



Cedar Falls (IA) Branch

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Monday, November 24 Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Menu:

Chicken and Rice Casserole
Broccoli Salad
Pumpkin pie bars
*Vegetarian or meat
Chef Salads available*

Gather 5:00 p.m.
AAUW program 5:30 p.m.
Dinner and Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893

pal.m@cfu.net

by NOON Thursday
November 20, \$11.00
*Call or email Mary
Ellen and identify
the meal you want.*

Empowering Burmese Women in a New World

Ann Grove, Program Coordinator
and Liberata Aung, Advocate & Interpreter
Cedar Valley Refugee Newcomer Services

Come and learn how Burmese Women are learning to cope in Waterloo, Iowa. What skills do they bring? How are they being helped to learn new skills. Please come and enjoy this informative and interesting meeting.

The dinner is optional,
the program may be attended
at 5:30 p.m. and not stay
for dinner.

SAVE THE DATE

Next meeting:
Saturday, January 17
At the WOMAN'S CLUB
10:00 a.m.

Read *Girls Like Us* -A memoir by Rachel Lloyd

Save the Dates: April 10 and 11, 2015

AAUW Iowa Conference
Cedar Falls at the CEEE building at UNI
(Center for Energy and Environment Education)

See Page 6 for more information about these fun,
informative and interesting days.

Bring **BOOKS** and Magazines on November 24, to Share with House of Hope
and Women's Center for Change. See page 3 for more information about this action.

Help Shape the Future of our Branch

The surveys returned by branch members indicate pride in our branch, as well as providing the board with suggestions for change to better serve our members. In order to continue and build upon branch successes, we need people willing to serve in leadership positions. Finding a President Elect or Co-presidents Elect is a top priority for the board.

Last year there was no President Elect and we find ourselves in the same predicament again this year. There is much to learn about running the organization, but there is still plenty of time for a President Elect to learn before assuming the presidency next year.

Finding and supporting branch leaders is the responsibility of all members, not just a few. Help shape the future of our branch by filling the President Elect position now. If not you, then who? The rewards of leadership far outweigh the effort put into it. We need your help in filling this post.
Jane Close and Bonnie Smith, Co-presidents

Support your Local Scholarship

We're asking members for a donation to support the AAUW Cedar Falls Transition Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded in April, for the fall semester, to a non-traditional female student transferring from Hawkeye Community College to the University of Northern Iowa.

Last year, thanks to your generous support, we were able to award three \$1000 scholarships. You can see the recipients' photos on our website: <http://cedarfalls-ia.aauw.net>

At the moment, we have almost \$800 of member donations in the scholarship account at the Cedar Falls Community Foundation. We hope to fund at least one \$1000 scholarship from that account next April.

You can make your donation at the November branch meeting, by cash or check, and we will give you a receipt. Or you can send your check directly to the Cedar Falls Community Foundation, 524 Main Street, Cedar Falls, IA, 50613. In either case, make your check payable to the Cedar Falls Community Foundation, and write AAUW Scholarship Account, on the memo line. Thank you for your generous support!

Darline Balm-Demmel and Mary Fogarty, Co-VPs for Fundraising

Elect Her - Campus Women Win!

Two resourceful young UNI students, Rachel Gregory and Kerri Robinson, on their own initiative, found out about an AAUW program, Elect Her - Campus Women Win! helps recruit young women to run for student government positions and provides a workshop to train them. In 2014, 78% of the students across the nation who reported running for student government after participating in Elect Her won their election.

The University of Northern Iowa will be the first educational institution in Iowa to carry out the program. Pam Hays is serving as the AAUW liaison to the planning group and will be calling on local members to help recruit speakers for the program, to publicize the event in the community, and to participate in a networking event with the young women. The workshop will be held in late January/early February at UNI.

Kudos to these two graduate students in the Masters in Public Policy program who are making this happen!

Equal Pay Day -- Tuesday, April 14, 2015 -- Equal Pay Day

Community Action

Books for House of Hope

We will be collecting books and magazines at the meeting on November 24th. Books will be distributed to Women's Center for Change (a recently opened halfway house for women) as well as House of Hope this time. Please bring your gently used books and magazines (with address labels removed) for collection. Thank you!

Anne Cook and Kathy Krieg

Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

Monday, November 10 AAUW's Discover Diversity Discuss discussion will focus on Malala Yousafzai's struggle to fight for education for girls. Malala Yousafzai has won this year's Pulitzer Prize for Peace and last week President Obama awarded her this year's Freedom Medal. She earned these awards by standing up to the Taliban and going to school in spite of the Taliban edit that girls should not be educated. She continued to speak of the ban on school for girls. A Taliban member bound to destroy this strong voice got on a school bus and shot her in the head. Few expected her to survive.

The discussion will be held in the conference room at the Cedar Falls Library from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Gloria Tollefson will lead the discussion. Participants need not have read the book, *I Am Malala: The Girl who Stood up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*.

All Cedar Valley residents are invited to attend this discussion. CV3D is sponsored by Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW in collaboration with the Cedar Falls and Waterloo Public Libraries and University Book and Supply. Contact Dr. Judy Beckman 319-939-4075 for more information.

The International Friendship Program

We would like to thank all the wonderful families for being so gracious for participating in the program. We have assigned 56 students to 36 families. We have quite a few Cedar Falls AAUW members participating this year. We would like to see more AAUW members participate.

On November 9th we will be hosting our annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner for the participants and students in the IFP.

Currently, we have students from Brazil, Macedonia, China, Egypt, Vieitnam, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Hungary, France, Nepal, Nigeria, S Korea, Malaysia, Albania, Australia, Spain, Kenya, Zambia, Ethiopia, Russia, Ecuador, India, Peru, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, to name a few countries.

Special thanks to the International Friendship Committee - without their hard work the assignments would not have been possible.

Pramod Sarin, Bonnie Smith

Promoting Global Awareness

Our community action Great Decisions group will meet Tuesday evening, November 18th in the conference room at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 7-8:30 pm. We will view a 30 minute DVD and then discuss our trade policy tools—sanctions, treaties or military campaigns, promoting democracy and the free market. What works best in gaining business and diplomatic trading partners? Join us and bring an interested person.

If you have questions, call Gloria Tollefson, chair.

2015 Great Decisions Briefing Books will be sent at the first of the year. Price remains \$20. **If you are interested in being an active member of either group and would like a book, contact Gloria Tollefson.** Only 7 of the 31 that come in our packet have not been sold.

Community Action, Continued

Topics for 2015 are:

Jan----. Russia and the Near Abroad
Feb.---Privacy in the Digital Age (Cyberspace)
March---Sectarianism in the Middle East
April---India Changes Course
May---U.S. Policy toward Africa
Sept.---Syria's Refugee Crisis
Oct.---- Human Trafficking in the 21st Century
Nov.----Brazil's Metamorphosis

Study/Interest Groups

International Studies

Monday, November 17 at 1:15 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls

With Carol Dotseth as the discussion leader.

Should the U.S. restrict trade with countries like China and Mexico to protect American jobs, or will that increase prices more than American consumers are willing to pay?

Should environmental and human rights issues be included in trade negotiations? These and other issues will be discussed in our International Studies group discussion at our next meeting.

Ellie Tompkins Facilitator

Remember

Edna Hamilton, a member since 1966, died on September 14. She had not been in good health. She had been active, being membership vice-president and secretary in her earlier days. She was a great bridge player. She would have been 101 on October 13, 2014.

Gladys Wagner moved to be near her daughter in Illinois. Gladys will be 101 on January 17, 2015. She has been a member since 2000. She was one of our best bridge players and a supporter of AAUW. We are missing both of these women.

Ardelle Brown, bridge player and friend

Bridge for Education

The AAUW Bridge group will meet once in November. Ellie Tompkins and Barb Cardamon will be co-hosting on November 19th. You will either get an e-mail or call to see if you can play. The December date will be Wednesday, December 17 with Ardelle Brown and Dargy Baxter as co-hostess. The group will be playing in the dining area at Willowwood, at 12:30 p.m.

Contact Dargy Baxter if you want to be on the list to play.

Literature Group

On Monday, November 10th at 1:15 pm the Literature Group will meet at the home of Bonnie Smith. Her address is 2528 Cottage Row, Cedar Falls. The presenter will be Dee Lynch and she will be reviewing the book Edge of Eternity by Ken Follett. This is book three, the last book, of the Century Trilogy. Ken Follett is one of the most popular leading writers today. We look forward to an interesting and exciting report of this historical fiction.

Feel free to join us by calling Bonnie at 266-2526 or emailing at smith.bonnie@cfu.net.

Meet Mary Ingamells

Mary's undergraduate degree is from the University of Iowa with majors in pre-law and psychology. She spent a few years doing paralegal work in Los Angeles and then relocated to Clearwater, Florida. In addition to changing her address, Mary changed careers and moved into banking. She has been at Ocwen Financial (formerly known as GMAC Mortgage) for the last 19 years as a manager and business analyst.

Mary is originally from Burlington, where two of her brothers still live; she has another brother who lives in the Peoria area. She has one daughter, just married in September, who lives in Cedar Falls with her husband.

Her "home away from home" is a wonderful resort in northern Minnesota where her entire extended family has vacationed every August for over 50 years.

In her free time she enjoys biking the trails in the Cedar Valley, reading, looking for treasures in antique shops or garage sales, and doing anything creative. She has dabbled in various art mediums and plans to pursue that with much more enthusiasm in her retirement years.

Membership News

Co-Vice Presidents for Membership, Pauline Harding and Dee Lynch, hosted two new member orientation sessions.

Maureen White led one and Jane Close led one. More opportunities for orientation will be planned for the first of the year.

The names of new members in attendance were placed in a basket and a drawing was held. Here is Mary with her basket, a book from the CV3D list, a cup, tea bags and a fall napkin, a scroll of CV3D meeting dates and books to be discussed and best of all some chocolate truffles.



Meet Julie Rathmell

Julie earned her undergraduate degree with attendance at Central College in Pella, Iowa, and Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, majoring in Secondary English Education. She has served as an English teacher at Hawkeye Community College and at Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School.

Her husband, Ed, has taught in the math department at UNI for 41 years and will retire at the end of this academic year. She and Ed have three married children and 10 grandchildren living in Minnesota, Colorado, and North Carolina.

Julie and Ed have enjoyed many travel opportunities; however, her favorite was a tour of Italy last summer as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Julie's hobbies are photography, travel, and reading. This is the third time she has joined AAUW and shares she is now "back to stay!"

Meet Kay Kofoed

Kay received her B.A. Degree from the University of Northern Iowa where she also did further graduate work. She became registered as an American Society of Clinical Pathologist Medical Technologist through Allen Hospital. Her employment record cites environmental lab testing with Corning Lab, industrial chemistry with John Deere, viral testing with the Red Cross, and clinical testing at Allen and Covenant Hospitals. She also did some teaching at Hawkeye Community College.

Kay has lived within a block of Cedar Falls High School since 1969. Six grandchildren live in other states. Her husband Dave taught math and was head of the Math Department at CFHS retiring in 2010. They traveled to Kauai and Italy in 2013 & especially enjoyed the trips because they were shared with other family members. Her Scottish terrier is hobby enough.

Meet Julie Rathmell another new member sitting with Kay Thrall at the October dinner meeting. And yes, Julie won a basket from the membership committee.



AAUW Iowa State Conference

ALL Cedar Falls branch members are invited to attend the AAUW Iowa State Conference, scheduled for April 10 and 11, 2015 at UNI. The conference is not just for branch officers or leaders, but is for everyone. Because you will not have travel or hotel expenses, it's a great opportunity to attend your first state conference or to attend again if you have not gone to one for a while.

You will have an opportunity to meet fellow AAUW members from across the state and to hear interesting and informative speakers. We hope to see many of you there.

Thank you to branch member Pat Higby for helping make arrangements for use of the Center for Energy and Environmental Education (CEEE) for our conference.

Information about the conference schedule, speakers and registration will be sent to you in early 2015.

Maureen White