

Saturday, February 24, 2018
Cedar Falls Woman's Club

Menu:

*\$13 -- Spinach Quiche, Fruit Cup
Coffee Cake, Juice, coffee or tea*



Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
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269-1893

Due by: February 16
Call or email Mary Ellen
if you plan to eat with us.

Gather 10:00 am
Brunch 10:15 am
Speaker 10:40 am

Lisa Speicher Munoz
Associate Professor of Sociology
Hawkeye Community College

Lisa will speak about the current state of immigration issues (and there is plenty to talk about!), particularly the trend toward criminalization of immigrants. She will clarify terms/concepts, discuss trends and possibilities for the future.

Mission:

AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo Branch advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Vision:

AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo 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-Waterloo 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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Visitors are welcome. Anyone may listen to the program speakers and not be required to stay for the meal. Reservations are due, February 16. 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 Friday, February 16 or the \$13 charge must be paid.

Join us at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge for a great Iowa AAUW Annual Conference on April 20 and 21. Create a "Let's go Pink" basket for the silent auction.

Fundraising

Thanks to all who participated in the White Elephant silent auction at the January 27 AAUW Brunch. There were 21 very nice White Elephants, the guessing and bidding were fun, and most people got happy surprises. Best of all, we earned \$200.00 for textbook scholarships.
Myrna Sandvik, Vice President for Fundraising

Lead to Help Us Succeed

Three offices are to be filled in even numbered years. They are:

- **president-elect**—can be co-president-elect with another person, one year term on the board, then one year as president.
- **vice president for program**—can be a co-vice president with another person, two year term on the board, works with the president and board to develop programming for the year.
- **secretary**—current secretary Nancy Hasenwinkel has agreed to serve a full two year term.

Please consider being a branch leader. Contact nominations committee chair Bonnie Smith.

Membership News

Our branch is now set up for online renewal of memberships and payment by credit card. Or you can still write a check. Watch for updates with directions for this option. Thanks to Jodi Bergman, Linda Morgan, and Gayle Wood for making this happen.

Save the dates

Join us at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge for a great Iowa AAUW Annual Conference on April 20 and 21. Enjoy learning about *Wonder Women* at our free Kick-off Performance on Friday night! Discover the *Truth And Consequences* of privatization of education and health care, the #MeToo movement, and opioid use in Iowa. Learn how many different branches are promoting STEM careers for Iowa's girls. Listen to our national AAUW speakers discuss upcoming changes, and our LAF presenters describe how they are helping women win their legal battles. And, of course, you'll want to take home a *Let's Go Pink* basket! Do you want to car pool? Let Pat Higby know if you need a ride!

Two opportunities for Cedar Valley residents to listen, learn and discuss

International Studies February 19, 1:15 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls

Promoting Global Awareness February 20, 7:00 p.m., at the Cedar Falls Public Library

Both of these groups begin with a DVD followed by a discussion. This month it is about Russia's foreign policy. How does Putin continue to receive the support of the Russian people? Both groups use *Great Decisions* briefing book. *Four briefing books are still available for purchase.*

Kay Thrall and Gloria Tollefson, chairs

International Friendship Program (IFP)

Currently, we have 47 families and 61 students participating in IFP. This semester we matched four new students with three families. The program is progressing well. We are always recruiting new families throughout the year. Please let us know if you would like participate in the IFP. Go to the web site to learn more and how to sign up to be a family friend. cedarfalls-ia.aauw.net Pramod Sarin & Bonnie Smith

Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

THE SPARK; A Mother's Story of Nurturing, Genius, Autism by Kristine Barnett

Monday, February 12, 2018, Cedar Valley Discuss, Discover Diversity, will meet at 4:30- 6:00 at the Cedar Falls Public Library in the large meeting room. He has a photographic memory, and taught himself calculus in two weeks before he succeeded in mastering the expectations of the Kindergarten program at his elementary school. The story of Christine's journey with Jake is remarkable because his extraordinary mind was almost lost to autism. Diagnosed at two years old she was told he would never walk, talk, or read. This normal child at birth began to move into his own world, and despite experts efforts, he was unable to focus on basic skills and curtail distracting interests necessary for entering school.

The discussion will be led by Mary Dove and her guest speaker, Mike Dierdorff, a man well acquainted with Autism and Asperger's. All residents of the Cedar Valley are invited and welcomed to join this eye-opening syndrome. No requirement to have read Barnett's book is necessary. Visitors and regular members of CV3D are welcomed and urged to bring friends to hear Mike Dierdorff's presentation and discussion.

Judy Beckman & Mary Dove, Co-chairs of Cedar Valley Discover, Discuss, Diversity

Nominate a Candidate to be this year's Named Gift Honoree

Each year we give \$500 or more as a named gift to the AAUW Funds in honor of one of our members. Please send the name of your nominee for this year and give us the reasons you think they are worthy. **Criteria:** The individual has served as a longtime and dedicated officer, made significant contribution to the branch, made significant financial contributions, has been a staunch supporter of AAUW, or has in other ways contributed to AAUW. You can see a list of recent winners on page 24 of your yearbook.

Send your nomination and reasons why before February 28th.

Contact psteele@cfu.net or call 266-1595 or contact other committee members
Phyllis Steele, Mary Dove and Nancy Henderson

Speak Up, Speak Out

Join AAUW members from across the state for the February 21st Lobby Day in Des Moines. We'll gather for a review of tips for communicating with legislators, then we'll learn about pay equity and other AAUW issues before speaking out with legislators. Best of all, you don't have to go alone to the Capitol. Pat Higby is coordinating carpooling, so contact her if you want to ride with others.

Women in Motion (WIM)

Everyone's invited to join with Women in Motion for either or both of the upcoming events. We may decide to add lunch or dinner if there's sufficient interest.

Sat, Feb 10 - **AAUW Co-sponsored Legislative Public Forum on Education** 10:00 a.m.-noon, Central River AEA at former Park Place Events Center, 1521 Technology Parkway CF

Tue, Feb 27 - **Newspapers and Decision-Making** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Elm Room Maucker Union UNI
Nancy Newhoff, Editor, Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier, will discuss how newspapers play a critical role in democracy. She will discuss the Courier's focus, how news is selected, the watchdog role and trends affecting newspapers.
Jane Close and Linda Morgan, Co-chairs

Bridge for Education

Wednesday, February 21-Anne Schuessler

Tuesday, February 27—Mary Franken

Playing begins at Willowwood/Western Home Communities dining room. 12:30

1100 Grove St., CF contacts:
Ardelle Brown and Claudia Kaestner

Fourth Fridays with Friends

We will be meeting again on Friday, February 23.

Members meet at College Sq. HyVee coffee area at 10:30 a.m. and have good conversations.

We were a small group of women in January but still learned about an interview on you tube of Jacob Barnett, a genius from the book, "The Spark".

Gently used books for sale at this meeting. Come and buy some great books at a great price, February 24th. You may bring books to be sold as well. All proceeds go to Cedar Falls-Waterloo AAUW.

Literature Group

Lit group meets Monday, February 12 at Oreaan Yahnke's home, 1:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. A member presents a book they think we might want to read or be aware of its content. Interesting discussions! We do not all read the same book.

Joan Bunkofske, contact

Reaching out with Books

Bring new or gently used books and magazines to this brunch. Amy Hoyer will deliver them to the Black Hawk County jail, Waterloo Women's Center for Change, House of Hope as part of the AAUW mission to advance education for women. Amy has a big front porch, the books etc. can be left in a box on her great porch. 910 Tremont.

Legislative Forums

Saturday, February 10, 10:00-12:00 am
Education

Friday, February 23, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Public Employees

All forums are at Central Rivers AEA ,
Hudson Rd., Cedar Falls, IA (Pipac building)