

Monday, April 27, 2015  
Cedar Falls Woman's Club

**Menu:**

> Chicken Salad on Croissants,  
Fruit Salad and Birthday Cake  
> Vegetarian and Meat Chef  
Salads available, also with  
Birthday Cake



**Reservations:**

Mary Ellen Beckman  
269-1893 pal.m@cfu.net  
**NOON Thursday,**  
**April 23**

Gather 5:00 p.m.  
AAUW Program/ Event 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner 6:15 p.m.

~ Empowering Women ~  
~ Happy Birthday Cedar Falls AAUW ~

The American Association of University Women  
will continue this year's theme, **Empowering Women**  
on April 27, at 5:30 p.m.,  
at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

We will gather at 5 pm, with a 5:30 introduction of our scholarship  
recipient(s) and follow with election of branch AAUW officers. A celebration  
of the **90th birthday of AAUW Cedar Falls** will be held, with a look back  
and a look to the future. Dinner will be at 6:15 pm.

Visitors are welcome. Anyone may listen to the program speaker and not be  
required to stay for the meal.

**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



Reservations are due by Thursday, April 23.  
If you plan to eat with us, you **must** make a  
reservation by contacting  
Mary Ellen Beckman, 269-1893 or  
[pal.m@cfu.net](mailto:pal.m@cfu.net) Cost is \$11.



Cancellations must be made by April 23, or the \$11 charge must be paid.

**Opportunity for AAUW National Vote**

Every AAUW member has the opportunity to vote on  
**AAUW National** ballot items:

- 1) members to the Board of Directors,
- 2) Public Policy Program proposals and
- 3) Bylaws proposed amendments.

Online voting will be set up at the April 23  
meeting for branch members. **In order to vote  
you must use your member number and  
PIN number, which is on the back of the  
Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook. Plan to  
bring your Outlook to the meeting. Details  
of the ballot items are detailed in the  
back pages of the magazine.**





## Co - President Report

Member surveys from last fall provided the board with a wide range of programming suggestions.

Here is a representative sample:

- ~ meet the needs of young women in ways that meet their lifestyles
- ~ appeal to younger members, provide opportunities
- ~ provide programming for older people at senior housing
- ~ pay more attention to women who remain members but are unable to attend any of our activities
- ~ schedule programs to accommodate people who work
- ~ make presentations about our projects and study/interest groups
- ~ have daytime programs
- ~ study current research
- ~ focus on relevant topics
- ~ have STEM projects
- ~ don't have programs too heavy, have fun
- ~ need more social time to get to know other members

The board decided that expanded summer programming would provide opportunities to meet these varying suggestions. We have been discussing a variety of options. If you have specific suggestions for summer programs, please contact any board member. And watch to see what happens! *Jane Close and Bonnie Smith, Co-Presidents*



## Membership

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

The Membership Committee held an orientation meeting for new members on March 28, 2015, at HyVee in Cedar Falls. Jane Close presented information about AAUW to the two new members attending.

**Dues** Beginning in April, we will start collecting the dues for next year. Dues are \$70, which includes \$49 (national), \$10 (state), and \$11 (local). These need to be paid to the national organization by July 1. Please remember to bring your check made out to AAUW for dues to our next meeting, or mail them to Nancy Henderson, 2989 Jepsen Road, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.



### ➔ Introducing another new member:

**Corrie Sink** is another of our new members, recently joining AAUW. Corrie went to school at National Park College in Arkansas where she majored in Liberal Studies, science, and teaching.

Work experience includes owning and operating several restaurants including Three Monkeys Restaurant in Hot Springs, Arkansas; Sink's Kitchen Restaurant in Hot Springs, Arkansas; Gallery Sink, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Gallery 106 in downtown Cedar Falls, opening April 17, 2015.

Her husband, Bryan, is a chef at HyVee on University Ave., Waterloo, IA. Corrie has a seven-year-old daughter, Mattea, who attends Lincoln Elementary School in Cedar Falls.

Corrie says that Cancun, Mexico, is her favorite place of travel. She likes to be active in the community and to spend time with family and friends. We welcome her to our organization!

## Summer Programming

## Nominations Committee

The Cedar Falls AAUW Board has accepted the following slate of officers for the 2015-2016 year. The terms of office are one year for the co-presidents and two years for the others, with terms beginning July 1, 2015.

- > Co-Presidents: Jane Close and Bonnie Smith
- > Co-Presidents Elect: Joan Bunkofske and Arleen Cook
- > Co-Vice Presidents: Julie Rathmell (second to be filled)
- > Co-Vice Presidents Fundraising:  
Nancy Hasenwinkel and Sandy Lawry
- > Treasurer: Jodi Bergmann

Additional nominations may be made from the floor, at the Annual Meeting, April 27, with the consent of the nominee.

### ~ AAUW State Conference ~

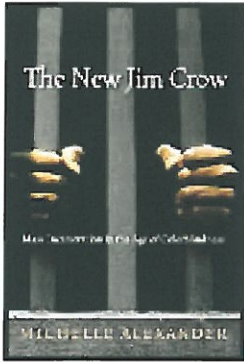
The Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Waverly branches are hosts for the 2015 AAUW Iowa state conference. A huge thank you goes to all the Cedar Falls branch members who contributed to the conference:

- > Nancy Hasenwinkel, AAUW Iowa newsletter editor who prepared the spring issue of the Initiative and who took photos at the conference.
- > Sandy Lawry received registrations, made name badge inserts, and coordinated preparation of folders for each participant.
- > Bonnie Smith and Jane Close recruited volunteers.
- > Jane is also an AAUW Iowa Funds Co-director, so was one of the organizers of the Silent Auction at the conference.
- > Karen Agee, Arleen Cook, Judy Beckman, Mary Ellen Beckman, Myrna Sandvik, Ruth Walker, Nancy Hasenwinkel, Linda Morgan, Olean Yahnke, Gayle Wood, Judy Focht, Dee Lynch, Gloria Tollefson, Pauline Harding, Allaire George, Anne Schuessler, Mary Dove, and Ann Grove all worked at the conference.
- > Thanks also to the members who donated items for the Silent Auction.
- > My apologies if I missed anyone who helped. We could not have a state conference without dedicated and willing volunteers like all of you. *Maureen White, AAUW Iowa president*



## Community Action

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



#### **The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness**

Michelle Alexander

*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* is the discussion provoking title to be presented at Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity on Monday, April 13, 2015.

Michelle Alexander's book deals with the misconception that the explosion of the prison population from 350,000 to 2.3 million in the last twenty-five years is the result of an increase in crime rates. She asserts two other reasons. First, the changes in our laws; there is a dramatic increase in the current length of prison sentences. Second, once a person is labeled a felon she or he is immediately ushered into discrimination, stigma, and exclusion that erase the opportunity to vote, serve on a jury, or be eligible for many social services. Alexander asserts that Jim Crow is not dead, but has been redesigned into a racial caste system.

Pam and Al Hayes will lead the discussion of Michelle Alexander's 2010 title. This CV3D meeting will be held at the Cedar Falls Public Library board room from 4:30-5:30 pm. The library is handicap accessible. All Cedar Valley residents are invited to attend. They need not have read the book to participate in the discussion.

CV3D is sponsored by Cedar Falls American Association of University Women (AAUW). Dr. Judy Beckman at 319-939-4075 [drjudy.beckman@cfu.net](mailto:drjudy.beckman@cfu.net)

*Dr. Judy Beckman and Mary Dove Co-Chairs (CV3D)*

- \* **International Friendship Program IFP**  
*Pramod Sarin & Bonnie Smith*
- \* **IRIS Iowa Radio Reading Information Service**  
*Barb Cardamon*
- \* **Gender Balance in Government**  
*Jane Close Maureen White*
- \* **Books for Incarcerated Women  
and the House of Hope**  
*Anne Cook, working with Kathy Krieg*

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### Promoting Global Awareness

Our evening Great Decisions group will meet Tuesday, April 21 from 7 - 8:30 pm, in the conference room at the Cedar Falls Public Library. Our topic will be **India Changes Course**. Fed up with corruption, dynastic policies and ineffective public services, Indian voters elected Narendra Modi and his party to power in the 2014 elections. Since then big changes seem to be heralding a new age. With a new prime minister and policy makers that has been out of power for ten years, how will these changes affect the U.S. relationship with India?

Come join us for the 30 minute DVD and discussion on this new topic.



*Gloria Tollefson, Community Action Project Chair*

### Bundles of Joy

The Bundles of Joy Community Action Project provides the gift of infant layettes to Burmese families at the time of birth of their newborns. Two girls and one boy were born in March, bringing our to-date total to 22. Thank you to member donations, we have been able to provide items such as sleepers, onesies, socks, hats, bibs, blankets, disposable diapers, baby wipes, nail clippers, spoons, infant tactile toys and thick-page infant books and the items we make: changing pads, sleep sacks, burp cloths and wash cloths. We will let you know when we are ready for another work session.

*Chairs: Jane Close & Diane Davison*

### International Affairs *Rowena Hardinger*

#### *Commission on the Status of Women*

*Goals of the Conference:* Women were steeped in sharing ideas as to improving the status of women in their own countries. The Conference Beijing 20+ has four "C" goals:

- 1) Commitment: To appraise the work of the 20 year old, The Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA), and to implement Convention on the Elimination of Violence Against Women (CEDAW) at local, national, regional, and world levels.
- 2) Capacity Building: To build the capacity – particularly in youth – to take leadership roles in advocacy to implement BPfA and CEDAW.
- 3) Communications for change: The campaign will use mobile technologies, social media, the Internet to build a global community that connects the UN, governments, civil society, the private sector, and media through cost-effective tools, such as websites and Facebook, Twitter, and virtual conferencing. Equal attention paid to reaching marginalized groups, engaging them through modern and traditional media. such as radio, newspapers, and television.
- 4) Cities: With increased urbanization, more women' participation in Enacting BPfA and CEDAW to protect against violence and promoting economic stability.



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## Community Action Projects

### Expanding Your Horizons

#### Thank you...



We wish to thank AAUW members for supporting the Weavers of Burma by their donations to buy thread and the preparation of treats for, as well as their presence, at our event at the World's Window. There were over 100 people who visited and the weavers were able to sell most of their products. It was a great celebration! Thank you, Arleen Cook

### AAUW Annual Garage and Plant Sale

*When:* May 15 ~ 4-7 pm and May 16 ~ 8-10 am

*Where:* Home of Ardelle Brown

2117 Rownd St., Cedar Falls

*When to deliver items:*

Any time that week before Friday.

*When to price items:* Bring items priced if possible!

It is about that time! Plan to gather up your unwanted items and deliver them to Ardelle's house. We'll turn them into cash for local Transition Scholarships and Community projects. We accept furniture, household items, art objects, craft supplies, recreational equipment, books, garden tools and plants. This means almost anything, except clothing and TV's.

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 all week and to work at the sale.

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

*Darline Balm-Demmel and Mary Fogarty*

*Co-Vice Presidents for fundraising.*



### Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter

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## Interest and Study Groups

### Opportunities to Participate

#### International Studies

Most Americans are concerned and confused about the current conflicts in the Middle East. If you would like to have a better understanding about this, join the International Studies Group on Monday, April 20, at 1:15 in the library of First Presbyterian Church. All AAUW members are welcome to join us. We use a study guide produced by the Foreign Policy Association and the discussion will be led by Maelou Baxter. Here is their description of this month's study: " From the crisis in Iraq and Syria to the tensions between Iran and Saudi Arabia, the struggle between Sunni and Shi'i groups for dominance is tearing apart the region and shows no signs of abating. But for all the religious discourse permeating the conflict, much of its roots are political, not religious. How does sectarianism fit into a larger narrative of the Middle East. How have governments manipulated sectarian differences? And finally, what is the U.S. doing about it? "

For more information Ellie Tompkins - 231-4737

#### Literature



The Literature group will meet at the home Balm-Demmel, on Monday, April 13, at 1:15 pm. Address is: 1603 W. 9th St. Any member is welcome. Please call Darlene if you plan to attend: 319-215-7992.

March 9th, nine members met at the home of Mimi Zischke. Showing her love for history, Mimi decorated the table with historical President's plates and included a recipe that went with the plate and the time period. She also served a "plantation recipe" to the group. She presented the book *Twelve Years a Slave* by Solomon Northup. *Joan Kurt - Olean Yankee*



#### Bridge For Education

Third Wednesday, April 15 & fourth Tuesday, April 28 Bridge continues in May, June July and August every third Wednesday and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group plays at Willow Wood at 12:30 to about 3 pm. Contact Dargy Baxter 266-2890 or [mmbaxter76@hotmail.com](mailto:mmbaxter76@hotmail.com) to have your name added to the list of players. Some players are there every time some only play in the summer and still others play just occasionally. If you play bridge, check us out.

**Women in Motion** *Jane Close & Linda Morgan*