

Monday, March 28, 2016
Cedar Falls Woman's Club
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Menu:
Beef Stroganoff
with green bean almandine
Pumpkin Bar
Vegetarian and Meat Chef

Reservations

Ardelle Brown
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NOON Thursday
March 24 \$12
Call or email Ardelle
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:

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Gather	5:00 p.m.
Announcements	5:30 p.m.
Program/speaker	5:40 p.m.
Dinner	6:15 p.m.

Women's Center for Change

Amy Jones, Residential Supervisor

The Waterloo center is a bridge back to the community. Women are there from prison ordered to serve time in a community setting. Come and find out how we can help. Amy has many interesting stories to tell.

Women in Motion collected items needed by women to work in the community. AAUW's mission: advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. This is a one way for this branch to be an advocate for women.

AAUW Iowa State Conference, And Justice For All, April 16 & 17, 2016

A number of Cedar Falls branch members have already registered to attend the state conference and annual meeting at Grand View University in Des Moines—we hope you are one of them! It's not too late to register.

Our branch will **reimburse 50% of the cost of registration** for any member who attends the state conference. Carpooling with other branch members can further reduce the cost to attend the conference. Contact Sandy Lawry if you need the names of others who are attending.

Information about the conference was in the *Winter Iowa Initiative* and in the *Spring Iowa Initiative*, which was recently mailed to your home. Both are also available at, aauw-ia.aauw.net as is the conference schedule and registration form.

Spring Garage Sale in May

Remember when you are Spring cleaning to set aside those treasures you no longer need for the AAUW garage and plant sale on May 13th and 14th.

Women's Center for Change Clothing Drive

What a successful clothing drive we had! Thank you so much for the clothes, shoes, purses, etc. that you contributed to the Women's Center for Change. We delivered two carloads of boxes and bags on February 23rd and picked up the leftover clothing on February 29th, almost a week later.

Over 44 women were able to choose 5 items each on the first day. After everyone got their first pick, there was enough left over so they could go again another day. We determined that at least 500 items were taken. Director, Amy Jones, reported "they were thrilled and so excited to choose their items". She said that they all now have something nice to wear to their job interviews.

On the last day several of the women helped us carry our bags out to our cars to be delivered to Goodwill. One of the women asked me, "Can we do this again?" We decided that yes, indeed, we will definitely do it again. Next time they would like a few more large sizes if possible but all sizes are needed.

We're thinking about doing it this fall. So, save your items and you will be able to help these women who need and do appreciate nice, clean clothing.

Thank you again. It was a job well done!

Bonnie Smith, Jane Close, Linda Morgan

Community Action Projects

International Friendship Program

IFP is always looking for more families or individuals to participate in the program. If you or any of your acquaintances are interested in the program please let us know. We will be more than happy to provide further information to prospective families.

Please call Pramod Sarin or Bonnie Smith for more information or visit the AAUW website cedarfalls-ia.aauw.net

Promoting Global Awareness

Our evening Great Decisions discussion group will meet Tuesday evening, March 15 from 7-8:30 pm in the conferece room at the Cedar Falls Public Library. Our discussion topic will be "The Future of Kurdistan". Kurdistan is a mountainous area made up of parts of Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria and is home to one of the largest ethnic groups in the region--the Kurds. This is an area rich in oil but more important one of our closest allies in the Middle East as we encounter ISIS. Join us as we first view a DVD on this subject and then discuss together the Kurds, their history and how the Iraqi Kurds might help us in this troubled area of the world. This group is open to AAUW members and people in the community who are interested in this topic. Join us!

Gloria Tollefson, Project chair

Riverview Center

Alicia Smiley spoke, at last month's dinner meeting, about the Riverview Center and some of their needs, the Women in Motion group is asking for your help in creating Sexual Assault Kits for the clients of the Center. Please bring one (or more) of the new following items to the March AAUW meeting to be included in the kits:

Women's underwear in sizes S, M, L, XL

Men's boxer underwear in sizes S, M, L, XL

Unisex t-shirts (long or short sleeve)

Unisex sweat pants Light weight jackets (optional item we can include)

Sports bras S,M,L, XL Men's and women's socks

Travel size toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, soap, washcloths, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, comb or brush

Thank you for your support of this unfortunately needed project. Sandy Lawry

Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

Mark your calendar for **March 14, 7:00 P.M.** for the author, Kent Nerbern. His third book, *The Girl who Sang to the Buffalo*, pulls Nerbern into a dream that pulls him back to his friends with a Native American Lakota Elder. In this third book, the Elder searches well into his long ago for his lost little sister who like him was sent by their parents to an all white Catholic school so that they could learn the world of the white man and thus be able to grow to be a success in the inevitable future for these two tribes of Native Americans. This third book is perhaps Nerbern's very best. It is part history, part spiritual journey, and teaches about these children who were forced to give up their native beliefs where dreams have meaning, animals are teachers, and elders are respected and teachers of the fading past of the Lakota and Ojibwe. Nerbern's presentation, as well as his book will lead us to look at the Native American with new respect.

Come early to the large conference room on the second floor of the Cedar Falls Public Library, have some snacks and finger foods, join other residents of the Cedar Valley. Guests need not have read the book, Nerbern's moving us into the hidden world of another century and will make guests want to add this book to their list of books to read.

The Cedar Falls Public Library is handicap accessible. Notice the time of this presentation. The 7 p.m. meeting replaces the monthly 4:30-6:00 usual monthly meeting. Mary Dove, Dr. Judy Beckman Co-chairs of Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity

Donations needed for State Conference Silent Auction April 16, 2016

Your help is needed to make the 2016 AAUW Iowa silent auction a success at this year's conference. The auction is always fun and interesting, with plenty of competitive bidding! **Anything Goes** is the theme.

Each year the silent auction raises money to further the AAUW mission through donations to AAUW Funds. Our branch is the largest in Iowa with 118 members. We've always been very successful in supporting the auction and AAUW Funds. Last year we donated 19 items and raised \$543.

What kinds of things are needed? **Anything Goes** literally means anything! We encourage donating items you already own rather than purchasing new things. Donations may be single items or a number of items grouped together into some sort of "theme." The auction will be set up beginning at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, April 16. If you're unable to attend the conference, donations may be brought to the March 28 dinner meeting or arranged to be picked up by contacting me.

Jane Close, AAUW Funds Co-director for AAUW Iowa

Silent Auction 2015



Fundraising

Do you still have that addressed envelope from the Dinner meeting or did you get one at an AAUW meeting? Look at page 10 of your yearbook and find out about AAUW Philanthropy/Giving. Go to our website cedarfalls-ia.aauw.net and find out more. (drink the tea and coffee or share it with a friend)

Interest and study Groups/Opportunities to Participate

Bridge for Education

Hostess Wednesday, March 16 Patti Hucka
Hostess Tuesday, March 22 Ellie Tompkins
Playing begins at Willowood dining
room at 12:30 p.m., 1100 Grove St., CF
Dargy Baxter

International Studies

We meet March 21 at 1:15-3:00 p.m. at the
First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls. Topic
is The Future of Kurdistan. After watching a
30 minute video we will discuss the
subject. For questions call Kay Thrall

Literature Group

We will meet March 14 at 1:15 p.m. in the
home of one of our newest members Ruth
Ann Shriver at 2226 Coventry Ln. with Liz
Poole presenting the book "Just Mercy" by
Bryan Stevenson. Liz was fortunate enough
to attend a presentation by the author in Iowa
City on the book, which is a powerful true
story showing the struggle against injustice.
Mr. Stevenson is a lawyer and the executive
director of the Equal Justice Initiative.

All AAUW members are welcome. Call
Ruth Ann at [319-464-2894](tel:319-464-2894) or e-mail her at
ruthannshriver@gmail.com if you will be
coming, as it is helpful for the hostess in
planning refreshments and enough seating.

FYI

March 7 the Board voted to offer
reimbursement for half of the registration fee
to the **State Conference (April 16-17)** to those
members interested in attending.

Thank You

You may have noticed the names of two
Cedar Falls branch members in the **Spring
Iowa Initiative**. Nancy Hasenwinkel is the
editor and Sandy Lawry is handling
registrations for the state conference. Thanks
to both of them for their important
contributions to AAUW Iowa. **A**

Women in Motion

Everyone's welcome to join in any or all activities planned by Women in Motion.

March 22 Tue 4:00 p.m. - Habitat for Humanity home dedication for Phe Tu Lun, Mayry Shay
and family at 839 W 3rd St Waterloo. Phe Tu Lun was a student in our AAUW English
tutoring classes.

March 28 - Donate items for sexual assault victim kits needed by the Riverview Center. See
details in newsletter article by Sandy Lawry.

April 1 10:00-noon - Assemble solar car and wind turbine kits for elementary school STEM
projects, then go to lunch. Contact Pat Higby to volunteer.

April 22 10:30 a.m. - Fourth Friday with Friends at HyVee. Just show up and socialize with
AAUW members.

May 7 - Run Like a Mother - Walk in support of the Iowa Women's Foundation. Registration is
required at iawf.org. Contact Mary Ingamells to find out how to meet up with the AAUW
walkers.

May 8-12 Diggin' It - Dig and pot plants for garage/plant sale May 13-14 - Contact Ardelle
Brown.

May 24 4:30 p.m. - Happy Hour at Old Chicago to plan June, July, August activities. Contact
Jane Close and Linda Morgan, Co-chairs

SAVE the DATE –MAY 2, 11:30-2:00

**Luncheon with Faculty and Staff with AAUW Cedar Falls Branch
at the Business Services Building (right next door to CEEE**