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Monday, April 28, 2014 Cedar Falls Woman's Club Gather 5:00 p.m.

Business Meeting 5:15 p.m.

AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:15p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING 5:15 p.m.

Menu Mediterranean pasta Zucchini, rhubarb cake Vegetarian and Chef Salads also available Reservations:
Mary Ellen Beckman 269-1893
or pal.m@cfu.net
8 p.m. Thursday, April 24,
\$11 state your menu choice

Call or email Mary Ellen if you plan to eat.

Business meeting 5:15 Election of officers for 2014-1015

Presentation of Transition Scholarship

Program 5:30

Perspective on the Glass Ceiling in Religion

Rev. Carol Teare, from First Baptist Church, Waterloo will speak on how being a female affects her work. She will give her insights on the glass ceiling and its impact on women in religion. How do differences in male and female leadership styles impact effectiveness?

AAUW Annual Garage and Plant Sale

When: May 16--- 4:30-7:00 p.m. and May 17---8-10 a.m. Where: Ardelle Brown's, 2117 Rownd Street, Cedar Falls When to deliver the items: Any time after Monday, May 12. When to price items: Bring items priced if possible!

It's about that time! So plan to gather up your unwanted items and bring them to Ardelle's house. We'll turn them into cash for local Transition Scholarships and community projects. We accept furniture, other household items, art objects, craft supplies, recreational equipment, books, electronics, and plants. Almost anything except clothing.

If you don't have anything to donate, then you probably need something. So come see what we have for sale. Find that treasure you didn't know you wanted, or the perfect plant to complete your garden. We're also looking for volunteers to set-up the day before, and to work at the sale.

This is a chance to get to know some of your fellow members better, or to spend time with ones you already know well. We have lots of fun at the garage sale. We even have treats! So please join us. Your presence will attract others passing by. Stop in for a short visit, even if you can't stay. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you. Darline Balm-Demmel and Mary Fogarty, Co-Vice Presidents for Fundraising

Thank you for your generous support!

The raffle at the March meeting raised \$125 for the scholarship fund. That brings the total in the scholarship account at the Cedar Falls Civic Foundation to almost \$1800. Well-done Cedar Falls Branch!

The President's Corner

President, Barb Feuerhak, had knee replacement surgery, March 24 and Nancy Henderson, past president has been taking over her duties. Barb says she is coming along as well as can be expected.

Membership-----It is dues time again!

This is the time to think of membership dues, which can be paid any time between now, and July 1, after which they are overdue.

Dues for 2014-2015 program year are:

AAUW Membership\$70.00

Association Dues \$49.00 State Dues \$10.00 Branch Dues \$11.00

Life Members: \$10 State and \$11 Branch dues (\$21)

Membership is open to all graduates holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified educational institution. Individuals not eligible for full membership are welcome to participate as a Friend of AAUW for \$11.

Please bring your check made out to AAUW for \$70 to the April 28th meeting or mail it to Nancy Henderson, 2989 Jepsen Road, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. (If there are any corrections of your information for the yearbook, please send them with you check)

Pauline Harding and Jean Richardson,
Co-Vice Presidents for Membership

Election Time at the Annual Meeting

The 2014-2015 slate of officers for AAUW Cedar Falls in:

Co-President – Jane Close and Bonnie Smith
President Elect—None at this time
Co-Vice President for Program—Carol Hedberg and Ardelle Brown
Secretary—Anne Schuessler

Congratulations

Marcy Seavey, is the new STEM coordinator at the University of Northern Iowa. For the past 15 years, Seavey served the Iowa Academy of Science as program director and statewide coordinator for the GLOBE program and Project WET.

Marcy is our web master.

Go to our website at http://cedarfalls-ia.aauw.net and learn about the Expanding your Horizons event!! Pictures and all!!

Community Action Projects

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity

Monday, April 14 4:30-5:30 CV3D Discussion Cedar Falls Library, 2nd floor conference room

Discussion Leader: Dr. Allison Martens, Assistant Professor of Political Science at UNI

The Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW 's Cedar Valley Discover Diversity Discuss meets Monday, April 14 to discuss Sheryl Sandberg's book <u>LEAN IN: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead.</u> Her theme for the book is: Yes, there are gender biases out there. They operate all over the workplace, but excuses and justifications don't get women anywhere. The way to success includes believing in yourself, assuming you can juggle, work, and family. A woman must be ready to take a place at the table, In a leadership position you are ready to ask for what you need and to make changes that benefit others with whom women work. All Cedar Valley residents are invited and welcomed. Participants need not have read the book in order to attend. The Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW partners with the Cedar Falls and Waterloo Public Libraries and University Book and Supply in presenting CV3D book discussions.

Monday, May 12 Dr. Diane McCarty will discuss The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin.

Monday, June 9 Dr. Mark Gray will lead the discussion on <u>The Immigrant Advantage: What We Can Learn From Newcomers to America about Health, Happiness, and Hope by Claudia Kolker.</u>

Judy Beckman and Mary Dove co-chairs

Books for Incarcerated women

Thank you to those who donated books or magazines. We are always assured that the women enjoy them very much. Bring more this April 28th dinner meeting. *Dee Lynch*

IRIS Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped, Inc. (IRIS)

This is a 24/7/365 day operation. The service is possible because many volunteers donate time each morning to read newspapers over a special satellite location at UNI KHKE-FM. Many dedicated AAUW members and others read the *Courier* on the radio each morning.from 8-9:00a.m. Two volunteers read together. There is always a need for more volunteers. *Contact Barbara Cardamon if you are interested.*

Burma-lowa Friends Bundles of Joy

Six boys and still no girls yet! How can that be?

We continue to supply the Allen Birthing Center and Black Hawk County nurses with layettes. The nurses report that the Burmese families are very appreciative of receiving them.

Our second work session was fun sewing sleep bags, changing pads, wash cloths and burp cloths. Lots of socializing too and we hope to do it again.

Thank you for your continued support. Members have donated time, talent, fabrics and other sewing materials, baby wipes, blankets, toys, books, clothing and cash. We have also received donations from a few non-members as well. *Jane Close and Diane Davison*

Study and Interest Groups

Bridge for Education

Pfeiffer Lounge at Willow Wood, 1100 Grove Street

3rd Wednesday bridge4th Tuesday BridgeApril 16 Lorraine TresslerApril 22 Anne SchuesslerMay 21 Mary FrankenMay 27 Anne Schuessler

June 18, June 24, July 16, July 22, August 20 August 26

This group continues to play all summer on the above dates. Wait for your call or contact Dargy if you want to be added to the list of players.

Dargy Baxter <u>mmbaxter76@hotmail.com</u>

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES— GREAT DECISIONS STUDY GROUPS

The afternoon study group will meet at the library at the First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls on Monday, April 21 at 1:15pm. The evening study group will meet at the Cedar Falls Public Library on Tuesday evening, April 15 from 7-8:30pm.

The April discussion topic is "Islamic Awakenings." We will watch a 30-minute DVD on the topic and then focus on the aftermath of Arab Spring.

How are the countries of northern Africa reacting? What has its' political impact been? Have they been able to turn oppressive regimes into democratic governments within their Islamic culture? And is U.S. foreign policy adapting

successfully to the changes in the region?

Gloria Tollefson will lead both discussion groups and all AAUW members are welcome at either session.

Ellie Tompkins and Gloria Tollefson, Group Facilitators

The Literature Interest Group will meet on Monday, April 14 at 1:15 p.m. at the home of Dee Lynch 1309 Catherine Street, Cedar Falls. Dr. Judy Beckman will present the book, On the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford.

Equal Pay Day

Pam Hays, Public Policy Director, put out an invitation to plan something for Equal Pay day! Ardelle Brown, Jane Close, Linda Morgan, Ruth Walker and Maureen White met with Pam for a quick meeting. In a short time and lots of e-mails a date was set and a place arranged.

The group decided that their goal for this year would be to educate and motivate young people about pay disparity. To start doing this, Linda, Ruth, Maureen and Pam staffed a table in Maucker Union at UNI on Monday, April 7 from 10-4:00 p.m. There was a tri-fold display, literature, a petition to sign about the Paycheck Fairness Act. There were also sugar cookies with a 1/4 cut out to show the pay gap!

When not enough people chose to come to the table, the AAUW members took cookies and flyers out to the students sitting in the Union and surprised them with a cookie and a brief talk about the Paycheck Fairness Act. Men, women, and students of both sexes responded favorably. Some of them signed the petition to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. One man signed because his daughter was a school principal and had been faced with discrimination.

The Equal Pay Day team will meet Monday, April 14 at 3:30 at the Cedar Falls Library to evaluate the event and start planning for next year. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to make a bigger impact next year.

