
Monday, February 24th

Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Gather 5:00 p.m.
AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and Business Meeting 6:15p.m.

Menu:

Mediterranean eggplant
over angel hair pasta,
Mixed green salad,
20th
Lemon supreme bars.
or Vegetarian Salad
or Chef Salad (meat)

Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893 or pal.m@cfu.net
by **noon Thursday February**

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

Perspective on the Glass Ceiling in Sports

Join us Monday, February 24th as we welcome Tanya Warren, the UNI head women's basketball coach. Tanya is now in her seventh year as head coach of the Panthers. She was the 2011 Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year, leading the Panthers to back-to-back NCAA Tournaments in 2010 and 2011. She came to UNI after thirteen years of Division I collegiate coaching experience. Her Alma Mater, Creighton University, has inducted her into its Hall of Fame and retired her #10 jersey, only one of two jerseys retired at Creighton. From her days as a high school basketball player at Lincoln High School in Des Moines to the present, Tanya Warren has lived one woman's experience in the sport of basketball from the inside out. We are privileged to hear her perspectives on the glass ceiling and how it has influenced her career. Come and welcome Tanya Warren. She will speak at 5:30. Dinner will follow at 6:15.

Carol

Hedberg, Susan Kimball

The President's Corner

"The cold wind shall blow, and we shall have snow, and what will the robin do then, poor thing?" That seems to be the story for all of us this winter!

Even though the weather has been terrible, good things are happening with AAUW! After some consideration by the board Monday night, we are hoping to be able to give two \$1,000 scholarships for non-traditional students transferring from Hawkeye to UNI. We really feel good about that!

We have a Lobby Day coming up on March 11th at the State Capitol Building. We will be able to talk to our legislators and can arrange to have lunch with them.

Our program sounds exciting for this month. Tanya Warren, women's basketball coach at UNI, will be speaking about the "glass ceiling and sports". We are hoping to have better weather on February 24th for our dinner meeting.

Put April 11 and 12 on your calendars for the 2014 AAUW Iowa Conference at Hoyt Sherman Place in Des Moines. Rekha Basu will be the keynote speaker. More will come out later.

We have also agreed to help with a program called Expanding Your Horizons, which will be a day talk about science and technology careers, STEM. People in these careers will speak to the girls as role models. The board voted to give 10 scholarships to girls who would otherwise be unable to attend.

Please give consideration to becoming an officer in our local AAUW. Our nominating committee will be getting in touch with many of you in the next few weeks. If we all take a turn, their job will be much easier.

Think spring!

Barb Feuerhak

Lobby Day

Are you concerned about lack of oversight of home schooling, vouchers or other educational issues? What about political "hot button" items that affect you personally? Then, this is your opportunity to speak up about them. Plan to attend AAUW Iowa's first lobby day to be held March 11 in Des Moines.

Our AAUW Iowa Lobby Day will be March 11 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.. We will be meeting in room 304 of the Capitol Building. Jennifer Dillard will give us an introduction to lobbying from 8:30 to 10:30. From 10:45 to 11:45, we will have a panel of legislators respond to questions from our group. The topic is Education. Note: the questions will be sent to the legislators ahead of time. AAUW members are welcome to submit questions to Maureen white@cfu.net or Rosanne krubsackr@yahoo.com for consideration. From noon until 1:30, members may meet their legislator for lunch, or contact them at their offices. Make sure you call him/her in advance to make an appointment. Contact information for your legislator(s) can be obtained from the library or at www.legis.iowa.gov.

Pam Hays

Costumes, Speakers, and Animals--Oh My!

Are you a fan of Rekha Basu's columns in the Des Moines Register? Have you read her book "Finding Her Voice"? If you answered yes to either of these questions and you want to learn more about AAUW, then make plans to attend the April 11-12 AAUW Iowa conference in Des Moines.

The Friday evening dinner and program will take place at historic Hoyt Sherman Place where we will join the Des Moines branch in celebrating its 100 year anniversary. Each branch will revisit its history as a member from the branch wears clothing that is representative of that worn the year the branch was founded.

On Saturday we will convene at the Blank Park Zoo! While members listen to speakers, including Rekha Basu, and participate in the business meeting, your family can enjoy meeting all the animals at the zoo or perhaps visit other Des Moines attractions.

The state conference is the place to meet and listen to some amazing women, elect new leaders, and learn what is happening in AAUW. Watch for registration and program information. AAUW Iowa is offering a \$5 per person discount for branches that have four or more members attend. Also, be thinking of a flower, plant, or garden themed item or grouping of items you can donate for the silent auction fundraiser organized by our own Bonnie Smith and her co-chair.

Maureen

White, AAUW Iowa Board

Expanding Your Horizons

Last February a member of Society of Women Engineers (Cedar Valley Section) contacted Pat Higby and myself about doing a conference for middle school girls to inspire girls to recognize their potential and pursue opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Brianne Stewart came to the board meeting Monday and asked if we were still willing to be a part of Expanding Your horizons in this area. The board voted to help sponsor a conference on Saturday, March 29 at UNI. There is a fee for these girls attending and the board voted to sponsor 10 scholarship for young women not able to afford to pay. (\$20)

There are conferences in 31 states, Europe and Asia. Goggle Expanding Your Horizons and find more about these exciting conferences.

They will need more of our help in the next few weeks. Do you know someone in a STEM area career? Can you help the day of the conference? Contact Ardelle Brown at dabrown@cfu.net.

Burma Iowa - Bundles of Joy Project

We have another boy!! Jus Ten, son of Sew Gi Ta Soe and Dya Reh, was born January 6, 2014. We learned of the birth from the Administrative Assistant at Sacred Heart School. Since that time we visited the Allen birthing center and met with the nurses, then left one girl and one boy layette to be distributed at the time of birth. The nurses will let us know when they need a replacement layette and in this way we know the date of birth and sex of the newborn without violating the HIPAA (Health Information Portability and Accountability Act) Privacy Rule.

We made an AAUW Burma-Iowa Friends Bundles of Joy presentation at a Catholic Charities Burmese Resource Committee meeting. Several agencies and organization were represented there - Waterloo/Cedar Falls Area Burmese Liaison Team, Operation Threshold and the US Committee on Refugees and Immigrants -among others. Our Bundles of Joy project information has now been widely distributed throughout many organizations and agencies.

Within the next year, as many as 30 Burmese babies may be born and we will need your continued support in order to meet this need. We will be setting up another sewing session to make sleep bags, changing pads, wash cloths and burp cloths. Other items most needed are newborn or 0-3 month sleepers and blanket sleepers (inexpensive at consignment and thrift shops), infant nail clippers (\$1.50 at WalMmart), baby wipes (\$1 at Dollar Tree) and hard page or vinyl books appropriate for infants.

Donations can be brought to monthly meetings.

Jane Close and Diane Davison

International Friendship Program

You can be a friend to a student. They do not live with you, but maybe have them eat with you for a meal.

We have around 35 families in the program right now. We have around 52 international students assigned to these families. Some families have more than one student.

This spring semester 11 new students have been assigned so far and we are looking for a few more families. We need families for three students from Brazil.

If any of you are interested please let us know.

Bonnie Smith, Susan Kimball, or Pramod

Sarin (319)504-8396

Promoting Global Awareness

Our Evening Great Decisions discussion group will meet Tuesday, February 18 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Cedar Falls Library. The monthly topic will be "Israel and the U.S." We will watch a 30 minute DVD and then discuss how Arab Spring, Iran's nuclear ambitions, failed peace talks and Israel's own decision to give Washington the "cold shoulder" have put strains on the 5 year old "special relationship" between Israel and the United States.

Come and bring another interested person.
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Gloria

International Studies

Emotions run deep in conversations about the relationship between the U.S. and Israel; few issues are as contentious. Come to International Studies Group and learn more about the history of this relationship, the issues involved, the impact in the entire Mideast, and the future. This issue is covered in chapter 2 of our Great Decisions book. All AAUW members are invited to come. We will be meeting at 1:15 p.m. on February 17 in the library of First Presbyterian Church, 9th and Main.

Ellie Tompkins

History of Named Grant Honoree

Beginning in 1954 and consistently since 1972, our branch has honored a member or members as AAUW Educational Foundation Named Grant recipients in honor of their outstanding support of AAUW. A \$500 contribution to the national AAUW was required to participate in this recognition program. A list of recipients of the recognition can be found in the branch Yearbook on page 21 & 22. Since AAUW discontinued the AAUW Educational Foundation Named Grant program and instead began a Named Gift Honoree program, the branch board of directors reviewed past procedures and revised the guidelines for the recognition at the branch level.

Criteria--The individual has served as a longtime and dedicated officer, made significant contribution to the branch, made significant financial contributions, has been a staunch supporter of AAUW, or has in other ways contributed to AAUW.

Nomination--Nominations containing the name of the nominee and the reason(s) for nomination should be submitted to the President-elect on or before February 28.

Selection--A committee of at least three (3) past recipients of the recognition shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the board. They shall review the nominations and make a selection. The name of the honoree will not be publicized until the certificate is presented.

Since we don't have a president-elect submit to Ardelle Brown by February 28. dabrown@cfu.net

Accepting Nominations.....

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, we want to remind everyone it is that time of the year to be thinking about our next program year and the opportunities for leadership positions for our branch. For the 2014-2015 program year, the following leadership positions are available:

President-Elect

President (because no one ran for President-Elect for the 2013-2014 program year)

Vice-President for Programs

Secretary

To find out more about these offices and their duties, please refer to your AAUW branch booklet (with the yellow cover) that was handed out in September. Article VI Officers can be found starting on page 26 and the duties can be found on page 27. You can also easily see this information by going to the following page on our branch website and clicking on the links to the bylaws and also the job descriptions: <http://cedarfalls-ia.aauw.net/resources-2/resources/>

Our branch is a strong, active group of wonderful women. We have been blessed with so many of you who have agreed to serve on the Executive Board for the branch. Our branch is also strong because of the leadership. Let's keep our branch going strong. Please consider serving in one of the positions listed above. Please keep in mind that sometimes we have had two people serve as co-presidents or co-vice-presidents, too, so if two of you are interested in sharing a position, that works, too! Also, keep in mind that the folks remaining on the board are there to help out, so you are not alone in your work. It's all a team effort...so come on team, join up to have some fun and help lead our branch into the future!

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact Nancy Henderson at nancy.henderson@hawkeyecollege.edu or at 231-0621 or Ardelle at dabrown@cfu.net or at 266-6882.

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity

THE LIZARD'S CAGE

by Karen Connelly

Mark your calendar for February 10, 2014 . The Cedar Falls AAUW branch of Cedar Valley Discover Discuss Diversity will meet to discuss THE LIZARD'S CAGE by first-time author, Karen Connelly. The presentation will be held in the large conference room at the Cedar Falls Public Library, with discussion leader, AAUW member, Ardelle Brown. Connelly's Orange Broadband Award for New Writers takes us to Burma where Teza has fought through protest against the dictatorship. He is seven years into his twenty year sentence, readers learn how his Buddhist patience, his intelligence and humor keep Teza alive through endless days of imprisonment. He makes friends with twelve-year-old Little Brother, who has grown up inside these confining walls. They support and work together to maintain hope and human connections in the midst of their imprisonment. Both relish a dream for freedom, only one will achieve it.

All Cedar Valley Residents are welcomed to join the discussion, participate, or listen to others who have read the book explore the title. This CV3D book club is sponsored by the Cedar Falls Branch of the AAUW in partnership with the Cedar Falls and Waterloo Public Libraries and University Book Store and Supply. The Cedar Falls Public Library is handicap accessible. Discussions begin at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on February 10. Conversations include Ardelle Brown's discussion leadership as well as opportunity for questions and answers.

For further information contact Dr. Judy Beckman, 1452 Laurel Circle, Cedar Falls, IA 50613, drjudy.beckman@cfu.net.

Bridge for Education Foundation

Both groups meet at Willowwood, 1100 Grove,
in the Pfeiffer Lounge at 12:30 p.m.

3rd Wednesday-February 19th

Hostess: Claudia Kaestner

4th Tuesday-February 25th

Hostess: Claudia Kaestner

If you are interesting joining please call Dargy Baxter 266-2890

Books for Incarcerated Women

This Community Action Project will be collecting books for women prisoners in the Black Hawk County Jail at our February 24 meeting. A reminder of the guidelines for types of books that will be accepted: no pornography, no strong violence. Fiction, non-fiction, poetry are OK. Magazine donations are accepted; however, address labels are to be removed. Reading levels of inmates range from third grade to college level. The average tends to be seventh through tenth grade levels. There will be a large plastic tub on the stage marked: BOOKS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN. If you have books/magazines that are too heavy to bring, please call Dee Lynch at 266-3747 or e-mail deelynych@cfu.net. The women look forward to receiving new reading materials. Thank you in advance for your donation of books/magazines.

Legislative Forums on Education February 15 at 10 a.m., February 28 at 4:30 p.m..

Back door AEA 267 on Cedar Heights Drive. See January newsletter for further details.

Meet New Member Kay Thrall

Fulfilling a Bucket List goal, while working fulltime at the age of 50, Kay began night classes two nights a week at the Upper Iowa University. By the time she was 60 she had graduated with two BS's, one in Psychology and the other in Human Services.

Most of her working years were in accounting at John Deere. After retiring, Kay was able to use both of her degrees as both a facilitator and a volunteer with the Iowa Foster Care Review Board which reviews each child in the system every six months. She is also a court appointed special advocate (CASA) for children in need. Kay has two sons, one living in California, and one living in Minnesota. Unfortunately, her only grandchild lives in California.

She loves traveling and has traveled to South Africa, Italy, London, Austria, Germany and Ireland. Other hobbies include playing duplicate bridge and reading. Welcome to AAUW, Kay!

Meet New Member Bonita Turner

Born and raised in the military, Bonita Turner attended school in a number of different places. After graduating from high school in England, she attended school at Arizona State, Texas A. & M., and the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Her Master's in Leadership for Social Change is from UC Berkley Graduate Theological Union.

Bonita worked in environmental management for the City of San Antonio. With her husband, Richard, always working as Director of Public Works, dinner conversations at their table were nothing less than most interesting as he worked with water and waste water, and she worked with solid waste. From San Antonio the Turners moved to Alaska where Bonita ran a Bed and Breakfast, Lost Lake Lodge. She also has been a representative for Keep America Beautiful and has traveled all over the United State helping people with this program.

In seminary, Bonita had read the book, Prophetic Sisterhood, Women in Iowa about a group of women who started house churches. These women started hundreds of house churches in the late 1800's with the entire ministry thriving until 1927. It was this group of energetic, independent, forward looking women and a multitude of other positives that led Bonita and her husband to look for a place to retire in Iowa. After spending two weeks in Iowa with her husband visiting a number of cities, she fell in love with the Cedar Falls area. They settled in Aplington where she could be near a Sweet Adeline's Chapter, and a Unitarian-Universalist Church, and her husband could be near hunting and fishing opportunities. Though she likes Iowa, the weather has been an issue.

Bonita and Richard have a son in Boise, Idaho, who is a Physician's Assistant with a specialty in orthopedics, and a daughter on the police force in Seward, Alaska.

Bonita loves to travel and considers Alexandria, Egypt, to be "heaven on earth". She is eager to travel in the Scandinavian countries. She has swam in both the Mediterranean and Red Seas, sailed on the Nile, as a student pilot flown in to the mouth of St Helen's volcano before it erupted, rafted on the Yukon River, and is active in politics. She would love to live in France for a month. Welcome to AAUW, Bonita!

Meet New Member Nancy Hasenwinkel

Nancy's life has revolved around UNI, since she received both her B.A. and M.A. degrees from this university. She was working at the Charles City Public Library when she decided that she wanted to pursue a Masters in Library Science. The maximum time frame for the master's program is seven years, and Nancy says she "used every month of it!" While working, she commuted to Cedar Falls for classes. How she wished the distance education program was in place then! This past summer, Nancy retired after working twenty years at Rod Library at UNI.

Nancy loves to travel, and she and her husband usually spend two weeks in Mexico each February. In August, she took two grandchildren, ages four and six, on a train adventure to Glacier National Park and Seattle. Nancy also likes to knit, quilt, bike, swim, and read mystery novels. Starting fitness classes at the Cedar Falls Recreation Center has eased her transition into retirement, as has her membership in AAUW. Welcome Nancy!