

Monday, April 26, 2010

Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Third and Clay Streets

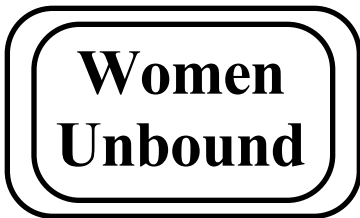
Gather 5:00 p.m.

AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Non-Traditional ~ Changes and Choices

*Dr. Linda Allen Vice President
Hawkeye Community College*



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.

Board of Directors:

- Co-Presidents
- Judy Beckman, Mary Dove
- President Elect Maureen White
- Past President Gloria Tollefson
- Vice President for Program Mary Fogarty
- Vice President for Membership Dee Lynch
- Co-Vice Presidents for Educational Foundation
- Barbara Cardamon, Allaire George
- Secretary Mary Franke
- Treasurer Nancy Henderson
- Public Policy/Voter Education Director Maureen White
- Legal Advocacy Fund Director Jane Close

Dr. Linda Allen, Vice President of Hawkeye Community College, will talk about non-traditional students and their career choices in her presentation at our April branch meeting. Non-traditional students are of interest to AAUW members across the country, as demonstrated by the many branch and local scholarships for older students listed on the AAUW Website. In a time of high unemployment and worker displacement, this is an important concern and community colleges have an important part to play in addressing it.

The Obama administration has recognized the importance of community colleges by initiating new funding, \$2 billion over four years, and making it a national goal to produce six million additional community college graduates by 2020. The following is an excerpt from a White House policy statement on community colleges, published on www.whitehouse.gov.

“As the largest part of the nation’s higher education system, community colleges enroll more than six million students and are growing rapidly. They feature affordable tuition, open admission policies, flexible course schedules, and convenient locations. Community colleges are particularly important for students who are older, working, or need remedial classes. Community colleges work with businesses, industry and government to create tailored training programs to meet economic needs like nursing, health information technology, advanced manufacturing, and green jobs.”

Menu:
 Smothered pork
 Garlic mashed potatoes
 Green beans almondine
 Spice cake trifle
 or Chef Salad, regular or vegetarian

Reservations:
 Marcia Street 277-1780
streetmc@cfu.net
8 pm Wednesday, April 21, 8 pm
\$11 State your menu choice
***** You MUST call or email MARCIA *****



New Officer Nominees for 2010-2011

- Co-President Elects: Linda Morgan and Ardelle Brown
- Secretary: Dargy Baxter
- Co-Vice Presidents for Program: Marcia Street and Gloria Tollefson
- Co-Vice Presidents for Educational Opportunities: Bonnie Smith and Jean Kelly

This slate of officers will be presented at the April Annual Meeting. Additional nominees will be accepted from the floor with the consent of the person being nominated. *Gloria Tollefson, Nominations Chair*

From your co-presidents ~

See you at the Annual Meeting

AAUW State Conference April 23 & 24

Ames Quality Inn and Suites

Judy Beckman & Mary Dove, Co-Presidents

Education Opportunities

The annual **Garage and Plant Sale** will take place May 15, from 8 am -1 pm at the home of Judy Fogdall, 2018 Terrace Drive, Cedar Falls.

All items must be delivered by noon on Friday, May 14. We will not be working after 4 pm on Friday, May 14, so you must be prompt. Please help us out by pricing your donations before dropping them off.

Plants sell like hot cakes, so be thinking about your yard and what plants can be divided or reduced.

If you have any large items that we can advertise in the *Waterloo Courier*, let Allaire know by noon on Friday, May 7. allaireg7@mchsi.com

Barb Cardamon, Jane Close, Allaire George, co-chairs



Report From the Board of Directors

The Board met at AEA 267 on Monday, April 5, 2010.

- >> Meeting was called to order by Co-President Mary Dove at 4:30 pm.
- >> The AAUW State Conference and 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 will be held May 15, 2010 at Judy Fogdall's.
- >> Doris Mauer is asking for another volunteer for the Scholarship Committee. She would like to have a 5-person committee.
- >> Thursday and Saturday are work opportunity days for the Habitat for Humanity house until the project is completed.

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>> The next Board Meeting will be held Monday, May 3, 2010.

>> Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Mary Franke, Secretary

Membership



When I looked out my front door I was greeted with hyacinths, budding tulips, and bright yellow daffodils that reminded me that spring is really here. They also reminded me of the many friends I have made in AAUW and how much meaning they add to my life. And then I think of the mission of AAUW, which is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. It is a mission in which I can participate in meaningful ways while I enjoy the interest groups and activities sponsored by AAUW. It is like the enjoyment of a beautiful spring day . . . it is lasting.

April is the month in which the Membership Committee begins to think about reminding members that membership dues may be paid any time between now and July 1, after which they are overdue. It is very helpful for the Membership Committee to receive dues as early as possible. It saves time, postage and telephone calls.

The Membership Committee will be giving out empty envelopes to members of interest groups and at the general meetings that will be addressed to our treasurer, Nancy Henderson, 2989 Jepson Road, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. *We invite you to fill the envelope with a check and mail it to Nancy Henderson. You may also bring the filled envelope to the Program and Dinner Meetings on April 26 or May 24.*

The dues help us carry on our important work and mission; however, it is YOU we really care about. Each one of you is important to us and each one helps make our branch vital.

Dues for the 2010 - 2011 Program Year are:

AAUW Membership . . . \$70.00

Association Dues \$49.00

State Dues \$10.00

Branch Dues \$11.00

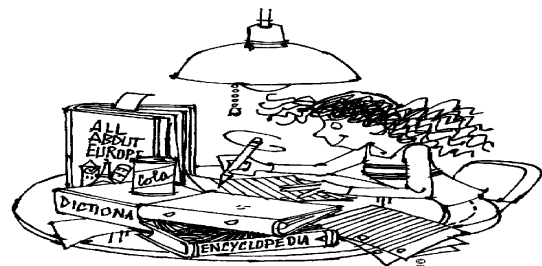
Life Members: \$10 State & \$11 Branch dues (\$21)

Membership is open to all graduates holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified educational institution. Individuals not eligible for full membership are welcome to participate as a Friend of AAUW.

Friend of AAUW \$11.00

We hope to hear from you soon.

Dee Lynch for the Membership Committee



Community Action

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

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. The discussion will be co-hosted by Mary Dove and Judy Beckman.

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. Dee Lynch will lead the discussion.

Cedar Valley Discover Discuss Diversity winds up another successful year on Monday, June 14, with discussion of *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett.

All three of the discussions will be hosted by the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW at the UNI Museum, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All Cedar Valley Community Action Projects welcome residents of the Cedar Valley. These events are held in partnership with the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Public Libraries, The UNI Museums, and the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW. For further information, contact Dr. Judy Beckman, drjudy.beckman@cfu.net.

International Friendship Program

Pennies for Peace Mary Dove

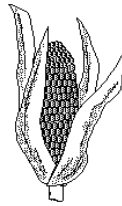
Thanks for joining our March service project, Pennies for Peace. We raised \$115!!! The money we collected will be donated to the Central Asia Institute and will help to build schools for children in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The mission of Central Asia Institute (CAI) focuses on community-based education, especially for girls. A 5th grade education for girls improves not only the basic needs of health for her and her family, she will also spread the value of education within her community. Literacy, for both boys and girls, provides better economic opportunities in the future and neutralizes the power of despot mullahs and other extremist leaders.

To learn more about Pennies for Peace and Greg Mortenson visit the following web site , <http://www.penniesforpeace.org/home.html>

The Power of a Penny

1 penny = one pencil 2 pennies = one eraser 15 pennies = one notebook
\$2 or \$3 = one teacher's salary for one day \$20 = one student's school supplies for one year
\$600 = one teacher's annual salary
\$5,000 = support for existing school for one year
\$50,000 = one school building and support for up to five years

Promoting Global Awareness - Great Decisions



Our discussion group met on March 16 and twenty people came to discuss the "Global Food Crisis". We will meet again Tuesday evening, April 20 at the Cedar Falls Public Library at 7 pm. This month our topic will be "Cuba on the Verge". Today, Cuba is torn between socialism and capitalism. With the Castro era coming to an end, we will discuss what the next step for Cuba will be and how the U.S. policy might change now that Fidel has passed his reign over to his brother Raul. If this is a topic that interests you, come and bring a friend.

Gloria Tollefson and Marcia Street, Co-Chairs

Attention All Members

We're having a May branch meeting this year. It will be held on Monday, May 24, at 5:30 pm, at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club. Our guest speaker will be Cindy Mohr, Director of the YWCA of Black Hawk County, and her presentation is entitled, "Persimmon Women." You can read the program notes for her presentation in the January newsletter.

There won't be a May newsletter, so we're announcing the meeting here, and we'll send you reminders in May. The reminders will include the menu (it's the same as planned for January) and reservation information.

Public Policy/Voter Education

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



Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

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
Sturgis Falls weekend



RECYCLE



Two girls are working at the activity center furnished by WIM during Women's History Month at the Cedar Falls Public Library.

Educational Opportunities and Legal Advocacy Fund

International Studies

Literature Interest Group

Jean Kelly 266-0809 jeankelly@cfu.net

Great Decisions Study Groups

Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter

Sheryl Bewyer, editor

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Women in Motion...

- April 10 – Habitat Women Build – providing lunch for work crew – *Ardelle Brown*
- April through July – Habitat Women Build Thursday Work Day Opportunities – *Linda Morgan*
- April 20 – Equal Pay Day – *Maureen White*
- April 30 – May Day Basket Making – *Judy Focht*
- May 1 – May Day Deliveries – to members who seldom get to meetings and/or are recovering from illness, injury, surgery
- June – Czech Village Tour - Cedar Rapids on a Saturday yet TBA – *Marcia Street*
- June 5 and 10 – Habitat Women Build Saturday Work Day Opportunities – *Linda Morgan*
- July 17, 24, 31 – Habit Women Build Saturday Work Day Opportunities – *Linda Morgan*



Bridge For Educational Foundation



AAUW Bridge Groups meet once a month. The AAUW Bridge for EF Wednesday Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This month they will be meeting at the **Holiday Inn** at 12:30 pm. The group will have to decide where to meet in the future since we cannot meet at Bonanza Steak House any longer. If you have questions call Dargy Baxter at 266 - 2890.

AAUW Bridge for EF Thursday Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month. This month Carol Dotseth is the hostess and will have bridge at her house. If you have questions for her call 268 - 0649.

For the month of May Darlene Peterson will be doing the calling and hosting for both the Wednesday and Thursday bridge groups. If you have questions for her call 233 - 6983.

For further information contact Dargy Baxter at 266 - 2890 (home), or (319) 230 - 3781 (cell), or use the e-mail dargybaxter@mchsi.com