

Monday, April 25, 2016
Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Menu: *Lasagna, Garlic Bread
and Garden Tossed Salad
Lemon Bar
Vegetarian and Meat Chef Salads
also available - \$12*



Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893 pal.m@cfu.net
**NOON Thursday,
April 21**



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
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and Arleen Cook
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AAUW Cedar Falls Annual Meeting

American Association of University Women, Cedar Falls Branch, will have its next dinner meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016, at The Cedar Falls Woman's Club, Third and Clay Streets.

AAUW continues this year's theme of **Empowering Women**. We will be celebrating the year with election of new officers for the branch, presentation of the scholarship winner for Spring 2016 and presentation of the Named Gift Honoree, as well as Brainstorming!

Visitors are welcome. Anyone may listen to the program speaker and not be required to stay for the meal. Reservations due Thursday, April 21. If you plan to eat with us, you **must** make a reservation by contacting Mary Ellen Beckman, 269-1893 or pal.m@cfu.net Cost is \$12. Cancellations must be made by April 21, or the \$12 charge must be paid.



Transition Scholarship Recipient

Emily Johannigmeier is the recipient of the \$1000 Transition Scholarship to the University of Northern Iowa sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Cedar Falls Branch. Emily graduated in December from Hawkeye Community College, and has transferred to UNI to continue her studies.

Emily is a resident of LaPorte City, Iowa. Emily is an English-teaching major with a Literacy minor. She enjoys reading and writing and hanging out with friends. She comes from a teaching family and has a sister and brother.

The Transition Scholarship is awarded to a nontraditional female student currently attending Hawkeye Community College who will enroll in at least 6 credit hours at UNI. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA or 2.5 or more on at least 30 transferable credit hours from HCC. Preference is given to students majoring in a nontraditional field of study.

As an AAUW member, I know how important it is to give nontraditional women students as much assistance as possible as they pursue their educational goals. And, as a once nontraditional student, I know what a difference a scholarship can make by alleviating some of the financial burden associated with going to college while raising a family.

Linda Allen, Ph.D.
President Hawkeye Community College

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

Co - Presidents Report

It's hard to believe this is the last newsletter president report that we will write. We have thoroughly enjoyed the last two years being co-presidents together. It has been fun, busy, and educational. Growth in our branch and accomplishments by many members in our organization have been exciting to see. We have had excellent leaders of programs, always keeping in mind our AAUW mission of promoting and encouraging women and girls through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy.

Now as the year 2015 - 16 is ending, we are looking forward to our state conference in April. Our last dinner meeting will be in April and on May 2 we will have a luncheon at UNI with faculty and staff members. We are also looking forward to several planned summer activities, hopefully allowing some of our snowbirds and working members to attend. We are ready to pass the torch to the new co-presidents, Joan Bunkofske and Arleen Cook. They will be excellent leaders and we are all looking forward to new and exciting things for next year.

Thank you for all of your participation and support. We are so proud of our branch and the wonderful members we have as partners and friends. Let's keep AAUW moving forward!

Jane Close and Bonnie Smith Co-Presidents

Membership

Welcome to AAUW Meet Alicia Smiley

Alicia graduated from UNI with a Social Work Certificate and a Spanish minor in 2001. Her current position is Iowa Program Director, Riverview Center. Prior to this, she served in several social service positions, often dealing with sexual assault and advocacy.

Husband Ryan teaches at Valley Lutheran School and they have two children, Ellie 12, and Nathan 8. Alicia has traveled extensively, but her favorite place is Spain, where she loves the old cities and beaches. She enjoys bicycling, camping, kayaking, swimming, crafts, UNI volleyball, listening to books on CD while traveling for work, and spending time with friends and family.

She is passionate about equality for women, sexual and domestic violence advocacy, and childhood cancer, as her daughter is a survivor of a malignant brain tumor.

We welcome Alicia to our group!

Liz Poole & Julie Rathmell Co-Vice Presidents Membership

AAUW Cedar Falls - UNI Faculty & Staff Connecting for Lunch and Program

Monday, May 2nd, 2016 11:45 am - 1 pm
UNI Campus, Business & Community Services
Center, Room 30

Lunch at noon, followed by a presentation and discussion of pay equity issues led by Nancy Hill Cobb, UNI Associate Provost for Faculty.

RSVP Ardelle Brown dabrown@cfu.net by Friday, April 29. 4" sub, salad and bar for dessert cost \$10

Link to Campus Map:

<http://uni.edu/campusmap/sites/all/documents/CampusParkingMap.pdf> The Business and Community Services Center (BCS) is building 57 on the map, next to the CEEE. Parking passes will be available.

Bylaws

Proposed amendments to the Branch Bylaws (realigned), to be voted on at the annual meeting:

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 3. Terms of Office

a. Terms of Office

2. The president elect shall be elected annually and automatically succeed to the presidency in the following year.

RATIONALE: The succession from president elect to president has not previously been stated in the bylaws. It has been implied by the titles, but not clearly stated.

*Jane Close & Bonnie Smith,
Bylaws & Policies Co-chairs*

Co - Presidents Elect

Slate of officers - April 25 Annual Meeting

~ Co -Vice Presidents for Program - Judy Beckman and Ardelle Brown

~ Vice President Elect - to be determined

~ Secretary - Helen Ackerman

Arleen Cook and Joan Bunkofske

It's that time of year again ...



... time to pay your dues for the coming year. Please bring your check made out to AAUW for \$70 to the April 25th meeting or mail to Jodi Bergman, P.O. Box 75, Dike, IA 50624.

Our renewal fees need to be received by both national and state organizations before July 1st when the new fiscal year begins. Thank for taking care of this!

*Liz Poole & Julie Rathmell
Co-Vice Presidents Membership*

Community Action

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

The Cedar Falls Association of College Women CV3D's April 11 meeting features two titles. The first is *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League* by Jeff Hobbs, discussion leader Claudia Kaestner. The second title is *Hand to Mouth: Living in Bootstrap America* by Linda Tirado, with discussion led by Liz Poole.



In real life story of a brilliant character, Rob Peace, by the age of three, was known in his day care as "The Professor" because of his searching mind. A leader through school, he graduated first in his class to graduate from Yale. He excelled in molecular biography biochemistry. But he did not fit into the Yale world and hated it as well. He became a small time drug dealer, even after graduation when he had taken a teaching job. The story ends sadly but discussion groups will wish to respond Hobb's unanswered questions and wish they had known Robert Peace.



The second book in the discussion is *Hand to Mouth: Living in Bootstrap America* by Linda Tirado, 2014. Tirado is one of the millions upon millions who hold down full-time or multiple jobs, doing hard, dirty, or demeaning minimum wage, no matter how hard they try get ahead. She blames her situation on a mix of her own decisions and some serious bad

luck. In the myriad of jobs she held, she realized they all crave dignity where humility is the rule. Further, they are put down by rich people who hold them in contempt, believing that anyone who works hard can prosper and have only themselves to blame if they fail to bail themselves into a better job with reasonable pay.

An open letter to the rich is included in an effort to destroy the stereotypes of the poor in humor that sometimes work.

April 11, Cedar Valley residents are invited to join Claudia Kaestner and Liz Poole discussions on these books at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 4 to 6 pm. It is sponsored by the Cedar Falls AAUW's Community Action Project. The library is handicap accessible. Dr. Judy Beckman & Mary Dove
drjudy.beckman@cfu.net 319-939-4075

Promoting Global Awareness



Great Decisions Study Groups Upcoming Meetings

Join us for the April discussion on "International Migration" in the **Great Decisions** study program. With the record number of displaced people at an all time high, world powers find themselves facing a difficult question: How can they balance border security with humanitarian concerns? More importantly, what can be done to resolve these crisis? Join us as we first watch a DVD on this topic and then discuss this refugee problem. As AAUW members you have two opportunities to learn more about this topic -
** Monday afternoon, April 18, 1:15 pm, in the library of the First Presbyterian Church, Main St., CF
** Tuesday evening, April 19, 7 pm, in the conference room at the CF Public Library.

Gloria Tollefson and Kay Thrall, chairs

Artisans From Burma Community Action Project

The knitters generally meet on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm at 220 E. 4th St., Waterloo. Interested AAUW members are invited to bring yarn and needles and join the knitting.

The weavers are utilizing the fine cotton yarns and back strap looms purchased with the AAUW donations and hope to sell their creations at the Waterloo farmers' markets starting in June. To promote the work of the Artisans From Burma project, Alicia and Karen have purchased a beautiful scarf woven by Kyawt Mu to donate to the AAUW state conference auction. Participants are needed to work with the weavers; let Alicia (alicia.soppe@gmail.com) or Karen (karen.agee@uni.edu) know if you'd like to be involved. *Alicia Soppe and Karen Agee, Chairs*

Bundles of Joy

Jane Close & Diane Davison, Co-chairs

International Friendship Program

Please call Pramod Sarin 504 - 8396 or Bonnie Smith 266 - 2526 for information.

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FundRaising

AAUW Cedar Falls
Annual Garage and Plant Sale

When: May 13 - Noon until 6 pm and May 14 - 8 am until noon.

Where: home of Sandy Lawry, 3819 South Main St., CF - between Greenhill and Orchard Dr

When to deliver items: After 10 am until ? the week before sale, but on Wednesday - bring items after 6 pm

When to price items: Bring items already priced, if possible!

It is about that time! Plan to gather up your unwanted items and deliver them to Sandy's house. We accept furniture, other household items, art objects, craft supplies, recreational equipment, books, garden tools and plants. Almost anything, except clothing and TV's. We can pick up your items, if needed.

If you don't have anything to donate, then you probably need something. 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 Friday morning, starting at 7 am. This is a chance to get to know some of your fellow members even better, and spend time with ones you already know well. We have lots of fun at this sale! We even will 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.

>> Parking will be in yard and next door. Signs will be posted during sale for parking areas.

Sexual Assault Kits

Thanks for the great start on assembling the kits, but we need more materials in order to complete any kits.

Below is a list of what we received at the March meeting: T-shirts in small, medium, XL and XXL. (we have a large kit done)

- > 2 pair of socks
- > Underwear - 2 pair of medium, 2 pair of large
- > 6 washcloths
- > 1 bar soap
- > 2 toothbrushes and 2 toothpaste
- > 5 mini toothbrushes (with peppermint)
- > 1 deodorant > 1 hand lotion
- > 5 individual shampoos > 1 mouthwash

Riverview has requested only new items so please do not bring used toiletries or clothes. Each kit needs at least one shirt, one pant, one underwear (can be men's), jogging bra, socks, comb or brush, deodorant, mouthwash, soap, washcloth, toothpaste and brush, and shampoo. The dollar stores are great resources for most of the items. Thanks for any help you can give to this project. *Please bring to the April meeting.*

As of March 29, we have received \$355 from our Tea Bag Fundraiser event from 10 members.

Nancy Hasenwinkel & Sandy Lawry, VPs Fundraising

F.R.E.E.



Many thanks to Sheryl Bewyer, Jane Close, Nancy Hasenwinkel, Sandy Lawry, Karen Agee and Linda Morgan for volunteering to disassemble, sort, and create over 100 solar car and wind kits for our energy education program. We'll send them out to kids next week, so on any sunny day just think of all those happy kids, and smile!

Pat Higby
University of Northern Iowa
Energy Education and
Outreach Coordinator

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Reaching Out With Books

Books and magazines continue to be collected to be given to various women's centers, as part of the AAUW mission to advance education for women.

We thank you for continuing to bring magazines and books which are neat, tidy and appropriate.

Anne Cook & Kathy Krieg



Bundles of Joy

Jane Close & Diane Davison, Co-chairs

International Friendship Program

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Literature

The April 11 meeting of the Literature Group will meet at 1:15 pm in the home of Dee Lynch, 1309 Catherine St., with Dee presenting the book of her choice.

A reminder, there is no May Newsletter, the May 9 meeting will be at 1:15 pm in the home of Barb Feuerhak, 506 Colorado Rd., with Ruth Ann Shriver presenting a book of her choice.

All AAUW members are welcome. Call Dee at 266-3747 or e-mail her at deelynch@cfu.net if you are coming to the April meeting, as it is helpful for the hostess in planning refreshments and enough seating. The same is true for our May meeting. Call our May hostess, Barb, at 277-7969 or e-mail her at bfeuerhak@gmail.com.



* IRIS Iowa Radio Reading Information Service

Barb Cardamon



In Memory ~

Marilyn Hanson died Thursday, March 17, 2016. She had been a member since 1970.

Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

Women In Motion WIM

All are welcome. Attend any activities planned by Women in Motion.



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

May 7, 8:30 am - *Run Like a Mother* - Registration is required at iawf.org. Contact Mary Ingamells to find out where to meet up with the AAUW walking group.

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

May 24, 4:30 pm - *Happy Hour* at Old Chicago to plan June, July and August activities. Have a drink, appetizer or dinner. We need your help.

Jane Close and Linda Morgan, Co-chairs

International Studies

Kay Thrall, chair

... and justice for all



Is your calendar marked 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

Bridge For Education



Hostess Wednesday, April 20 Lorraine Tressler
Hostess Tuesday, April 26 Anne Schuessler
Dates and times -

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

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