

Monday, March 26, 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***

Providing Hospice Services to Families in the Cedar Valley

**Katie Zimmerly, Director of Volunteer Services
Jennifer Siech, Community Outreach
Cedar Valley Hospice****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 more than thirty years, Cedar Valley Hospice has provided compassionate quality care around the clock with home care to those with life threatening illnesses, hospice to people with six months or less prognosis, grief support and case management services for those living with HIV or AIDS and their families. Hospice volunteers are important to their services. Come to find out more about Hospice and what is involved with being a Hospice volunteer.

Menu:

Chicken Marsala over Linguini
Broccoli Salad
Bread Sticks
Apple Turnovers

**Reservations:**

Mary Ellen Beckman 269-1893

or pal.m@cfu.net**8 pm Thursday, March 22,****\$11 State your menu choice****call or email Mary Ellen****if you plan to eat**

Nicaraguan Shoe Box Project



At the March dinner meeting, we will have a short presentation about the Nicaraguan Shoe Box Project. Last year we heard Patty Achey-Cutts tell us about the children in Chinandega who attend school and receive special shoe boxes around Christmas-time through the auspices of the Downtown Waterloo Rotary.

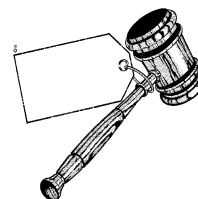
This year, our branch will work together to fill more shoe boxes. AAUW members can donate items for the shoe boxes or can donate money to help fill them. Members can also donate t-shirts and sew layettes for the babies. There are many ways AAUW members can help support women and girls (and all children) through this project. More information and sign-up sheets will be available at the March meeting.

Nancy Henderson, Patty Achey-Cutts, Barbara Cardamon



The Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW presented a \$300 gift check to the Woman's Club in support of their renovation project and in appreciation of our being able to use their lovely home for our General Meetings.

Spring Conference April 20-21 in Des Moines at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites on Merle Hay Road. Remember how great the convention was last year here in Cedar Falls? Well, our own Judy Beckman and Mary Dove are still State Co-Program Vice Presidents and they have a great program set for this year as well. Go to www.aauwiowa.org to download the great program and information about the speakers. Hotel rooms have been set-aside until March 30. Find a friend and share a room or go for Saturday only. Let's have several carloads go over for a good time and some education thrown in.



**Membership ~ ~ ~
Meet Someone New**

... *Christine Carpenter*, an AAUW member who joined our branch in August. Christine is a founder of the Iowa Breast Cancer Advocacy Network and co-founder of the Healthy Cedar Valley Coalition. She currently volunteers and works as a breast cancer and environmental advocate. A Cedar Falls native, Christine has degrees from UNI, Bradley University, and Illinois State University. Working as a special education teacher and a school psychologist in Michigan City, IN and Peoria IL, she returned to Cedar Falls in 1990 where she worked for AEA 267 as a school psychologist until retiring in 2008. Christine enjoys hiking, yoga, reading, and vegan food.

Maribelle Betterton joined our AAUW Cedar Falls branch in August, 2011. A resident of Cedar Falls since 1973, Maribelle has enjoyed a career of classroom teaching, recently retiring from the University of Northern Iowa, where the majority of her teaching was at Malcolm Price Laboratory School. The last twelve years of Maribelle's UNI career were within the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, where she taught literacy classes. A life long learner and a voracious reader, she enjoys baking, counted cross-stitch, golf, and spending time with her four grandchildren. She and Richard escape to warmer climates during the winter. Active in her church, First Presbyterian, she sings in the choir. At the present time she is working on four children's books, based on her grandchildren's conversations with her.



**Report From the
Board of Directors**

Contact secretary *Dargy Baxter* for further information

2012 AAUW Spring Conference

**The Many Faces of Diversity
Keynote Speaker
Chief Justice Mark S. Cady**



Justice Cady, Ft. Dodge, was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1998 and was named Chief Justice in 2011. He was born in Rapid City, South Dakota. Chief Justice Cady earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from Drake University.

After graduating from law school in 1978, he served as a judicial law clerk for the Second Judicial District for one year and was appointed an assistant Webster County attorney and practiced with a law firm in Fort Dodge. Cady was appointed a district associate judge in 1983 and district court judge in 1986. In 1994, he was appointed to the Iowa Court of Appeals. He was elected chief judge of the Court of Appeals in 1997.

Chief Justice Cady is a member of the Order of Coif (honorary), Iowa State Bar Association, Iowa Judges Association, and Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers (honorary). He is the Iowa chair of iCivics Inc. He also served as chair of the Iowa Supreme Court Task Force on the Court's and Communities' Response to Domestic Abuse and the Drake Law School Board of Counselors. Chief Justice Cady is the coauthor of *Iowa Practice: Lawyer and Judicial Ethics* (Thomson - West 2007). He is also the coauthor of *Preserving the Delicate Balance Between Judicial Accountability and Independence: Merit Selection in the Post-White World*, 16 Cornell J.L. & Poly Pub. 101 (2008), and the author of *Curbing Litigation Abuse and Misuse: A Judicial Approach*, 36 Drake L. Rev. 481 (1987).

Chief Justice Cady is an adjunct faculty member at Buena Vista University and serves on the President's Advisory Council. He is married and has two children. His current term expires December 31, 2016.

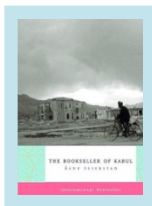
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- March 26 AAUW Branch meeting CF Woman's Club 5 pm
 - March 31 Dr. Christopher Mariner, Assoc. Prof of Political Science, in the lower lobby of UBS at 10:30 am
 - April 2 Board Meeting at CF Public Library 4:30 pm
 - April 2 Ambassador-at-Large Stephen Rapp, Central M.School 7 pm
 - April 20 - 21 AAUW of Iowa State Conference in Des Moines
 - April 23 AAUW Branch Annual Meeting CF Woman's Club 5 pm
 - May 18 - 19 AAUW Branch Garage Sale

Community Action

Cedar Valley

Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

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



March 12 CV3D will discuss *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Anne Seierstad. The Cedar Falls AAUW Branch's CV3D / Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity will meet at the UNI Museum for this discussion from 4:30-5:30 pm. Check in the office if no one is in the classroom when you arrive. UNI classes have been meeting there and often the classroom is set up for the class session. Doris Mitchell will know where our CV3D book discussion is being held.

On April 9, Kent Nerburn, author from Minnesota, will be our guest, discussing his experience writing *Wolf at Twilight: An Indian Elder's Journey Through a Land of Ghosts and Shadow*. This special event will be held at the Cedar Falls Public Library. There will be one session: 7-8 pm, in the large Conference Room on the second floor of the library.

As many of you know, the UNI Museum is to be closed. The collection is being moved and CV3D will be unable to use this facility after our May 14 discussion. We will be notifying you about our new meeting place as soon as possible.

Remember, all Cedar Valley residents are welcome at CV3D. Come and discuss. Come and listen. You need not have read the book to attend. The UNI Museum is handicap accessible. The Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW, the Cedar Falls Waterloo Public Libraries, and the UNI Museums co-sponsor this Cedar Valley event.

Ambassador Stephen Rapp to Speak on Accountability for War Crimes

As war, terrorism, human rights violations, genocide and other crimes against humanity continue to plague the world, the role of the United States in preventing and policing these global events is an important concern. Ambassador-at-Large Stephen Rapp will speak on "Promoting Accountability for War Crimes" at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 2, at Central Middle School, 1350 Katoski Drive, Waterloo.

Ambassador Rapp heads the Office of Global Criminal Justice in the U.S. Department of State and is the U.S. focal point for formulating U.S. policy on prevention of and accountability for mass atrocities. Prior to his current position, Ambassador Rapp served as chief prosecutor for international tribunals for Sierra Leone and Rwanda. He is a graduate of Cedar Falls High School and a former state legislator.

The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the United Nations Association of the Cedar Valley; Black Hawk Bremer League of Women Voters; Waterloo Human Rights Commission; Waterloo, Waverly and Cedar Falls branches of the American Association of University Women; Self Help International; Black Hawk County N.A.A.C.P; UNI Center for International Peace and Security Studies; UNI Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education; UNI-STAND; Peace and Justice Center of the Cedar Valley; Iowa United Nations Association; and, the UNI Office of International Studies.

Maureen White

Promoting Global Awareness - Community Action Project



Our Great Decisions discussion group will resume its' discussion of major foreign policy issues, Tuesday, March 20 in the small conference room at the Cedar Falls Library from 7-8:30 pm. Our discussion will be based on a 30 minute DVD and topic #3 "Beyond the Borders: The U.S. and Mexico" in the 2012 Great Decisions Briefing book. This project is co-sponsored by AAUW and the Cedar Valley United Nations Association. Bring someone with you who is interested in this topic! Last month there were 16 of us!

Gloria Tollefson and Marcia Street, Co-leaders

Community Action Project Books for Incarcerated Women

The next delivery to the Black Hawk County Jail with books and magazines for women incarcerated there will be following the March 26 general meeting. A plastic carton, appropriately labeled, has been placed on the stage at the January and February Branch meetings and will also be at the March meeting. The books and magazines are appreciated by the women. According to Lt. Schmidt, the preferred books are romance, western, mysteries and thrillers. Lt. Schmidt asks that no Reader's Digest books be sent.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

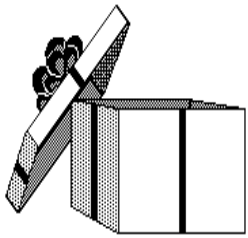
Dee Lynch, for the Committee: Gayle Wood, Judy Beckman, Maureen White and Dee Lynch.

Gender Balance on Boards and Commissions

News Talk will be in the lower level meeting room at University Book and Supply on Saturday, March 31 from 10:30-11:30. Dr. Christopher Larimer, UNI Associate Professor of Political Science, will discuss results from his study of the role of gender on city boards and commissions. The program is free and open to the public.

Fund Raising for AAUW

Silent Auction The April 20 and 21 AAUW State Convention is in need of Silent Auction displays from our Cedar Falls branch. The theme this year is "World Market" and we will be displaying baskets or bags holding various items from all different cultures and countries. Please don't buy anything, but if you have something from another country to donate, we would love to use it in our displays. This could be books, art work, artifacts, scarves, jewelry, clothing, recipe books, etc.



Each Branch gets credit for the money brought in from the Silent Auction. Last year we brought in the most money for any branch in the state so let's see if we can do that again! Please give Jean Kelly or Bonnie Smith your items.

Thank you so much for your support for our branch.

Garage Sale Our annual Garage Sale will be at Judy Fogdall's home and open on Friday afternoon, May 18, and on Saturday morning, May 19. Please be saving items that you would like to donate. We would also like some volunteers to help us mark items, set up, and work the days of our sale. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. Let's make it REALLY BIG this year! The money will be used for our Scholarship and Community Action Programs. Thank you in advance for your help.

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

Public Policy/Voter Education

The final legislative forum will be held on Friday, March 16. Place: AEA 267 in the Conference Center 3712 Cedar Heights Dr. Cedar Falls Time: 4:30 to 6 pm

Subject: At present this is an open or general forum. If I receive news about a specific topic, I will notify members.

Joan Kurt; Public Policy/Voter Ed

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, March 21,
12:30 pm Patti Hucka is the hostess.

>>>> Fourth Tuesday, March 27,
12:30 pm Dargy Baxter is the hostess.

Dargy Baxter mmbaxter76@hotmail.com



Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

International Studies Interest Group

The International Studies study group will meet at University Book and Supply, Monday, March 19 at 1:15 pm. Kathy Agness will lead the discussion on *Beyond the Borders: The U.S. and Mexico* and Lois Crowley and Phyllis Ver Ploeg will hostess. Interested in the topic? Join us! *Lois Crowley, Facilitator*

International Friendship Program

Friendship Family Program

We have approximately 48 International students from 20 different countries in the Friendship Family Program at UNI. There are about 35 families doing a wonderful job of making the students stay in Cedar Valley a pleasant experience. What a nice way to have good will ambassadors overseas, when these students go back to their respective countries. If any of the members are interested in the program, please have them contact me at... sarinpramod@uni.edu

Literature Interest Group

Women in Motion

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.



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