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Monday, October 22, 2018 Cedar Falls Woman's Club

AAUV empowering women since

Menu:

Cheeseburger Meatloaf Root Vegetable Medley Chocolate Chip Cookie Coffee or Tea \$15

or Chef Salad - with/without meat and a Chocolate Chip Cookie Coffee or Tea \$15



Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman 269-1893

AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com

due by October 17, 2018



Mission:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision: Equity for all.

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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Our theme this year is Leadership and Education Gather 5:00 pm Program 5:30 pm Dinner 6:15 pm

Election News: Changes to the Laws

Speakers Karen Showalter and/or Grant Veeder Black Hawk County Election Office

Topics covered during the presentation will be the changes beginning January 1, 2019, in the Iowa voting laws. Iowa voters will be required to show an Iowa driver's license, Iowa Non-Operator's ID, U.S. passport, Military ID, Veterans ID, Tribal ID or Voter ID card at the polls before voting.

The speakers will explain how you vote without one of these identification cards. College students will now be allowed to show a housing agreement on their smartphones, as proof of residence, as well as bank statements, utility bills and paychecks.

Co-vice presidents for program:

JoAnn DeVries joanndv@cfu.net

Sandy Lawry sandylawry1970@gmail.com

The October meeting dinner is:
Cheeseburger Meatloaf, Root Vegetable Medley,
Chocolate Chip Cookie Coffee or Tea \$15

~ or Chef Salad - with / without meat and also Cookie.

Reservations for this event are due noon Wednesday, October 17. and should be made at <u>AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com</u> or call Mary Ellen Beckman 269-1893.

>> Cost this year is \$15. Women's Club must begin charging the 7% tax & must be made at the club by Wednesday night, before the Monday meeting.

We Need to Talk:

How Black Women and White Women Receive and Perceive Each Other

Our branch is hosting a discussion featuring Carletta Knox-Seymour, Cedar Rapids and Dev Kiedaisch, Keokuk, from 10:30 - noon at the Waterloo Public Library on Saturday, October 20. This special discussion builds on our focus on diversity and inclusion last year, our Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity book group topics, and is part of our outreach effort in the Cedar Valley. It is free and open to the public. Email *Maureen White* if you need a ride.

Presidents Report.



President Pat Higby



Indigenous Peoples & Sustainability October 15 – Cedar Valley UNA

Our branch co-sponsors programs offered by the Cedar Valley United Nations Association, an affiliate of the UNA-USA, an organization that collaborates with AAUW.

Branch members are invited to a presentation by Varvara Korkina, a project coordinator at the ARCTICenter UNI. Ms. Varvara will discuss how the indigenous peoples agenda is important in sustainability and environmental balance on the Earth. She has experience with the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Expert Mechanism on Human Rights and has worked with various UN bodies on climate change and Sustainable Development Goals.

The program is set for 7-8:30 pm at the Cedar Falls Public Library. CVUNA members, or those interested in membership, are encouraged to arrive early for a 6:15 annual membership meeting. The 7 pm program is free and open to the public.

Maureen White

Membership Report

Our Cedar Falls AAUW branch has 91 members this year. Two new members joined us at our September meeting, where we had 28 members, 2 speakers and 1 guest attending.

Marilyn Drury, who was a member many years ago, is now is retired, so has time to participate and joined AAUW again. Beth Dove, an ESL teacher in Waterloo, has also joined. She is the daughter of our member, Mary Dove.

Linda Morgan and Gayle Wood Co-Vice Presidents for Membership

Artist's Auction at October Dinner Meeting

If you are an artist, please consider donating a sample of your work to our silent auction, during the meeting, which will benefit our two scholarship funds. Please bring your item with a suggested starting bid, and whatever other information you think is appropriate.

Whether or not you contribute your handiwork, please bring your purse or checkbook and come prepared to bid on and to purchase the artwork of our very own members. We may discover hidden talents we never suspected were there.

Our \$1,000 Transitional Scholarship is awarded to a worthy female nontraditional student who is transferring from HCC to UNI. We like to be able to award one or two of these each year, depending upon quality of applications.

Our \$500 Textbook Scholarship is awarded to refugee students who are recommended by their teachers. These scholarships are to help with the cost of textbooks. We have awarded as many as three of these in one year, depending on need.

We will have an evening of discovery - seeing the creative facets of our AAUW friends, AND finding lovely new items we really would like to own.

Best of all, every participant gains the satisfaction of knowing they are helping several very appreciative local students.

Myrna Sandvik Vice President for Fundraising



Flower by Rowena Hardinger





Community Action

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

MAUS I by Art Spiegelman

Monday, October 8, Cedar Valley Discuss Discover Diversity (CV3D) will examine an unusual title, Art Spiegelman's Pulitzer Prize winning graphic novel, MAUS I: A Survivor's Tale. The presentation will be held in the large discussion room at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 4:30 - 5:30 pm.



This most unconventional graphic (comic book) novel will glimpse a love of diversity in literature. In 1986, Art Spiegelman meets with his father, with whom he is not close. He asks him to recall for him his life as a Jew in Poland in World War II and his imprisonment in Auschwitz. After the novel was repeatedly turned down by publishers his "comic book" is finally accepted by Pantheon Books uncertain of its success offers him a mere pittance of an advance. Much to Pantheon's surprise, the title became a best seller in both its adolescent and the adult publishing houses.

In this mere 158-page book, Poland and Auschwitz become vivid. Despite its prize-winning success a reporter recently, after 25 years as a best seller, asks Speigelman if a Holocaust comic book isn't in bad taste. Spiegelman barks back at the reporter that he thought Auschhwitz was in bad taste.

All Cedar Valley residents are invited to read and discuss this book with the CV3D AAUW Community Action Project. For further information contact *Dr. Judy Beckman by e-mail at drjudy.beckman@cfu.net or Mary Dove, co-chairs of CV3D.*

AAUW Iowa State Conference

April 27, 2019 DMACC Newton Campus

Books and More for Newborns

Jane Close

Promoting Global Awareness Great Decisions Study Groups



International Studies

Join us, as we watch a 30 minute DVD and then discuss "South Africa's Fragile Democracy".

Political corruption and economic stagnation have led to frustration within this relatively new democracy, that has governed South Africa since the end of apartheid in 1994.

As members, you have two opportunities > Monday, October 15 at 1:15 pm in the library, at the First Presbyterian Church at 9th and Main, Cedar Falls.

> Tuesday, October 16 at 7 pm in the small conference room at the Cedar Falls Public Library.

Gloria Tollefson 266-4075 gltollefson@cfu.net Kay Thrall 266-6190 keds@cfu.net

Gloria Tollefson, project chair

Women in Motion

Women in Motion (WIM) met for Happy Hour in August to plan September events. In September, we went to College Square Theaters' Tuesday \$5 Movie Day, to see *Black kKlansman* and to the RiverLoop Amphitheatre for *Fiesta: A Celebration of Latino Heritage*.

All members, spouses, family and friends are welcome at WIM events. Please join us for these events:

October 27 at 3 pm., come *Strolling with the Spirits* 2018. Stroll through the paths of the Cedar Valley's past, as actors bring former residents back to life through a live historical interpretation at Waterloo Cemetery.

Non-members: \$10, Members: \$8. Registration required at groutmuseum district.org. Meet at the Waterloo Cemetery, 3430 West 4th Street, in Waterloo.

October 30 at 9 am, help set up the *Women* for *Change Community Action Project* clothing drive (co-chairs Bonnie Smith, Jane Nelson, Sherrie Dreyer) at the Waterloo Women's Center for Change, 1515 Lafayette St next to the food bank. *Jane Close and Bonnie Smith*

Community Action Projects
Are you involved?

Community Action Projects Co-Sponsored Programs and Contacts

Expanding Your Horizons



CF AAUW ladies volunteered last year for Cedar Valley Society of Women Engineer's annual **Expanding Your Horizons** conference for middle school girls, and we are hoping you decide to join us again this year! Opportunity to help is Saturday, October 13 at UNI.

Expanding Your Horizons is an opportunity for girls grade 5 -8 to interact with STEM through hands-on workshops hosted by local professionals in STEM fields. Last year we hosted more than 150 girls from our Cedar Valley community, and we hope to have the same turn out again.

AAUW Cedar Falls will donate scholarships for up to 20 young girls. We have 3 members volunteering for the morning registration. The Society of Women Engineers have a great day planned.

Pat Higby and Marcy Seavey



Community
Action Projects
Are you involved?

Women Center for Change - Fall Clothing Drive -

We will be having a fall clothing drive at 9 am on October 30. Please start saving your clothing, shoes, coats, hats and scarves, purses, new underwear, pajamas, jewelry, etc. now. We will pick up the items the week of the drive. The residents of the facility need almost everything.

Thank you so much. Bonnie Smith 266-2526 also Jane Nelson and Sherrie Dreyer

Public Policy and Communications

Public Policy

If AAUW staff has time to prepare it, we will receive a Voter Guide for First Congressional District candidates. AAUW Iowa will have a table in the Capitol for Pay Equity Day on April 2, 2019, will probably have a Lobby Day again, and has a Capitol Corps contingent of volunteers who will represent us at the Legislature.

Cedar Valley United Nations Association

Our branch co-sponsors programs of the CVUNA. The speaker at the Monday, October 15, program is Varvara Korkina, who will address the relationship of sustainability and environmental balance to indigenous peoples. Korkina has expertise with sustainable development goals, human rights, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and Expert Mechanism on Indigenous rights while working in UN offices in NY city and Geneva. The program is at the Cedar Falls Public Library. Please plan to attend.

Maureen White Public Policy

AAUW Cedar Falls Fund Raising

Questions? Contact Myrna Sandvik, 319-230-9539 or sandvikmj@iowatelecom.net

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

Save the Date!

Justice: A New Narrative

Restoring Wholeness to the Individual, the
Family and the Community

Iowa Justice Action Network Fall Conference

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Waterloo Center For the Arts Waterloo, Iowa

Keynote Speaker Jeanne Bishop

Author of Change of Heart Justice, Mercy and Making Peace With My Sister's Killer

For more information contact allen.hays@uni.edu



Thank You

A thank you to Ardelle Brown, for paying for pies that were given away to members attending the Try Pie presentation in September.

One of the speakers was Mariah Ambrose, a sophomore at East High. Mariah is a great example of the confidence the young women of Try Pie gain from the program, as well as gaining a good work ethic, responsibility and money management.



Cedar Valley UNA Maureen White

Fourth Fridays with Friends

Fourth Fridays with Friends
Members meet at the College Square HyVee coffee area at 10:30 am for relaxed but lively conversations.

Come and join in the conversation with a group of AAUW friends before you get your groceries or a second cup to coffee. Join us on Friday, October 26.

Ardelle Brown

Literature Group

The Literature Group meets the second Monday of the month, in our members homes.

Our AAUW Literature group meets Monday afternoon, October 8, at 1:15 pm at the home of Dee Lynch. That is 5300 S. Main Street in Cedar Falls.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to visit or receive a schedule... or receive question answers...



call Joan Bunkofske at 266-8575.



Bridge For Education

Wednesday, October 17 and Tuesday, October 23

Playing begins at 12:30 pm in dining room Willowwood / Western Home Communities 1100 Grove Street CF

If you have not played before, Call Ardelle or Claudia for more information 266-6882

Ardelle Brown and Claudia Kaestner, contacts

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