

Monday, April 22, 2019
Cedar Falls Women's Club



Our theme this year is Leadership and Education

ANNUAL MEETING

- Recognitions - - Election of Officers - - Awards -

On Monday, April 22, the AAUW Cedar Falls -Waterloo Branch will hold its annual recognition of past officers, election of 2019-20 officers, announcement of this year's Named Gift Honoree, and a short report by the 19th Amendment Centennial Committee with some exciting details of the plans being made to celebrate this important anniversary!

This meeting will be held at the CF Women's Club, Third and Clay Street, beginning at 5 pm. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm and will be chicken marsala, rice pilaf, with red velvet brownie for dessert.

Anyone may attend and listen to the program without enjoying the dinner. No reservation is required for attendance only.

Membership in AAUW is open to any graduate with a bachelor's, associate's or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There are no barriers to full participation on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Go to <http://cedarfalls-ia.aauw.net> for more information.

The cost will be \$15.

Reservations may be made by emailing to
AAUWCFW.RSVP@gmail.com

or call Mary Ellen Beckman at 269-1893 by April 19.

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



**Lunch May 6 with UNI faculty & faculty
& staff and members.**

11:45 - 1 pm

at Business and Community Services Center
on UNI Campus.

RSVP by May 4 to dabrown@cfu.net

The program and options for lunch will come via
e-mail later this month.

Ardelle Brown and Marcy Seavey



Menu:

Chicken Marsala
Rice Pilaf
Red Velvet Brownie \$15



Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893

AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com
due by April 19, 2019

Co-vice presidents for program:

JoAnn DeVries

joanndv@cfu.net

Sandy Lawry

sandylawry1970@gmail.com



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.

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Board of Directors:

Co-Presidents

Arlene Prather-O'Kane & Kay Thrall
Communications Director

Maureen White

Co-Vice Presidents Program

JoAnn DeVries & Sandy Lawry

Co-Vice Presidents Membership

Linda Morgan and Gayle Wood

Vice President Fundraising

Myrna Sandvik

Secretary *Nancy Hasenwinkel*

Treasurer *Jodi Bergmann*

Public Policy *Maureen White*

President Report From the Presidents...



Arlene Prather-O'Kane and Kay Thrall

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2019 - 2020

Leadership Team Nominations:

Co-Presidents: Kay Thrall
and Arlene Prather-O'Kane

Membership Co-Chairs:
Sheila Bullock and Beebs Downing

Fundraising: Linda Morgan
Treasurer: Pat Higby
President Elect: Amy Hoyer

Pat Higby *Nomination Committee*

Transition

Scholarship Committee

Karen Agee *karen.agee@uni.edu*

Coming Soon . . .

AAUW Garage and Plant Sale

Our final fundraiser for this year is the Annual Plant and Garage Sale to be held from Noon until 6 pm on May 17th and from 8 am to Noon, on May 18th. The sale will be in Sandy Lawry's garage, at 3819 S. Main St., Cedar Falls. Sale items are donated, and all proceeds will go to our Local Scholarship Funds.

We need every member to look for any item they no longer use, that could be useful to someone else. We accept almost anything except clothing or TV sets. We do accept accessories - belts, hats, purses, etc. We encourage household items, small furniture, games, jewelry - again, almost anything!

You can help us, if you would please mark all table cloths, afghans, blankets, sheets, and other bedding with the size--it saves the workers a lot of time. We would also like you to give us a suggested price. We may change it, but your suggestions help us arrive at an average price for similar items.

We will also need as many members as possible to help us set up the sale, staff it, and clean up afterwards, so please save some time for helping out. We will have sign-up sheets at the April dinner meeting. If you have to miss the meeting but can help for a few hours, you can call Myrna Sandvik (319-230-9539) to volunteer.

Myrna Sandvik *Vice President for Fundraising*

Newsletter Tidbits From Your Co-Presidents:



Spring has sprung! We are finally seeing the grass and prepping for Easter! In regards for prepping, don't forget to attend our Annual meeting on April 22nd, to vote for new officers and looking at next year's budget.

The co-presidents and Maureen White continue to participate in the 19th Amendment Centennial Committee. The 19th Amendment Centennial Committee met March 27th. Plans were made for letters to be sent to sculptors in the next couple weeks. The Black Hawk County Supervisors approved for a statue to be put on the Court House somewhere on 5th and Mulberry in Waterloo. We are going to have to raise \$30,000. We are going to have a kick off May 19th at the Woman's Club from 2 - 3 pm, with a program starting at 2:30 pm. Letters will be sent out the day after the kickoff asking for donations to individuals and businesses. Our target date for dedication is August 26, 2020.

Another reminder to all of you to try to attend the Annual State AAUW meeting in Newton, IA, April 27th.

Kay Thrall and Arlene Prather-O'Kane

Membership Report

It is time to renew your memberships for the 2019 - 20 season, with our AAUW chapter. Renewing on-line with your credit card is easiest, but a check for \$80 will also work.

If you are an AAUW Life member, or a Member At Large, \$21 for branch and state dues should be paid. After 50 years as an AAUW member, there is no charge. Invite a new member and the dues are \$50.50. Anyone who has not been a member for more than 2 years, may join again as a new member.

Linda Morgan & Gayle Wood

Co-Vice Presidents for Membership

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

EVICTED:

Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond

Monday, April 8, Cedar Valley Discuss Discover Diversity will meet in the Cedar Falls Public Library, the large meeting room, from 4:30-6 pm, to discuss EVICTED: Poverty and Profit in the American City, an ethnography written by Matthew Desmond. The discussion features a guest speaker Dr. Abraham Funchess from Waterloo and AAUW member Gloria Tollefson.



EVICTED describes poverty and the loss of everything that a person once knew. The data for Desmond's ethnography was gathered from extensive fieldwork in low income housing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A dominant conversation on poverty asserts that poor people have bad morals, are lazy and impulsive, irresponsible and have no family values. In addition frequent major discussions assert that poor people lack the skills and smarts to fit into the 21st century economy.

Desmond's title asks, "What if these conversations are just plain wrong? What if the problem is that poverty is profitable?" For example, could a great deal of money be gained out of a dilapidated trailer park, black neighborhood of sagging duplexes and 24-hour day cares? One example from Desmond's fieldwork asserts that one landlord makes \$400,000 from 13 dilapidated trailers, some mere hovels. His research describes the lives of eight families and suggests to readers that the main condition holding these families from remaining in their housing is the cost of rent. For example, the standard measure of rent should be no more than 30 per cent of a person's income. For the poor, rent could be 70% or more of their income. One of Desmond's subjects paid \$550 out of his welfare check, leaving him \$2.19 a day for costs each day for the rest of the month. Desmond's ethnography shows how this pain and poverty is created and maintained.

All Cedar Valley residents are welcomed to share in the presentation and discussion and are not required to have read Desmond's book to attend. CV3D is sponsored by the Cedar Falls, Waterloo American Association of University Women Community Action Projects - an examination of books on diversity for Cedar Valley residents.

For further information contact Dr. Judy Beckman, drjudy.beckman@cfu.net

International Studies / Great Decisions for Members

Our April topic is "The Rise of Populism in Europe". Mass migration, and the problems associated with it, have brought about the support for Brexit, stronger national borders, more anti-American, anti NATO and pro-Kremlin Populist politics. This is a matter of serious concern for the national security of the United States. We will discuss this topic after watching a 30 minute DVD produced by the Foreign Policy Association.

As members, you have two opportunities:
> Monday, April 15, 1:15 pm, in the library, at the First Presbyterian Church, 9th and Main St., Cedar Falls. Anne Schuessler will lead the discussion.
> Tuesday, April 16, 7 pm, in the conference room, at the Cedar Falls Public Library.

Join us as we discuss today's
most CRITICAL global issues!

If you are interested in this topic, please join us.
Gloria Tollefson 266-4075 gtollefson@cfu.net
Kay Thrall 266-6190 keds@cfu.net

Women in Motion WIM

In April and May, Women in Motion will be supporting three AAUW programs and projects already scheduled: 1) Annual Conference in Newton, on Saturday, April 27, 2) Women's Center for Change Clothing Drive early in May, adding a lunch at Rodney's Kitchen after one of the work days, and 3) Garage Sale setup the week of May 13-18.

On Wednesday, June 5, at 11 am, we'll attend North Star's performance of Shrek at the Gallagher-Bluedorn. North Star provides a variety of services and support for adults with disabilities. The actors are mostly their clients. The event is free and open to the public.

We'll plan another event in July, not yet determined. Then we'll meet again in August for a Happy Hour to plan events for the fall in time for the August Kickoff and September newsletter.

Please contact us if you want to join us for any of these activities.

Jane Close and Bonnie Smith

or 319-939-4075 or Ms. Mary Dove.

Community Action Projects Co-Sponsored Programs and Contacts

Books and More for Newborns Community Action Project The Benefits of Reading to Newborns

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The project was originally set up to provide baby supplies for women from Burma. Later, children's books were added and the project became Books and More for Newborns. It focuses on the many long-term benefits of reading to infants and children beginning at birth. The project provides several children's books at various reading levels. It also includes newborn baby supplies ("and More" in the project title) of gently used sleepers, onesies, socks, hats, bibs, blankets, tactile toys and stuffed toys, changing pads (with disposable diapers and baby wipes), sleep sacks, burp cloths and wash cloths. All items are delivered clean and ready to use.

Jane Close



NUDGE

It was a successful Nudge reception April 2 at the YWCA. Sasha Wahlpert and Kay Thrall getting to know each other at the Nudge (No Use Delaying Gender Equality) event.

Cindy Mohr, Executive Director at the YWCA was able to sponsor this event with AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo.

There were 13 guests, and 8 members finding more about 50/50 in 20/20 and Equal Pay Day. April 2 is equal Pay Day.

To find out more go to

AAUW.org and www.50-50in2020.org

PUBLIC POLICY

Maureen White public policy director

Legislative Public Forum

Friday April 12
4:30 - 6:30 PM
Central Middle School
1350 Katoski Drive, Waterloo

19th Amendment Centennial Committee –

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Maureen White, Kay Thrall, Arlene Prather-O'Kane



AAUW Cedar Falls Fund Raising

Annual Scholarship

Garage Sale Reminder



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

**Community Action Projects Are you involved?
AAUW April 27, 2019**

Iowa State Spring Conference

DMACC Newton Campus

contact: Maureen White, public policy director

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

Riding the Wave

Riding the Wave is the theme for the silent auction at the State meeting Saturday, April 27th. Our own Nancy Henderson is the AAUW-IA Fund Director. This branch usually has many items for this auction. The proceeds will go to the AAUW Education and Training fund which supports fellowships and grants for women.



Reaching Out with Books

Our group is in need of reading materials. Fiction and non fiction books are especially needed. This past winter has made collecting quite difficult. Books and magazines can be dropped off on my front porch. Or you can call 277-4919 to arrange pick up. Don't mind the gate if you drop off reading materials. The gate just hangs on a hook. Thank you so much.

Amy Hoyer 510 Tremont St. C.F. 277 - 4919



SAVE THE DATE **May 17 and 18**
Cedar Falls and Waterloo
Plant and Garage Sale

Books & More for Newborns *Jane Close*

Fourth Fridays with Friends

Looking forward to Friday, April 26, 10:30 am, at College Square HyVee. Last month we had eight members who gathered and enjoyed getting to know each other. No agenda, just conversation!

Ardelle Brown



Literature Group

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

The AAUW Literature group will meet on April 8, at the home of Joan Bunkofske. Melba Widmer will review a book.

We will meet during the months of June and July, the second Monday of each month. It will be at social halls in the Western Home Community. A good time to try the group if you are interested. We will have a salad luncheon and lots of interesting "book talk".

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.

Cedar Valley UNA

Maureen White



Bridge For Education

Wednesday April 17
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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