

Monday, September 22, 2008**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.**

The Glass Slipper Myth: Cedar Valley Women Address Gender Equity



Gender Equity Still an Issue

Mission:

AAUW advocates equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Vision:

AAUW, Cedar Falls Branch, will be recognized in the community as an advocate 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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Reaching Through the Cracks

Dr. Patricia L. Geadelmann

Special Assistant to the President for Board and Governmental Relations University of Northern Iowa

Come greet our fellow branch member, fresh from the lobbying wars, and enjoy this presentation by a woman who has worked for equality and justice throughout her career.

Patricia Geadelmann is an experienced advocate for women and girls. She served on the Fifty States Project on Women and on the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. She has been a consultant to schools and colleges on a number of subjects, among them lobbying strategy techniques, and multicultural nonsexist approaches to curriculum. Her distinguished service has been recognized with many awards and honors. To mention just three, she was recognized as Iowa's Outstanding Woman, received the National Governors' Award for Distinguished Service to State Government, and was awarded the Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice.

Pat is a 1970 graduate of UNI. She received a master's degree from the University of Iowa in 1974, an Ed.D. from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in 1978, and a Master of Divinity from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in 2004. She is a professor at the University of Northern Iowa, and serves as special assistant to the president for board and governmental relations. In the latter position, she spends much of her time in Washington, D.C., working for UNI and higher education in Iowa.

Reservations:

Marcia Street 277-1780

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8 pm Wednesday,**September 17, 8:00 pm****\$11 State your menu choice****Menu:**

Roast Pork Broccoli

Triple Layer Salad

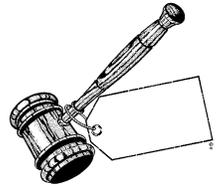
Dessert

or

Chef Salad, regular or vegetarian

From your co-presidents ~

Our Fall Kick - Off was a great success! Thanks to Mimi Zischke and Anne Schuessler for planning this event. Attendance was great with about 40 members, 17 members from the Waterloo branch and 14 prospective members attending. We were given just a preview of the all the opportunities that our branch offers to our members this coming year. Exhibits energized us to join interest groups, participate in community action projects and attend the great programs that are planned for our monthly dinner meetings. We hope that each of you will get involved in at least one additional activity this year. This newsletter, too, is full of ways to get involved. Write your family stories, discuss books, discuss international issues, play bridge, and serve your community! Try it! You'll like it! You will feel very welcome.



Gloria Tollefson and Judy Beckman, co-presidents

Did You Know?

Membership in AAUW has short and long term values for us. Through our membership we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers. Crumbling such barriers gives women a "fair chance." The AAUW Value Promise offers us financial, intellectual, and emotional returns on our membership investment. AAUW can be counted on to undertake endeavors that "level the playing field" so that we all get a fair chance, rather than one inhibited by discrimination or other injustices.

How does your AAUW fulfill this promise? First: Each month's NEWSLETTER has a special feature "AAUW at Work for You." Each article illustrates ways AAUW programs influence society to bring about needed change. Second: At each dinner meeting members receive "Five Minutes for AAUW," giving another insight into ways AAUW works with and for us.

Your Association is striving to be a change agent in the 21st Century recognized nationally and across the globe with emphasis on education, advocacy, and research that focuses on women and girls. Your AAUW community is one hundred thousand members strong - still working after 126 years. We have every reason to be proud of our organization. Aren't you glad you belong?

*Judy Focht Communications
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Report From the Board of Directors



The Board met on September 2, 2008. President Gloria Tollefson asked members to remember the St. Louis National AAUW Meeting October 21, and The Celebrate Suffrage Parade in Boone October 25.

The Fall Kick-Off was attended by forty members. Seventeen members represented the Waterloo branch.

The EF-LAF Silent Auction will be held from October 30 to November 14 on the website. Members are encouraged to donate items of interest to Allaire George by October 1.

Mary Dove reported that the book sale at the Fall Kick-Off was a success and suggested that books be sold at the monthly dinner meetings.

The United Nations Special Event group will meet December 10 At AEA 267. The topic will be "Sixty Years of Human Rights. Is the United States Still the Leader?"

The Strategic Plan for 2008-2009 was adopted
Mary Franke, Secretary



At our August board meeting, your board made significant changes in how your \$11 is used to support our branches' program. Our use of the internet in communicating with our branch members has enabled us to use the branch dues to better use.

Your \$11 a year now will be used in the following way:

Program and Supplies	\$2.50
Newsletters and Yearbook	\$1.50
Conventions & state mtgs.	\$2.00
Education Foundation	\$1.50
Legal Action Fund	\$1.50
Community Action Projects	\$2.00

We hope you agree with these changes. It is amazing how 'far reaching' our little piece of the pie can go in promoting AAUW's mission.

Gloria Tollefson, co-president

Community Action

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

UNI Museum 4:30-5:30

September 8, 2008 Cedar Valley Discover Diversity Discuss invites you to read *The Man Who Fed the World: Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Norman Borlaug And His Battle to End World Hunger* by Leon Hesser. You will want to get to know Borlaug, an Iowa native, a man who contributed from his Nobel Peace Prize Laureate funds to fund "The Food Prize." Borlaug, one of the hundred most influential people of the twentieth century, has dedicated his life to feeding starving people in our world. Merry Fredrick, Self Help Executive Director, has worked with Borlaug and will energize the book and his work. Visit <http://www.selfhelpinternational.org> to learn more about the organization's outreach to the hungry of the world before you come.

Then join your CV3D friends to hear Merry Fredrick and discuss Hesser's book. The UNI Museum is handicapped accessible. All Cedar Valley residents are welcomed to participate in the discussion whether or not they have read the book. AAUW Cedar Falls Branch partners with the UNI Museum and The Cedar Falls and Waterloo Public Libraries in providing these diversity discussions. For further information contact Dr. Judy Beckman: drjudy.beckman@cfu.net or call 319-268-0544

October 13 *INMAN'S WAR: A Soldier's Story of Life in a Colored Battalion in W.W.II*, by Jeffrey Copeland, UNI Professor and Chair of the Department of English

Hawkeye Community College - AAUW Non-Traditional Student Boost

International Friendship Program

Iowa Radio Reading Information Service (IRIS) Summary

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Public Policy: Your AAUW at Work

Maureen White, Public Policy/Voter Education
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GREAT DECISIONS

One of our new Community Action Plans is offering the opportunity for our members and people in the community to come together at the CF Public Library one evening a month to discuss one complex international issue. We will be using a book edited by the Foreign Policy Association that focuses on eight major foreign policy issues prepared for reading and discussion. (\$20) Our first meeting will be a presentation and planning session. Topics include Russia and 'Putinism', China, Latin America, Exiting Iraq, Foreign Aid, European Union, Defense and Security, and Philanthropy. Our International Studies Study/Interest group that meets in the afternoon will be using the same program this year. Please contact me if you are interested or have questions. I will then be able to keep you informed of our first meeting.

Gloria Tollefson, chair 266-4075 or
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Kickoff Biscotti Swedish Almond Toast

... and served with a sundae at the Kickoff

- 1 C. margarine
- 2C. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 4 C. flour
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 C. slivered almonds
- 1 C. sour cream
- 2 tsp. almond extract



Step 1. Cream butter and sugar well and add eggs. Add other ingredients, alternating sour cream and flour last. Bake in 2 greased bread pans at 325 degrees F. for 55 min. Cool. Wrap in foil and put in freezer overnight. (Do not omit this step).

Step 2. Remove from freezer and let stand at room temperature until loaves can be sliced (1/4 inch thick slices). Slicing is easier if the loaf is partially frozen. Place slices on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 250 degrees F. turning every 10 to 15 min. (until brown.) Takes one hour.

Let dry thoroughly before storing. These stay crisp if kept in a glass cookie jar with a loose-fitting lid.

(from Martha Stewart)

Educational Foundation (EF) (LAF) Legal Advocacy

Thanks to all the many contributors, the spring garage sale netted \$836 and helped many of us clean out our basements, storage cabinets and garages. Attending "class" at the Little Red Schoolhouse allowed us to share lunch and collect a total of \$103. The CV3D Preview for 2008-2009, presented at a pizza/salad event in August, brought in \$228 for a very grand total of \$1167 from the summer events.

Allaire George, Co-Vice President for EF allaireg7@mchsi.com

New Directions for the Legal Advocacy Fund

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) is expanding to include sex discrimination in ALL workplaces; it is no longer limited to higher education. Support is in the form of *amicus curiae* or "friend of the court" in cases affecting women's rights, especially in cases of discrimination that disadvantage women in the workplace. LAF is moving away from direct financial plaintiff case support; the ten current cases will be supported through December 2008.

LAF campus outreach efforts will be expanded, providing information about sex discrimination in higher education and strategies to prevent and combat the problem.

The online LAF Resource Library is being expanded and will be the source for accurate background information, legal facts, statistics and credible outside sources on issues of sex discrimination.

Jane Close, LAF Director, jane.close@uni.edu 983-2016

Bridge Groups



Third Wednesday Bridge

- September 17 Dargy Baxter
- October 15 Judy Beckman

Fourth Tuesday Bridge

- September 23 Dargy Baxter
- October 28 Judy Beckman

Evening bridge?

Call Ardelle Brown if you are interested in playing. 266-6882 or send to dabrown@cfu.net We have two daytime groups and would begin an evening group if there is interest.

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Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

Telling Our Stories



Our first meeting this year will be Monday afternoon, October 6 at the Cedar Falls Public Hospital from 1:15 - 3:15 pm. Join us and spend your time writing about your experiences and the family stories that ONLY YOU can tell. Just show up! Our small group will welcome you.

Gloria Tollefson, chair

Women in Motion...

Women in Motion (WIM) are "in motion" because they participate in service projects and events that provide some degree of physical activity. WIM provides opportunities for AAUW women to offer services to others in need, expand knowledge in diverse areas of interest, and build friendships with other women.

Since our last newsletter, we have worked on building sites during Habitat for Humanity's Nationwide Women Build, cleaned up tornado damage in New Hartford two times, attended the Garden Tour fundraiser for the Cedar Falls Historical Society to help restore the Ice House Museum damaged by floor waters, and worked on the Back to School Project distributing bags of school supplies to students in need.

Two activities are planned for October. On Saturday, October 25 we will travel to Boone to march in and/or watch the recreation of the 1908 Boone Suffrage Parade, advocating for women's right to vote. Contact jane.close@uni.edu (or 983-2016) if you are interested in going. On Thursday, October 30 we will repeat last year's popular "Ghouls Night Out" when we will deliver Halloween treats to members and friends who are relatively shut-in and/or living in assisted living facilities. Contact Ardelle Brown at dabrown@cfu.net or 266-6882 if you know anyone who might like a visit from the "ghouls."

We are always open to new members. Contact jane.close@uni.edu if interested in joining the group.

Jane Close, Facilitator, jane.close@uni.edu

Literature Interest Group



This group meets the second Monday afternoon of each month at 1:15 pm at different homes. Learn about what people are reading and about books you might enjoy reading. Please call for more information September 8, Jean Kelly will host and be the presenter.

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International Studies

Participate in a Great Decisions monthly discussion of an important current global issue.