007 and February 2008. We had 8-10 members at each session and made a total of 42 blankets. The Care-bag project has changed since the start of 2008 and there is no longer a need for us to continue making blankets. *Phyllis Steele, Judy Beckman, Ardelle Brown*

## Women in Motion...

Co-leaders

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## International Studies

### *A Study of Turkey*

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## United Nations Association Meeting

Our branch has been invited to join a group that is hoping to resurrect a United Nations Association contact group or chapter in the Cedar Valley area. The meeting room at the Cedar Falls Library has been reserved for March 10, from 7 to 8:45 pm. Katy Hansen, Co Director of the United Nations Association, Iowa Division, from Iowa City will present a power point presentation: *An Overview of the United Nations*. Alice Dahle, President of the Cedar Rapids chapter will tell about chapter activities. Alice is International Affairs chair for the Iowa AAUW board.

The meeting will explore the feasibility of starting a United Nations Association contact group or chapter in the Cedar Valley. The United Nations Association is an organization that has as its vision a globally engaged Iowa. It strives to educate Iowans about the activities of the UN and motivate them toward the goals of the UN. Some of these are International cooperation, respect for human rights, nonviolent conflict resolution and responsible social and economic development.

Please invite friends to attend we hope you can come.

*Jo Ann Finkenbinder, Facilitator and Cedar Falls AAUW Branch Member*

## Literature Interest Group

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| March 10 | Penny Brown    |
|          | Penny Brown    |
| April 14 | Dee Lynch      |
|          | Marilyn Hanson |
| May 12   | Jean Kelly     |



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## Tech Talk

March 19, Wednesday,  
4:30 meet at CF Public Library



## Telling Our Stories

## Bridge Groups



### Third Wednesday Bridge

- March 19, 2008  
Mary Frankie
- April 16, 2008  
Mary Frankie

### Fourth Tuesday Bridge

- March 25, 2008  
Dargy Baxter
- April 22, 2008  
Ardelle Brown

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