

**Monday, September 26, 2011****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.**

## ***Empowering Women by Volunteering in Our Community***

## **Sharing the Power**

**Mary Ann Burk****President & CEO****Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa****Helping you help your community.****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:**

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**Sharing the Power** will be the topic of the presentation to be given by Mary Ann Burk, President & CEO of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, at AAUW's September 26th dinner meeting at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club. The role of volunteer and giver is a traditional one for women.

For years women have focused their efforts and their fortunes on creating new institutions and bringing about change. Mary Ann will share some history of women in the field of philanthropy and

how the Community Foundation and its Women In Philanthropy program inspire women to utilize their **VALUE**, **VISION**, and **VOICE** to empower other women.

**Menu:**

Parmesan crusted chicken supreme  
Rosemary roasted potatoes  
Glazed carrots  
Spinach salad  
Caramel apple trifle  
or Chef Salad, regular or vegetarian

**Reservations:**

Mary Ellen Beckman 269-1893  
or [pal.m@cfu.net](mailto:pal.m@cfu.net)

**8 pm Thursday, September 22,**  
**\$11** State your menu choice

**\*\*\* You MUST call or email  
Mary Ellen if you plan to eat \*\*\***

Thank you for helping make this work.

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

**Keep Us Informed**

Whenever you have a change in address, phone number or email address, will you please notify Maureen White of that change. Send email to [mwhite@cfu.net](mailto:mwhite@cfu.net) or call 266-9901. I will forward the information to officers and branch members so they can update their records and Yearbook.

*Maureen White, Past President/Communications Director*

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## *From your co-presidents ~*

Welcome to another fun-filled year of AAUW events starting with the meeting on September 26th at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club. Please remember that the Women's Club will be undergoing renovations this year (Cedar Falls AAUW has donated \$600 toward the cause) and we have been told by new AAUW member Jamie Castle that bathroom usage will be somewhat limited during our meetings. Just how does Jamie know this – she just happens to be one of the AHTS architects working on the “new look” of the Women's Club. And speaking of new members – Gayle Wood and her team have already brought in eight new members for this year. Shall we challenge ourselves to find another eight members?

One of our Community Action themes is Coalition Building with other local women's organizations. The Black-Hawk Bremer League of Women Voters is having a brunch (\$25) at Beaver Hills Country Club on Saturday, September 24th celebrating Women's Suffrage. Reservations need to be made to Cindy Wells -2300 West 7th St. - Waterloo 50702 by September 10th. Join the table of AAUW members already planning to attend

*Linda Morgan & Ardelle Brown, Co Presidents*

## **Successful Fall Kick - Off**

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our August 29th Fall Kick - Off a success again this year. Over forty current AAUW members attended our gathering and eight attendees joined our branch that night. Seven of these new members are new to AAUW, and one, Elaine Pfalzgraf, is a former member rejoining our branch.

The seven new members are: Maribelle Betterton, Christine Carpenter, Jamie Castle, Kass Harper, Amanda Lynch, Twyla Moschel, and Verla Paulson. Please look for these ladies at our upcoming events and give them a hearty welcome!

*Gayle Wood, Vice-President for Membership*

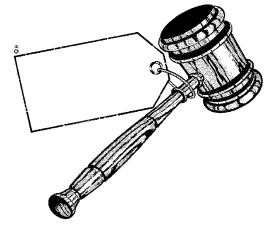


## **Report From the Board of Directors**

The board recommends amending the Cedar Falls bylaws:

1. Delete the word 'AAUW' before fundraising in **Article VI. 1. OFFICERS**, Section 1, item a.
2. Delete the words 'Legal Advocacy Fund' from **Article VI. OFFICERS** Section 1, item b.
3. Continuing in **Article VI. OFFICERS** Section 1, delete the word 'AAUW' in front of Fundraising in item i.
4. Continuing in **ARTICLE VI OFFICERS** Section 2 Duties delete 'AAUW' in front of Fundraising in item g.
5. **Article VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Section 1. Composition; delete the word 'AAUW' before Fundraising and delete the words 'Legal Advocacy Fund'.
6. In **Article VIII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** Section 1. Composition. Delete the word 'AAUW' before Fundraising and delete 'and the following appointed officers'.

*These changes will help us use the funds raised for our Local Transitional Scholarship, Community Action projects, as well as AAUW Funds.*



## **The 2011 Named Gift Honoree**

In April, Dr. Judy Beckman was presented with the AAUW Named Gift award in recognition of her outstanding leadership in AAUW. Since joining the organization in 2006, she has worked with others to bring authors to this area and has facilitated Discover and Discuss Diversity, a book discussion group that is open to anyone in the community. Dr. Beckman, professor emeritus at UNI, continues to share her love of books through the Branch's *Books for Incarcerated Women* project.

Dr. Beckman has been the Cedar Falls Branch Co-President and Communication Director, AAUW Iowa Secretary, and is currently AAUW Iowa Co-Vice President for Program.

The Named Gift award began as a way to honor a member of the local branch for her contributions in support of the mission of AAUW. AAUW works to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy. A \$500 contribution has been sent to AAUW Funds in Dr. Beckman's honor. To learn more about AAUW or to send contributions to the Funds, go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).



*Cedar Falls American Association of University Women Co-Vice Presidents for Fund Raising, Bonnie Smith (left) and Jean Kelly (right) present the Named Gift award to Dr. Judy Beckman in recognition of her leadership for our branch*

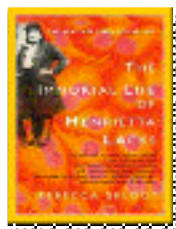
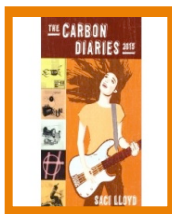
# Community Action

## Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

CV3D Dr. Judy Beckman and Mary Dove

Mark your calendars for the second Mondays of each month, September through November. On these Monday evenings, from 4:30 - 5:30, we will be discussing the 2011 - 2012 Cedar Valley Discover Diversity Discuss titles. These meetings will be held at the UNI Museum, a partner with the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW.

The September title is *The Carbon Diaries 2015* by Saci Lloyd. Discussion will be led by AAUW past president, Pat Higby. Storms from vast climate changes ravage the planet. Britain's solution: carbon ration cards. Points are used to heat homes, fuel the car, regulate water use. What happens when the points are used up?



The October 10th title is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. You may want to purchase a copy. Henrietta dies in 1951 of cervical cancer. You will be eager to see what the medical profession does with her cells. By the way, who does own our bodies and cells — our surviving relatives or the hospital?

Remember, Cedar Valley Discover Diversity Discuss welcomes your presence. Participants need not have read a title to enjoy a discussion. A discussion may trigger interest in reading the title at a later date. Come join us. UNI's Museum on Hudson Road is handicap accessible. Discussions are held in the museum classroom. If you would like further information: E-mail Dr. Judy Beckman [drjudy.beckman@cfu.net](mailto:drjudy.beckman@cfu.net)

## Public Policy/Voter Education

### Brunch Celebrating Women's Suffrage 1920-2011

The Black Hawk County League of Women Voters is sponsoring this special event. Several of our members are planning to attend this brunch honoring women from the area who have served in public offices. The event will take place at the Beaver Hills Country Club, on Saturday, September 24.

Registration is from 8:30 - 9 am and the cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are due by Monday, September 12. Send money to Cindy Wells LWV, 2300 W. 7th St. Waterloo, Iowa 50702. A late reservation is a possibility.

Please feel free to call if you have further questions.

Joan Kurt: 266-5890.

## Scholarship Committee

Alysha Christine McArthur is the recipient of the \$1,000 Transition Scholarship to the University of Northern Iowa sponsored by AAUW - Cedar Falls Branch. Alysha graduates this spring from Hawkeye Community College and will transfer to the University of Northern Iowa to continue her studies in the field of Criminology. Alysha has been president of the HCC Criminal Justice Club and was highly recommended by her instructor and a community member. Alysha is a resident of Bristow, Iowa and graduated from Hampton-Dumont HS in 2006.

The Transition Scholarship is awarded in the spring to a nontraditional female student currently attending Hawkeye Community College who will enroll in at least 6 credit hours at UNI in the fall. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative gpa of 2.5 or more on at least 30 transferable credit hours from HCC. Preference is given to students majoring in a nontraditional field of study residing in Black Hawk, Butler, or Bremer County.

For more information about the American Association of University Women - Cedar Falls Branch Transition Scholarship please contact Pat Higby at 319-266-4934 or [higby@uni.edu](mailto:higby@uni.edu).

The committee includes Pat Higby, Chair; Sue Lyons, Nancy Henderson, Liz Poole and Judy Focht.



Pictured Pat Higby, chair of the Transition Scholarship committee, presenting Alysha the scholarship at the 2011 April annual meeting.

## Community Action Project - Promoting Global Awareness

It was decided last spring that we would not purchase the 2011 briefing book this fall and wait for the 2012 book that is available in December. This will make our materials more current. Therefore we will have our first meeting in January and use the same book through November of 2012.

Gloria Tollefson and Marcia Street



## Gender Balance - Are We Getting Anywhere?

Most of you are aware that a law requiring gender balance on appointed city and county boards, committees, commissions and councils goes into effect on January 1, 2012. AAUW Iowa was an advocate for passage of the legislation that created this change in the law. The law was needed because research shows men dominate on boards and commissions that deal with economic development, planning and zoning, and generally dominate all types of boards and commissions. They also dominate leadership on boards and commissions, regardless of the gender make-up. This is despite the fact that more than half the population in Iowa is women.

Our branch has members on the Black Hawk County Gender Balance Coalition, which has been working for over a year toward successful implementation of the law. Through articles in the newspapers, presentations to community groups, and meetings with mayors and the Board of Supervisors, the Coalition has worked to inform elected officials and the public about the law. We have also encouraged women to seek appointment to a board or commission and provided names of interested individuals to elected officials. Since this spring there has been a column in Section B of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier on the last Sunday of the month in which vacancies (for men or women) on boards and commissions are listed.

Have these efforts resulted in any change? Even though the law is not even in effect yet, we have seen progress. In July of 2010, 4 of 15 boards and commissions in Black Hawk County were gender balanced. In August of 2011, 5 of 13 were balanced (several boards had been eliminated in the past year). In Waterloo, as of July, 2010, 9 of 29 were balanced. In August, 2011, 15 of 29 were balanced. In July, 2010, Cedar Falls had 7 of 17 boards and commissions that were balanced. In August, 2011, 12 of 17 were balanced. Planning & Zoning will be balanced with the anticipated appointment of a woman in October.

Most of the boards and commissions in the smaller cities in the county are now balanced. Jane Close is heading efforts in Butler County to improve gender balance. It is a work in progress, but these data show there is progress.

*Maureen White, chair, Black Hawk County Gender Balance Coalition*

### September Branch Meeting Vote:

**To transfer balances in the EOF and LAF accounts to the Fundraising account.**

The branch has a balance of \$2,685 in the Educational Opportunities Fund account and \$1,100 in the Legal Advocacy Fund account. This money came from branch dues paid over a number of years, and is the amount left after the branch's yearly contributions to AAUW. The board would like to use this money for contributions to all five AAUW Funds, as well as for branch community action projects, and the branch scholarship. We are asking members to vote on this change at the September branch meeting.

*Questions may be addressed to the treasurer,  
Mary Fogarty, mailmrf@cfu.net, 277-8258.*

## Interest and Study Groups

### Opportunities to Participate

#### Literature Interest Group

#### International Friendship Program

#### Books !

#### *Women in Motion...*

#### Iowa Radio Reading Information Service

#### Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter

Sheryl Bewyer, editor

266-6614 sbewyer@cfu.net



### *In Memory of Dorothy Meyerhoff*

*In loving memory of Dorothy G.  
Meyerhoff, active and involved*

*AAUW member for 56 years, who died in May 2011.*

*Memorials were directed to the Cedar Falls*

*Woman's Club or AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund.*

## International Studies

This study group will meet on Monday, September 19 at 1:15 pm at the home of Ellie Tompkins, 3406 Clearview Dr. CF. They will view a DVD on how a group of ordinary women came together - Christian and Muslim, urban and rural, rich and poor - to bring peace to their beloved war-torn country of Liberia.

*Gloria Tollefson*

## 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.

3rd Wednesday, September 21, 12:30,

hostess Ardelle Brown

4th Tuesday, September 27, 12:30,

hostess Ellie Tompkins

Dargy Baxter

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