

Monday, March, 27, 2017

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Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Menu:

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
Glazed Carrots and Apple Cake
Vegetarian and meat Chef salads
also available \$12

Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893 pal.m@cfu.net
NOON Friday, March 24



Gather at 5:00 pm
Speaker at 5:30 pm

First Priority: Campus Climate and long term Goals

AAUW Cedar Falls continues the theme of Diversity and Advocacy with **Dr. Gwennette Berry**, Assistant to the President/Chief Diversity Officer. She will be discussing the rapidly changing demographics in America, Iowa and at the University of Northern Iowa. How those changes can and should affect the way we recruit and conduct business.

Visitors are welcome. Anyone may listen to the program speaker and not be required to stay for the meal. Reservations Due Friday, March 24. 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 Noon, Friday, March 24, or the \$12 charge must be paid.

The Legislative Forum Saturday, March 11 at 10:00 AM will focus on Water Quality, an important issue for Iowans. Come early for a good seat. The forums are held at the AEA 267 Building 3712 Cedar Heights Drive, Cedar Falls. Pam Hays & Kate McElligatt Public Policy

Happy International Women's Day, March 8

SAVE the DATE: Garage Sale May 5 & 6 at 3819 South Main, CF

Downsizing? Donate those gently used items to the garage sale and add to our local scholarship fund. For more information contact, Sandy Lawry or Nancy Hasenwinkel,

Co-Vice Presidents for Fundraising

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 Joan Bunkofske & Arleen Cook
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Co-Presidents Report

As stated in the AAUW Cedar Falls membership book, Community Action Projects (CAP) support the mission, values and strategic plan of our organization. We currently have 7 CAP and 5 co-sponsored programs and forums. Some of these require only participation of interested members to succeed. Others require some financial assistance.

The Board would like members' input as to how to provide for philanthropy. The fundraising Committee has provided various interesting activities to collect funds. Members may or may not choose to participate.

How would you prefer to contribute to philanthropic missions?

Should we take the money needed from dues paid?

Should we limit the number of projects?

We'd like your opinions on this and ask you to reply to anyone on the board or write an email to me at arleencook@hotmail.com.

Equal Pay Day, April 4

AAUW Iowa Conference, April 29-30, Cedar Rapids

AAUW Cedar Falls needs your Help!

Members are volunteering to be candidates for elective office or to be on a committee. So consider what YOU will be doing next year to promote this organization and therefore: promote equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.



Donating time and items for the garage sale

May 5 & 6 at
3819 South Main, CF
Call Sandy Lawry or
Nancy Haasenwinkel
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COMMUNITY ACTION

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity

My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem

Monday, March 13, the discussion group, Discover, Diversity, Discuss, sponsored by the American Association of Women will enjoy MY LIFE ON THE ROAD by Gloria Steinem.

Steinem is a respected activist who tells about the life lessons she learned from traveling since she was a child. Until she was 10 years old Steinem grew up following two parents who could never seem to put down roots. She attributes her 81 years year of continuous energy to her constant travels.

Her memoir is a moving, funny and profound story of a well-known activist and the source of the well-known magazine, MS. The discussion will be led by Maureen White from 4:30-6:00 in the second floor discussion room at the Cedar Falls Public Library. All Cedar Valley residents are welcome to come even if they have not yet read the Steinem title. Join members of AAUW in looking at this distinguished exhilarating vision of what it means to life with openness, honesty and a willingness to grow richly. For further information contact drjudy.beckman@cfu.net.

Mary Dove and Judy Beckman Co-chairs

Promoting Global Awareness

Our topic for Tuesday, March 21, 7-8:30pm at the CF Library conference room will be "China's Maritime Build-up in the South and East China Seas." China is building up its navy and ambitiously advancing territorial claims. Does this indicate a more aggressive foreign policy or is it simply the next step in China's new power? Join us as we discuss this important topic!

Only 3 Great Decisions books remain for sale. GLoria Tollefson, chair

International Friendship Program

Intercultural exchange, understanding and friendship are shared with UNI international students.

Sign up will be in August and September

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

Textbooks for Refugees

Support is provided to women in the local United Nations refugee communities to purchase textbooks for college-level courses at the post secondary institutions.

Co-Chairs, Karen Agee, Alicia Soppe



Bundles of Joy

* We need baby wipes (any brand), books (cardboard pages), fabric that can be laundered or plastic that 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.

Co-Chairs Jane Close and Diane Davison

Display at the Cedar Falls Public Library for Women's History month. Thanks to Judy Focht, Linda Morgan, Karen Agee, Allaire George, Jane Close and League of Women Voters for pictures.

Study/Interest Groups

Women in Motion (WIM)

Be sure to check out the Women's History Month display area on the second floor of the library. We helped set it up under the direction of Judy Focht.

Join us for any or all of our upcoming events:

- March 21 - Lunch at Bryan's on 4th in Waterloo (located in the space previously occupied by CU's Restaurant). Contact closej@q.com for reservations.
- March 27, 4:30 - Clothing collection for the Women's Center for Change prior to the dinner meeting. We'll be collecting in the parking lot again.
- March 28, 4:30 - Happy Hour at Old Chicago to make plans for April and May. Come and bring ideas or just listen in. Chairs Jane Close and Linda Morgan

Bridge for Education

Wednesday, March 15 Nancy Hoppe
Tuesday, March 28 Dargy Baxter

We have 2 new members, JoAnn DeVries and Pat Higby.
Playing at Willowood, Western Communities
Dinning room beginning at 12:30 pm
1100 Grove St., CF
Call Ardelle Brown or Claudia Kaestner for more information.

Fourth Fridays with Friends

Join us again for informal conversation on
the 4th Friday
March 24th 2017 at 10:30 in the coffee area of the
College Square HyVee

Literature Group

The March 13 meeting of the Literature Group will meet in the home of Barb Feuerhak. Melba Widmer will be presenting the book. All AAUW members are welcome.
Melba Widmer, chair

Great Decisions

Great Decisions afternoon group will meet March 20th, at 1:15 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls for the discussion of "Conflict in the South China Sea". After watching a video we will discuss the subject led by Maelou Baxter. Kay Thrall, chair



Happy customer's pickup all filled leaving the 2016 Plant and Garage Sale. Bad weather, but we still sold lots of stuff and PLANTS. The green is showing in my garden so be ready to dig and bring to this year's Garage sale.

Need help digging and potting? Call Sandy or Nancy and they will find a member to help.

Can you help to dig or collect items? Call Sandy or Nancy. We need members helping in many ways.

Advocacy in Action

We need to continue to attend the Legislative Public Forums, write letters to the editor, speak with or call legislators regarding bills making their way through the legislature this session. The next LPF is on 10 AM on **Saturday, March 11** at the AEA 267 Conference Center on Cedar Heights Dr. In Cedar Falls. The main topic is Water Quality, but questions about other topics are appropriate as well.

The United States, foreign aid, and the United Nations—March 13

Most Americans wrongly guess that about 25% of the U. S. budget goes to foreign aid, a little understood part of our budget. U.S. foreign aid continues to have bipartisan support for a variety of reasons—many view it as the right thing to do, it aids other members of the world community, and because it contributes to U. S. security interests around the world. Foreign aid is a timely topic because of the on-going refugee crisis, calls for cuts in U. S. funding for the U. N., and one declared famine in South Sudan and the potential for famine declarations in three other countries. The approximately \$40 billion dollars spent on foreign aid covers security assistance, global health, education, emergency response, and money for U. N. Agencies. At the same time, there is a request for a significant increase in our military spending. What do you see as the proper balance?

Andrea Cohen, Executive Director of the Iowa UNA, a division of the UNA-USA, will be at the Cedar Falls Public Library on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 PM. She will address the impact of the proposal for a 30 percent reduction in U.S. foreign aid, which is less than 1 percent of the total U.S. budget and includes funding for the United Nations and its programs and agencies. The program is sponsored by the Cedar Valley United Nations Association (CVUNA) and Cedar Falls AAUW. It is free and open to the public. *We hope to see many of you there since we are a cosponsor of this program.*

Maureen White

Four Spanish language children's books were recently donated to the Cedar Falls Public Library by CF AAUW.



Cedar Valley Activate at CEEE building on the UNI campus on Saturday, February 25th from 2-5pm.

Ardelle Brown and Arleen Cook talked to many interested in learning about AAUW and its Mission.