

Monday, October 27, 2014  
Cedar Falls Woman's Club

**Menu:**

Beef Stroganoff / Noodles  
Garden Salad  
Mocha Fudge Dessert  
*Vegetarian and Meat  
Chef Salads available*



**Reservations:**

Mary Ellen Beckman  
269-1893 pal.m@cfu.net  
**NOON Thursday,  
October 23, \$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  
President-elect position open  
Vice Presidents for Program  
Ardelle Brown and Carol Hedberg  
Vice Presidents Membership  
Pauline Harding / Dee Lynch  
Vice Presidents Fundraising  
Darlene Balm-Demmel and  
Mary Fogarty  
Secretary Anne Schuessler  
Treasurer Nancy Henderson  
Public Policy Pam Hays  
Leadership Development  
Maureen White

Gather 5:00 p.m.

AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.

~ Empowering Women in Government ~

**Dr. Allison Martens**

Assistant Professor of Political Science  
University of Northern Iowa



October 27, 2014, join the Cedar Falls AAUW Branch at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club to welcome Dr. Allison Martens, Assistant Professor of Political Science at UNI. She will give her insights on Empowering Women in Government. Dr. Martens has a law degree and a doctorate in Political Science from the University of Texas in Austin. Among her research focuses are gender and politics.

As well as touching upon the low numbers of women who make it into political office and how to remedy that, she will spotlight newer research revealing the unique challenges women face once they gain political office. What can hinder influence and advancement? How do differences in male and female leadership styles impact effectiveness? In which contexts may women have an edge? What institutional features of Congress may affect advancement for women in political office?

Hospitality gathering starts at 5 pm, followed by Dr. Marten's remarks at 5:30 pm, and dinner at 6:15 pm. *Ardelle Brown, Co Vice President Program*



**Named Gift Honoree ~ 2014  
Marcy Seavey**

Chosen by AAUW Cedar Falls to be this year's Named Gift Honoree is Marcy Seavey, an outstanding supporter of AAUW. Five hundred dollars has been donated and will be divided equally for each of the following AAUW Funds: Educational Opportunities Fund, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, Leadership Programs Fund, Legal Advocacy Fund, Public Policy Fund.

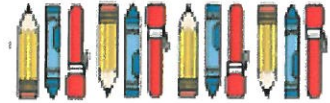
In 2007, Marcy designed our Cedar Falls branch web site and has since maintained it, including posting our branch newsletter, annual reports, and other information. When our branch board decided to transition to the new AAUW web hosting platform in 2013, Marcy worked with AAUW staff to set up the new branch website and transfer information to it from the previous website. Marcy has been instrumental in keeping our branch website up to date, thereby enhancing communication with our members. We appreciate the time and effort she has put into this important job.

## President's Report

The board is taking an informal survey this year to ask for your input and suggestions concerning our Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW. The purpose of the survey is to better serve the needs of our membership, plan for future programming and participation, and to make an effort to keep everyone better informed. We will have just six questions that we would like for you to think about and respond to.

We will be sending the questions to you on October 20th. Please email your responses to Jane Close and Bonnie Smith by October 26th. If you are unable to email us, we will be calling you to get your input.

Thank you for your help in advance. *Jane Close and Bonnie Smith, Co-Presidents*



## Board Actions September 2014

- The Board voted to co-sponsor the Cedar Valley United Nations Association programs for the year.
- There was a motion to offer up to \$200 in scholarships for the Expanding Horizons project on October 4, 2014. This is a Community Action Project for middle school girls to inspire them to pursue opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).
- Bills from the Kickoff totaling \$160.58 were approved for payment. *Anne Schuessler, secretary*

## New Structure for Environmental Law and Public Policy

### ~ What We Need to Know ~

In the Public Policy Principals for Action section of the AAUW Public Policy Program, it says "AAUW promotes the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons. Essential to that well-being is a clean and healthful environment". Changes in climate and protection of our environment are some of the biggest issues facing citizens and governments at all levels.

To help our members learn more about these issues, our Cedar Falls AAUW branch is cosponsoring a program of the Cedar Valley United Nations Association (CVUNA) called "*Green Governance: Surviving in Commons*".

Professor Burns Weston, Professor of Law Emeritus and Senior Scholar of the Center for Human Rights at the University of Iowa, will speak from 7 - 8:30 pm on Monday, October 20, in the large conference room of the Cedar Falls Public Library.

Professor Weston will discuss how attempts to protect natural ecosystems are increasingly ineffective because our very conception of the problem is limited; we treat "the environment" as its own separate realm, taking for granted prevailing but outmoded conceptions of economics, national sovereignty, and international law. He advances a compelling new synthesis of environmental protection based on broader notions of economics and human rights and on commons-based governance; proposing a new structure of environmental law and public policy. The Cedar Prairie Sierra Group is also a co-sponsor of the program which is free and open to the public.

For more information call 266-9901.

## Membership

*Pauline Harding and Dee Lynch  
Co-Vice Presidents for Membership*

This fall we are welcoming 17 new members to our Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW. Those joining us are:

Helen Ackerman	Jodi Bergmann
Maygen Brace	Allaire George
Ann Grove	Heidi Hudson
Catherine Hunter	Mary Ingamells
Amanda Kamp	Robin Knight
Kay Kofoed	Sandy Lawry
Gerri Perreault	Karen Potter
Tracy Wulfekuhle	

All new members are invited to an orientation meeting, which will be held at two different times, to learn more about AAUW and how it works. The first meeting will be held from 10 to 11:30 am, Saturday, October 11, at Dee Lynch's home (1309 Catherine St., Cedar Falls). If you cannot come to that one, we are also holding a second orientation at 5 pm, on October 27, at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club, right before our regular AAUW meeting. We hope to see as many of the new members as possible at one of these two meetings.

At our regular AAUW meeting on October 27, we plan to hold three drawings for free books from the Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity book group, which is one of our community action projects. These names will be drawn from the group of new members who are attending the meeting. These three people will get a free book from our group, and they, along with all the new members, are invited to attend our book group meetings on the second Monday of the month at 4:30 pm, at Cedar Falls Library (upstairs).

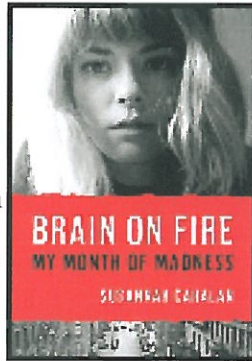
## Community Action

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### Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

#### **Brain on Fire** Dr. Diane McCarty

Monday, October 13, Dr. Diane McCarty, Wartburg College Emeritus, will discuss the memoir of *New York POST* writers month long struggle with encephalitis. Imagine having seizures at work. Imagine not being able to think of questions to ask in a *New York POST* article. *Brain on Fire* narrates Susan Cahalan's issues with encephalitis that seems to pass right by hospital tests. She wakes up in a hospital with no memory of events of a previous month during which time she would have violent episodes and delusions. The book covers Cahalan's life after her recovery, including her reactions to watching videotapes of her psychotic episodes while in the hospital. Cahalan's research into her illness, she learns that the disease is fairly new and has only been officially discovered three years before she became ill in 2009.



All Cedar Valley residents are invited to attend this scintillating discussion. Participants need not have read the book beforehand. CV3D meets 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 (CV3D)

#### **International Friendship Program IFP**

The International Friendship Program (IFP) has now completed it's matching of Host Families and foreign students from UNI. Fortunately, we have found enough families to place the 56 new students who wanted a family. Many of our AAUW members are involved and are getting to know their students. Thank you to all of the members who are helping to make this program a success. We are always looking for new families, so let us know if you would like fill out a form to be placed on file for future needs. It's a great way to promote AAUW, Cedar Falls, and Iowa, as well as develop new international friendships.

*Pramod Sarin and Bonnie Smith* Co-chairs

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### ***Books for Incarcerated Women and the House of Hope***

A delivery of 67 magazines and 31 books was made to the Black Hawk County Jail Women's Unit, on October first. Thank you for your fantastic donations! Books ranged from mysteries and historical fiction to inspirational guides. The women will also be sure to enjoy thumbing through issues of *People* and *Vogue*, as well as *National Geographic* and *Guideposts*.

We have 19 wonderful youth books for House of Hope and will soon be making a delivery. The books will be much appreciated by children who spend time there.

Our next book collection will be the November 24 AAUW meeting. Bring books and magazines on that date and we thank you, once again, for enriching the lives of others. *Anne Cook and Kathy Krieg* Co-chairs

#### **Promoting Global Awareness**

Our discussion group will meet on Tuesday evening, October 21, at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 7 to 8:30 pm. Our October topic will be **China's Foreign Policy** and discussion will follow watching a 30 minute DVD. You will find the interaction intriguing and we invite you and other interested community friends to join us.

*Gloria Tollefson, Community Action Project Chair*

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#### **Good Things Happen - attend meetings - join our discussion groups**

Sue Lyons models a sari with Dr. Gown Gulwadi and Pramod Sarin arranging the garment the way it would be worn in India. Rowena Hardinger led the discussion, at the September discussion of *Climbing The Mango Trees* by Madhur Jaffrey. The Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity group meets at the Cedar Falls Library, the second Monday at 4:30 to 5:30 each month.



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#### **Bundles of Joy** Jane Close and Diane Davison

#### **Gender Balance in Government** Jane Close Maureen White

**IRIS Iowa Radio Reading Information Service**  
Barb Cardamon

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## Community Action Projects

### Expanding Your Horizons

Ardelle Brown, Bonnie Smith and Maureen White helped with registration at the *Expanding Your Horizons* conference for middle school girls (grades 5-8) on October 4 on the University of Northern Iowa Campus. The conference is sponsored by UNI and the Society of Women Engineers, with assistance from the Cedar Falls AAUW branch. About 100 girls from a number of school districts attended.

This day-long event included hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Student workshops covered topics such as *Mag-nificent Breakfast Cereal*, Physics of Materials, Money Chemistry, Metal Casting, Materials Testing, LEAN Manufacturing, and Computer Science & Robots.

The girls met STEM role models and learned more about careers in STEM fields. The ultimate goal is to motivate girls to become innovative and creative thinkers ready to meet 21st Century challenges.



*Pat Higby, chair* above photo: workers at conference  
Find out more about the National Expanding Your Horizons Organization by going to the National EYH Website at <http://www.eyhn.org/>

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### United Nations Birthday

October 24, the United Nations celebrates its 60th birthday, originating in 1954. Some say the UN has failed, for it has not accomplished its mission of saving succeeding generations from war. However, its goals also of protecting human rights, establishing conditions for justice and promoting social progress continue to be critical objectives that have made notable strides and continues to work to meet objectives.

New challenges have emerged – from international terrorism to climate change, to the spread of infectious diseases such as Ebola – to other threats that transcend national borders. These problems can never be resolved by any one country acting alone. As the world's only truly universal institution, the United Nations offers the best – if not the only – forum to galvanize global action to meet challenges ahead. With over 90% of the scientists expressing concern over fossil fuel emissions causing climate change, special conferences are addressing this concern. *Rowena Hardinger International Affairs*

## Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

### International Studies

The International Studies Group will meet Monday, October 20 at 1:15 pm, at the First Presbyterian Church, 10th and Main in Cedar Falls. Maelou Baxter will lead the discussion on China's Foreign Policy. China is one of the largest countries in the world and is changing rapidly. In many ways it is entering the 21st century after being so far behind the rest of the world. What do we need to know about their foreign policy and how does the foreign policy of the United States have to change to adapt to that? All AAUW members are encouraged to join us for a study and conversation on this topic. For more information: *Ellie Tompkins*

Participants meet the second Monday of each month, at 1:15, at a member's home. Light refreshments and friendly chatter precede book talk. We come with anticipation, as we have not read the book. Discussion follows. If interested, contact *Joan Kurt - Orean Yanke*

### Literature



### Women in Motion

*Jane Close & Linda Morgan*



### Bridge For Education

The AAUW Bridge Groups for the Educational Foundation will have the October meetings with Ardelle Brown and Lorraine Tressler as the co-hostesses for both the Third Wednesday Bridge and the Fourth Tuesday Bridge. Both of these groups meet at Willowood, the time being 12:30 pm.

Plan to attend **Wednesday, October 17** and also **Tuesday, October 27**. Support our AAUW Educational Fund by donating \$2 at every meeting.

*Dargy Baxter*

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**Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter**

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