

Monday, October 26, 2015

Cedar Falls Woman's Club

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Menu:

**Cheeseburger Meatloaf
with Roasted veggies**

Pumpkin Bar

*Vegetarian and Meat Chef salads
available*

Reservations

Mary Ellen Beckman

269-1893 pal.m@cfu.net

NOON Thursday

October 22 \$12

Call or email Mary Ellen
if you plan to eat with us.

Weavers from Burma

Alicia Soppe

Program director at EMBARC

Ethnic Minorities of Burma
Advocacy and Resource Center is
beginning to establish a presence in
Waterloo with a goal of helping
refugees expand their world of
possibilities through advocacy,
education and community
development.

EMBARC believes sustainable
change can only come from within
a community empowered to help
themselves. Northeast Iowa Weavers
and Spinners Guild and AAUW have
been giving support to the weaving
project. What's it like to be a
refugee?

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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Brown Bag Silent Auction

**Bring a "treasure" in a plain brown bag and
attach a short, fun description of the item on the
outside. It might be a riddle, poem or a few
words to entice members to bid on the treasure
inside.**

Please put a starting bid on your item.

**Members will be able to read the descriptions
and bid on a bag before the meeting. Nancy and
Sandy will place the bid sheets.**

**Come early and place your bag and make a
bid on another. Have fun! The proceeds will
go to the Transition Scholarships.**

**Nancy Hasenwinkel and Sandy Lawry
"Fun-raising" committee**

It's been a beautiful and busy fall so far and we have lots of exciting news to share with you this month.

1. We have 116 members in our branch this year! That is an increase from last year. We welcome 11 new members as well as past members and student members.
2. We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the International Friendship Program this year, which was started by AAUW in 1965. It is still going strong and we have many AAUW families who are host families to UNI international students. Look for future news of a celebration of this event.
3. Because of interested and dynamic women on the UNI campus, there is now an AAUW UNI Student chapter in the works. We will be willing to help if needed.
4. Haven't received your yearbook? Let us know. It saves money if we don't have to mail them. There are more branch brochures, they are great for publicity and recruiting. Get some. You will find lots more in the newsletter and plenty to plan for in your calendar

Jane Close and Bonnie Smith Co-Presidents

Promoting Global Awareness

We will meet at the Cedar Falls Public Library Conference Room, Tuesday, October 20 from 7-8:30 p.m. We will first watch a 30 minute DVD on "Human Trafficking in the 21st Century". Discussion will follow on this multi-billion dollar international trad with the U.S. being one of the world's leading human trafficking importers. Join us as we discuss how we might control this exploitation of millions of victims. Contact: Gloria Tollefson,

Named Gift Honoree

Since 1954, the Cedar Falls branch of AAUW has recognized a member for service and dedication to the values and goals of both the local and national AAUW organizations. A contribution of \$500.00 is donated in her name to national AAUW funds.

The nominee should have served as a longtime and dedicated officer, made a significant contribution to the branch, made significant financial contributions, and has been a staunch supported of AAUW. If you would like to nominate someone for 2015,

send the name to arleencook@hotmail.com by October 15.

UNI Meet 'n Greet

Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 p.m. at the UNI Center for Energy and Environmental Education Rotunda there will be a meet 'n greet networking opportunity between AAUW members and University of Northern Iowa students. Meet enthusiastic students who wish to learn more about AAUW members' work, and practice professional-level connection-building. Student attendees will be dedicated to learning more about making the journey from their classrooms to their careers. (details at <http://whoozin.com/93P-MTJ-KVHR>). All members should plan to attend. Email patricia.hugby@uni.edu to confirm. Pat Higby, AAUW College/University Relations for UNI

2048 – HUMANITIE'S AGREEMENT TO LIVE TOGETHER by Kirk Boyd

"2048" tells a story of the most important social movement in the 21st century, humanity's agreement, in writing, to create a social order that will allow people to live together in peace and prosperity based upon human rights and the rule of law. The movement began in 1948 when all countries which were members of the United Nations unanimously set up an agreement to live together peacefully. This was based on Franklin Roosevelt's four freedoms – and a fifth, environment, was added. Eleanor Roosevelt appealed for women's help in supporting this agreement, a social movement necessary for sustainable and peaceful existence on our planet. These ends would be achieved through a written agreement to live together that is enforceable in the courts of all countries. One result of this agreement is the creation of the European Court, ratified in 1968m where judges have successfully imposed laws involving 47 countries. 2048 is a plan to make this happen throughout the world.

The 2048 project was initiated by the author and colleges at the University of California School of Law. The project is not included within the United Nations. But it is enforceable in the courts of all UN countries by 2048, the 100th year of the Universal Declaration. Through the website <http://www.2048.berklry.edu> the project provides education, research materials, and a place for drafters to post documents. It also hosts international conferences on human rights. by Rowena Hardinger

Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

The next CV3D, Cedar Valley Discover Diversity will be discussing THE BATTLE FOR PALESTINE, October 12 at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 4:30-6:00. The library is handicap accessible.

Ali Abunimah is an American journalist who has been described as the leading proponent of a one-state solution to the Israel/Palestinian conflict. He is a passionate advocate for the plight of the Palestinians who have lived in their native land before the May 1948 establishment of the nation of Israel.

Ali Abunimah reports that 1.7 million Palestinians in the Gaza strip face dark days. As a result of the Israeli siege and war, electricity is out for most people for up to 18 hours a day. The water supply is undrinkable. With no pumps to take it away sewage floods the streets. There is no escape as Israel and ally, the Egyptian military regime, keep Gaza's border under near permanent closure.

Joseph Massad of Columbia Universities writes, "This book is the best book on Palestine written in the last decade. No existing book presents the details and analysis that Abunimah's book offers." This is a "must read" for Cedar Valley residents seeking understanding of the current situation of Palestinians and Israel. Dee Lynch will lead the October 12 introduction and discussion of THE BATTLE for PALESTINE. For further information contact Dr. Judy Beckman drjudy.beckman@cfu.net 319-939-4075 and Mary Dove Co-Chairs

International Friendship Program (IFP)

The IFP program is celebrating it's 50th anniversary!!! Currently, we have 93 students and about 55 families. Some families have more than one student. Students are from: Malaysia, Bangladesh, Denmark, Kenya, Thailand, Malawi, Nigeria, S Korea, Congo, Indonesia, Ecuador, India, China, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Vietnam, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Cameroon. We have developed a streamlined Google Form for student applications for the Spring 2016 semester. Also worked on an IFP family application form, so it will be in Google Forms as well on the UNI website. Please become a part of IFP by clicking on the following link for the Spring 2016 semester



Bundles of Joy Work Session: Wednesday, October 14, 1:00 p.m.-Diane

Davison's at 306 Francis Cedar Falls. We will be replenishing our supply of items we make—AAUW bags, changing pads, sleep sacks, burp cloths and washcloths. If you can sew, cut, measure or iron, we NEED your help. We need fleece fabric of any amount. Bring scissors and yard sticks. Everyone's welcome.

We recently attended an Operation Threshold Nest program for new and expectant mothers. This meeting was specifically with Burmese women. At the meeting we gave details about our free newborn layettes. Seven women signed up to receive them and we'll be going to the next meeting on Friday, October 9

to give them out. We expect to continue to attend these meetings for some time now until we get the program well established at this site. This is good location because we can meet and talk with the mothers and give layettes to them prior to birth. Jane Close and Barb Davison Co-chairs

In Memory

Gwen Lee Christiansen Phillips

Born December 16, 1930

Died September 8, 2015

Member since 1994

Save the Date

AAUW State Conference will be at Grandview University in Des Moines on April 16 and 17, 2016.

It will be a Saturday and Sunday format to give members who work M-F a chance to attend.

Interest/Study Groups

Bridge for Education

Each player donates \$2 to support the Transitions Scholarship/AAUW Fund. Bridge is on the 3rd Wednesday, October 21 and the 4th Tuesday, October, 27 at Willowood dining room at 12:30 pm. Claudia Kaestner will call for Wednesday and Nancy Hoppe will call for Tuesday. If you would like to be put on the list to be called, contact Dargy Baster at 230-3781.

Literature

The October 12th meeting of the Literature Group will meet at the home of Joan Bunkofske at 1706 Cottage Lane with Melba Widmer as co-hostess. Gloria Tollefson will be presenting the book "Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. All AAUW members are welcome. Call Joan at 266-8575 or e-mail her at jbunkofske@cfu.net if you will be coming.



International Studies

The International Studies group will meet Oct 19 in the library of First Presbyterian Church. Our topic for discussion will be "Human Trafficking in the 21st Century. Liz Poole will be our discussion leader. Join us to learn about this problem and discuss ways it can be eliminated. For more information call Ellie Tompkins, 231-4737

Women in Motion

The purpose of Women in Motion is to provide AAUW members with service projects, activities and events that relate to our mission, vision, and/or values and usually include some degree of physical activity. These are one-time events, so dates, times and locations vary depending upon the activity.

Sept. 11 Walk, Run or Bike at Big Woods Lake followed by dinner (5 in attendance.)

Sept. 23 Constitution Day-The 50th Anniversary of Voting Rights Act: Progress and Perils? Presentation.

Oct. 1 Iowa Criminal Justice Summit 2015 (7)

Oct. 21 Wed. NOON-1:00 pm- Civility: A Barrier to Race Discussions? Kyle Rudick, Associate Professor in Communications Studies. UNI Maucker Union, upper level Plaza Conference Room. Meet other members outside the entrance to the room.

Happy Hour Thursday, October 15, 4:30 at Old Chicago We will plan the rest of the year's activities. Jane Close and Linda Morgan, Co-chairs

Brown Bag Silent Auction Bidding

Come early and bring a "treasure" and bid on another unique and interesting bag!

The Board voted to approve the following five members to the Named Gift Honoree Committee: Judy Beckman, Mary Dove, Phyllis Steele, Maureen White, and Gloria Tollefson. They are all former Named Gift Honorees. The board voted to pledge \$250 to cover the fee for the January 23, 2016 **Elect Her** event at UNI, Rachel Gregory and Kerri Robinson, co-chairs.