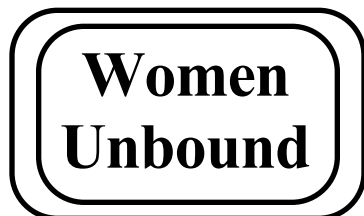


Monday, March 22, 2010**Cedar Falls Woman's Club
Third and Clay Streets****Gather 5:00 p.m.****AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.****Dinner and Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.**

Challenging Restrictive Thinking

*Margaret Berghammer
Professor of Theater and
Director of Sturgis Youth Theater
University of Northern Iowa*

**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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For another variation on our program theme, we're turning to the Theater Arts this month. We all love the theater, don't we? And now we have an opportunity to explore how participation in theater can challenge and reduce restrictive thinking and action in girls and young women.

Gretta Berghammer founded the Sturgis Youth Theater (SYT) in 1999 to provide quality productions, meaningful production experiences, and varied theater study opportunities for the youth of Cedar Falls and the surrounding communities. The philosophy of SYT is that all young people should be provided with an opportunity to explore and experience all facets of theater production and performance within an environment that is safe, supportive and educational, that is noncompetitive and inclusive, and which places the development of the whole student first and foremost in all of its activities. Sturgis Youth Theater produces two plays each year. The academic year production features theater students from UNI and community volunteers as performers and designers in weekday matinee performances for schools and evening public performances. The summer production is entirely produced and performed by youth, under the supervision of the SYT staff, and features public performances in July. Come learn about a great resource and another way to further the goals of AAUW.

Menu:

Stuffed Chicken Breast Bruschetta
Italian vegetables
Cook's choice dessert
or Chef's Salad, regular or
vegetarian, and dessert

**Reservations:**

Marcia Street 277-1780
streetmc@cfu.net

8 pm Wednesday, March 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 ~

Our state AAUW conference is April 23 – 24 at Quality Inn and Suites in Ames. Here is a taste of what is to come for conference programs and speakers. Friday night you will have the opportunity to hear Lily Ledbetter. Saturday is a day filled with presenters that will charge your battery. Tara Thomas will speak concerning equity issues in broadcasting. Lisa Maatz will share about AAUW Programs. A panel from Iowa State University will discuss Title IX. Sharon Duclos will be discussing equity in medicine. The Silent Auction will also be a part of the event.

We hope to see you at our March activities and our monthly branch meetings. Just a reminder that Marcia Street takes reservations for our monthly meetings. You may contact Marcia by email streetmc@cfu.net or phone 277-1780. Here's to sunny days, melting snow piles, and blooming flowers!

Judy Beckman & Mary Dove, Co-Presidents

Donations Needed for Upcoming EF/LAF Fundraisers



RECYCLE

Your help is needed with the **Go Green Silent Auction** to be held at the state conference in Ames April 23-24. **Go Green** means that auction items will be re-used, re-purposed or used up (consumed).

- > Re-use by letting someone else purchase those things you no longer use or need but someone else will love.
- > Re-purpose an item for another use: such as a whimsical object that can be used as a garden decoration, a lamp or small table made out of another object.
- > Used up means consumable: that bottle of cologne that never smelled quite right on you, a bottle of wine, an interesting meal made with nonperishable food items.

Donated items may be brought to the March 22 meeting or you may contact Diane Davison or Nancy Henderson to make other arrangements. Any items not needed for the auction may be returned to you if you like, or sold at the May 15 garage sale.

In April and May we will be collecting items for the **May 15 Garage ~ Plant Sale**. Begin thinking about cleaning out and setting aside items now.

On June 26 during Sturgis Falls we will be trying a new fundraiser, a **Purse Sale**. Details will be coming later, but save your no longer used purses, totes, backpacks, book bags, wallets, briefcases, and luggage, as well as lightweight scarves to add a little pizzazz.

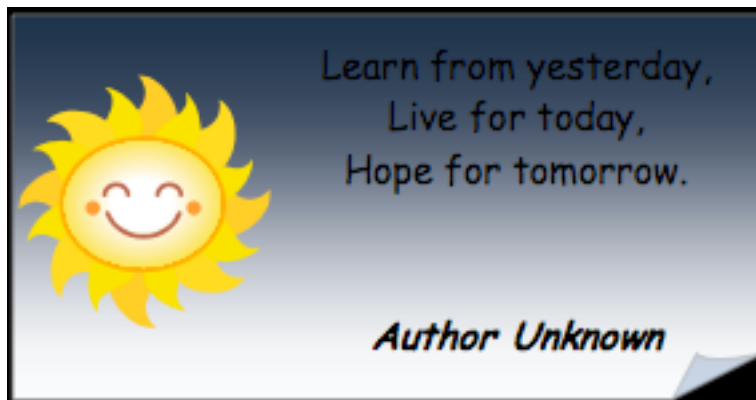
If you have questions about any of these fundraisers, contact Allaire George or Barb Cardamon (LAF Directors) or Jane Close (EF Director).



Report From the Board of Directors

- > The Board met at AEA 267 on Monday, March 1, 2010.
- > Meeting was called to order by Co-President Mary Dove at 4:30 PM.
- > The AAUW State Conference and the Go Green Silent Auction will be held April 23-24 in Ames.
- > The Gender Equity Workshop will be held Saturday, April 17, at the Cedar Falls Women's Club.
- > The Garage ~ Plant Sale is scheduled for May 15.
- > There are openings on the Board of Directors for President-Elect, Secretary, Program Chair, and Educational Opportunities Chair. Nominations are due at the April Board Meeting.
- > The next Board Meeting will be held Monday, April 5, 2010.
- > Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Mary Franke, Secretary



Learn from yesterday,
Live for today,
Hope for tomorrow.

Author Unknown

Community Action

Cedar Valley

Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

March Madness with CVD3

Judy Beckman and Mary Dove

Join us this month for two CVD3 discussion Mondays. We will have our regular 4:30 discussion on Monday, March 8, where we will discuss *Al' America: Travels Through America's Arab and Islamic Roots* by Jonathan Cruel. Tanis Diedrichs will be our guest speaker. She will remind us of the Arabic connections to our culture.

Monday, March 29th as we discuss *Left to Tell* the story of Immaculee Ilibagiza. This is a make-up discussion from our February snowed out session. Immaculee Ilibagiza was born in Rwanda. *Left to Tell* is her miraculous story of surviving the 1994 Rwanda genocide. Our guest speaker will be our own Jacqueline Ingabire. Jacque will share her own incredible story of surviving the 1994 genocide.

Monday April 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cedar Valley Discover Discuss Diversity features *Unaccustomed Earth*, by Jhumpa Lahiri. In Lahiri's most recent collection she shares the search for identity, community, feelings of exile, and growth toward maturation of American-raised Indian children.

April's discussion is held at the UNI Museum on Hudson Road, a handicapped accessible building. These monthly discussions are sponsored by partnerships between Cedar Falls Branch AAUW, the UNI Museums, and the Cedar Falls and Waterloo Public Libraries. All Cedar Valley residents are welcome. While there is no requirement to have read the book before the discussion, participation is greatly enhanced by having read the monthly title.

Mark your Calendar for the May 10 discussion of *Letter to My Daughter* by Maya Angelou. Dr. Angelou shares anecdotal wisdom from her life with the daughters and granddaughters she has never been blessed with in her lifetime. This discussion will also be held at the UNI Museum from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

For further information contact Dr. Judy Beckman
drjudy.beckman@cfu.net

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

Public Policy/Voter Education

Gender Balance Workshop

Last year a bill was passed in the Legislature which requires that appointive city and county boards, commissions, committees and councils be gender balanced. AAUW was one of many groups advocating for passage of this legislation.

Our branch is a sponsor of a local workshop, **Women in Politics: Working Toward Gender Balance on Boards and Commissions** that is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010, from 9:30-12 noon, at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club House. Regenia Bailey of the Bailey Leadership Initiative in Iowa City will facilitate and Rachel Scott, Division Administrator of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women will be the featured speaker.

The workshop is designed to inform, to raise interest and awareness and to give basic training in the process of applying for boards and commissions. Plan to attend if you think you might be interested in appointment to a board or commission and bring other women who may be interested in serving

Maureen White, Public Policy/Voter Education
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Books for Incarcerated Women Project

Recently our AAUW Branch collected 58 books and numerous magazines for donation to the women's unit at the Black Hawk County Jail. University Book and Supply contributed 20 books for our project as well. Thanks to all of you who gave books last month and over 60 books in the fall, the jail has gone from having no books available for the women to now having over 120!



Maureen White, Gayle Wood, Dee Lynch
and Judy Beckman

**Promoting Global Awareness -
Great Decisions**

International Friendship Program

UNI Children's Literature Participants

Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

Great Decisions Study Groups

Promoting Global Awareness

Our evening Great Decisions study group will discuss the **Global Food Crisis**, Tuesday evening, March 16 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Cedar Falls Public Library. After watching a panel of experts about this topic we will discuss what has caused higher food prices? How are Iowa farmers involved?

What can be done to help feed the world? Join us for this very interesting topic--one we can all relate to!

Gloria Tollefson and Marcia Street, Project Chairs



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

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Women in Motion...

Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter

Sheryl Bewyer, editor

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Please Note

We Need Your Help!



Our communication is only as good as the information we have, therefore it is very important that you inform Dee Lynch, our membership chair, at 266-3747 or deelynych@cfu.net of **address, e-mail, and phone changes** so we can keep our membership information up to date throughout the year.

Emails are a quick way to inform our members of meetings to attend, activities planned and important information concerning our Branch. Phone calls also help us connect with members, as does your correct home address.

We can only do this if you make sure that we have the most up to date information.

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 March 17 group is Anne Schuessler with Carol Dotseth as hostess April 21.

12:30 pm, Hostess for the fourth Tuesday game on March 23 will be Anne Schuessler and April 27 is Carol Dotseth.

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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