

**Vol. 76 No. 7 Cedar Falls, IA
Monday, April 23, 2018
Cedar Falls Woman's Club**

Menu:

*Chicken and Wild rice casserole
Salad of mixed greens, Rhubarb bar
Vegetarian or meat Chef salads
also available*

Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com
269-1893

By Friday, April 20 \$13
Call or email Mary Ellen
if you plan to eat with us.

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.

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**AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo
2018 Annual Meeting**

**Monday, April 23
CF Woman's Club, Third and Clay Street
Gather at 5:00 p.m.
Program at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:15 p.m.**

We will be celebrating:

- **election of new officers**
- **presentation of the Transition Scholarship**
- **presentation of the Named Gift Honoree**
- **brainstorming ideas for next year**

Visitors are welcome. Anyone may listen to the program speakers and not be required to stay for the meal. Reservations are due, April 20. 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, April 20 or the \$13 charge must be paid.

**Annual Garage and Plant Sale –
Friday, May 4th Saturday May 5th-3819 S. Main St.**

It is that time of year again! Yes, time to search your closets and garage for the things your family has outgrown and could pass along to someone else.

We need all your no-longer-useful (to you) items that still could be very handy for someone else. We accept furniture, other household items, art objects, seasonal items, craft supplies, recreational equipment, books, garden tools and plants. Almost anything **except clothing and TV's**.

Please drop all this "found treasure" at Sandy Lawry's garage, 3819 South Main St., CF. Contact: Myrna Sandvik or Sandy Lawry for questions or transportation help!

Presidents Report

We look forward to the annual member meeting for our AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo branch on Monday, April 23. It's always a great event to attend because we welcome back our "snowbirds" who left us for warmer places in the winter, elect officers, thank our out-going officers, honor our Named Gift recipient, recognize our Transition Scholarship recipient, and more. Plan to arrive at 5:00 so that we can start the meeting early.

We've had fantastic programs this year, arranged by our vice presidents for program, Judy Beckman and Ardelle Brown, as well as others who helped with planning. Our last scheduled events for 2017-18 are the lunch with UNI faculty and staff on April 30 and our garage and plant sale on May 4 & 5. We will plan additional activities and events through the summer, so if you have an idea for something educational or just for fun, let us know!

Thanks to our members who attended a Legislative Public Forum, contacted their legislators about issues, attended the AAUW Iowa Lobby Day in February, wrote a letter to the editor, informed others about an issue, or in other ways advocated for women and girls. Some issues like pay equity and sexual harassment and assault are getting more attention and discussion right now, but it will take legislative ACTION, not just media coverage, to bring about lasting change. Keep up your efforts.

Maureen White, President

Slate of Officers-April 23 annual meeting

President: Pat Higby (2018-19)

Co-Presidents Elect: Kay Thrall & Arleen Prather-O'Kane (2018-19)

Co-Vice Presidents for Program: JoAnn DeVries & Sandy Lawry (2018-2020)

Secretary: Nancy Hasenwinkel (2018-2020)

Nominations Committee: Bonnie Smith, chair; Arleen Cook, Nancy Hasenwinkel

AAUW national dues are now \$59--of which \$56 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. AAUW state dues remain at \$10 and our branch dues are still \$11...

total is \$80 for regular branch membership.

If you wish to write a check for your dues, either bring it to the last dinner meeting on April 23rd or mail it to our treasurer, Jodi Bergmann, P.O. Box 75, Dike, IA 50624.

If you wish to use a credit card for your dues payment, the Membership Payment Program is now up and running on the national website. To access the MPP, go to aauw.org. Login. Click on MSD in the top menu bar, then click on Enter the MSD. In the list on the left of the next page, locate Membership Payment Program. Click on Renew My Membership and follow the clear instructions you will see. After completion of the form, a printable receipt confirming your payment pops up. All done, in just a few minutes! Co-Vice Presidents for Membership: Linda Morgan and Gayle Wood

There will be books for sale at the Dinner meeting on April 23. Also bring books to add to the books Mary Ellen has for sale. BOOKS FOR SALE 50 Cents a book! BOOKS FOR SALE

Lunch April 30 with UNI faculty & staff and members. 11:45-1:00 at Business and Community Services Center on UNI Campus. RSVP by April 28 to dabrown@cfu.net

Dr. Gretta Berghammer will speak about "To Touch the Moon." Gretta is the Youth Theatre faculty member and is directing the CF Summer Youth Theatre. This project will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. The Project is also experimental theatre designed for all inclusive audiences. The audience and actors are together on the set the entire performance, with audience interacting and playing a role in the story.

Contacts:

Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

MONDAY, APRIL 9, Cedar Valley Discuss, and Discover Diversity will discover diversity in Lori Tharps' 2016 title in which she confronts colorism in America's diverse families.

Tharps' SAME FAMILY, DIFFERENT COLOR was her passionate project. She feels that talking about color is a challenging undertaking. She admits that her drive to write this book was made even difficult by the admission that she and all those she loves have been affected by colorism. This title examines how skin color differences within a family mark the family dynamics within a nuclear family. Through her interviews with African Americans, Latino, Asian Americans, and mixed race families she listens to personal stories of people who have live in the tangles of the colors within their homes. Tharps includes her own story within her book. She is the mother of three children with three different color tones—colorism.

All Cedar Valley residents are invited to attend or participate as Joan Bunkofske leads the discussion of Tharps book. There is no requirement to have read the book in preparation for this meeting. Securing a copy of the title at the Cedar Falls or Waterloo Libraries and reading the book will enhance the ability to feel this historically textured and well-researched book.

The discussion will be held at the second floor large meeting room at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 4:30 to 6:00. Some of those attending must leave early to make other commitments. CV3D looks forward to welcoming all Cedar Valley residents who wish to be present on Monday, April 9. For further questions: contact drjudy.beckman@cfu.net or call 319-939-4075. Mary Dove & Judy Beckman Co-chairs of CV3D

International Studies/Promoting Global Awareness

International Study Groups to discuss Media's Effect on International Policy

Both of our Great Decisions study groups will be discussing "Media and Foreign Policy."

After watching a 30 minute DVD on the topic, we will discuss how today's media, newspapers, TV, social media and tweeting can affect our relationships with other countries. Join us as we discuss today's critical global issues.

As members, you have two opportunities.....

Monday, April 16, at 1:15pm in the library at the First Presbyterian Church, 9th and Main. Cedar Falls or

Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00pm in the small conference room at the Cedar Falls Public Library.



Think Pink is the theme for the silent Auction at the Spring Conference on Friday, April 20 & Saturday, April 21.

Come for both days or just one. Deadline for registration is Saturday, April 7th. Car pool-- -let me know if you want a ride. Some are going for both days and some for Saturday only. If you go you will meet some great women.

Ardelle Brown

Women in Motion (WIM)

Women in Motion will provide a meal Thursday, April 5 for participants in **Getting Ahead: Bridges Out of Poverty**. This is a continuing education program that requires participants to attend twice-a-week classes for several weeks. We will serve taco salads, fresh fruits and desserts to them, their children and instructors, then sit down and share the meal. We have done this in the past and found it very worthwhile and rewarding. Special thanks to Mary Ingamells for organizing this project.

Thursday, April 26, 4:30 will be another **Happy Hour at Old Chicago** to make plans for the summer months.

Monday, April 30, 1:30 Women in Motion will attend the **U.S. Naturalization Ceremony** in UNI's Maucker Union Ballroom. Please join us in welcoming our newest citizens. Contacts: Jane Close and Linda Morgan

Literature Group

The Lit group will meet on April 9 at the home of Liz Poole. Linda Morgan will present the book. All are welcome. We plan to meet this summer. In June we will have a general discussion on the book "Bottomland." It is a true story of a family near Clarksville.

Contact: Joan Bunkofske

Bridge for Education

Wednesday, April 18—Nancy Hoppe

Tuesday, April 24—Ardelle Brown

Playing begins at Willowood/Western Home Communities dining room at 12:30 p.m.

1100 Grove Street, CF

If you have not played before and would like to be included call Ardelle Brown.

Ardelle Brown & Claudia Kaestner, Contacts

Celebrate the Wonder Women of the World with AAUW

A must see for all Mothers and Daughters—And It's Free

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Iowa will present *Wonder Women*, a program of songs, videos, poetry, and readings celebrating the accomplishments of women and girls at 7:30 pm on Friday, April 20 in the Auditorium of the Bioscience and Health Science Building of the Iowa Central Community College campus in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

This will be an empowering evening of stories and songs meant for girls, sisters, mothers, aunts, and grandmothers to celebrate past achievements and inspire future triumphs. The words of Maya Angelou will help us to "Just do right: Try to live your life in a way that you will not regret, years of useless virtue and inertia and timidity. . . . Pick up the battle and make it a better world just where you are." We'll raise our courage with a reading from Malala and by singing Sara Bareilles' *Brave*. Overcoming adversity is a common theme of these stories, as illustrated by the poem "And Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou. Finally, we'll have a joyful celebration with music such as *I am Woman* and *Sisters are Doin' It for Themselves*". Fathers, brothers, and uncles of incredible women and girls are also welcome!

The *Wonder Women* program is part of the annual spring conference of Iowa AAUW. Non members are welcome to attend the conference on Saturday, April 21 for just \$80, which includes the cost of lunch. The conference is also at the Bioscience and Health Science Building at Iowa Central CC from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Presentations include information about AAUW STEM initiatives, Opioid Use in Iowa, and a panel on privatization of education, Medicaid, and mental health care.

Reservation deadline for the Saturday conference is April 7 for \$75 send to Pat Higby, 1902 W. 12th St, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. Late fee is \$10.

Fourth Fridays with Friends is April 27 at 10:30 at the College Square HyVee to talk, talk talk ! Look for us at the round table in the coffee area.

Bundles of Joy

Special thanks are in order for Diane Davison who has completed more than 100 baby sleep bags! Her goal was 100 and she even exceeded it.

Five more babies in various stages are on the way. Four of the mothers are from Burma and one is a parolee through the Waterloo Women's Center for Change.

We are currently in need of a volunteer(s) to attend one Operation Threshold Nest meeting a month to sign up pregnant women to receive infant layettes/baby bags and to deliver the bags. The Nest program is a series of parent education classes for women who are pregnant and/or have preschool children. The women from Burma meet on the first three Fridays of the month at 10:00 at First United Methodist Church in the Church Row neighborhood of Waterloo. One of our AAUW members, Liberata Aung, is there as interpreter and assists with the process.

Next year we will continue providing infant layettes, but with a focus on books and reading to infants. We have been fortunate to receive a large donation of books for both infants & children. Let us know if you'd like to help with this project.

Jane Close and Linda Morgan

Shoe Drive for Scholarships—April 1 to May 31

At the April annual meeting we will again be collecting shoes for our scholarship funds.

Funds from the shoe drive will fund at least one (\$1,000) scholarship for a worthy non-traditional student who needs financial help. In addition, the shoes will help small business people in poor countries support their families. Our closets are clean and our landfill is spared. We still need LOTS of shoes! Our goal is 100 bags of 25 pair of shoes each. So far, we have 10 bags or 1/10th of a scholarship.

Ask your friends for their outgrown or out-of-fashion shoes. We can use any size any style, men's women's or children's. Think big, to find shoes for our scholarship funds. # Maybe your church would allow you to have a collection box for shoes, or a group you belong to would collect shoes for our scholarship. It is a great cause and you could make an important difference!

You can deliver shoes to Pat Higby's garage at **1902 W. 12th Street**, any time until May 31. If you have questions or need help to transport your shoes, call Myrna Sandvik (230-9539) or Pat Higby (266-4934).

Garage and Plant Sale Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th

The garage is ready to accept sale items. If transportation is a problem, just call for help. Sandy, Myrna or another of the fundraising committee will pick it up for you. It is helpful if you can price your items. Price your items if you can. Please get your items to the garage as soon as convenient, but absolutely early in the last week before the sale.