

Monday, November 28

November 2016

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Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Menu:

Reuben Crescent Bake with Salad
of mixed greens and Fruit bar
Vegetarian and meat Chef salads
also available \$12

Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893 pal.m@cfu.net
NOON Friday, November 25

Save the date: 2017,
April 29, 30 Cedar Rapids



Sheryl McGovern, Director of Cedar Falls Public

Library will let us know what they are doing and planning so you WILL want to visit. She has been in the library business for 33 years. She was the director of both the CF and Waterloo public libraries and now is with just Cedar Falls.

Libraries have changed a lot over those years. Who visits? What are the visitors like? Do they ever have to ask visitors to leave? How has the library made it easier to put books on hold, request a book and return books? How about technology?

Come with your own questions.

Visitors are welcome. Anyone may listen to the program speaker and not be required to stay for the meal. Reservations Due Friday, November 25. If you 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 Friday, November 25, *or the \$12 charge must be paid.*

Fun-Raiser for November 28 Dinner Meeting

Arts & crafts Silent Auction from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m.

The donated items must be member made!

Three Categories:

1. BODY ART (jewelry, scarves, hats etc.)
2. TABLE ART (Quilted table runner, miniature garden, handcrafted holiday decoration)
3. WALL ART (painting, drawing, holiday decoration made by a member)

Join us and bid on a treasure and join the fun!

Vote on your favorite item in each category. There will be a surprise for the winners in each category!

Let Nancy Hasenwinkel or Sandy Lawry know if you are donating something for the auction. Note it needs to be at the Woman's Club by 5:00 or delivered to Nancy or Sandy before November 28.

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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We have chosen our elected individuals with whom we will continue to advocate for women and girls. I'm grateful for my AAUW friends and organizations for keeping an appropriate focus on the needs of both our local and national communities.

This last month we have co-sponsored political forums, participated in book studies and listened to discourse to better understand the struggles of incarcerated women as well as the needs of refugees and immigrants.

We helped to register many girls at the UNI STEM day forum. Expanding Your Horizons is a *lifetime* adventure in learning and growth.

Thank you for your contribution through your participation in AAUW.

If you have news that you would like us to know about that is not AAUW, but supportive of AAUW goals, we have started a community bulletin board. Pass a copy of the information to either Joan or Arleen and we will put it on the board to be shared at the dinner meetings.

Arleen Cook, Co-President

Start Smart at UNI

The University of Northern Iowa held its first Start Smart Workshop on Wednesday, November 9. More than 30 students from each of UNI's four colleges participated in the two and a half hour workshop. Many were majors in business, the sciences, and education.

AAUW's Start Smart program is designed to teach college students about reasonable salary expectations in their career field as well as how to negotiate salary and benefits. These skills help women college graduates achieve the pay they deserve, one way of addressing gender pay disparity. Cedar Falls AAUW members were present to provide information about AAUW and to observe the workshop.

Cedar Falls AAUW members Bonnie Smith, Kathy Krieg and Maureen White initiated discussions about Start Smart with UNI faculty several years ago. Thanks to Interim President Jim Wohlpart, Associate Provost Nancy Cobb, Doreen Hayek, and Marcy Seavey for getting this program up and running at UNI.

Your AAUW dues and donations help to support this program.

AAUW Iowa Lobby Day 2017

Mark your calendar for the annual AAUW Iowa Lobby Day on **Wednesday, February 22, 2017** at the State Capitol in Des Moines.



International Friendship Program

Pictured: Judy Fogdall and Parmod Sarin long time volunteers. Parmod continues as co-chair with Bonnie Smith.

The host families and their students had a great Thanksgiving Dinner together on November 6th. About 150 students and their hosts were there. There were 6 AAUW Cedar Falls members there with their students: Maureen White, Amy Hoyer, Lauri Young, Parmod Sarin, Bonnie Smith and Pat Higby.

One Member One Vote

You should get the OUTLOOK in November. When you get the OUTLOOK there will be a 7 digit number above your name. That is your # to put on the back of your membership book and add your own pass word. Go to aauw.org and you will see a picture BYLAWS, click on this and use your special number when the web site asks and then you can comment on the proposed changes to the AAUW bylaws.

This is your chance to keep AAUW moving in the right direction. Comments are taken until December 5. If you don't get this done you can still vote come April 2017. **It is your AAUW so your Voice Counts!**

COMMUNITY ACTION

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity

The Discuss and Discover Diversity book discussion will be on Monday, November 14, at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 4:30 to 6:00 in the large meeting room on the second floor.

The book *Just Mercy: a story of justice and redemption* by Bryan Stevenson is a powerful memoir with a call to fix America's broken system of justice. This searing and moving book is an excellent follow up to the books; *The New Jim Crow* and *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace* and Pam Hay's program at the October dinner meeting. The discussion will be led by AAUW member, Liz Poole.

All Cedar Valley residents are welcomed even though they have not read the book. CV3D is sponsored by AAUW, Cedar Falls branch. For further information contact Judy Beckman.

Judy Beckman or Mary Dove Co-chairs of CV3D

Promoting Global Awareness

Our community discussion group will meet Tuesday evening, November 15 in the conference room at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 7-8:30pm. The November topic is, "CUBA and the U.S." Our government has just normalized relations with Cuba. What changes might this bring?

Discussion will follow watching a 30 minute DVD on the topic. Please bring an interested person with you!

Orders will be taken for the 2017 briefing books---cost is \$22. If you are unable to attend, e-mail or call me to reserve a book.

Gloria Tollefson, Project chair

Reaching Out With Books delivered 28 books and 30 magazines collected from AAUW members to the Women's Unit of the Black Hawk Co Jail this month. **We are accepting donations in November.** Donations will not be collected Jan-March, but save up those books and magazines to bring to the April AAUW meeting.

Kathy Krieg, Chair

Elect Her at UNI

This event will provide students with the skills and motivation to encourage them to run for student government positions soon, and for public office later. Maggie Miller informed AAUW Cedar Falls that the date will be Saturday, January 21, 2017.



Registration at the first Elect Her! Members helping!

Textbooks for Refugees

As of Oct. 4, two women pursuing degrees at Hawkeye Community College were nominated to receive textbook scholarships. Both are members of the community of refugees from Burma. Because one of the nominees has received free textbooks from another source this semester, the Textbooks for Refugees book scholarship will benefit just one student this fall.

Hsae Meh is currently taking a full schedule at Hawkeye Community College: Intro to Psychology, Intro to Ethics, Composition II, Intro to Social Work, and Human Biology. Her goal is to earn her Associate of Arts degree at Hawkeye and transfer to UNI to major in social work. Hsae says that she is grateful for the opportunity offered by AAUW-CF members.

Karen Agee & Alicia Soppe, Co-Chairs

Study/Interest Groups

Women in Motion (WIM)

Hurry!! There's still time to join us on November 10 for *The Suffragette*, a 2015 British [historical period drama](#) film about [women's suffrage in the United Kingdom](#). Seating is limited; contact pamelagene@hotmail.com for details.

Come to **Happy Hour** at Old Chicago, 4:30 p.m. November 29, to plan December, January and February activities and events. Bring ideas or give your opinions. Always a fun planning session!

Chairs Jane Close and Linda Morgan

Bridge for Education

Wednesday, November 16, Dargy Baxter

Tuesday, November 22, Esther Kieffer

Playing at Willowood/Western

Communities dining room

12:30 p.m. 1100 Grove st., CF

Fourth Fridays with Friends

Join us again for informal conversation on

4th Fridays on

January 27th, 2017 at 10:30 in the coffee area of the
College Square HyVee

No get together in November and December!

Literature

Monday, November 14

Literature Group will meet in the home of Linda Morgan at 1:15p.m. Gloria Tollefson will be presenting the book "Inside the O'Briens" by Lisa Genova bestselling author of "Still Alice." It is her heart trending new novel on Huntington's disease that will help readers understand this debilitating disease and how it affects families. All AAUW members are welcome.

Great Decisions

for NOVEMBER ONLY date change! This month we will meet Tuesday, **NOVEMBER 29th**. Same time 1:15 same place First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls. The discussion will be Cuba and the U.S.A. and will be led by Carol Dotseth.

Any questions call Kay Thrall

The Women's Center for Change clothing drive was again a great success! We delivered and set up the room on October 20th and it lasted a week at the center. Jane Close, Nancy Hasenwinkel, Pam Hays, Linda Morgan and Bonnie Smith helped set up the clothing for distribution. Twenty-five members and 12 others contributed to the project this year. There was a nice variety of sizes and almost everything was taken, including many winter coats, shoes, purses and warm clothing. Director Amy Jones was very pleased and really appreciated our donations. She said that over 50 residents were served! Thanks to all of our members and others who helped make this a successful WIM activity.



Save the Dates of April 29 & 30, 2017

The Iowa AAUW Convention will be in Cedar Rapids on Saturday and Sunday. Come for one day or both. This picture shows a bit of the silent auction at the convention last year, just one fun part of the convention.

You will learn as well. Watch for the Iowa Connector in the spring to learn more about this convention.

Sunday, December 11, open house at Joan Bunkofske's at 1706 Cottage Lane from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy some treats provided by the board and conversation with other AAUW friends. Bring your spouse or other friend.

Watch for an e-mail message as we get closer to the date.

