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Saturday, March 23, 2019 Allen College

Menu:

Saturday Brunch egg casserole, hashbrown casserole, assorted pastries, fresh fruit salad, orange juice and coffee \$15



Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman 269-1893 AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com due by March 18, 2019

Co-vice presidents for program:
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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.

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Our theme this year is Leadership and Education

Opportunities for Allen College Students

Dr. Jared Seliger



The AAUW CF - Waterloo branch will meet on March 23, from 10 am to 12 noon, at Allen College.

Jared Seliger, PhD, President of Allen College in Waterloo, will be the speaker. The topic of his talk will be 'Opportunities for Allen College Students.' Dr. Seliger will share information on demographics of the students and the many types of degrees that are now available at Allen College. Dr. Seliger will also share information on the new simulation program.

The gathering will be in Winter Hall in the Baskins Classroom, Number 107. Enter through the main door in Winter Hall and turn left. The classroom will be marked with a stand up sign. Allen College is located on Heath Street which is off Highway 63 and/or Donald Street. Just follow Heath Street until you see the sign for Allen College. There is ample parking.

Brunch and Meeting time - 10 am to noon

This will be a brunch buffet consisting of egg casserole, hashbrown casserole, assorted pastries, fresh fruit salad, orange juice and coffee. We will provide hot water if you choose to bring your own tea bag.

The cost will be \$15.

Reservations may be made to <u>AAUWCFW.RSVP@gmail.com</u> or call Mary Beckman at 269-1893 by March 18th.



Guests are welcome and anyone may attend and enjoy the meal or attend and listen to the program only.

> Submitted by Sandy Lawry and JoAnn DeVries, Co Chairs of Program Committee

President Report From the Presidents...



Arlene Prather-O'Kane and Kay Thrall

News from your Co-Presidents:

It's March and Spring is around corner - whenever we see the grass again!! Obviously, we are still buried in snow and we really missed seeing all of you at our February Brunch. Unfortunately the inclement weather ruled that weekend!! On a brighter note, we hope to see all of you at our March 23rd Brunch that will be held at the Allen College. As committee members of the 19th Century Centennial Committee, you can read more in this newsletter about the progress being made. Continue positive thoughts about assisting as a chair, or co-chair for next year's committee or board positions, since we need to vote in April!

19th Century Centennial Committee

The committee members are made up of a variety of community members from various organizations, such as AAUW, The Women's Club, Waterloo Center for the Arts, League of Women Voters (Black Hawk and Bremer County), Tuesday Club, UNI Art Department. We have met a few times together and are discussing some type of sculptures possibly in 2 locations, Cedar Falls Women's Club and somewhere in Waterloo. The styles for the Cedar Falls and Waterloo pieces would need to be different because the architecture of the buildings at the two locations is so different. The committee is obtaining permission about placement of the sculptures. Planning will be for at least one year, for the process from start to finish. We are aiming for the first choice of the dedication being August 26, 2020. (Women's Equality Day). If the artwork is not ready at that time, the next option is prior to election day (not on election day), 2020.

Reminder! May 17 and 18 Annual Garage and Plant Sale

Sandy Lawry's Garage -3819 S. Main Street CF

We will hold our always successful annual garage sale, for scholarships this spring from 12 noon to 6 pm, on Friday, May 17, and from 8 am to noon on Saturday, May 18.

As in the past, we accept almost everything except clothing and TV's. We still want to emphasize the large variety of plants we have always offered, and this year we are hoping for a larger assortment of purses, hats and other accessories. Please search your home for all kinds of items that you no longer want, but that could be useful to someone else. We spare the landfill, and make it possible to fund our scholarships.

After April 23, take everything you find to Sandy Lawry's garage. If you need help transporting any of your items, or if you need to donate them before April 23, call Myrna Sandvik (230-9539) or Sandy Lawry (415-7912).

Myrna Sandvik Vice President for Fundraising

Membership Report

Three new members have joined our AAUW. The January Brunch was great and three new ladies joined our organization.

Michelle Jungers
Lori Schneider
Maria Murphy
Linda Morgan and Gayle Wood
Co-Vice Presidents for Membership

Transition Scholarship Committee



On behalf of the **Transition** Scholarship Committee, we report to all that the 2019 scholarship application deadline is March 15. Information about the scholarship is available on the Grants and Scholarships page of the Hawkeye Community College financial aid site.

Karen Agee

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Community Action Projects Are you involved?



Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

America's First Daughter

Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie

Cedar Valley Discuss, Discover Diversity will share the prize winning new novel, AMERICA'S FIRST DAUGHTER, on the second Monday, on March 11th at the Cedar Falls Public Library in the Hartman Meeting Room



from 4:30 - 6 pm.
Dray and Kamoie's new title is not a romance book, but rather a story of Thomas Jefferson's only surviving daughter and her promise to care always for her father, the second President of the United States. Jefferson's wife, Martha, died in childbirth, at the age of 39.

From then on, Patsy, undertook and fulfilled her promise over the choice of her first love and later her own husband. Readers begin Patsy's story when she is going through Jefferson's letters to prevent history from seeing documents she felt should be destroyed. As she lived with Jefferson and read his files after his disease, Patsy understood that her father was the man of contradictions. Among these great flaws, she knew that this well respected man wrote the document that allowed as how all men are created free and yet owned and worked 800 slaves, which bothered Patsy a great deal while Jefferson lived and after his died. Further time while Patsy loved Jefferson dearly, she also recognized that though he both loved her, he was constantly manipulated by him.

Dray and Kamoil's in-depth life of Patsy and Thomas Jefferson grows from extensive research found in research of 18,000 digitized letters filed in our National Archives. This careful research holds fast readers of this nonfiction from its very beginning. All Cedar Valley are invited to become enamored with Patsy's story by reading the book, then the discussion led by Kay Thrall current co-president of AAUW. Guests are welcomed and are not obligated to have completed the book before the CV3D meeting on March 11. Cedar Valley Discuss Discover Diversity is dedicated to diverse reading as a part of AAUW's efforts to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy and education. Further questions may be answered by contacting Dr. Judy Beckman at drjudy.beckman@cfu.net or Ms. Mary Dove, elvbound1982@gmail.com.

> Dr. Judy Beckman and Mary Dove Co-chairs of Cedar Valley Discuss Diversity

Promoting Global Awareness - Great Decisions Study Group

Our March topic is "Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future." Nuclear weapons have not gone away, and Trump administration has brought a new urgency and approach to dealing with them. The president has met with Putin as the New Start Treaty with Russia comes up for renewal in 2021, held summits with Kim Jong Un to discuss denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula and removed us from Obama's nuclear deal with Iran! Can the art of the deal apply to stabilizing our nuclear future? We will first watch a 30 min. DVD and then Pat Higby will lead discussion on this topic.

As AAUW members, you have two opportunities: > Monday afternoon, March 18 at 1:15 pm in the First Presbyterian Church library

> Tuesday evening, March 19 at 7 pm in the conference room at Cedar Falls Public Library.

If you are interested in this "earthshaking" topic, join us.

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

 \mathbf{WIM}

Women in Motion



Women in Motion volunteers were at the Woodstock Hope Fest fundraiser on March 2. This was a major fundraiser for House of Hope and quite a lot of fun!

WIM would be meeting for our next planning meeting on Thursday, March 14 at the Brass Tap at 5:30 p.m.

Pictured are Jane Close, Mary Ingamells, Bonnie Smith, and Sandy Lawry.

Community Action Projects Co -Sponsored Programs and Contacts

PUBLIC POLICY Maureen White, public policy director

- > The Legislative Public Forum, sponsored by 28 community organizations, is held at Central Middle School. Remaining LPFs are scheduled for on Saturday, March 9, at 10 am, 4:30 6:30 pm on Friday, March 29, & Friday, April 12.
- >> Senate District 60 special election Candidates to replace Senator Jeff Danielson are Democrat Eric Giddens, Libertarian Fred Perryman and Republican Walt Rogers. The special election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19.
- >> The following voting precincts make up Senate District 30: Black Hawk Township/ Hudson/ Lincoln Township
- All precincts in the City of Cedar Falls (Cedar Falls Township is combined with Cedar Falls Ward 2, Pct. 2 into a single voting precinct)
- Following precincts in Waterloo are: Ward 1, Pcts. 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 / Ward 2, Pct. 6 / Ward 5, Pcts. 5 and 6

>>Timelines for the election:

- March 5: Candidate filing deadline
- March 8: Deadline for physical vote-by-mail absentee ballot request forms to be in Election Office by 5 pm
- March 11: Absentee (early) balloting begins at Black Hawk County Courthouse
- March 12 and 13: Satellite voting, Maucker Union, UNI, 10 am 7 pm
- March 13 and 14: Satellite voting, Diamond Event Center, 5307 Caraway Lane, CF, 9 am 5 pm
- March 16: Courthouse open on Saturday for early voting
- March 18: Last day to vote early at Courthouse
- March 19: Election Day. Polls open 7 am 9 pm
- March 21: Canvass by Board of Supervisors to certify election results

All Senate District 30 voters may vote at the designated satellite voting locations.

- >> ABSENTEE (EARLY) VOTING ballots are available for voting in person at the Election Office, Room 210, Black Hawk County Courthouse, 316 E. 5th St., Waterloo, from Monday, March 11 through Monday, March 18. Weekday office hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm. Saturday, March 16 from 8 am to 4 pm for absentee voting.

REMINDER - the voter ID requirement went into effect on January 1, 2019.

AAUW Cedar Falls Fund Raising
Annual Scholarship
Garage Sale Reminder

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

AAUW Iowa Lobby Day

AAUW Iowa State Spring Conference April 27, 2019 DMACC Newton Campus

Community Action Projects Are you involved?

contact: Maureen White, public policy director

Interest and Study Groups

as well as

Community Action Projects and Opportunities to Participate

Reaching Out with Books

This has been an awful winter for Reaching Out With Books. Record snowfall has halted record book and magazine collections and donations. Please think of us when spring cleaning. I will gladly pick up your donations. Call 404-1319 to schedule a pickup.

Thank you so much.

Amy Hoyer



NUDGE

NUDGE (No Use Delaying Gender Equity) event is April 2019. Nudge is a social event sponsored by our branch that features a representative from 50 - 50 in 2020, who will address the importance and impact of women running for elected office.

We need your help with Hors d'oevres, setting up, serving and clean up. Please let Ardelle how you can help. dabrown@cfu.net

Ardelle Brown, Jane Close, Mary Dove, Maureen White



SAVE THE DATE May 17 and 18

Cedar Falls and Waterloo

Plant and Garage Sale

Cedar Valley UNA

Maureen White

Books & More for Newborns Jane Close

Fourth Fridays with Friends

Looking forward to Friday, March 22, 10:30 am, at College Square HyVee. Eight members met for coffee in February. I guess we were glad to get out on that sunny day. Learned about new books to read and about the election coming up on March 19.

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, March 11, at the home of Joan Bunkofske. Linda Morgan will host.

Mimi Zischke will review a book for all of us to learn about.

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.



Legislative Public Forum

March 9, 10 am - to noon Central Middle School 1350 Katoski Dr. Waterloo



Bridge For Education

Tuesday March 26
Dessert in the dining room at 12:30
Willowwood / Western Home Communities
1100 Grove Street CF

If you need to be refreshed after not playing bridge for a while, come and we will help you refresh your bridge skills.

Call Ardelle or Claudia for more information 266-6882

Ardelle Brown and Claudia Kaestner, contacts

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