

Monday, November 23, 2015  
Cedar Falls Woman's Club

**Menu:**

Chicken Enchiladas with Corn  
Brownie Bar  
Vegetarian and Meat Chef Salads  
also available - \$12



**Reservations:**

Mary Ellen Beckman  
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NOON Thursday,  
November 19



**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.

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Gather 5:00 p.m.

AAUW Program / Event 5:30 p.m.

Questions and Answers 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:15 p.m.

~ Women in Police Science ~

Jane Wagner - Instructor Hawkeye Community College

AAUW continues its 2015-16 program theme of Empowering Women, with speaker Jane Wagner, a Criminal Justice instructor who was a 15-year veteran of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's office. The presentation will be Monday, November 23, at 5:30 pm at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club. Jane's topic will address how the criminal justice's patriarchal organizational structure, leadership and operational processes create barriers that impede women's professional success and subsequently impacts offender services. Following the presentation, dinner will be served.

Reservations due Thursday, November 19. 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 \$12. Cancellations must be made by November 19, or the \$12 charge must be paid.

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

**The 2015  
Named Gift  
Honoree** will be  
announced at the  
November 23,  
Cedar Falls  
AAUW meeting.



The Named Gift Honoree is a member recognized for her outstanding service and support of AAUW. Come join us in recognizing her many gifts, years of service and dedication to the goals of AAUW.

**AAUW for UNI**

The University of Northern Iowa has its first official AAUW student organization, *AAUW for UNI*. The group held its first meeting on October 26, 2015. Students selected priorities for the year, including academic equality, women in politics and equal pay. The group's first event will take place in early December, the Women in Politics Film Series – a monthly film viewing and discussion. Students also voted to begin a brown bag for women on campus doing research starting in February. Other events and initiatives were also discussed. AAUW members are always welcome at student meetings and events. Questions or comments may be directed to Rachel Gregory at [gregoryr@uni.edu](mailto:gregoryr@uni.edu).

... and justice for all

Mark your calendars now for the AAUW Iowa State Conference, April 16-17, 2016, at Grandview College in Des Moines. The conference will focus on criminal justice reform, mandatory minimums, drug related sentencing and their impact on women and families. Jane Close

## Co - Presidents Report

Happy November! We are off to a very busy and productive year in AAUW. This month Jane, Bonnie and Pam Hays attended a tour of the recently opened Women's Center in Waterloo. This is a 45 - bed facility, served by community based corrections, as a safe halfway house for women leaving prison. It is a new and modern building with excellent programming to help women in their future lives.



*There are some things that we as AAUW might do to help them:*

1. Start a book discussion program for the residents 2. Donate books and magazines through Reaching Out with Books CAP 3. Organize a clothing drive. The women living there, being helped by the group could use nice basic clothes, shoes, and coats for job interviews and daily wear. 4. Provide infant layettes to residents through Bundles of Joy CAP

Amy Jones, Residential Supervisor, will present a program to us on March 28, 2016, and will provide us with additional information. This is a wonderful opportunity for AAUW to help women in our community and we are excited to be involved.  
*Jane Close and Bonnie Smith*

## Welcome to the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW

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## Membership

Since the beginning of this year, we have received thirteen new members, eleven as a result of the fall kickoff and two more at the October meeting. An orientation meeting was held at the home of Joan Bunkofske before the October general meeting, and three of the new members attended. We will begin including short bios of the new members in the newsletter, probably beginning with December.

*Liz Poole and Julie Rathmell*  
Co-Vice Presidents for Membership

## International Friendship Program

The committee has been busy planning the Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner for IFP families and their students on November 8, 2015. The group is becoming bigger and bigger every year and the Cedar Valley community has been very supportive of the program. There are 93 students paired with 53 families from the Cedar Valley Community. Presently we have nine AAUW members participating in the IFP. We would like to see more AAUW members become part of the program, especially because it has been a local AAUW program for 50 years!

Please become a part of IFP by clicking on the following link to host for the Spring 2016 semester:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FmWAnFCACY4LWeGVARJc4KEd8PPqKEBANFA5SZNKTWU/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FmWAnFCACY4LWeGVARJc4KEd8PPqKEBANFA5SZNKTWU/viewform?usp=send_form)

This is a great opportunity to learn more about different cultures of the world. The following AAUW members are participating in the IFP:

Arleen Cook Nancy Hasenwinkel Pam Hays  
Amy Hoyer Kathy Krieg Susan Kimball  
Bonnie Smith Maureen White Lauri Young

If you need more information about the program, please contact Pramod at 319-504-8396.  
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[sarinpramod@uni.edu](mailto:sarinpramod@uni.edu)



## Weavers From Burma

During the past months, thanks to funding from AAUW - Cedar Falls, the refugee weavers were able to produce a number of beautiful items from the fine cotton threads ordered from *Lunatic Fringe Yarns* at \$30 per pound. The colors at *Lunatic Fringe* are excellent and the weavers combine those colors with great creativity. However, the yarns purchased last year are about gone; well used, but a small amount remains. We are following some leads to find a yarn source in Thailand that may be less expensive.

Weavers now have a workshop in downtown Waterloo (220 E. 4th St.) and will soon start teaching their traditional techniques to others. Classes are anticipated to begin this winter.

*Alicia Soppe and Karen Agee*

~ AAUW State ~

*Maureen White, AAUW Iowa president*

## Community Action

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



#### A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power Jimmy Carter

His most serious book is particularly applicable to the Mission of the American Association of University Women. The Cedar Falls Branch mission advances equity for women

and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Carter's Vision also matches the Vision of AAUW: Recognition in the community for advocating for women and girls.

Cedar Valley residents are invited to hear Gloria Tollefson as she addresses Carter's pervasive and much ignored violation of the basic human rights and the ongoing discrimination and violence against women and girls. The gathering will be held in the large discussion room of the Cedar Falls Public Library, Monday, November 9 from 4:30 - 6 pm. The library is handicap accessible. Participants are welcome whether or not they have read the book.

Cedar Falls AAUW supports Discuss and Discover Diversity. It is sponsored by the Cedar Falls AAUW's Community Action Projects. For further information: Dr. Judy Beckman, [drjudybeckman@cfu.net](mailto:drjudybeckman@cfu.net) or call 319-939-4075. Co-chairs Mary Dove & Dr. Judy Beckman

### Reaching Out With Books

Books and magazines were collected at the September and October AAUW meetings. Thanks to your donations, we were able to deliver four books and 91 magazines to the Women's Center for Change. The Women's Unit of the Black Hawk County Jail received 35 books and 113 magazines from the AAUW ladies. We plan to collect again in February and April. Start saving those books again. *Anne Cook and Kathy Krieg*

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Is anyone interested in attending **Opera Live at the Met**, a HD performance on a Saturday at College Square (\$22), or the following Wednesday evening (\$18)? You will see the live audience at the Metropolitan Theatre in NYC at the same time. Operas are in Italian with subtitles in English. It's not hard to keep up and understand the plot.

*Questions? Contact Jane Close or Linda Morgan*



### Promoting Global Awareness

Join us on Tuesday evening, November 17, in the Cedar Falls Public Library conference room from 7 - 8:30 pm to discuss *Brazil's Metamorphosis* - their emerging economy is bringing in more investment, working on global issues such as climate change, peacekeeping, and even hosting the 2016 Olympics.

But big concerns remain over serious income inequality and weak government. We will watch a 30 minute DVD on the topic and then talk about Brazil today. Bring another interested person with you.

We will be taking orders for the 2016 Great Decisions briefing book (\$22). Our 2016 topics: January - The Middle East; February - The Rise of ISIS; March - Future of Kurdistan; April - Migration; May - The Koreas; September - The United Nations; October - Climate Change; and November - Cuba and the U.S. Some interesting new topics!

*Gloria Tollefson, Chair*



### Women In Motion WIM

All members are welcome to attend *WIM* events. The purpose of *WIM* is to provide AAUW members with service projects, activities and/or events that relate to the AAUW mission, vision, and/or values and usually include some degree of physical activity. These are one-time events; dates, times and locations vary depending upon the activity. *WIM* met for a Happy Hour and planned several activities; some dates are not yet finalized and are labeled (tba).

-November (tba) attend **The Suffragette**

-November (tba) serve lunch at the **Salvation Army**

-November 16 noon - 2 pm tour **Hawkeye Comm.**

**College** - Contact Linda Morgan at [linda47@cfu.net](mailto:linda47@cfu.net)

for lunch reservation and ride sharing plans. HCC, is an AAUW college partner. Our branch scholarship is awarded to a graduate transferring for a BA at UNI.

-December **visit AAUW members** who are in care facilities, homebound, etc. Dates vary, contact Jane Close or Ardelle Brown.

-December (tba) **wrap gifts at World's Window** - a non-profit organization that sells a wide selection of high quality, Fair Trade-certified goods. They have sponsored an event for the Weavers of Burma. Bring wrapping paper and bows. Contact Bonnie Smith.

-January 14 4:30 pm **WIM Happy Hour** planning meeting at Old Chicago

-January 17 1 pm **Game Time Just for Fun!** - board games and light meal at home of Jane Close.

-January 18 10 am tour **Women's Center for Change** at 1515 Lafayette St. Waterloo. Contact Ardelle Brown.

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## Community Action Projects

### Gender Balance on Boards & Commissions

Chapter 162 of the Code of Iowa was amended by the Legislature (HF 243) and signed into law on May 26, 2009 by Governor Chet Culver. The law, which went into effect on January 1, 2012, required gender balance on appointed city and county boards and commissions. The law previously only set requirements for appointees to state boards and commissions. Iowa became the first, and so far the only, state to require gender balance on city and county level boards and commissions. This is important because in many instances, women who run for elected office often first served on a board or commission. Long-term, this could result in more women running for office.

Our branch, as part of the Black Hawk County Gender Balance Coalition, has informed the public about this law, continues to monitor appointments, and publicizes openings on city or county boards and commissions. We submit a monthly listing of openings on city or county boards and commissions to the Waterloo/ Cedar Falls Courier for publication on the last Sunday of the month, in the Cedar Valley (B) section of the paper. It's important for our members to encourage individuals to apply for appointment or to apply themselves.

*Maureen White*

### Fund Raising Success

At our October 26 dinner meeting, a **Brown Bag Silent Auction** was held to raise scholarship money for our Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW. The results exceeded our expectations, with over 40 items contributed!



We raised \$250.50 for the scholarship fund. Equally gratifying were the many comments from members who said it was a fun time. Everyone had fun reading the item descriptions and trying to guess the hidden treasures before bidding. It also contributed to member interaction with the chat time at the auction tables before the meeting. We will be doing other fun events to raise funds during the year. Don't forget to look for those in the newsletter.

*Sandy Hasenwinkel & Sandy Lawry Fund Raisers*

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## Human Rights Day 2015

The Cedar Falls AAUW branch is a co-sponsor of **Human Rights Day 2015** on Thursday, December 10, at Jubilee UMC, at 1621 E 4th Street in Waterloo.

Dinner will be provided by Jubilee church at 6 pm, followed by the program at 6:30. Attendees will hear a brief historical overview of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an introduction to the newly adopted UN Sustainable Development Goals and a discussion of "ban the box" for both job and housing applications.

The program is free and open to the public. The co-sponsors include the Cedar Valley United Nations Association, Waterloo Human Rights Commission, Cedar Falls Human Rights Commission and Cedar Falls AAUW.

*Maureen White*



### Elect Her - Campus Women Win

The University of Northern Iowa is set to host its second annual Elect Her-Campus Women Win conference, a unique campus-based program that teaches women how to run for elective office, on January 23, 2016. Elect Her-Campus Women Win, a collaboration of AAUW and Running Start, addresses the disparity between the high percentage of women in colleges and universities and their low representation in student government by encouraging women to run for campus leadership positions.

This day-long program covers skills such as how to mobilize your constituency, how to craft your message, and how to speak and present yourself confidently as a candidate. By encouraging more women to run for student government during their college years, we are confident that we are preparing more women for local, state, and federal office candidacy.

In 2015, Elect Her-Campus Women Win trained almost 40 students to run for student government and elected office. The first Elect Her conference brought many successes. Seven participants ran and won seats in the Northern Iowa Student Government Senate, one student was appointed to the executive branch, and two participants ran and won the offices of president and vice-president of NISG.

This year's program is sponsored by the UNI Political Science Department with additional funding provided by the AAUW - Cedar Falls. The planning committee consists of Kerri Robinson, Pam Hays, Dr. Allison Martens and Rachel Gregory. To learn more about Elect Her—Campus Women Win, please visit: [www.facebook.com/pantherwomenwin](http://www.facebook.com/pantherwomenwin).

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### Community Action Projects

#### Expanding Your Horizons Conference

AAUW Cedar Falls is collaborating with the local Society of Women Engineers in sponsoring a conference at UNI for middle school young women on Saturday, November 14, 9 - 2:30. The purpose is to inspire girls to recognize their potential and to pursue opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). As this is written, there are 144 attendees registered, with the goal being 150.

Volunteers are needed and AAUW helpers would still be appreciated to work with registration from 8:30 to 9:30 am. Contact Tanya Higgins 319-215-1347 HigginsTanyaM@JohnDeere.com for further information.

#### Bundles of Joy Community Action Project

Eleven infant layettes were presented to pregnant Burmese women through Operation Threshold in October, bringing the to-date total to 35 layettes. Ardelle Brown and Jane Close attended Operation Threshold Nest meetings, the most recent one on birth control. My gosh, did we learn a lot! A work session was held October 14 to replenish the supply of items we make: changing pads, sleep sacks, burp cloths and wash cloths, and also ironing AAUW logos on canvas bags. Five members attended and worked all afternoon. We will be scheduling another work session for sewing. If you are able, let us know.

Individual members recently donated \$15 (\$54) to the project and sand fabrics and canvas bags were purchased. We are still in need of a some items:

- \* fleece fabric for sleep bags - they can be pieced together with fabric as small as 10" x 15"-- 7/8 yd make es one entire sleep bag
- \* newborn disposal diapers
- \* infant nail clippers - less than \$2
- \* baby wipes - 85 cents at Aldi's, \$1 at Dollar Tree
- \* 20"-22" vinyl zippers with neckline opening for sleep bags

Jane Close or Diane Davison, Co-chairs



### Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

#### International Studies

Our group will meet November 16, Monday afternoon at 1:15 pm, in the library of the First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls. The focus for study and discussion will be *Brazil in Metamorphosis*. Brazil has a new role on the world stage as the world's 7th largest economy. How this change was possible and the problems they are facing, will be discussed, after watching a 30 minute DVD on this topic.

Orders for the 2016 *Great Decisions* briefing book will be taken. See Promoting Global Awareness article in this newsletter, for more information.

Gloria Tollefson (for Ellie Tompkins, chair)

#### Literature

The November 9th meeting of the Literature Group will meet at 1:15 pm in the home of Gloria Tollefson, at 4614 Whispering Pines Court. Darlene Balm-Demmel will be presenting discussion of the book *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee. All AAUW members are welcome. Call Gloria at 266-4075, or e-mail her at [gtollefson@cfu.net](mailto:gtollefson@cfu.net) if you will be coming.



Since this is a combined November/ December newsletter, the December 14th meeting will meet at the home of Liz Poole at 603 Franklin, with Joan Kurt presenting the book discussion.

#### Bridge For Education

Dates and times:

Wednesday, November 18 & Tuesday, November 24. Mary Franke will be the hostess. Ardelle Brown will host the only bridge event in December, which will be Wednesday, December 16.

Playing begins at Willowwood dining room at 12:30 p.m., 1100 Grove St., CF

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