

Monday, October 24, 2016

October 2016

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Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Menu:

Chicken Enchiladas with Salad
of mixed greens and Pumpkin bar
*Vegetarian and meat Chef salads
also available \$12*

Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893 pal.m@cfu.net
NOON Thursday, October 20



Plant sale made
\$184 on Saturday, September
10. Money for Scholarships !

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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Pam Hays, Iowa Justice Action Network Board Member & AAUW Public Policy Co-Director, will discuss the unique challenges that women face in dealing with the War on Drugs.

Everyone knows that mass incarceration, due partly to the unpropitious War on Drugs, is a huge problem.

1. Did you know that the group whose incarceration is increasing at the highest rate is women?
2. Did you know that women, due to their desire to retain custody of their children, face special challenges in seeking drug treatment?
3. Did you know that women often receive stiffer sentences than men do for lesser crimes?

Visitors are welcome. Anyone may listen to the program speaker and not be required to stay for the meal. Reservations Due Thursday , October 20. 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 October 20, or the \$12 charge must be paid.

Start Smart at UNI

Did you ever wish you knew more about how to negotiate your salary and benefits? Would you like your daughter or granddaughter to be paid what she is worth?

To address the gender pay gap, AAUW offers a program to help college students acquire skills to negotiate salary and benefits. After initiating discussions at UNI several years ago regarding bringing the Start Smart program to campus, we are pleased to announce that the first workshop will be held on **November 9, 2016**. Cedar Falls AAUW members Kathy Krieg, Bonnie Smith, and Maureen White worked with UNI staff. We thank UNI faculty members Catherine MacGillivray, Marcy Seavey, Doreen Hayek, Associate Provost Nancy Cobb, and former Provost, currently Interim President, Jim Wohlpart for making this happen. **The Start Smart program is your dues money at work to help women achieve pay equity.**

Co-Presidents Report

- attended open house
- made appointed positions and reviewed standing committees, making changes where necessary
- reviewed necessary changes to by laws. State will send electronic copy, after reviewing we will send to members. Vote not necessary as changes are mandated by national.
- attended general meeting, tried to visit with as many people as possible, to get to know members better.

Please read the newsletter and record dates of activities you are interested in. The newsletter and the yearbook have a lot of useful information in them. A lot of work and thought go into each month's newsletter.

Arleen Cook & Joan Bunkofske

Yearbooks and Brochures Available

The AAUW Cedar Falls 2016-17 Yearbook is ready and it's bright orange this year, hard to misplace it. They were passed out at the September 26 dinner meeting. The remaining yearbooks will be either delivered by a board member or mailed by USPS. Be sure to look through it because there are many updates and keep it close at hand for future reference. A big THANK YOU goes to Yearbook Editor Phyllis Steele for her hard work and dedication in producing yet another yearbook.

AAUW Cedar Falls 2016-17 Brochure used at the August Kickoff is still available. They're purple this year, so also very hard to misplace. The brochure gives a great overview of the organization and is a good tool for introducing others to the local AAUW. A big THANK YOU goes to Brochure Editor Gayle Wood for producing yet another brochure.

Jane Close and Bonnie Smith, Communications Co-directors

Membership

The membership committee continues to welcome new members, including Ruth Ratliff, Arlene Prather-O'Kane, and Anna Mae Schnucker. We are pairing new members with current members who will serve as their mentor with the hope that this will give them a closer connection to our group. If you are interested in serving as a mentor and haven't already contacted our committee, please let us know. Also, if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining, be sure to invite them to a meeting so they can learn more about us and the many opportunities that AAUW offers.

Liz Poole and Julie Rathmell
Co-Vice Presidents Membership

Expanding Your Horizons October 15

This is a conference at UNI for middle school girls to inspire them to recognize and pursue STEM opportunities. The board passed a motion to offer up to \$100 in scholarships for 10 girls when needed. AAUW CF will be there to register participants in collaboration with the Society of Women Engineers

Fun-Raiser for November 28th Dinner meeting

We will host an Arts & Crafts Silent Auction – Handmade or items decorated by members. There will be three categories:

1. BODY ART (jewelry, scarves, hats etc.)
2. TABLE ART (quilted table runner or miniature garden or handmade holiday decoration)
3. WALL ART (painting or drawing by members or decorated picture frame by members)

There will be 3 tables set up in the meeting room with one category per table. There will be silent auction sheets for members to use to bid on each item. We will also have blank sheets for use in voting on your favorite item in each category. There will be a surprise for the winners in each category! Join us and bring a handmade item or come to bid on a treasure and join the fun.

Sandy Lawry & Nancy Hasenwinkel
Co-Vice presidents for Fundraising

Community Action Projects

Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

A Tale for the time Being by Ruth Ozeki

On **October 10**, the Cedar Valley Discuss Discover Diversity will discuss A TALE FOR THE TIME BEING by Ruth Ozeki. This tale is a story of a girl of sixteen in Japan named Nao and a writer in Canada named Ruth who are connected through a diary. Ruth finds Nao's diary when she is walking along a beach on her remote Canadian Island. Ruth believes it to be a part of the debris from the tsunami of 2011. She sets out to prove her suspicions.

Kathryn Rogers will lead the discussion on October 10 held at the Cedar Falls Public Library, a handicap accessible facility. The discussion begins **at 4:30 p.m.** and goes to 6:00 p.m. All Cedar Valley citizens are welcome to participate in the discussion even if they have not yet read the Ozeki title.

Judy Beckman and Mary Dove co-chairs

Promoting Global Awareness

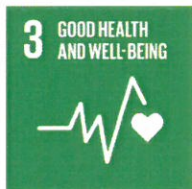
Prepare to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Our October topic is Geo-Politics and Climate Change. As Americans become more aware of damage wrought by climate change, our new president and congress will be expected to place more importance on these environmental changes. What might be done to stymie this crisis? Join us and other community members to discuss different options after watching a 30 minute DVD on this topic. We will meet **Tuesday evening, October 18, from 7:00-8:30 in the conference room at the Cedar Falls Library.**

Gloria Tollefson, project chair

A Different Kind of Health Care Crisis

The world has more displaced persons and refugees, about 65 million, than at any time since WWII. A majority of these are women and children. Wars, destabilized governments, and changing climate account for many of these persons leaving their homes. Governments, NGOs, UN and other relief agencies strive to deal with this humanitarian crisis and to meet the safety, housing, food, education, and health care needs of the refugees. We have the opportunity to learn more about one aspect of this complex situation.

On UN Day, **Monday, October 24**, Ambassador John Lange, retired, will be at the Cedar Falls Public Library from **7-8:30 PM**. Ambassador Lange will address refugee health, which relates to Goal 3 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to joining the United Nations Foundation in July 2013, Lange spent four years at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation working with African governments to improve public health. He has served as co-chair of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's Polio Partners Group since its launch in April 2012.



Ambassador Lange had a 28-year career in the Foreign Service at the U.S. Department of State where he managed humanitarian and refugee assistance channeled through international organizations. He also had tours of duty in the State Department Bureaus of African Affairs, Western Hemisphere Affairs and Management in Washington and at U.S. Embassies in Togo, France and Mexico.

Cedar Falls AAUW cosponsors this program with the Cedar Valley United Nations Association (CVUNA), a nonpartisan organization whose members are interested in global and humanitarian issues and in building support for the work of the UN and its agencies. The program is free and open to the public. Plan to be there and bring others with you.

Interest and Study Groups

Women in Motion (WIM)

We attended the Stone Soul Picnic Raising Awareness of Childhood Hunger in the Cedar Valley and To Kill a Mockingbird at the Waterloo Community Playhouse, both great conscience-raising events.

At the September 26 dinner meeting twenty members donated clothing for the **Fall Clothing Drive for the Waterloo Women's Center for Change**. We will continue to collect items (see last month's newsletter for items needed) **through October 19**. You may contact Jane Close, Pam Hays, Linda Morgan or Bonnie Smith to make arrangements for pickup. On October 20 we will be setting up at the Women's Center. Those who want to help contact any of the above members

Thursday evening November 10th we will be viewing *The Suffragette*, a 2015 British historical period drama film about women's suffrage in the United Kingdom. Contact Pam Hays at pamelagene@hotmail.com for details.

All members are welcome to join in any or all WIM activities and events.

Co-Chairs Jane Close and Linda Morgan

Bridge for Education

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Playing at Willowood/Western
Communities Dining room

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

Call for more info to

Ardelle Brown or Claudia Kaestner

Fourth Fridays with Friends

Join members for informal conversation
on 4th Fridays at

10:30 a.m. in the coffee area of the
College Square HyVee

October 28, 2016

Literature

The **October 10** meeting of the Literature Group will meet in the home of Joan Bunkofske at 1706 Cottage Lane at **1:15**. Liz Poole will be presenting the book "The Secret History of Wonder Woman" by Jill Lepore. The book is about feminism and the equality for women. This should lead to a good lively discussion. All AAUW members are welcome.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet **October 17, 2016 at 1:15** at First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Topic will be Climate Geopolitics: The road to Paris and beyond. Any questions call Kay Thrall.

Candidate Forums

Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00p.m.

Waterloo Public Library

Candidates for Senate

Jeff Danielson and Bonnie Sadler

Thursday October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Black Hawk County offices

Linda Laylin, Tom Little, Chris Schwartz,
John Dodge, Chad Folken, Terry Scheffert,
Grant Veeder, Tony Thompson and Brian
Williams

You can vote early!

You may vote any day, **M-F, 8:30-4:30**
at the auditor's office at the Black Hawk
County Court House. You may also
request an absentee ballot from the
auditor's office. AAUW has voter
guides for the presidential race, the
Grassley-Judge race, and the Blum-
Vernon race. AAUW is a non partisan
organization. The guides show how they
voted on issues related to AAUW
public policy priorities.