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**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.

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Coming to America:

Myths and Realities of Immigration Law

Our guest speaker for this meeting will be Miryam Antunez de Mayolo, an immigration and naturalization lawyer whose practice in Cedar Falls takes her all over the country. Miryam was born in Lima, Peru, and graduated with a law degree from the University of Nacional Mayor de San Marcos in Lima, Peru. While practicing in Peru she was legal council to the Peruvian Securities and Exchange Commission before moving to the United States in 1991.

While visiting in the United States she met, and later married, her husband, Phil Mauceri. She is one of a few attorneys who hold dual law degrees. She received a law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1998 and after serving two years in a general practice firm in Waterloo, she opened her own office in June of 2001. She specializes in Family and Employment Based Immigration law and is a frequent spokesperson for the Latino Community in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area. She has been a presenter at workshops such as those at the Latino Institute at the University of Iowa and the Amego Latino held in Cedar Rapids. She is often quoted in newspapers in the midwest and has also appeared on local CBS and Fox News in Cedar Rapids as a guest commentator.

Miryam is not only a very busy attorney, active in the community and at her church, but also is the mother of triplets. Her husband, Phil, is the Head of the Political Science Department at UNI.

We hope you will be able to join us for this interesting and timely topic, and welcome Miryam to our AAUW Branch.

Reservations:

Dee Lynch 266-3747
deelynch@cfu.net
**8 pm Wednesday,
April 23, 8:00 pm**

Menu:

Marinated Chicken Potatoes Au Gratin
Broccoli Frozen Chocolate Pie
You may order Chef's Salad (regular or vegetarian)
\$10.00 for either

Branch Annual Meeting

Monday, April 28, 2008

Nominating Committee Report

The following slate of candidates will be presented for election at the April 28 annual meeting:

One year terms July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

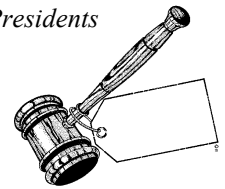
Co-Presidents: Judy Beckman and Gloria Tollefson
Co-Presidents Elect: Mary Dove and Judy Beckman
(then to succeed to co-presidency on July 1, 2009)

Two year terms July 1, 2008-June 30, 2010

Co-Vice Presidents for Program: Eunice Dell and Mary Fogarty
Co-Vice Presidents for Educational Foundation:
Barb Cardamon and Allaire George
Secretary: Mary Franke

Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Jane Close, Nominating Committee Chair



Amending Our Branch Bylaws

After reviewing our branch bylaws, the following changes will be voted on at the general meeting, April 28. You will find our current by-laws printed on pages 23-31 in your membership book.

Page 26 Article XII. Officers

Section 3. The appointed officers shall be directors (**Delete: communications**) of the Legal Advocacy Fund, public policy, and such other directors as shall be deemed necessary to carry out the work of the branch.

Reason: The past president has been given the duties of communications in our policies.

Page 26 Article XII. Officers

Section 6: A vacancy in office, excluding the president shall be filled for the unexpired term by **presidential appointment**. (Replaces board of Directors The president elect shall fill a vacancy of the office of president and choose to serve both the unexpired term and the additional full term. **(Delete for which she/he was elected.)** A vacancy in the office of past president shall be filled by board appointment of the most recent past president available. **(Delete a vacancy in any other elective office shall be filled by special election to be held in a timely manner)**)

Page 28 Article IX. Nominations

The past president shall serve as chair of the nominating committee along with two other members of her/his choice at least two months prior to the annual meeting.

(Instead of the board of directors shall appoint a nominating committee comprised of three members. One member shall be a past president and shall serve as chair.)

If you have any questions regarding these amendments contact Judy Focht .266-3083 or jifocht@cfu.net



Report From the Board of Directors

The board met at the CFPL on April 7, 2008, President Judy Focht presiding with fourteen members present. Judy Beckman was appointed president-elect pro-tem to finish the year for Nancy Henderson who has resigned that position.

Judy Beckman presented the board with three proposed changes to the bylaws. Discussion and approval followed. These changes will appear in this edition of the newsletter.

Association dues will increase two dollars, and the state is considering the same. Several members will be traveling to the state annual conference in Indianola, taking baskets for the silent auction to benefit Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund, and attending sessions.

Barbara Cardamon, acting secretary for Allaire George

New member:

JoAnn Finkenbinder
31 River Ridge Rd
266-7756
jo2@cfu.net

New address:

Gladys Wagner
WillowWood, Unit 34
1100 Grove Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
phone # no change

103 members!

CORRECTION: At the March general meeting it was announced by Co-President Judy Focht that Neysa Picklum would be recognized as a fifty year member at the state annual meeting in Indianola. Neysa has brought it to our attention that she is NOT a fifty year member. The Association records were not accurate. We are sorry for the mixup, Neysa.

Dues are due anytime now!



AAUW Membership	\$68.00	\$49.00 Association,	\$8.00 State,	\$11.00 Branch
AAUW Life Member	\$19.00	paid up for Lifers	\$8.00 State,	\$11.00 Branch

Treasurer: Diane Davison
306 N. Francis St. Cedar Falls 50613

She needs:

your name, address, phone and (very importantly) current and correct email address and **your check!**

Community Action

Cedar Valley

Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

Make note: CV3D 4:30 - 5:30 pm. dates:

Tuesday, April 14, *SOLD* by Patricia McCormick, a short novel on author's research on child slavery and prostitution, discussion leader Darlene Peterson.

Tuesday, May 12, *TORTILLA CURTAIN* by T. C. Boyle. Professor Mark Grey speaks about the issues of job security, deportation, border fences and amnesty. These subjects become real in Boyle's novel--all in the face of a mere car accident.

Tuesday, June 9, *THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE* by Allen Rucker. In an hour and a half, the victim of a neurological disorder is paralyzed from the waist down. Heather Schneider Ministries Coordinator at Bethlehem Lutheran Church is the speaker.

Discussions are held at the UNI Museum which is disability equipped. For information: 268-0544 or drjudy.beckman@cfu.net All Cedar Valley residents and students welcomed. Participants need not have read the book to attend.



Cedar Valley Back to School Project 2007-08 Summary

AAUW values education especially for women and girls and supports local community projects that reflect this value. These were the reasons the board decided to make this one of our projects for the year.

The AAUW Cedar Falls Branch membership was notified via e-mail of the needs and dates of the project. On August 9, 2007 the collected supplies were delivered to Grace Baptist Church in Waterloo. (Some school supplies were left from a previous branch project plus additional items were donated by individual members.)

On August 13, the school supplies were packed in brown paper bags for individual children by community volunteers. There were at least three members who worked on this come-and-go day.

August 18 was Distribution Day when children came to the church to pick up supplies. The Waterloo Courier and the Cedar Falls Times featured this well-organized community project. There were similar projects sponsored by other groups. Hopefully, no child should have had to start the first day of school without those important supplies.

Judy Focht, facilitator 266-3083 jufocht@cfu.net

Community Outreach:

Habitat for Humanity

WOMEN BUILD WORK DAY

Friday, May 9th - a nationwide Habitat Women Build work day 8:30 - 12:30 and 1 - 5 in two shifts or all day work. Build Location will be in Cedar Falls. Lunch served 12:30 - 1pm (we need volunteers to fix the lunch). Iowa Heartland HFH will receive \$5000 from Lowe's for the work day.

Reserve your spot by contacting Shalon volunteer@heartlandhfh.org

Linda Morgan www.heartlandhfh.org 319 235 9946

Current Research on Educational Equity

Contact Neysa Picklum for further information:
Neysa@mchsi.com

Public Policy: Your AAUW at Work

Maureen White, Public Policy/Voter Education
266-9901, mwhite@cfu.net

Iowa Radio Reading

Information Service (IRIS) Summary

Volunteers give approximately 75 minutes once or twice a month reading the Waterloo Courier via a small radio sub-frequency of KHKE from the University of Northern Iowa. People with visual or physical handicaps that prevent them from reading the newspaper listen to the broadcast on small in-home receivers. The service is provided 365 days of the year.

The Cedar Falls Branch of the American Association of University Women has brought in 4 new readers since August to the IRIS program volunteering 34 hours of on-air time. New volunteers are always needed for every day of the week, especially weekends. Readers are always paired with another volunteer. Larry Cardamon is the volunteer coordinator for the IRIS program in this area. Contact him at the number below.

Barbara Cardamon, project chair,
cardmore@aol.com, 233-2848

Literature Group Summary

Our literature group of 12 members has met at the homes of members the second Monday of each month (Sept.-May). About nine members usually attend. One member does a book review and other members share books they are currently reading. We would welcome new members. Jean Kelly



Educational Foundation (EF) (LAF) Legal Advocacy

Mark your calendars today.



Garage Sale May 3, 2008, 8 am - 1 pm

Now that spring cleaning is under way, pack up those no longer used items and get them ready for our **Garage/ Plant sale**. No clothes, please. Please contact Bev Lundy at lundy1185@msn.com or 266-1185, by April 21 with items to be advertised in the newspaper. Donations may be dropped off at her house after April 29. Set up for the sale will begin at 10 am, May 2.

Remember: all items, including plants, should be priced. Please mark anything with "firm" if you do not wish us to change the price. Remember, if you are firm on price, you will be responsible for picking it up if it doesn't sell.

Little Red School House event, June 9, 11 am - 1:30 pm *More information coming, or contact Melba Widmer*

Prairie Pause and Picnic, July 13, 5-7:30 pm

Members and guests are invited to a **Picnic and Prairie Pause** at the home of Jane Close, 30681 Deer Trail Drive, New Hartford, on **July 13, 5-7:30 P.M.** A contribution of \$10.00 per person will go to the EF and LAF funds. Food and table service will be provided by members of the Board. If convenient, please bring a lawn chair, so you can enjoy the quiet vista of the prairie. **RSVP:** Barb Cardamon 233-2848 or cardmore@aol.com by **July 9, 2008**.

Planning ahead

Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund wants your artistic, creative contributions! With your help, we plan to hold a **silent auction** at the November general meeting. Can't make it to the meeting? We will provide *an opportunity* for you to participate either with early bidding or by providing a surrogate.

We envision a creative project or service offered by each member to help raise money for EF and LAF. Members will be encouraged to sign up and indicate the item or service they plan to contribute at the annual meeting on April 28, the Little Red School House Brown Bag Lunch on June 9, or at the Prairie Pause and Picnic on July 13. We encourage all members to participate. Share your hidden talents! If you have questions, contact Allaire George, 233-5320, <allaireg7@mchis.com>

Barbara Cardamon, EF 2008-2009 co-chair, cardmore@aol.com, 233-2848

Literature

Interest Group April 14 Dee Lynch
Marilyn Hanson
May 12 Jean Kelly
Jean Kelly 266-0809 jeankelly@cfu.net

Women in Motion...

Tech Talk

Co-leaders
Lois Crowley 266-2174
Kathy Agness 266-9292
jkagness@cfu.net

Telling Our Stories

International Studies

A Study of Turkey

WOW! Did you know???



Congratulations to Linda Morgan on being featured on page 92 of the March/April issue of Midwest Living for her work with the "Women Build" program for Habitat for Humanity. Thanks to Linda for showing us that "Yes, we can build!"

Bridge Groups

Third Wednesday Bridge

• April 16, 2008
Mary Frankie

Fourth Tuesday Bridge

• April 22, 2008
Ardelle Brown



Dargy Baxter, Facilitator, 266-2890 (home), 319-230-3781 (cell), dargybaxter@mchsi.com

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**Iowa Heartland
Habitat for Humanity Outreach
Ninth Annual Spring Benefit
Auction and Dinner**

AAUW filled a table of eight and a few more members were scattered around Slife Ballroom in the commons at UNI on Friday, March 7. We had a great time and some of us spent a little more than we should have, but all money is used to build Habitat homes with families! Habitat for Humanity appreciates all that volunteers do. Thank you AAUW members for your support of Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity.

Linda Morgan and Ardelle Brown

International Studies

This group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:15 pm. There are currently 26 members, with meetings held in homes, the Cedar Falls library or Woman's Club House. This year we have studied Turkey starting with early history up to current day events. Members of the group lead most of the studies, but this year we have had two outside speakers, Dr. Recai Pecen and Dr. Mohammed Fahmy. Lois Crowley is the leader of the group. We are always open to new members.



House of Hope

Our project goal was to upgrade the children's library at House of Hope, a transitional program for young, single mothers with children. Books were collected from AAUW members at our February meeting. Six members met twice at the House of Hope Library and integrated these books into their library organizing all the books into age and interest groupings. A friend of AAUW provided a table and chairs, bookcase, lamp and larger chair which were added to the room. In May we will be holding two sessions with the mothers showing them how to read aloud to their children.

Gloria Tollefson



Telling Our Stories

Three to eight members have met the first Monday of each month, October to May, 1:15 - 3 pm at the Cedar Falls Public Library to write about experiences, people and places we want to remember and share with future generations. We share ideas and then spend our time writing and editing our stories. We would like more participants!

Gloria Tollefson

***Community Action
and Project Summaries***

Tech Talk 2007-08

Our branch values life long learning. The purpose of the interest group was to share/learn more about technology, specifically computers. Meetings were held monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at the Cedar Falls Public Library. Ten members participated at one time or another. The average number of people attending a single session was four. Neysa Picklum, Judy Beckman, Mary Dove, Marcy Seavey and Maureen White provided leadership on a variety of topics. Some meetings were entirely devoted to Q&A. The final meeting was held at the UNI museum for one of the programs presented for the exhibit *Earth from Space*. *Judy Focht Tech Talk facilitator 266-3083 jujfocht@cfu.net*

Women In Motion

Women in Motion (WIM) are "in motion" because we participate in service projects and events that provide some degree of physical activity. Monthly activities are planned with varied dates, times and locations depending upon the event. So far this year 22 members have participated in WIM activities. Individual members volunteer to plan activities.

In February, eight members met for a quick supper then worked at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. . It proved to be a popular activity we hope to do again. In March, Women's History Month, we met for another quick supper and a WALK across the UNI campus for the Women Artists' Exhibition and Artists' Talk. We met again at UNI for Barbara Cutter's presentation on "The Female Indian Killer: The Memorialization of Hannah Dustin and the Feminization of American Violence." Plans for upcoming events:

April: Ardelle Brown - Equal Pay Day

May: Linda Morgan - Habitat for Humanity
Nationwide Women Build

June: open July: Gloria Tollefson - tba

August: Liz Poole - Women's Equality Day

September: Pat Higby - I-Renew Expo

If you would like to be included in future activities, please e-mail me.

Jane Close, jane.close@uni.edu

