

Monday, September 22, 2014**Cedar Falls Woman's Club**

Gather 5:00 p.m.

AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Menu:

Smoked Turkey Wrap
Cole Slaw
Mint Chip Freeze
Vegetarian and Meat Chef
Salads available

**Reservations:**

Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893 pal.m@cfu.net

NOON Thursday,**September 18, \$11.00**

> call or email Mary Ellen
if you plan to eat with us.

Mission:

AAUW Cedar Falls Branch advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy 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 Jane Close
and Bonnie Smith
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Maureen White

Arleen Cook

**Instructor of Adult English Language Learners
at Hawkeye Community College**

As we begin our year, we welcome Arleen Cook, one of our own members, to speak at the September 22 dinner meeting. She will relate her experiences with the AAUW Research Delegation trip to Cuba.

Arleen graduated from Kansas University with majors in Spanish and History with an emphasis in Latin American Area Studies. Her Masters in TESOL/Spanish is from UNI.

Having taught English Language Learners for more than 25 years, she currently teaches Adult ELL at Hawkeye Community College. She has long been interested in Latin America, and her recent trip with AAUW to Cuba fulfilled a dream to visit the island.

International Friendship Program

"Clean air and wide green spaces, squirrels running around the campus, and lots of people who were nice to me, other students, professors and especially YOU!" That was "Vincent's" answer to Kathy's question of what had most surprised him when he came to the US from China. Vincent and "Jo" are the two students that Kathy Krieg and I, along with our husbands, have been partnered with through the International Friendship Program since last fall.

What a great year we had with them, seeing the US through their eyes, being able to help them with some logistical problems, giving them care packages at exam times, showing them what Thanksgiving and Christmas in the US is like, seeing them enjoy their first Godfather pizza and women's volleyball game, and offering educational and career advice.

As with most volunteer experiences, we have received much more than we have given from participation with the International Friendship Program. Last week the six of us reunited after the summer break, and we are all looking forward to another year of getting to know each other even better and being part of a link around the world between two great nations. Vincent and Jo are eager to host the four of us if/when we ever make a trip to China!

Kathy and I encourage all AAUW members to be a part of this program. Currently, 35 UNI students from around the world have signed up to participate and are just waiting for kindly Americans to volunteer to be their friends. For more information, e-mail Pramod Sarin at sarinpramod@uni.edu.

Pam Hays



That's a Big Deal !

We are excited to be this year's co-presidents. **That's a Big Deal** to us! We bring to the presidency a combined 24 years of AAUW experience, and hope to use every bit of it. Cedar Falls is again the biggest branch in Iowa. **That's a Big Deal!**

Branch member Maureen White is serving as AAUW Iowa President. **That's a Big Deal!** We have not had a branch member serve in this office since Myrna Sandvik in 1998. We consistently have branch members who serve on the State Board, giving us a direct connection to AAUW Iowa. **That's a Big Deal!** For the next two years Nancy Hasenwinkel will be Newsletter Editor and Jane Close will be AAUW Funds Co-director.

Branch members who have not previously held branch leadership positions have stepped forward to assume new challenges: Anne Cook and Kathy Krieg as Co-chairs for Books for Incarcerated Women, Rowena Hardinger as International Affairs Chair and Arleen Cook as Gender Equity/ Diversity Chair. **That's a Big Deal!**

The 2013-14 Annual Report is on our branch web site with plenty of Big Deals! Join us this year in keeping our **Big Deals** going!
Jane Close and Bonnie Smith, Co-Presidents

Board Actions Summer 2014

- The three Transition Scholarship Recipients received one year Association memberships with state and local fees sponsored by the local branch.
- The January 2015 monthly meeting will be moved from Monday night to Saturday, January 17, for a brunch at the Woman's Club.
- The Board agreed to pay state and branch membership fees of \$21 each, for up to 10 student members or Give a Grad a Gift members for one year. (Association fees are complimentary.) This action was taken in order to build a group of student members and recently graduated members.
- The Board voted to adopt the Expanding Your Horizons Conference on October 14, 2014, as a Community Action Project.
- The Board approved co-sponsoring the Criminal Justice Forum along with the League of Women Voters and the Cedar Valley Citizens for Undoing Racism to be held September 5 at the Waterloo Public Library. Anne Schuessler aschuessler@cfu.net

Summer Picnic on the River

*Pontoon boat ride
after the picnic at
home of Bonnie
Smith in August.
Where were you?*



Our AAUW summer picnic was held at Bonnie Smith's house on Cottage Row on August 7, 2014. This was a second attempt at a summer picnic since the first date in June was rained out. There were 22 people in attendance including husbands of many of the members.

Each person paid \$10 and the branch provided a fried chicken dinner with the co-presidents preparing the side dishes and dessert.

It was a beautiful evening and we all ate outside on the deck and in the yard. We played croquet and beanbag games and had a great time socializing. After dinner many guests were able to take a pontoon ride at sunset along the Cedar River. Even though this event wasn't meant to be a fundraiser, after all the bills were paid our Branch was still able to make a \$130.00 profit. This will be added to our Fundraising account for the year and help our scholarship fund.

Co-Presidents, Jane Close and Bonnie Smith

Membership

Pauline Harding, chair

The Membership Committee reports that thirty-seven members and nine guests attended the AAUW Kick-Off this fall. The speaker was Maureen White, telling about how AAUW has changed through the years. An overview of the state and branch levels of AAUW was given. There was time for browsing displays and visiting with other members and guests. Guests were invited to join our AAUW.

Below is registration information for the AAUW National Convention that came in the August 29, 2014, Membership Matters e-Newsletter:

"Don't Want to Pay to Go to AAUW's 2015 Convention? Pledge to Register Today!"

What's better than attending the [2015 AAUW National Convention in San Diego](#), June 18-21, 2015? The possibility of [not paying a dime for your registration!](#) Pledge to register now, and AAUW will send you a reminder e-mail when registration opens October 1. Best of all, if you complete your registration before January 15, you could win a free registration. So pledge to register today, and tell your friends and fellow members to join the wave, too!"



*Gayle Wood
visits with
prospective
member,
Catherine
Hunter.*

Community Action

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

Climbing the Mango Trees Madhur Jaffrey

Monday, September 9, CV3D member Rowena Hardinger will discuss the memoir of Madhur Jaffrey. Her life is both an enormously appealing account of an unusual childhood and a testament to the power of food to prompt memory. It vividly brings to life a lost time and place. Included here are recipes that are recovered from Jaffrey's childhood during the last days of the British occupation of India.

All Cedar Valley residents are invited to attend. Participants need not have read the book beforehand. CV3D will meet from 4:30 - 5:30 in the Conference Room of the Cedar Falls Library. The building is handicap accessible. CV3D is sponsored by the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW, in collaboration with the Cedar Falls and Waterloo Public Libraries, and University Book and Supply.

Dr. Judy Beckman and Ms. Mary Dove Co-Chairs of Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D) drjudy.beckman@cfu.net



Expanding Your Horizons Conference

Chair: Pat Higby

Cedar Falls AAUW partners with the regional members of the Society of Women Engineers to sponsor a conference at UNI for middle school girls from 9 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday, October 4. The purpose is to inspire girls to recognize their potential and pursue opportunities in science, technology, engineering & mathematics (STEM). The UNI conference is one of many held nationwide. For more information see www.eyhn.org.

AAUW volunteers are needed to lead girls to activities, help with registration, and assist with publicity.

Contact Ardelle Brown at 266-6882 or dabrown@cfu.net to volunteer.



Member Marcy Seavey, speaking about her job as STEM director for UNI, during the lunch at the CEEE building, for the state leadership

International Affairs

My goal for this office is to inform members of the concerns for women globally. This issue addresses Human Trafficking, a crime that ruthlessly exploits women, children, and men for numerous purposes, including forced labor and sex. This global issue generates billions of dollars in profits for the traffickers and is the highest of the heinous crimes, more than illicit sales of drug or war arms. The International Labor Organization estimates that 20.9 million people are victims of forced labor globally.

Luis CdeBaca, an Iowa native, who is Ambassador -at Large, office to monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, ranks US participation in this statement before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, Washington, DC, group July 2014.

"Each year we look at government efforts around the world through the "three-P Paradigm" of prevention, protection, and prosecution. The TIP Report ranks these countries. Last year 31 governments were in Tier 1, which is not getting the "A" on the test. This is basically the equivalent to a "C" - meeting the minimum standards. US is one of these, and we're doing some interesting things. We have 55 of the 57 states and territories to pass modern anti-trafficking legislation, and every year we see more and more good policies, good training, and more and more good outcomes for trafficking victims, and yet all I can say about the US is that we're meeting the minimum standards. The US and other 31 countries on Tier 1 are going well and keep working to make sure we can get to that point. But right now we're talking about doing a bare minimum: eighty-nine governments in Tier 2, 44 governments on the Tier 2 Watch List, and 23 governments on the lower level, which is Tier 3."

CdeBaca also reports, "President Obama signed an Executive Order two years ago strengthening protections against human trafficking in federal contracts."

"As the largest purchaser of goods in the global economy this was an important step that both signals to US corporations what is expected by the largest customer in the world, but demonstrates an approach other governments can take to strengthen protection in their own procurements."

*Cedar Falls AAUW - International Affairs
Rowena L. Hardinger, chair*



BOOKS for INCARCERATED WOMEN and the HOUSE of HOPE

We want your gently used books and magazines! Providing reading materials for women in the Black Hawk Co. Jail fits AAUW's mission to advance education for women. There will be a bin at the September meeting for you to deposit your donations for Books for Incarcerated Women. The average tends to be 7th to 10th grade levels. Please no pornography or strong violence. Fiction, non-fiction, and poetry are all OK. Magazine donations are accepted, but please remove address labels. If you have books that are too heavy to bring, please call Kathy at 319-830-4188 or kmarty@cfu.net and arrangements will be made for pick-up. The women look forward to receiving new reading materials, so comb through your book collection and bring select materials on September 22. (Next collection time will be in November.)

Current books are also accepted for upper elementary through junior high to give to House of Hope, where single women with children are offered transitional housing and support. They have little shelf space, so are quite selective about donations, but please add books that you think would work for them. Children will love to have great books to read while they are going through a difficult time in their lives. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Anne Cook and Kathy Krieg



Independent Private Instruction Learn MORE

Independent Private Instruction is a priority area of AAUW Iowa this year. If you haven't already, read the article about it in the summer issue of the Iowa Initiative, read the document about it on the AAUW Iowa website, and the question you can ask legislative candidates which is in the August Connector. All can be accessed through the AAUW Iowa website <http://aauw-ia.aauw.net>



CV3D needs gently used books from you. Do you have books you have read? Books you will never read? Books that have lain around collecting dust? Bring them to the September AAUW dinner, we will trade with you one book, at no cost, for your kind donation. You may use the "take a book" option any time. The money we make goes to bringing authors to speak at our CV3D meetings. Please help us and we thank you.

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Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

Great Decisions ~ International Studies

Great Decisions topics for 2015 are chosen. Briefing books and the accompanying DVD will be ordered in November for both study groups: International Studies and Promoting Global Awareness. Join us for insights into America's Foreign Policy!

If you have any questions contact Gloria Tollefson at 266-4075 or Ellie Tompkins at 231-4737

Women in Motion *Linda Morgan linda47@cfu.net*

Join us for *Women in Motion Happy Hour*, at Old Chicago, in College Square Mall, on Thursday, September 11, 4:30 p.m. Come alone or bring a spouse or friend. We will brainstorm possible service projects and activities. These will be one-time events open to members to participate in all, none or anything in between.

Legislative Forum September 5

Mental health services for female inmates, funding for domestic violence programs, and helping child victims of sex trafficking - are some of the issues that will be discussed at the Criminal Justice Forum to be held Friday, September 5 at 4:30 pm, at the Waterloo Public Library. Individuals running for state offices have been invited to answer questions on these topics and other issues related to criminal justice at this non-partisan event, sponsored by the Cedar Falls Branch AAUW, along with the League of Women Voters and the Cedar

Valley Citizens for Undoing Racism. Stand up for women's issues at this important event by attending and making your concerns known to those people.

Pam Hays Public Policy



Our own members are often the best customers at our garage sale! The profit was over \$1300. Thanks to all who helped in some way.



Bridge For Education

The AAUW Bridge Groups for the Educational Foundation will be having their first meetings for the 2014-2015 year in September. Members choose which meetings they would like to host or co-host.

September meetings will have Gladys Wagner and Dargy Baxter as the co-hostesses for both the Third Wednesday Bridge for E.F. and the Fourth Tuesday Bridge for E.F. These groups meet at Willowood.

Please be sure to attend Wednesday, September 17 and Tuesday, September 23. It is a fun and easy way to support our AAUW Educational Fund by donating \$2.00 at every meeting. *Dargy Baxter mmbaxter76@hotmail.com*