

Monday, September 27, 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.



Celebrating Our Past 85 Years

Our September 27 dinner meeting will be a celebration of our 85th years as an AAUW branch in Cedar Falls. Several of our longtime members will take us down memory lane by telling about past projects we are proud of and maybe even help us smile at some of the things we have done over the years. Newer members will learn even more about AAUW and we all will come away being proud of our branch. Come to see old friends, find out more about your AAUW branch and have a delicious dinner, complete with birthday cake!



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
- Presidents Elect
Linda Morgan Ardelle Brown
- Past President Gloria Tollefson
- Vice Presidents for Program
Gloria Tollefson Marcia Street
- Vice President for Membership
Delores Lynch
- Co-Vice Presidents for Fundraising
Jean Kelly, Bonnie Smith
- Secretary Dargy Baxter
- Treasurer Nancy Henderson
- Public Policy Joan Kurt
- Legal Advocacy Fund
Jane Close

Make your reservation with Allaire George (allaireg7@mchsi.com or 233-5320) before September 23. Thank you for helping make this work.

Reservations are required for dinner. The dinner price (\$11) is due if reservations have not been canceled prior to the reservation deadline. Attending the program only, without dinner, is an option.

Menu:

- Almond Chicken
with Apricot Sauce
- Wild Rice
- Italian Green Beans
- Fresh Fruit
- Marbled Birthday Cake
or Chef Salad, regular or vegetarian

Reservations:

Allaire George 233-5320
allaireg7@mchsi.com
8 pm Thursday, September 23,
\$11 State your menu choice
***** You MUST call or email Allaire if you plan to eat *****

Fair Pay Act →

Lilly Ledbetter is the inspiration behind the piece of legislation signed by President Obama. The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which became law on January 29, restores basic protections that allow workers to challenge wage discrimination.

Ledbetter spoke at the Spring AAUW State Conference in Ames and these members were able to hear her speak at Iowa State University.

Pictured:

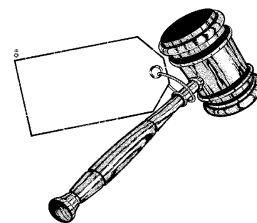
L-R Maureen White, Liz Poole, Lilly Ledbetter, Ardelle Brown, Nancy Henderson (behind), Dee Lynch and Mary Dove.
Seated: Judy Beckman.



From your co-presidents ~

The 2010-11 membership year promises to be a very interesting and busy one as we look back in celebration of the 85th anniversary of the Cedar Falls branch of AAUW and as we move forward with promoting gender equity.

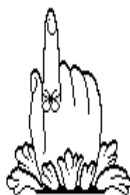
The yet to be passed Paycheck Fairness Act at the federal level is a companion to the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009. It would require that men and women who do the same work receive equal pay. In Iowa, AAUW is part of a coalition that is promoting implementation of the Gender Balance law that goes into effect January 1, 2012. It requires gender balance on appointed city and county boards, commissions and committees. There is a new bi-partisan group led by women in Iowa called **50-50 by 2020** which has a goal of increasing the number of women elected to public office at all levels of government. There will be a news conference on the steps of the Waterloo Public Library at 11 am on September 22, to announce the plans of the group. These are exciting times that call for a great deal of work to accomplish the goal of increased gender equity. We all need to be willing to do our part, not just for us, but for the young women who follow us.



Maureen White & Mary Dove, Co-Presidents



Dates to remember:



Wednesday, September 22 - attend rally for *50-50 Equity in Politics* at 11 am on the front steps of the Waterloo Public Library.

Monday, September 27 - AAUW Cedar Falls Branch monthly meeting at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club, 5 pm.

Dargy Baxter, Secretary

Report From the Board of Directors

Let me ...

In the four years I have been a member of AAUW, I have met some, but not all of you. Many of you know little about me. Let me introduce myself.

I am married to Roger and have a daughter, Emily, who is currently working on a doctorate at UNLV.

I was a teacher of students with behavior disorders in the Waterloo School District for 13 years. I was then a special education resource teacher at Lincoln Elementary in Cedar Falls until my early retirement in 2006. During the time I taught, I was an officer of the AEA 7 Education Association, the Hawkeye Uniserv Unit, was on the ISEA Executive Board as well as on many committees at the local, unit and state level. I was a field editor for a professional journal, had articles written or co-written by me published in state and national professional publications, and did presentations at state and national conventions and conferences. I was on teacher education accreditation teams and was a member of the Board of Educational Examiners for eight years, chairing it for two years. I thought once I retired from teaching, I could finally do nothing except read, garden, walk, visit with friends, work part-time at Kitchen Essentials and travel, but then I joined AAUW. So much for the lazy retirement! The Public Policy Director position led to involvement with the Board and community action projects, which led to now being your co-president.

I look forward to getting to know more of you; the long term members who have had such a commitment to AAUW over the years as well as those like me who are relatively new to this group. *Maureen White, co-president*

Officers for 2010-2011

Back Row L-R Maureen White, Co-President; Nancy Henderson, Treasurer; Joan Kurt, Public policy; Mary Dove, Co-President; Gloria Tollefson, Co-Vice President for Program; Judy Beckman, Past President/Communications Director.

Front Row L-R Ardelle Brown, and Linda Morgan, Co-Presidents Elect; Delores Lynch, Vice President for Membership; Jane Close, Legal Advocacy Funds Director; Marcia Street, Co-Vice President for Program; Dargy Baxter, Secretary. (Not pictured Jean Kelly and Bonnie Smith, Co-Vice Presidents for AAUW Fund Raising.)



Community Action

Cedar Valley

Discuss & Discover Diversity

Reading & Sharing

The Cedar Valley Discover Discuss Diversity tri-fold list of books was available at the time of the Kickoff. If you did not receive one, e-mail drjudy.beckman@cfu.net and we will deliver one to you. These Cedar Falls AAUW Branch meetings will be once again held each month at the UNI Museum, one of our UNI Partner supporters. The meetings are held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the museum classroom. You will be pleased to know that plenty of parking is available in front of the UNI Museum and the building is handicap accessible.

Sharon Draper's book, *Out of My Mind*, will be the discussion title for the October meeting. You will meet Melody, a special education student. No one knows how bright she really is until... Get this book and find out the wonderful truths about her. Dee Lynch will lead the discussion. This will be a whole group discussion and we look forward to your ideas and insights.

Mark your calendars for the appearance of Kent Nerburn, author, sculptor and theologian firmed up for the March 14 CV3D. In an effort to include the Cedar Valley Community Action Groups, Nerburn will also be speaking at the Cedar Falls Public Library. Two author presentation sessions will be available: 4:30-5:30 pm and 7-8:30 pm. Get your copy of *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*. You will want to have your copy signed. For further information, contact Dr. Judy Beckman, drjudy.beckman@cfu.net.

International Friendship Program Public Policy/Voter Education

Helping A Friend



We are supporting UNI student Jacqueline Ingabire again this year. Jacque is a senior at UNI and a refugee from Rwanda, Africa. Jacque is in the United State with an asylum status, having fled Rwanda during the awful genocide. During their civil war in the 1990s she was separated from her parents and family for ten years. With the help of the UN she was able to find out that her parents were alive and in the United States, living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. With the help of our Iowa senators Jacque was able to come to the United States in 2006

Jacque would like to move forward toward United States citizenship but she needs help. She has worked very hard during her time in our country to learn our language and do well in college while working as many hours as possible to support herself. She is very hesitant to ask for help but it is clear to us that she cannot afford the fees required to obtain a green card - the first step in gaining citizenship. Filing for a green card costs approximately \$930, with a biometric fee of \$80. This process also requires a physical examination from a local physician who is a part of this program. The government estimate for this exam is between \$400-\$500. After having her green card for 1 to 5 years she can apply for citizenship.

Jacque would like to apply for her green card this fall. At our September general meeting you will be able to make a donation toward our goal of \$1500.

You may also send your donation to: Mary Dove 1704 275th Street Janesville, Iowa 50647
Or directly to the bank: State Bank & Trust Company attn: Sharon Foelske 326 Main Street Janesville, Iowa 50647

Checks must be written out to Mary Dove and in the memo put Jacqueline Ingabire Benefit.

Thank you for making a difference in the life of one special woman!

Judy Beckman and Mary Dove

Promoting Global Awareness - Great Decisions

This community action project will begin it's third year Tuesday evening, September 21 at the Cedar Falls Public Library conference room from 7 to 8:30 p.m. We will be using the 2010 Great Decisions program and discussing the same topic as the afternoon group the third Tuesday evening of each month, September- May (except December). Our topics for this year are:

September: Special Envoys
October: Eliminating Genocide
November: Global Crime
January: U.S. - China Security Relations
February: Global Financial Crisis
March: Russia and Its' Neighbors
April: The Persian Gulf
May: Peace Building & Conflict Resolution

Join us! Bring an interested person with you. This group is open to the community.

Gloria Tollefson and Marcia Street Co-Facilitators

Scholarship Committee

The scholarship committee has been working to finalize plans for the scholarship that will be offered for a student for fall of 2011.

The criteria expectations are:

- * A nontraditional female student
- * Twenty-three years of age or older
- * Living in Black Hawk, Butler, or Bremer County
- * Transferring from Hawkeye Community College with at least 30 hours of transferrable credits with a 2.0 GPA or better
- * Planning to attend UNI as a junior carrying at least six credit hours
- * Majoring in a field of study considered nontraditional for women.

If you know of a student that fits these criteria, alert them about the AAUW scholarship that will be available for application in January 2011. Doris Mauer

Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

Literature Interest Group

The Literature interest group will meet Monday, September 13, at 1:15 p.m., at the home of Gloria Tollefson at 4614 Whispering Pines Circle in Cedar Falls. Jean Kelly will share books she has read over the summer. We welcome new members! Call Gloria Tollefson at 266-4075 if you would like to join us.

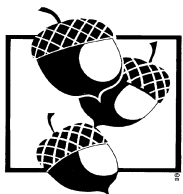
International Studies

The afternoon International Studies interest group will meet Monday, September 20, at 1:15 p.m. at the home of Gloria Tollefson, 4614 Whispering Pines Circle in Cedar Falls. We will begin the 2010 *Great Decisions* discussion program. Topic #1 is *Special Envoys / An Army of Envoys*.

After watching a thirty minute DVD on the topic, Mary Fogarty will lead a discussion on the effectiveness of President Obama administration's reliance on special envoys when dealing with international issues.

Books !

Please go through your gently used books, bring some of them to the KICKOFF or e-mail Judy Beckman and she will see that the books are picked up at your house. We need books. Our old ones sold at the AAUW GARAGE SALE. New titles are needed. Thank you. Judy Beckman



In Loving Memory of Maralyn Curl



One of our longtime members, Maralyn Curl, died June 10, 2010, at Sartori Hospital in Cedar Falls at the age of 82. She taught school in Boone and Des Moines, and for 30 years with the Waterloo School System before she was a member of the Waterloo branch before joining us in 1998. Maralyn was active in our branch's *Literature*, *International Studies* and *Telling Our Stories* interest groups until her health made it difficult for her to attend.

Kick Off 2010

Biscotti and peach tea were prepared and served by the Membership Committee to thirty-six members and eight guests who attended the AAUW Kickoff held at the Woman's Club on August 30. Each attendee received a biscotti cookbook. The dining room was decorated with balloons in honor of the 85th anniversary of the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW. The center tables were surrounded by attractive and informative displays that highlighted the interest/study groups and community action projects of the Cedar Falls branch as well as the appointed positions. Visitors and members were busily engaged in browsing the displays and purchasing books from the slightly used book table.

At 6 pm Co-Presidents Gloria Tollefson and Marcia Street facilitated a presentation for the year 2010-2011. The programs will center on the theme *85 Years of Empowering Women and Girls*. Some of the programs will be speakers from our branch.

Welcomes and an invitation to membership were given by Co-Presidents Maureen White, Mary Dove and Vice-President for Membership, Dee Lynch. Five guests joined AAUW and three more will be joining soon.

The evening was planned and implemented by the Membership Committee and Co-Vice Presidents for Program. A special thank you to all who prepared refreshments, the displays and the members who responded when recruited to be greeters, registrars and refreshment hostesses. A positive and welcoming spirit was reflected in the event's activities.

Educational Opportunities and Legal Advocacy Fund *Women in Motion...*

Bridge For Educational Foundation



September schedule:

Third Wednesday bridge - Wednesday, September 15, 2010 -
hostess to be announced

Fourth Tuesday bridge - Tuesday, September 28, 2010 -
hostess to be announced

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