

Saturday, February 25, 2017
Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Menu: Saturday Brunch
Spinach Quiche
Fruit cup Muffin
Juice, coffee or tea

Gather 10:00 am

Brunch 10:15 am

AAUW Program / Event 10:40 am

Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893 pal.m@cfu.net
9 am Friday,
February 17, 2017



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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Dr. Donna Maier Professor of History

The Role of the US in International Justice

The political will of the United States current administration to pursue wide-ranging humanitarian goals and results, is of course yet to be seen, but numerous American human rights organizations continue to be thoroughly committed to pursuing peace through accountability.

AAUW continues this year's theme of Diversity and Advocacy with Donna Maier, History Department professor at UNI and former evidence analyst for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Dr Maier will discuss a sampling, from both personal and academic knowledge, of these many global efforts.

AAUW Cedar Falls, will have this next meeting on Saturday, February 25, 2017, at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club, Third and Clay Streets.

Gather at 10 am Brunch 10:15 am Speaker at 10:40 am.

Visitors are welcome. Anyone may listen to the program speaker and not be required to stay for the meal. Reservations due Friday, 17th, at 9 am. 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 Friday the 17th, or the \$12 charge must be paid.

AAUW Co-President Elect Widmer With Info On Upcoming . . .

It is time to start the process of nominating a AAUW Cedar Falls branch member for the Named Gift Honoree of 2017. The criteria for the individual is that they served as a longtime and dedicated officer, made significant contributions to the branch, made significant financial contributions, has been a staunch supporter of AAUW or has in other ways contributed to AAUW.

Nominations containing the name of the nominee and the reason for nomination should be submitted to co-president elect Melba Widmer at melba.widmer@uni.edu on, or before February 28. For your reference, a list of the recipients of this recognition can be found on page 22 in the branch yearbook.

The nominees will then be reviewed by a committee appointed by the president with the approval of the board of at least three past recipients of the recognition. After the committee's review of the nominations and a selection is made, the honoree will be announced at the April 24 branch meeting. As an AAUW branch, we will then submit a \$500 gift to AAUW funds at the national level, in the name of our Cedar Falls branch honoree.

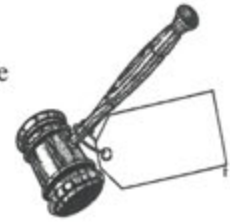
Co - Presidents Report *Arleen Cook and Joan Bunkofske*

Title IX was passed in 1972 and affects all areas of education including equity in education as well as athletics. It also prohibits discrimination, harassment and bullying. After forty-five years we are still committed to advocate for Title IX rights.

This week six AAUW Title IX tool kits are being delivered to area schools to testify to the importance of Title coordinators in the schools.

AAUW *Outlook* magazine is a great source to keep up with our issues. All members should have received a copy of the magazine by now. If you haven't received it, please notify someone on the Board. Another way to learn more about AAUW Iowa is to participate in the state convention April 29-30 in Cedar Rapids.

Co-President Arleen Cook



Membership

The membership co-chairs have paired all new members with a mentor. This will provide new members with someone to help them become familiar with all that our AAUW offers. We are hoping this will help new members feel welcome and become actively involved.

Liz Poole & Julie Rathmell Co-Vice Presidents Membership

News from the Transition Scholarship Committee



Transition Scholarship Committee Report

**Money
Given by
Cedar Falls AAUW**

The *Transition Scholarship Committee* (Gloria Tollefson, Mary Fogarty, Marilyn Mercado, and Karen Agee) have added a new member, JoAnn DeVries. We have also finalized the scholarship application and received the assistance of Nancy Henderson to post the application at Hawkeye Community College. Jane Close is sending out the press release:

AAUW-Cedar Falls is offering a scholarship of up to \$1000 to a female student currently attending Hawkeye Community College. Applicants should be women 23 or older who plan to transfer at least 30 credit hours by the end of spring 2017, to the University of Northern Iowa for the fall 2017 semester.

Application information may be found on the Hawkeye Community College website at <http://www.hawkeyecollege.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/grants-and-scholarships/scholarships.aspx>.

The deadline for applications is April 7, 2017. The American Association of University Women is an organization that works to empower women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Any AAUW-CF member who knows qualified students at HCC is encouraged to let them know about the scholarship to support their transition to UNI.

Karen Agee, Committee Chair

Secretary Memo

Cedar Falls AAUW will participate in the February 25, 2017, **Cedar Valley Community Activate** event at the Center for Energy and Environmental Education (CEEE) building on the UNI campus. We will provide information about AAUW at our table and have members available from 2 - 5 pm, to talk to individuals about what we do.

AAUW Lobby Day - Cedar Falls AAUW will pay round trip mileage to the capital in Des Moines, at a rate of \$.30/mile to the drivers of cars with at least 2 or more members attending **AAUW Iowa Lobby Day** on February 22, 9:30 - 1:30. Sign-up at the link sent to all members. Linda Morgan will coordinate carpooling for our CF members.

Helen Ackerman

Community Action

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

Girl Waits With Gun by Amy Stewart

Monday, February 13, the Cedar Valley Discuss, Discover Diversity book club will be held at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 4:30 to 6 pm.

This discussion features Amy Stewart's wonderfully written book. The quick-witted book is filled with madcap escapes. *Girl Waits With Gun* is a story of Constance and her three sisters and their courage to stand up against a powerful and ruthless crook. With the help of a generous sheriff, Constance, with the help of her three sisters, seeks to put an end to his harassment. A surprise ending to this mystery makes this a worthwhile reading.

The CV3D discussions are sponsored by the Cedar Falls branch of AAUW held on the second Monday of the month. A guest facilitator will lead the discussion. All Cedar Valley residents are welcome to join in the discussion even if they have not yet read the title. CV3D is one of AAUW's Community Action groups that support the organization's mission values and strategic plan.

Co-Chairs *Mary Dove and Judy Beckman*
For further information contact judy.beckman@cfu.net



International Friendship Program

Call *Pramod Sarin*
504 - 8396 or
Bonnie Smith
266 - 2526
for information.



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Promoting Global Awareness



Great Decisions Study Groups

Our Great Decisions study and discussion group will meet at the Cedar Falls Library in the conference room, on Tuesday evening, February 21, from 7 to 8:30 pm. The February topic is *Trade and Politics*.

Our new United States president promises change in our trade policies. Gross domestic product (GDP) and balance of trade have not kept up with globalization. Join us as we watch a 30 minute DVD and discuss trade policies that President Trump's administration might consider. Bring a friend who is also interested in global issues.

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Gloria Tollefson, project chair

Great Decisions Afternoon Group

Great Decisions afternoon group will meet February 20, at First Presbyterian Church, in Cedar Falls. Our time is 1:15 pm. The current subject is *Trade and Politics*.

All Cedar Valley residents are invited to join the discussion even if they have not yet read the title. CV3D is sponsored by the Cedar Falls branch of AAUW.

Call *Kay Thrall* 231-6880 if any questions.

Textbooks for Refugees Community Action Project

Have you discovered
any more to give??



Alicia Soppe and Karen Agee, Chairs



**Community Action Projects
Co -Sponsored Programs and Contacts**

Garage Sale for Scholarships!

Please mark your calendars for our **Annual Garage Sale** on May 5 and May 6. We will need volunteers to help set up beginning on May 1. We do not sell clothes, but we do accept shoes, hats, scarfs and purses in addition to household items, furniture, bicycles, tricycles, toys, puzzles, books, etc. (Please: NO encyclopedias or volumes of reference books).

If you will price your donations, it will be appreciated. We are known for selling perennials and house plants. Keep that in mind when dividing your plants this spring. As you do your Spring cleaning, keep a box handy marked **AAUW Garage Sale** and, of course, fill it up for the sale!

This **Garage Sale** is our primary method for earning the money we use for the student scholarships. Nancy and I are looking forward to seeing the treasures you bring to the sale this year! Nancy or Sandy will be happy to pick up your donations for the garage sale anytime. More details will be shared in next newsletter.

Sandy Lawry & Nancy Hasenwinkel VPs Fundraising

Legislative Public Forums

co sponsored by Cedar Falls AAUW

Legislative Forums February 11 10 - noon

The topic will be Education.

Area Education Agency 267 Conference Center
3712 Cedar Heights Drive CF Coffee at 9:30

Forum also February 24 4:30 - 6:30

Pam Hays and Maureen White

Cedar Valley UNA *Maureen White*



Julia "Julie" Bailey (1919-2017) died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017. She was born July 23, 1919 and was a member since 1948.

In Memory ...

Patricia A. "Patti" Hucka (1936-2016) died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016. She was born June 22, 1936.



Community Action Projects
Are you involved?

AAUW Cedar Falls Fund Raising

RSVP: AAUW of Iowa Lobby Day

Join us for a **Lobby Day with AAUW of Iowa** on Wednesday, February 22, at the Iowa State Capitol. We'll review tips for effective communication with legislators and review information about our selected topics.

Lobby Day will most likely focus on legislation in the areas of pre-kindergarten through college level education, health care, accommodations for pregnant workers, sexual assault, human trafficking, or voting. Right now things are changing every day in the Legislature, but we should have a better feel for viable bills and issues before our **Lobby Day**.

- > What: AAUW of Iowa Lobby Day
- >> Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017
- >>> Time: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.
- >>>> Location: Iowa State Capitol, Room 304
- >>>>> Parking information and directions for finding the meeting room will be provided in a follow-up email.

Lunch will not be provided. There is a cafeteria in the Capitol, and there are restaurants not far from the Capitol. If you would like to meet with your legislator(s) for lunch, make arrangements to do so prior to Lobby Day.

Please RSVP below if you plan to attend. If you have any questions, contact Maureen White, AAUW Iowa Public Policy Director : mwhite@cfu.net or 319-266-9901

Linda Morgan is coordinating carpooling for the day, so contact her if you are willing to drive or would like to ride with someone.

Women In Motion WIM

Interest and Study Groups
as well as
Community Action Projects
and Opportunities to Participate

Bundles of Joy

50 Bundles of Joy Babies Celebrated!

We recently celebrated the 50th baby served through the Bundles of Joy Community Action Project. This project provides newborn infant supplies to pregnant Burmese immigrants, as well as to women at the Waterloo Women's Center for Change and House of Hope. We recently made contact with the Congolese facilitator for Operation Threshold's Nest Program and expect to be adding Congolese to this list. This project provides great opportunities for us to interact with these women.

We have "signed on" for another 50 babies, but need your help. We need baby wipes (any brand), books (cardboard pages, fabric that can be laundered or plastic than can be cleaned) and bags to use for delivering the items. The bags can be almost anything you may already have, except those advertising other organizations or businesses, and are at least 14" x 14" or similar or larger. If you have questions or would like to work on this project, please contact us.

Jane Close & Diane Davison, Co-chairs



Reaching Out With Books

Reaching Out With Books Books and magazines will continue to be given to the Women's Unit of the Black Hawk County Jail.

BUT will NOT be collected again until April. Pile up your gently used books and rather current magazines and plan to bring to the April meeting!

Kathy Krieg



Fourth Fridays with Friends
– AAUW activity

Linda Morgan

Literature

The February 13th meeting of the **Literature Group** will meet in the home of Liz Poole at 1:15. Mimi Zischke will be presenting the book *The Bully Pulpit* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian. The book explores the origins of the type of muckraking journalism that helped make America a better country focusing on the presidencies of Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. This is a quote from the Associated Press on the book, "A tale so gripping that one questions the need for fiction when real life is so plump with drama and intrigue." All AAUW members are welcome.

Melba Widmer

AAUW Officer Election Time

This takes place in the spring time. The final election and installation time happens at our April meeting when we recognize and show our awesome appreciations for all of our AAUW members, committees, and of course, our wonderful officers.

The Nominations Committee will appreciate any suggestions you might have for our new officers. This spring we will be looking for members to become several of the Vice Presidents, and the treasurer for our Cedar Falls AAUW. We also will install the President - Elect (a one year way for the annually elected next president to learn what the office will include.)

Ideas, suggestions, names? Submit to Sheryl Bewyer, Mary Fogarty, Pat Higby, Anne Schuessler



Bridge For Education

> Wednesday, February 15, with Ellie Tompkins, hostess

> Tuesday, February 28, with Esther Kieffer, hostess

If you have not played before, call Ardelle for more information: 266-6882

Playing bridge begins at Willowwood / Western Home Communities dining room
12:30 p.m., 1100 Grove St., CF
Ardelle Brown and Claudia Kaestner

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