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5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Cedar Falls Public Library
Sixth and Main Streets**

**What in the World ...
are we doing?**



Cedar Falls Branch American Association of University Women

Join us for food, fun, a chat with friends, and meet new prospective members. All current and prospective members are invited to the Cedar Falls Library, large conference room on the 2nd level, Monday, September 25, 2006, from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Appetizers and beverages will be provided.

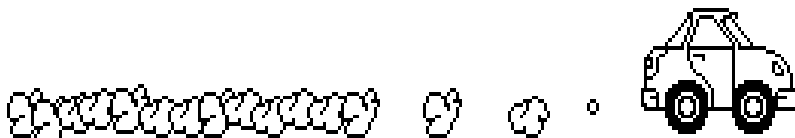
Displays will be shown and brief overviews given on the opportunities available through membership in the organization. Program booklets outlining group activities during the year will also be available.

This is the 125th year of AAUW, and our organization invites you to the challenge of helping our group grow by becoming actively involved in recruiting new individuals. Our Keys to the Future include: Equity, Advocacy, Lifelong Learning, Leadership Training, Public Policy, and A Diverse Membership. We are women who continue to advocate for women issues. Be proud and stress these attributes when recruiting new members. The whole group and its effectiveness is the sum of the involvement of each of its parts. Be there for our group and take pride in knowing you are making a difference in our lives and the lives of countless others.

For each new recruit, a member receives a certificate of recognition. That member's name is entered in the Hall of Fame on the web site: www.aauw.org. In addition, all recruiters will be eligible for a Grand Prize Drawing at the 2007 Association Convention.

We are looking forward to an outstanding year. Be there and make your voice heard. Your presence is vital and always appreciated.

*For further information, contact
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Welcome to a year of discovering “**What in the World Are We Doing?**” It promises to be a year of mission directed, vision oriented, values based programming, in as diverse a community as we can provide. Review the following four items and you will have an idea of what to expect.

Mission: The American Association of University Women Cedar Falls Branch promotes education and equity for all women and girls, life long education, and positive societal change.

Vision: The American Association of University Women Cedar Falls Branch will be recognized in the community for promoting the status of women and girls.

Diversity Statement:

In principle and in practice, the American Association of University Women Cedar Falls Branch values and seeks a diverse membership. 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.

Values:

Education <i>Equity for women and girls</i>	Community action (local to global) <i>Voter Education</i>
Life long education	Public policy advocacy
Positive societal change <i>Diversity</i>	Social justice <i>Legal advocacy</i>
<i>Sense of community/friendship</i>	<i>Leadership (internal and external)</i>
Coalitions / networks among diverse organizations with similar missions	

Opportunities abound for getting involved. The September 25th Open House ~ What in the World Are We Doing? Come and See! ~ will introduce you to them. There are seven thought provoking monthly program meetings. A December Holiday Open House and 125th AAUW Anniversary party has been added for celebrating and enjoying time with friends. There are eight significant and compelling community Action projects that address our core values. With the addition of a new group called Women in Motion, there are now six educational and ever popular study - interest groups. The newsletter and yearbook have been revised to provide you with the information you will need in order to participate.

There still remain vacancies in two areas--social justice and college/university relations. If either of these is of special interest to you, please let me know.

Plan to be involved this year in a way that fits your time, talents and interests, while also challenging yourself to answer the question, “**What in the World Are We Doing?**”

Jane Close President
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From the Cedar Falls Branch Secretary:



The 2 May 2006 Board meeting provided transition and orientation for new members. The budget was approved and special emphasis was made for the Fall Kickoff. The Board approved allowing up to \$300 to cover expenses to attend the Upper Midwest Regional Conference in Grand Forks, ND and added the Newsletter Editor to the Board.

The Golden Party on 19 June 2006 was attended by 17 “appropriately attired” participants. Box lunches and an explanation, by Pat Higby, of how to use portable solar cookers preceded the prairie garden walk at UNI on 17 July.

Standing committees and study/interest groups provided program proposals at the 26 July 2006 Strategic Planning Session. The program schedule was reviewed and various projects were discussed.

Joy Corning was inducted into the Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame on 27 July 2006.

Leadership training and finalization of the strategic plan were completed on 5 September

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the Educational Foundation (EF) and Legal Advocacy (LAF)

The mission of the Educational Foundation (EF) is to raise money to support opportunities for achieving equity and equality for woman and girls in the areas of education, civil rights and economics. The money we raise is used by the national AAUW to help women in the USA and 122 countries pursue graduate degrees.

The Legal Advocacy (LAF) supports and provides funding to women seeking redress against sexual discrimination.

Bev Lundy 266-1185
Melba Widmer 277-7311
EF co-chairs

There have been two fundraisers this summer to support these causes. The May Plant Sale netted \$488.75 for LAF and the August Garage/Plant Sale raised \$495.36 for EF. The committee appreciates the donations of time, plants and treasures, and thanks all who made both events so successful.

Carol Cooper has agreed to chair the LAF committee. She is also the state LAF chairperson.

Get Out the Vote

AAUW members have a new resource to reach women and encourage them to vote: *Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout: A Manual for Community-Based Campaigns to Mobilize Women to Vote*. The manual presents a step-by-step plan to maintain and grow the women's vote and maximize local civic participation. Publication was made possible by a generous gift from AAUW member Lilo Leeds and Gerard Leeds of Great Neck, N.Y.

In addition to the new manual, a members-only PowerPoint presentation is available on the website, perfect for use in branch and state-based programming. Members planning get-out-the-vote activities can request technical assistance and a printed copy of the manual by contacting the Public Policy and Government Relations Department at VoterEd@aauw.org or 800/608-5286.

LAF Update

Two Victories in Ongoing Battle for Pay Equity

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) is pleased to share news of wins in two LAF-supported cases. In *Miller v. Texas Tech*, a jury decided in favor of Lucinda Miller and Elaine King-Miller in their fight against denial of tenure and retaliation for complaints about discrimination. In *deMartin v. New Mexico Highlands University*, the university made a generous settlement offer upon hearing the news that LAF chose to support Lynn deMartin's case for sex discrimination in pay, race discrimination, and retaliation for her complaints of sex discrimination, resulting in wrongful termination.

These wins, especially the deMartin case, demonstrate the importance of LAF and the support it gives to women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination in higher education.



**Spice of Life
Cookbook
\$12.00**

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**Diversity Book Club
Cedar Valley Discuss
and Discover Diversity**

Second Monday, each month;
4:30 pm, at the UNI museum.

September 11 *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America*
October 9 *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fight in Heaven*
November 13 *Cockeyed*

Need a book? Allaire George allaireg7@mchsi.com
Other information:
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Telling Our Stories

Our group meets the first Monday of every month in the committee room at the Cedar Falls Library from 1:15-3:15p.m. We share ideas for writing and then each person writes about something of interest to her. Some of our topics are things about our childhood or family members that we want to remember and share with future generations. Participants agree that without our group these memories would probably never be written. Some women choose to work on their family genealogy and Allaire George assists us with that when we have questions.

This group was started by Myrna Sandvik about six years ago and five to six members regularly attend. We encourage you to join our group!
Gloria Tollefson, Chair 266-4075

**International Studies
A Study of India**
Co-leaders Lois Crowley and Kathy Agness

*Meetings are the third Monday of the month at 1:15 pm.
September 18 is at the home of Kathy Agness.
October 16 will be at the home of Gloria Tollefson.*

Literature Group

Each month the meeting is held a members home on the second Monday at 1:15.
September 11 Maralyn Curl
October 9 Dee Lynch

POTPOURRI Interest Group

Bridge Groups



Playing bridge is good fellowship, challenge for the brain, good food, laughter and giving to the Educational Foundation. Each player donates two dollars to the Educational Foundation each time they play bridge.

A night group could be started. Beginners are welcome. Anyone interested in playing bridge with either group that is not already on the member lists, please contact Dargy Baxter dargybaxter@mchsi.com.

**Wednesday Bridge
at Bonanza 11:30 am**

September 20, 2006
Hostess Dargy Baxter
October 18, 2006
Hostess Edna Hamilton
November 15, 2006
Hostess Lorraine Tressler

**Fourth Tuesday Bridge
12:30 homes**

September 26, 2006
Hostess Ellie Thompkins
October 24, 2006
Hostess Esther Kieffer
November 28, 2006
Hostess Phyllis Steele

****** BOARD MEETING:**

Tuesday October 3, 4:30 pm CF Public Library

Newsletter items due on, or before, October 3, 2006

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