



Monday, April 25, 2017
Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Menu:

Chicken Stir-fry over Rice and Vegetables
Fresh Fruit Cup
Rhubarb Custard Bar
Vegetarian or Meat Chef Salads
also available

Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893 pal.m@cfu.net
due by Thursday
April 21, 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:

Co-Presidents *Joan Bunkofske and Arleen Cook*
Co-Presidents-elect *Joan Bunkofske and Melba Widmer*
Communications Co-Directors *Jane Close and Bonnie Smith*
Co-Vice Presidents Program *Judy Beckman and Ardelle Brown*
Co-Vice Presidents Membership *Liz Poole and Julie Rathmell*
Co-Vice Presidents Fundraising *Sandy Lawry and Nancy Hasenwinkel*
Secretary *Helen Ackerman*
Treasurer *Jodi Bergmann*
Public Policy *Pam Hays and Kate McElligatt*
Leadership Development *Maureen White*

Gather 5:00 pm

Discussions and Speakers 5:30 pm

AAUW Meeting / Program 6:15 pm

AAUW Cedar Falls
2017 Annual Meeting

American Association of University Women, Cedar Falls Branch, will have its next dinner meeting on
Monday, April 24, 2017,
at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club, Third and Clay Street.

AAUW continues this year's theme of Empowering Women. We will be celebrating the year with election of new officers for the branch, presentation of the scholarship winner for spring of 2017 and presentation of the Named Gift Honoree, as well as Brainstorming!

We will be celebrating :

- election of new officers for the branch
- presentation of the scholarship winner for Spring 2016
- presentation of the Named Gift Honoree
- brainstorm new ideas

Visitors are welcome. Anyone may listen to the program speaker and not be required to stay for the meal. Reservations due Thursday, April 21. 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 Thursday the 21st, or the \$12 charge must be paid.

AAUW Election Time

Our April Annual Meeting includes many things happening. One will be the election of new officers for 2017 - 2018. The committee has involved many discussions and ideas in this process. Our branch does have a positive reputation as a branch which is very active and we do well in providing activities and leadership. Leadership positions to be filled include: President, President - elect, Secretary (one year to complete current term), Vice - President for Membership, Vice - President for Fundraising, and Treasurer.

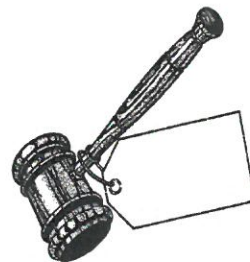
YES, most positions have been agreed to by our ready - to - work members. We have had several shifts in people and plans and have been working to organize a new plan for our Branch. The final list of nominees for the election of officers, which will be on April 24, 2017, at our Annual Meeting, will be officially sent to all, via the email, two weeks before the meeting. (Those who do not use the emails, will receive a USMail copy.)

Thank you, Sheryl Bewyer
and committee - Mary Fogarty, Pat Higby, Anne Schuessler

Presidents Report *Arleen Cook*

I would like to encourage members to attend the annual AAUW Cedar Falls meeting April 24. It will be the last dinner meeting until September. There are some awards to be presented and time will be provided to reflect on our past year as well as to input your ideas for the coming year.

The AAUW Iowa State Conference in Cedar Rapids, April 29 - 30, will accept registration through April 15. We have a member who would like to share a hotel room for the conference. I'm driving down and back on Saturday and if anyone would like to car-pool, we could work together. E-mail or call me if you have questions. Hope to see many of you at both venues! *President Arleen Cook*



Membership

It's that time of year again -- annual dues. Please plan to pay at the next meeting, April 24, or mail your check to our treasurer, Jodi Bergmann at 215 North St., Dike, IA 50624.

Checks should be made out to AAUW, in the amount of \$70. Leaders for the various interest/study and community action groups are encouraged to also collect checks. Our renewal fees need to be received by both national and state organizations before July 1st when the new fiscal year begins. Also, to be included in our yearbook, your payment must be received at this time.

It will be greatly appreciated if you take care of this in a timely manner; otherwise, you'll be getting reminder emails and phone calls from us, and of course we'd all like to avoid this.

Julie Rathmell & Liz Poole Co-Vice Presidents Membership

AAUW LOBBY DAY



Cedar Falls AAUW members Pat Higby and Linda Morgan (front row seated) and Liz Poole (second row on left) were among the 25 members and supporters from around the state who attended the AAUW Iowa Lobby Day at the State Capitol. They are shown with Representative Phyllis Thede, Davenport (row 2, 2nd from left) who along with Rep. Cindy Winckler, Davenport (not shown) met with the group. We also met with a ACLU staff attorney regarding a bill for accommodations for pregnant workers and bills about Independent Private Instruction. A Secretary of State staff member was to meet with us regarding voting legislation, but had a schedule conflict. Kim Folkers (back row on right) and Ann Henniger (third row on right) from Waverly branch attended. Lobby Day was facilitated by Maureen White (CF AAUW), AAUW Iowa Public Policy Director.

Secretary Memo

Nancy Hasenwinkel moved that we participate with Quota Club to support Operation Threshold by donating books or money for the next fiscal year. Ardelle Brown seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Helen Ackerman

Textbooks for Refugees Community Action Project

**Have you discovered
any more to give??**

Alicia Soppe & Karen Agee, Chairs



News from the Transition Scholarship Committee

As of April 1, the Transition Scholarship Committee has received one application (complete with essay, transcript, and two letters of reference) for the \$1000 scholarship for a Hawkeye Community College student preparing to transfer to UNI. We hope for additional applications from women who qualify for this award. The deadline to apply is April 7.

Karen Agee, Committee Chair

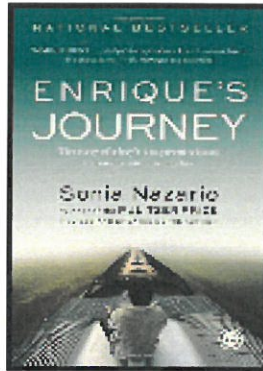
Community Action

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

Enrique's Journey: Broken Families, Broken Borders

by Sonia Nazario

April 10, the AAUW discussion group, CV3D, will meet at the Cedar Falls Public Library. The gathering will begin at 4:30 and end at 6 pm. All Cedar Valley residents are welcomed to join American University



Women, even if participants have not read the book. The Cedar Falls Public Library has copies of the book in the "book club" section of the collection.

This look at the current political discussion on the immigrants who are in the United States and those trying to make the journey as well is underscored by Nazario's title.

We tend to think of the desperate immigrants who risk to make it into the United States as adults. This title is a story of a seven year old boy, lonesome for the mother who left Honduras illegally in search of work to support her Honduran children. Dr. Jennifer Cooley will be the guest speaker for this compelling odyssey derived from the Pulitzer Prize winning Los Angeles TIMES series. Although Nazario didn't accompany Enrique on his journey she tells the story from his perspective having interviewed him and hundred of other immigrants making the trip. Nazario made the same trip herself several times in order to write the book.

Join the April 10 guests to examine an experience that effort to search for work in America and a seven year old who searches for the city where his mother in search of a steady income to support her children.

John Hari's ambitious and powerful new book, *Chasing the Scream: The First and Last Days of the War On Drugs*. Hari's story opens in the first decade of the twentieth century, long before the drug war had anything close to the current proportions. America American pharmacies sold many products made from the same ingredients as heroin and cocaine, including Coca-Cola.

John Hari debunks many myths and fallacies surrounding and the drug wars. Cedar Valley residents are invited to hear Pam Hays discuss the provocative questions about America's war on drugs.

Community Action Projects

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Promoting Global Awareness

Great Decisions Study Groups

Gloria Tollefson, project chair



SAUDI ARABIA ~ ~ ~ topic of discussion

Our Great Decisions study groups will meet to view a 30 minute DVD on Saudi Arabia, a nation in transition. Discussion will follow on its lack of democracy, human rights and especially women's rights. Saudi Arabia's promotion of Wahhabism, an extremely conservative version of Islam for creating jihadists has strained our relationship as well as the Iran nuclear deal. Join us as we discuss these most critical foreign policy issues.

As AAUW members you have two opportunities-> Monday, April 17, 1:15 pm at the First Presbyterian Church Library, Cedar Falls.

> Tuesday, April 18, 7 - 8:30 pm at the Cedar Falls Public Library conference room.

Gloria Tollefson and Kay Thrall

Great Decisions Afternoon Group

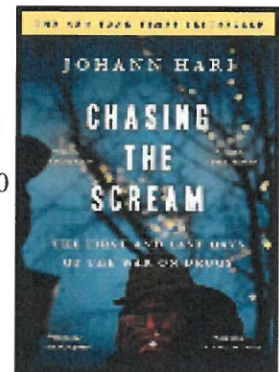
Great Decisions will meet April 17th at 1:15 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls. Carol Dotseth will lead the discussion on Saudi Arabia in Transition after watching a video. Everyone is welcome.

Call Kay Thrall 231-6880 if any questions.

Chasing the Scream

by John Hari

May 8, the AAUW discussion group, CV3D, will meet at the Cedar Falls Public Library. The gathering will begin at 4:30 and end at 6 pm. All Cedar Valley residents are welcomed to join American University Women even if participants have not read the book. The Cedar Falls Public Library has copies of the book in their "book club" section.



Co-Chairs Mary Dove and Judy Beckman

For further information,
contact judy.beckman@cfu.net

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

Garage Sale for Scholarships!

AAUW Cedar Falls Fund Raising

May 4 and 5, 2017

It is only one month until the annual **AAUW Garage Sale**. For new members, this is our main "fun raiser" for our scholarship fund. We sell everything our members donate, except clothing. You can drop off your kitchen items, furniture, shoes, toys, puzzles, books (no encyclopedia sets please), craft items, homemade items, holiday decorations, jewelry, bicycles, and plants (etc.) at 3819 S. Main in Cedar Falls on May 1 through 4.

If you are cleaning and need to get items out of your house earlier, Ardelle or Sandy can pick up items from you... or plan to be helpful and bring to my house. Maybe call to see where to put things if the date is end of April.

We will also need some volunteers to help set up and sell. Our hours will be Friday from noon until 6 pm and Saturday from 8 am until noon. We need everyone's help to make this a success! Thank you.



Legislative Public Forums

co sponsored by Cedar Falls AAUW

Pam Hays and Maureen White

**International
Friendship
Program**

Contact Pramod Sarin if you have questions, or wish to work with the program.



Cedar Valley UNA

Maureen White

Sandy Lawry & Nancy Hasenwinkel VPs Fundraising

All interested participants in choosing books beginning CV3D are most welcome.

Plan to come to chose books and know you are welcome. Let Judy Beckman know if you are willing to join in the choosing next books. We need and want you.

Judy Beckman and Mary Dove

Co-chairs of CV3D

**A Sneak Preview
of the CV3D books
will be held on
July 24, 2017**



Women's March

AAUW members from around the state attended the Women's March in Des Moines. AAUW Iowa staffed a table where we shared information about the organization – a great opportunity to spread the word about the work of AAUW and to be able to meet potential members!



Community Action Projects

Are you involved?

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

Women in Motion

– AAUW activities

~ **April 12, 9:30 am, Wednesday** - - *Waterloo Women's Center for Change Clothing Drive* - We will be accepting donations up until this time, when we will be setting up at the Women's Center. If you would like to donate or help to set up, contact Bonnie Smith or Jane Close.

~ **April 17, 9:30 am, Monday** - - We will be removing whatever clothing donations are left. Let Bonnie or Jane know if you can help.

~ **April 27, 5 - 6:30 pm, Thursday** - - *Getting Ahead while Getting Out* is a re-entry program for people looking to build bridges out of poverty. WIM will be providing dinner for the evening from 5 – 6:30 pm. Please contact Linda Morgan if you can help.

~ **May 23, 5 pm, Tuesday** - *Walk, Run or Bike at Washington Park* - - Meet at the park behind the old Western Home in downtown Cedar Falls and go out for supper afterwards in downtown Cedar Falls.

~ **June** date to be determined -Tour the *Dale Chihuly Venetians Exhibit* at the National Czech & Slovak Museum in Cedar Rapids.

~~~~ Because of so many activities in the last week of April and the AAUW conference on April 29 and 30, there will **not be a Fourth Fridays with Friends in April.**

*Linda Morgan*

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**Reaching Out With Books**

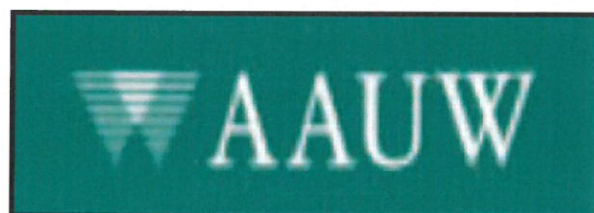
You've probably been saving your gently used books and magazines throughout the winter months and it's time to bring them to the April meeting for Reaching Out With Books. The reading materials are distributed to the Women's Unit of the Black Hawk County Jail and the Women's Center for Change. Please remember to cut your address labels off the magazines and bring only issues that have been published within the last year.

*Kathy Krieg*

**Literature**

The April 10 meeting of the **Literature Group** will meet in the home of Dee Lynch at Windcove at 1:15 pm. Windcove is located in the Western Home Communities. The group will be sharing what they are currently reading or a suggestion for a "good summer read." All AAUW members are welcome.

*Melba Widmer*



**UNI Connection Time**

We are good for May 1st in BSC 30th to have an awesome lunch and conversation time. We have the room from 11:30 - 1:30 pm. Brenda Buzynski and Marcey Seavey will do an update on UNI Start Smart plans and also the experiences taking the training and talking to others about pay equity issues.

*Marcey Seavey, UNI STEM Coordinator*



**Bundles of Joy**

*Jane Close & Diane Davison, Co-chairs*

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**Bridge For Education**



- > Wednesday, April 19 hostess Mary Franke
- > Tuesday, April 25 hostesses Jean Richardson and Pat Higby

This group plays all summer on the third Wednesday and fourth Tuesday of May, June, July and August.

Hostess for Wednesday, May 17, is Claudia Kaestner

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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