

**Monday, March 24, 2013****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:**

Summer Vegetable Stew  
Baking Powder Biscuits  
Candy Explosion Cake  
Vegetarian and Meat Salads  
available

**Reservations:**

Mary Ellen Beckman

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**NOON Thursday,****March 20, \$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:**

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President-elect position open  
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## Perspectives on the Glass Ceiling

AAUW programming continues our "Perspectives on the Glass Ceiling" for our Monday, March 24, 2014 program.

This month we will consider the glass ceiling through a military angle. What do women in the military see changing and what perspectives can our young female soldiers provide? Join us for our ongoing reflections of the glass ceiling.



Carol Hedberg, Ed.D. Counselor Hawkeye Comm. College AAUW Co-V. President Program



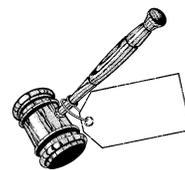
## Attend the AAUW Iowa State Convention and Get Money Back!

If you have never attended the AAUW Iowa State Convention and you are a member of the Cedar Falls branch and want to attend this year's state convention on April 11 and 12th, the board will reimburse you \$30 for attending. If you are interested in this special offer, contact Nancy Henderson, Treasurer of the Cedar Falls branch at [nancy.henderson@hawkeyecollege.edu](mailto:nancy.henderson@hawkeyecollege.edu) to let her know of your interest. After you have attended the state convention, you will be reimbursed \$30.

What a deal! Details about the state convention and registration can be found in the Spring 2014 issue of the "Iowa Initiative" which you should have received in the mail. You can also find registration information at the following web address: <http://www.aauwiowa.org/>

## The Presidents' Corner

Hope the weather is better by the time you get this! This has truly been an old-fashioned winter! We have had some wonderful programs this winter including the one by Tanya Warren in February. She reminded us again that the "glass ceiling" in sports does exist and that there are many benefits to working with the students and staff on her team that make it all worthwhile.



Now that the days are getting longer, I encourage you to get involved in some of the many opportunities that AAUW offers. We have a chance to talk to our legislators at the March 11 Lobby Day. Maureen White is our contact person, so let her know if you would like to go to the Capitol in Des Moines for a chance to learn more about issues that affect women, such as equal pay for equal work and a minimum wage increase. Maureen can arrange for a group to have lunch with our legislator/s if we let her know soon.

> Another neat opportunity for AAUW members is the **2014 Iowa Conference - April 11 and 12 - Blooming for a Century: Thriving in the Future.** Friday afternoon and evening will be at Hoyt Sherman Place in Des Moines, beginning with an art show and tour of Hoyt Sherman Place at 5 pm, followed by dinner and a program celebrating 100 years of membership for the Des Moines Branch. We are encouraged to dress for the occasion as we would have dressed in 1924, when our branch was founded.

Saturday, the conference will shift to Blank Park Zoo. Between 7:30 and 8:30 you will have a chance to meet with others who have similar positions in their home branches. Much can be gained by finding out what others are doing for fund raising, or membership, or social media and communications or program.

Rekha Basu will be the keynote speaker. She has been a columnist with *the Des Moines Register* for the last twenty-one years and has written with a distinct voice about many interesting and controversial issues. I have heard that she is a really good speaker. Other activities throughout the day are a Faith Panel in which issues that women face globally are examined. STEM issues will be discussed. (science, technology, engineering and math) We are encouraged to bring a blooming plant or arrangement to the event.

Registration is \$30 for Friday and \$65 for Saturday or \$85 for a member for both days. Because our AAUW Board feels strongly that new members should get a break on registration, the treasurer will pay \$30 of the registration to each member who has never attended an Iowa Conference for AAUW before. Sounds like a great deal! We will have a sign up sheet at the general meeting March 24th.

I'm sorry to tell you that I have a knee replacement to look forward to. I will have surgery the third week in March and will have to see how I heal. The doctor says three months is pretty normal, but I don't know yet to what extent I can get out and about. Nancy Hendersen has kindly offered to take my place until such time that I can be active again.

Both the Lobby Day and the Iowa Conference are excellent opportunities to become more involved. I hope to hear that many of you are able to take advantage of these opportunities. *Barb Feuerhawk, President*

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## HELP WANTED!

Come on folks, we need some of you to step up and be willing to help lead our branch in 2014-2015. Please join the rest of the folks on the board so we can work together to keep this wonderful branch going strong!



**WE NEED YOU!** The following leadership positions are available:

\*\* President-Elect      \*\* President (because no one ran for President-Elect for the 2013-14 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 easily see this information on our branch website by 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](mailto:nancy.henderson@hawkeyecollege.edu) or at 231-0621 or Ardelle Brown at [dabrown@cfu.net](mailto:dabrown@cfu.net) or at 266-6882.

# Community Action

## Cedar Valley

### Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

During March, CV3D will feature two special events. On Monday, March 10, 4:30 pm. Dee Lynch will lead the discussion on Hosseini's *The Mountains Echoed*. On Thursday, March 13, 7 pm. Claudia Kolker, author of *The Immigrant Advantage: What Can We Learn from Newcomers to America About Health, Happiness and Hope* will appear at the library, thanks to the Cedar Falls Public Library and the Anne Schuessler family. Both of these events will be held on the second floor conference room at the Library. All Cedar Valley residents are welcomed. The Cedar Falls branch of CV3D looks forward to sharing these two events with all our fellow Cedar Valley Friends.

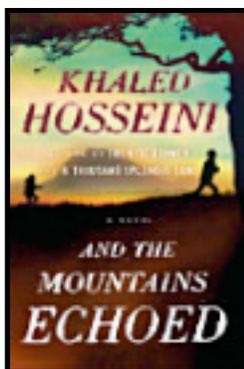
Dr. Judy Beckman Ms. Mary Dove  
Co-Chairs Cedar Falls AAUW CV3D

Monday, March 10, 2014

**2nd floor conference room CF Public Library**  
4.30 - 5:30 pm CV3D Discussion

### And the Mountains Echoed Khaled Hosseini

If you are among the ten million readers who enjoyed *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, you may wish to join CV3D members in discussing Hosseini's third book, *And the Mountains Echoed*.

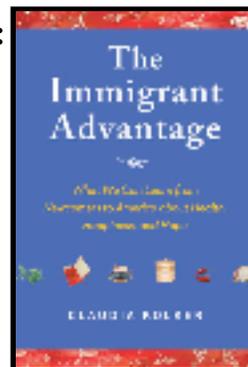


The New York Times deems this title to be Hosseini's most ambitious work yet. This multifaceted story is more globetrotting than the first two titles. The father who begins the story is about to give up his daughter as the family needs money. The remainder of the story connects to this decision with moving impact. The search for Pari is the fulcrum for the rest of the family story.

Join the discussion sponsored by the Cedar Falls and Waterloo Public Libraries, and University Book and Supply. The library is handicap accessible. Participants in this discussion need not have read the book.

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

### The Immigrant Advantage: What Can We Learn from Newcomers to America About Health, Happiness and Hope



**Claudia Kolker**

Do you know anyone who will provide you with food for one month after you have had a baby, including delivering home cooked meals to your front door after work? Do you know people you would trust enough to give them several hundred dollars a month, with no receipt, and only a promise the loan would be paid back to you one year later?

March 13, at 7 pm in the Cedar Falls Public Library discussion room, journalist Claudia Kolker will share her research from which she discovered this and a wide variety of astounding customs brought to America by immigrant groups. You need not have read the book. Copies of *The Immigrant Advantage* will be available for sale, with Ms. Kolker willing to sign the purchased books.

Come learn about the Mexican cuarentenas - a forty-day period of rest for new mothers; Jamaican multigenerational households which help younger family members pay for college and eventually be able to own their own homes. Learn how immigrant customs can enrich us with the gifts of kindness and charity. You may even decide to establish your own money-lending club with your friends. All Cedar Valley residents are invited to hear Kolker speak about these little known customs and join in the discussion time.

This event is sponsored by the CF Branch of AAUW, the CF Public Library, the Anne Schuessler family and the University Book and Supply.



### Membership

Now is the time to look ahead and begin planning for renewing your AAUW membership. These renewal fees need to be sent to both the national and state organizations before the new fiscal year starts on July 1st. Our dues are \$70, which breaks down to national dues (\$49), state dues (\$10), and branch dues (\$11). Starting in April, we will begin accepting your membership dues for 2015. Please send your check made out to AAUW to our treasurer Nancy Henderson, 2989 Jepsen Rd., Cedar Falls, IA 50613, or bring it with you to our next meeting. Thank you for your help in this important matter.

Pauline Harding, Co-Vice President Membership

## Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

Iowa Radio Reading  
Information Service

Literature  
Interest Group

International Friendship Program  
International Studies Interest Groups  
Afternoon Book Club



Women in Motion

### Public Policy

Pamela Hays and Joan Kurt  
Public Policy/Voter Education



### BOOKS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN PROJECT

Thanks to all of you for giving. We have been very successful in collecting books and magazines to give to the center.

*Thank you, Phyllis Steele, for doing the newsletter when I am far-far away. sheryl*

### Bridge For Education

3rd Wednesday bridge - March 19th  
Hostesses Judy Beckman & Patti Hucka  
12:30 pm Willowwood - Pfeiffer Lounge.

4th Tuesday bridge - March 25th  
Hostesses Judy Beckman & Patti Hucka  
12:30 pm Willowwood - Pfeiffer Lounge.  
Please join us. We always have room for more players. *Dargy Baxter Bridge Groups Facilitator*



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## Great Decisions ~ International Studies

Our afternoon discussion group will meet at the First Presbyterian Church library in Cedar Falls on Monday, March 17 at 1:15 pm. Dargy Baxter will lead the discussion and Anne Schuessler will act as hostess. The evening group will meet at the Cedar Falls Library conference room on Tuesday, March 18 from 7 - 8:30 pm,

Our March topic will be "Turkey's Challenges". After viewing a 30 minute DVD, the discussion will focus on how this country is at a crossroad.

It was until recently a model of a modern democratic nation-state in the Middle East. But as clashes between secular and religious groups show the soul of Turkey is also very much up for grabs! It has become another country experiencing a growing chasm between east and west. We welcome you to join us to learn more about Turkey today!

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

### AAUW Burma-Iowa Friends Bundles of Joy Community Action Project

More boys, no girls yet! Taero Maung was born to Joe Ma Ei and Ma Ei February 25. Some of our members will remember Joe Ma Ei, as he was one of our students in last year's tutoring project. Two more boys are due any day, at least two more babies are due next month and several more are due later.

We 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
- \* hard page or vinyl books appropriate for infants.
- \* infant nail clippers
- \* baby wipes

**Cash donations** are good too and we'll be happy to do the shopping. Donations can be brought to our monthly meetings.

We thank you for your continued support.

Jane Close and Diane Davison

### Report From the Board of Directors

Contact secretary Dee Lynch  
for information

