

Monday, September 23, 2013**Cedar Falls Woman's Club**

Gather 5:00 p.m.

AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.

**Menu:**Curried Chicken Salad
Lemon - Poppy Seed Muffin
Coffee - Toffee Cheesecake
Vegetarian and Meat Salads
available**Reservations:**Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893 pal.m@cfu.net
NOON Thursday,
September 19, \$11.00
> **call or email Mary Ellen**
if you plan to eat with us.**Mission:**AAUW Cedar Falls Branch
advances equity for women and
girls through advocacy, education
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:**President Barb Feuerhak
President-elect position open
Past President Nancy Henderson
Vice Presidents for Program
Carol Hedberg and Susan Kimball
Vice Presidents Pauline Harding
and Jean Richardson
Co-Vice Presidents Fundraising
Darlene Balm-Demmel and
Mary Fogarty
Secretary Dee Lynch
Treasurer Nancy Henderson
Public Policy
Pam Hayes and Joan Kurt
Leadership Development
Myrna Sandvik**Women Students in the
Community College**Carol Hedberg
Nancy Henderson
Hawkeye Community CollegeOur Cedar Falls AAUW program for September 23, 2013, will be **Women Students in the Community College**. AAUW has recently published "Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success" which addresses issues facing female students in the community college. Two of our Cedar Falls AAUW members, Dr. Carol Hedberg, Counselor at Hawkeye Community College, and Nancy Henderson, Dean of Students, Hawkeye Community College, will share information from this report as well as providing their unique perspectives.

Members are invited to socialize from 5 to 5:30 pm; the speakers will present from 5:30-6:10; and dinner will be served at 6:15 pm.

CF AAUW Named Grant Honoree

Maureen White has been presented with this award in recognition of her outstanding leadership in AAUW since joining the organization in 2006. She has been director of Public Policy and President of AAUW Cedar Falls. In 2010 she worked with other organizations and individuals to establish the Black Hawk County Gender Balance Coalition to promote the appointment of women to municipal and county boards and commissions. She continues as chair of the coalition.

In 2011 Maureen chaired the planning committee for the Community Conversation, a project of the Iowa Initiative to Reduce Unintended Pregnancies. Members of AAUW in Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Waverly were involved in planning and hosting the Community Conversations. Maureen organized Cedar Falls Leader information electronically so new officers may have easy access to information to carry out their duties.

Maureen has been the Co-director of Public Policy and is currently President Elect of AAUW Iowa. She is extremely well organized leader who is willing to take on huge leadership responsibilities while co-coordinating with other organizations for the welfare of women.

Maureen is coordinator of the Cedar Valley United Nations Association, a partner organization with Cedar Falls AAUW, and is on the board of Directors of the Iowa United Nations Association. Maureen retired in 2006 after teaching for 32 years with AEA 267 and Cedar Falls Community School District.

The Named Gift award began as a way to honor a member of the local branch for her contributions in support of the mission of AAUW. AAUW works to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy. A \$500 contribution has been sent to AAUW Funds in Maureen White's honor. To learn more about AAUW or to send contributions to the Funds, go to www.aauw.org<<http://www.aauw.org>> .

The Presidents' Corner

Welcome to a new year of AAUW!



I am learning the AAUW ropes and have been for some weeks. This organization means a lot to me for several reasons. First AAUW helped me get acquainted here in Cedar Falls when I transferred from Waverly AAUW fifteen years ago. Second, women are so important and our contribution to the world is still undervalued. This organization gives us a chance to have a strong voice and to make our thoughts heard if we choose to do so. Third, by taking advantage of the things AAUW has to offer, we can keep informed about many aspects of life and keep our brains sharp!

The Fall Kickoff was successful this year because so many of you gave of your time and talents to meet, greet, and feed our prospective and returning members. Thanks to Carol Hedberg and Susan Kimball for the excellent new program on the **Glass Ceiling** and how it holds so many of us back from being all we could be. The speakers look to be excellent. Thanks to Gayle Wood for the pamphlets that were on the tables with the program. The food was yummy and good for us, too! Thanks to Mary Fogarty, Olean Yahnke, Gayle Wood, and Pauline Harding for feeding us well. I had a chance to visit with quite a few people that I hadn't met before and get reacquainted with others that I hadn't seen for a while. Thanks to Maureen White for the Power Point on the history, mission, and vision of AAUW. She did such a good job of helping us all understand why we should be proud to be members.

We have a strong Board of Directors this year and the chair people of our Community Action Projects, standing committees, and group facilitators of our Study/Interest Groups should make this a great year to be a member of the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW. I'm looking forward to getting to know you better!

Barb Feuerhauk, President

Membership ~ ~ ~

August was our busy month as we prepared for the Fall Kick-off on August 26. Thirty members and eight potential members attended the event. A scavenger game was enjoyed by many who were able to learn more about AAUW using the displays and questions provided. AAUW pencils were distributed to those participating in the game. Maurine White gave an informational presentation on "AAUW- Leading Across the Generations." Membership committee members in addition to the co-vice presidents are: Mary Fogarty Olean Yahnke Gayle Wood Anne Scheussler Dee Lynch Bev Lundy

Pauline Harding & Jean Richardson, Co-Vice-Presidents Membership 2013-14

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!!

We will again be selling books again before each dinner meeting. Bring books to our meetings if you have some to sell. Or drop them off at Judy Beckman's at 1452 Laurel Circle Or call 939-4075 to have your books picked up.

BUY BUY BUY Come with dollar bills to buy books. Paperbacks \$1 and most hardbacks \$2.

Iowa Initiative *Maureen White,*
Community Conversation Coordinator

Transition Scholarships Awarded

Sharron McGee and Karlee Densen are the recipients of the \$500.00 Transition Scholarships to the University of Northern Iowa, sponsored by the American Association of University Women Cedar Falls Branch.

L-R Karleen Densen, Sharron McGee and Doris Mauer



Sharron Mc Gee is a para-educator in the Waterloo Community Schools while attending Hawkeye Community College. Her goal is to become a math teacher spending her teaching career showing that "all students are teachable and that everyone should be given the opportunity to have a good educational experience".

Karlee Dresen is studying in the field of biology with the goal of continuing on after achieving her UNI degree by attending Palmer School of Chiropractic securing her graduate degree in Chiropractic, ready to open her own business helping others.

The Transition Scholarship is awarded in the spring to non-traditional female students currently attending HCC who will enroll in at least six credit hours at UNI in the fall. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or more on at least 30 transferable credit hours from HCC. Preference is given to students majoring in a non-traditional field of study.

For more information about the American Association of University Women-Cedar Falls Branch Transition Scholarship, contact Doris Mauer at 266-6394 or dmauer@cfu.net.



**Report From the
Board of Directors**

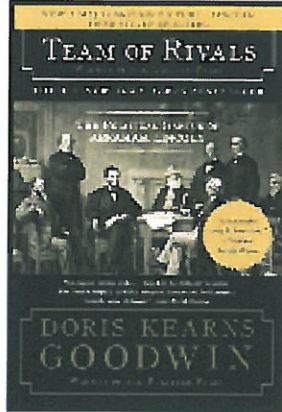
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Dee Lynch for
further information*

Community Action

Cedar Valley

Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

Cedar Valley Discover Diversity Discuss (CV3D) celebrates the appearance of Doris Kearns Goodwin, Pulitzer Prize winning Goodwin will appear and speak on October 2 as part of the Joy Cole Corning Distinguished Leadership Lecture Series. Cedar Valley Discover Diversity Discuss will prepare for this October 2 presentation by discussing her book *Team of Rivals: Lincoln's Political Prowess*.



In this latest book, historian and Pulitzer Prize winning author explores how Lincoln's extraordinary political acumen helped him overcome the obstacles of his presidency, the Civil War and slavery. More books about Abraham Lincoln fill library shelves leaving readers to wonder what more could be said about our 16th President. CV3D urges you to read the book *Team of Rivals: Lincoln's Political Prowess* and join us discussing this insightful book and prepare to attend the Corning Distinguished Leadership Lecture. The Academy Award Winning film, *Lincoln*, will also prepare Cedar Valley residents for this discussion.

The Lincoln book will be discussed at the Cedar Falls Public Library, second floor, on Monday, September 9, from 4:30-5:30. This discussion is co-sponsored by the Cedar Falls AAUW, the Cedar Falls and Waterloo Public Libraries, and University Book & Supply. All Cedar Valley residents are invited to join the discussion whether or not he/she has read *Team of Rivals*. The Cedar Falls Public Library is handicap accessible and an elevator carries participants to the second floor conference room. Please join us and then go to hear Goodwin at the Gallagher Bluebird on October 2. Readers know who one the election that year, but Goodwin chronicles Lincoln's personal stories as well as the polarization he faces as the country is torn apart by the issues of slavery.

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UNI will welcome [Doris Kearns Goodwin](#), a Pulitzer Prize-winning American biographer, to campus October 9 as part of the Joy Cole Corning Distinguished Leadership Lecture Series. Goodwin will meet with UNI students at 4 pm, on October 9th, followed by a presentation at 7:30 pm, in the Great Hall, GBPAC. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Dr. Judy Beckman and Ms. Mary Dove Co-Chairs of Cedar Valley Discover Diversity Discuss (CV3D) drjudy.beckman@cfu.net

Promoting Global Awareness



This community action project resumes with topic six in our Great Decisions program, "Iran and the United States: Three Decades of Futility." We will continue meeting at the Cedar Falls Public Library conference room from 7 - 8:30pm on Tuesday evening, September 17. After viewing a 30 minute DVD on this topic, discussion will focus on the past 34 years since Iran's Islamic Republic was established and current diplomatic relations in the face of Iran's nuclear program. All interested members and people from the community are encouraged to attend.

Gloria Tollefson, Chair
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AAUW Burma-Iowa Friends Bundles of Joy Community Action Project

Goal: Provide support for local Burmese immigrant women and their families with newborns by providing infant layettes to help with their immediate needs after birth.

Details: The Bundles of Joy Project supports local Burmese immigrant women, who are the primary caregivers of newborn infants. It also supports the family unit. This project also provides AAUW with an international connection.

The Project will work with Burma - Iowa Friends and US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)-Waterloo for distribution of layettes.

AAUW members will be asked to donate layette items, either used and in good condition or new. Layettes could include such items as: disposable diapers, baby wipes, receiving blankets for burp cloths, sleep sacks (no more baby blankets used for sleeping babies), sleepers, blanket sleepers, onesies, digital thermometer, infant nasal aspirator, pack 'n play, bassinet, socks, hats, bibs, wash cloths, baby wash/shampoo, nail clippers, diaper changing pad, diaper bags, infant toys and thick-page books.

An attached page to this newsletter, or future email, will give you more details and information about this project.

Co-chairs Jane Close and Diane Davison
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Public Policy

Pamela Hays and Joan Kurt
Public Policy/Voter Education

We want to remind members of the **upcoming elections** for both Cedar Falls, and Hawkeye Community College boards. Deadline for getting an **absentee ballot** is September 5th. Members can call Waterloo Election Office 833-3077 for details on where these can be obtained. Cedar Falls does have some at Cedar Falls City Hall. Absentee ballots must be postmarked and sent on or before September 9th. Absentee ballots can be hand delivered to Black Hawk County Election Office in Waterloo. Cedar Falls School Board forum was held on September 3. Taped information is on CFU Cable tv. Hawkeye Community College candidate forum was held September 3.

Election Day is Tuesday, September 10th. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Be informed: We need strong advocates for our schools and colleges. VOTE Thank you!

Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

Iowa Radio Reading
Information Service

Literature
Interest Group

International Friendship Program
Afternoon Book Club

International Studies Interest Groups

The afternoon Great Decisions group of the International Studies meets the third Monday at 1:15 at the First Presbyterian church.

AAUW Annual Fundraiser Garage Sale Results

Our annual AAUW Garage Sale was held May 17 at Judy Fogdall's home. The money will be used for our annual Scholarship and Community Action Programs.



Thank you for your help and mentally mark your to-do list with the task of saving items for the Spring of 2014 Garage Sale Fundraiser.



Bridge For Education

The bridge groups have been meeting and playing all summer. We have even splurged to new card decks! What a summer! Are you ready for fall?

3rd Wednesday bridge - September 18th

Hostess is Esther Kieffer.

12:30 P.M. At Willowwood Apts. In the Lounge.

4th Tuesday bridge - September 24th

Hostess is Ellie Thompkins.

12:30 P.M. at Willowwood Apts. In the Lounge.



Please join us. We always have room for more players. *Dargy Baxter* Bridge Groups Facilitator

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BOOKS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN PROJECT

Books for Incarcerated Women, a Community Action Project for the Cedar Falls Branch of the American Association of University Women, will be collecting books and magazines for women prisoners in the Black Hawk County Jail at our September meeting at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

A reminder of the guidelines for the types of books that can be accepted: no pornography, no strong violence. Fiction, nonfiction, poetry are O.K. Magazine donations are accepted; however, address labels are to be removed.

Reading levels of inmates range from third or fourth grade to college level. The average tends to be seventh through tenth grade levels. There will be a large plastic tub on the stage. It will be marked *Books for Incarcerated Women*. If you have books/magazines that are too heavy to bring, please call Dee Lynch at 266-3747 or email: deelynych@cfu.net and arrangements will be made for pick-up. The women look forward to receiving new reading materials. Thank you in advance for considering a donation of books or magazines for this population of women.

Dee Lynch for the committee.

The World's Window, downtown Cedar Falls, could use our help! Although the bylaws of AAUW prevent us from giving a direct donation to World's Window, individually we could do so. They are trying to raise money for a matching grant to enable them to have a more solid footing. Remember to shop at World's Window. That would be very helpful to them also.



Women in Motion

Women in Motion is an interest group that participates in service projects, activities and events that provide some degree of physical activity. All members are invited to participate in one, two or all of the following three activities we have planned so far for this year:

Friday, September 20 4:30 pm

- **Social time** at Tony's La Pizzeria at 407 Main

Sunday, October 27 3 pm

- **Ghouls on the Go** deliver pre-Halloween treats in costume

Tuesday, November 12,

- 4:30-6:30 - Work at the **Northeast Iowa Food Bank**

Co-facilitators: JamieCastle castle.jamie@gmail.com,

Jane Close closej@q.com and Linda Morgan director@heartlandhfh.org