

Menu:

Baked Spaghetti with Salad
of mixed greens and Fruit bar
*Vegetarian or meat Chef salads
also available*

Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
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November 27 \$13
Call or email Mary Ellen
if you plan to eat with us.

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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Pay Equity and Start Smart

Speakers:

**Dr. Brenda Busynski, Enrollment
management**

**Marcy Seavey, STEM coordinator both at
UNI.**

During this session we will examine the data and explore the challenges and opportunities for Women in Leadership. Brenda Buzynski will share the result of a survey to 25 professional women in the Cedar Valley about the challenges and opportunities in leadership will be shared. Themes emerged from this informal qualitative research and there are some interesting findings. Marcy Seavey will provide an overview of AAUW Start Smart efforts to prepare the next generation of women professionals to overcome the pay gap. The session will end with discussion of actions AAUW members can take.

Visitors are welcome. Anyone may listen to the program speakers and not be required to stay for the meal. Reservations are due Wednesday, November 22. If you plan to eat with us, you must make a reservation by contacting Mary Ellen Beckman, AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com Or call 269-1893. Cost is \$13. Cancellations must be made by Wednesday, November 22, or the \$13 charge must be paid.

Scholarship Funds

The Fundraising Committee is looking for Angels to contribute to AAUW Scholarship Funds. We will have a small 'Thank You' Angel as a keepsake for those who donate. You can receive the angel either for contributing to a local scholarship fund, or to a national scholarship fund.

This reminder is in November because we do not meet in December and some will want to make their contribution during this tax year. We will also extend the angel offer through the January meeting date for those who wish to have their charitable contribution deductions occur in the 2018 calendar year.

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Thankful for you

We'll soon celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. As branch president, I am thankful for all of our members who pay dues and make other contributions to support the work of AAUW, AAUW Iowa and our branch, and who stand up and speak out for the advancement of women and girls. I'm thankful for the wonderful, smart women who serve on our branch board and lead our interest groups, study groups, and community action projects. Ours is one of the most active branches in the state and that's due to all of you who join because you want to make a difference. Our branch would not function without members who are willing to work. We understand that circumstances make it difficult for some of you to be actively involved, but even so, your membership support is priceless. Thank you.

Maureen White

Get Ready to Run

50-50 in 2020, a nonpartisan organization that does not endorse candidates or take positions on issues, was created to help women get elected to public office. One goal is 50% representation in our legislature by the year 2020.

50-50 is offering a Blueprint for Winning Academy on Thursday, Jan. 18, through Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Johnston. It is an intensive, comprehensive campaign training designed by women for women aspiring to hold office in Iowa's Legislature, done in a nonpartisan way with an eye to encouraging friendships, not competition.

If you are interested in running or know someone who is, you can register online beginning Wednesday, Nov. 8 at www.50-50in2020.org/events

Celebrating Suffrage

The 19th Amendment was passed on June 4, 1919, ratified on August 18, 1920, and took effect on August 26, 1920.

Before we know it, August 26, 2020 will be here—the centennial of women's suffrage! Plans are already in the works for a statewide, yearlong celebration and AAUW Iowa is part of that hardworking group. Our branch will want to be involved with local celebrations, so share your ideas with our board members. Watch for the December AAUW Iowa Connector for more information.

The Challenge of Nuclear Weapons

Is our topic of discussion this month. We will view a DVD on the topic and then discuss this challenge faced by the world as North Korea continues to threaten and dismantling the landmark deal with Iran is a priority of President Trump. Come to learn more about this most important foreign policy in view of our own nuclear arsenals.

You have two opportunities.....

Monday, November 20 at the First Presbyterian Church on Main St. at 1:15 pm in their library.

Tuesday, November 21 in the conference room at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 7-8:30pm.

We will also be announcing the 2018 Great Decisions topics and taking orders for new books.

Gloria Tollefson and Kay Thrall, program leaders

Community Action

Cedar Valley Discuss, Discover, Diversity

The AAUW Cedar Falls branch of Discuss, Discover, Diversity meets Monday, November 13 at the Cedar Falls Public Library. The discussion of BECOMING MS. BURTON: From Prison to Recovery to Leading the Fight for Incarcerated Women written by Susan Burton & Cari Lynn. The discussion leader will be Maureen White. All Cedar Valley residents are invited and welcome to join this presentation. Visitors need not have read the book to attend and join the discussion.

The program begins at 4:30 p.m. and goes until 6:00 p.m. Some of those who come may need to leave for other meetings that take place before 6:00. Participants who need to leave early need not feel embarrassed when leaving early. We are grateful for your presence and welcome you as often as you wish.

Mary Dove & Judy Beckman; Co-chairs of CV3D



Christina Maree Yar



Rosy Say Mue

Recipients Named by Textbooks for Refugee Women Community Action Project

Rosy Say Mue and Christina Maree Yar are this year's textbook scholarship recipients. Both are full-time, first-year students at Hawkeye Community College. Despite sharing books with friends and leasing some books, each student still had textbook expenses of more than \$300 for the fall 2017 semester.

Maree Yar plans to be a nurse, and Say Mue is planning to become a pharmacist. They were nominated by Mallory Petsche of EMBARC and Sheila Houston, ELL teacher and counselor at Waterloo West High School. AAUW-CF provides up to three awards each year to assist outstanding refugee women attending postsecondary institutions in the Cedar Valley by defraying the cost of textbooks, up to \$500 per recipient. The first award was given last year to Hsae Mae, now a sophomore at HCC. Alicia Soppe and Karen Agee, Co-Chairs

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Locally we fund two types of scholarships. Both of these scholarships are awarded to area students who apply, have financial need, and meet our other criteria.

(1) We award a Transitional Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a non-traditional female student who is transferring from Hawkeye Community College to the University of Northern Iowa. Last year, we were able to give two of these.

(2) We award a Textbook Scholarship in the amount of \$500 to a deserving foreign student. We would like to give two or three of these. Note the article just above!

Women in Motion (WIM) continues to provide opportunities for social interaction among members through service projects, educational events and social activities. In October we attended a UNI women's volleyball game, worked at the Cedar Valley Arboretum and worked on the clothing drive at the Women's Center for Change. Our upcoming events are open to all members. Join in any or all--as your time, talents and interests fit this schedule:

Sat, Nov 11 - Support Expanding Your Horizons by contacting Pat Higby
Tue, Nov 14 - Support Start Smart by contacting Maureen White
Wed, Nov 29, 4:30 - Attend Happy Hour at Old Chicago in College Square to organize December home visits and January events
Thur, Nov 30, 4:00-5:30 - Attend *School Choice, Privatization and Democracy* presentation in Maucker Union Elm Room, dinner optional afterward

Jane Close and Linda Morgan

Bridge for Education

Wednesday, November 15
Ardelle Brown will be calling
Tuesday, November 28
Someone will be calling.
Play begins at Willowwood/
Western Home Communities dinning
Room. 12:30 pm
1100 Grove Street, CF

Literature

The lit group will meet Mon. Nov. 13 at the home of Linda Morgan, 3609 Knoll Ridge Dr. Anyone is welcome to join our group. One person presents a book they think we would be interested in reading so no preparation required. For more info call 266-8575.

No Fourth Fridays with Friends until January 26th, 2018.

Books for Sale

Gently used books will be available at the November 27th, dinner meeting. Plan to come and purchase some books for an awesome price to help AAUW

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Please read page 10 of the 2017-2018 green membership Book for the information you need to make sure that your contributions to AAUW are fully tax-deductible. There are separate instructions for contributions to either Local Scholarships or to the national AAUW Fund. Please let Myrna Sandvik (329) 474-2721 or Pat Higby (319) 266-4934 know if you have made a contribution so that we can give you your "angel. Thanks in advance to all our generous AAUW Angels!

Don't want or need the tax-deduction--- just give some cash or check to Myrna or Pat at the dinner meeting or give to your facilitator for the study group you attend. Mark that the money is for Scholarship Funds.

Women's Center for Change

After a very generous outpouring of donations from our members, the Waterloo Women's Center for Change fall clothing drive was again a huge success. Twelve women helped to set up and take down the clothes on October 24th and November 1st. Nine AAUW members helped as well as 3 residents of the program. We had a lot of items so it took all of our hands to do the job. Thank you to Jane Nelson, Sherrie Dreyer, Jane Close, Linda Morgan, Pat Higby, Pam Hays, Karen Agee, Sandy Lawry and Bonnie Smith.

The residents were very enthusiastic and willing to help. We even let them have first choice in choosing clothing they could use. One resident from Alabama chose a winter coat since she didn't even have one. Another young pregnant parolee chose jeans and warm clothes so she didn't have to wear shorts.

As we left on Nov. 1st, I was stopped in the hallway by a supervisor from the Department of Corrections. He thanked us profusely for doing the project. He said that it was really a boost to the residents and very much needed. He encouraged us to continue doing this in the future. It felt good to be appreciated and to know that we really do help others in need in our community.

Our leftover clothing was distributed to Goodwill, saved for our spring clothing drive, or taken to Stuff Etc. Consignment store to be credited on our AAUW account and the money used for our scholarship program.

So, thank you again to those who donated and to those who came to work at the Center. We couldn't have done it without your help. By the way, you can now start saving clothing and items for our SPRING clothing drive!

Jane Nelson, Sherrie Dreyer & Bonnie Smith, Chair.



Jane Close is telling Sherrie Dreyer, Jane Nelson and Sandy Lawry about the Women Center for Change.



Bonnie Smith, Chair of Women's Center for Change Fall clothing drive pays Nancy Henderson for her dinner.



Pat Higby listens while Maureen White tells her a tall tale?

Thanks to all members who volunteer.
Thanks to all members who donate money for Scholarships.

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