

Monday, April 23, 2012
Cedar Falls Woman's Club
Third and Clay Streets

Gather 5:00 p.m.
Business Meeting 5:15 p.m.
AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.
Dinner and conversation

*Empowering Women
by Volunteering
in Our Community*



**Reading
for the Blind
Through
the IRIS Program**
Larry and Barb Cardamon

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
Linda Morgan, Ardelle Brown
President Elect
Nancy Henderson
Past President Maureen White,
Mary Dove
Vice Presidents for Program
Gloria Tollefson Marcia Street
Vice President for Membership
Gayle Wood
Co-Vice Presidents for
Fundraising
Jean Kelly, Bonnie Smith
Secretary Dargy Baxter
Treasurer Mary Fogarty
Public Policy Joan Kurt

Our own member, Barb Cardamon and her husband Larry, will share with us how they became involved with The Iowa Radio Reading Information Service (IRIS) Program. They coordinate volunteers that read the Waterloo - Cedar Falls Courier on the radio for the blind, visually impaired and print handicapped persons in our area. UNI KHKE-FM is the satellite location used. See more information about this project on page three.

Come to find out more about this opportunity to volunteer in our community.

Menu:

Bourbon Glazed Pot Roast
Creamed potatoes and peas
Waldorf salad
Key Lime pie



Reservations:
Mary Ellen Beckman 269-1893
or pal.m@cfu.net
8 pm Thursday, April 19,
\$11 State your menu choice
call or email Mary Ellen
if you plan to eat



Fund Raising for AAUW

Garage Sale
Friday, May 18, afternoon
Saturday, May 19, morning

Our annual Garage Sale will be at Judy Fogdall's home and open on Friday afternoon, May 18, and also be held on Saturday morning, May 19. Judy's address is 2018 Terrace, Cedar Falls.

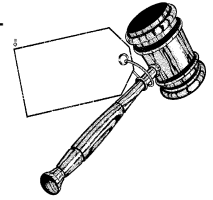
Please be saving items that you would like to donate. We would also like some volunteers to help us mark items, set up, and work the days of our sale. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. Let's make it REALLY BIG this year! The money will be used for our **Scholarship and Community Action Programs**. Thank you in advance for your help.

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

>> Ardelle and Linda will be going to the **AAUW State Convention** in Des Moines on Saturday, April 21st. Call them if you want to ride with them.

>>>> **AAUW ANNUAL MEETING** is Monday, April 23rd at 5:15 pm, at our regular monthly meeting - Election of officers and the Scholarship winner will be announced. Please bring your checkbook so you can write a check for next year's membership - \$70 – Life members are \$21. No increase in dues for next year.

>>>>>> An AAUW summer event is being planned for Monday June 25th at the Iowa Veteran's Museum in Waterloo starting at 9:30 am. \$6 entry fee and lunch after the tour is the cost. Put on your calendar now for a fun time with your AAUW friends.



Election Time

The 2012 - 13 slate of officers for Cedar Falls AAUW is:

Co-Vice Presidents for Program -- Carol Hedberg and Susan Kimball

Secretary -- Dee Lynch

President-Elect -- none at this time.

The election will take place at the Annual Membership Meeting this month.

Maureen White, Nancy Henderson, and Mary Dove - Nominating Committee

Renew Your AAUW Membership in April ~ ~ ~

Our annual AAUW membership dues are due to the national organization by July 1, 2012... so why not plan on renewing your membership when you attend your favorite branch activity in April? Dues remain the same: branch members pay an annual fee of \$70.00, which includes national, state, and branch membership; paid life members pay \$21.00 for state and branch annual dues.

Options for making your dues payment include: at the April 23rd dinner meeting (stop by the table when you pick up your name tag), at your small group meeting in April (just give your check to the meeting's facilitator) or send your check to our treasurer, Mary Fogarty, 4109 W. 1st., Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

Thanks for taking care of this in April ... and don't forget to bring your checkbook to your April AAUW activity!

Gayle Wood for the Membership Committee

Report From the Board of Directors



April 9 - CV3D meets at CF Public Library 7 pm.

>> **April 15** - Deadline for finished Silent Auction baskets to either Bonnie Smith or Jean Kelly.

April 18 - 3rd Wednesday Bridge, Willowwood, Claudia Kaestner hostess, 12:30 pm.

>> **April 24** - 4th Tuesday bridge, Willowwood, Ardelle Brown hostess, 12:30 pm.

April 20 and 21 -

State AAUW meeting in Des Moines.

>> **April 23** -

Annual meeting at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club, start at 5 pm and business meeting at 5:15 sharp!

May 7 -

Transition Board meeting at 4:30 p.m., location to be announced.

>> **May 18 and 19** -

Fundraiser Garage Sale, Judy Fogdall's. 18th in the afternoon and the 19th in the morning.

June 25 - Tour Sullivan Brothers museum as a group. 9 to 11:30 am.

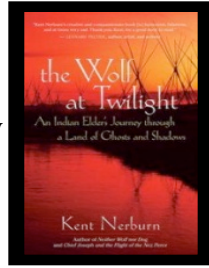
Motion: passed by consensus. Members of committee to select Named Honoree include: Judy Beckman, Ardelle Brown, Gloria Tollefson, Judy Focht, Sheryl Bewyer, all former Honoree recipients.

Motion: passed by consensus. The agenda for the Annual meeting includes: The election of new officers, Recognition of officers who have served and are going off the board, Announce the Named Honoree for 2012, Announce scholarship recipient for 2012, Present the Annual Budget for 2012-2013.

Contact secretary Dargy Baxter for further information

Community Action

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing



April 9, CV3D will discuss *The Wolf at Twilight* by Ken Nerburn. The Cedar Falls AAUW Branch's CV3D / Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity will meet at the **Cedar Falls Public Library** for this discussion from **7 - 8 pm**.

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 Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW, the Cedar Falls Waterloo Public Libraries, and the UNI Museums have co-sponsored these Cedar Valley event book discussion events.

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



2012 AAUW Spring Conference April 20 and 21 Des Moines

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.

IRIS Iowa Radio Reading Information Service

One of our community action projects for the last several years has been the Iowa Radio Reading Information Service (IRIS). At the April dinner meeting Larry Cardamon, project coordinator for this area, will give a short presentation on this valuable service to Iowans who due to blindness, impaired vision or physical handicap, cannot read.

The Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped, Inc. (IRIS), is a 24/7/365 operation. The service is possible because more than 260 volunteers across the state donate thousands of hours annually to read newspapers, as well as magazines and books.

Many dedicated AAUW members volunteer their time to read *The Courier* on a daily basis. There will be an opportunity to ask Larry questions and learn how easy it is to be an **IRIS Reader**.

Barbara Cardamon, project chair

National Pay Equity Day

Tuesday, April 17th
Time: 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Lincoln Park

(East 4th and Mulberry, Waterloo, Iowa)



We have an opportunity to join with the Business and Professional Women of Waterloo in a rally. Live music, a march and speakers as well as a reception following at the Elks Club - 229 Park Avenue, will all be happening that day.

Come join in, and be part of the rally honoring women, better wages and jobs, and protection of women's rights. *Joan Kurt Public Policy*

Community Action Project Books for Incarcerated Women

Gender Balance on Boards and Commissions

Promoting Global Awareness - Community Action Project



Nicaraguan Shoe Box Project

Shoe Box Time

At the March dinner meeting, we had an informative 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 Christmastime 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: *Nancy Henderson, Patty Achey-Cutts, Barbara Cardamon*

Help! Items Needed!

We still need items for our "World Market" theme for the AAUW State Convention on April 20. If you have anything around your house from another country or region that could be used for our Silent Auction baskets, please contact Jean Kelly or Bonnie Smith.

Some ideas would be : Books, fiction or nonfiction, cookbooks, foods or recipes, artifacts, art work, jewelry, scarves, purses, souvenirs, baskets, fabrics, linens, vases, dishes, etc.

We will gather these and display them in baskets to auction off at the Convention to benefit our AAUW Branch.

Thank you so much for your support.
Jean Kelly 266-0809 Bonnie Smith 266-2526

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.

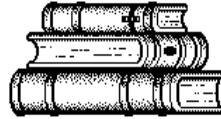
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Dargy Baxter
mbaxter76@hotmail.com



Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate



Community Action Project: BOOKS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN PROJECT

Thank you to those who donated books for this Community Action Project. We had a total of 81 books, mostly nearly new hardcover as well as as a nice collection of paperback books and 80 magazines. We are always assured that the women enjoy them very much. *Dee Lynch*

GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions study groups will view a 30 minute DVD and then discuss topic 4, "Cybersecurity" on Monday afternoon, April 16 at the home of Carol Dotseth at 1:15 pm and on Tuesday evening, April 17 at the Cedar Falls Public Library at 7 pm. Interested members are encouraged to attend either discussion group. *Gloria Tollefson and Marcia Street*

Public Policy/Voter Education

Literature Interest Group

Women in Motion

AAUW Action Network

International Friendship Program

International Studies Interest Group

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.



Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter

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