

October 2019 Cedar Falls, Iowa
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Monday, October 28, 2019
Cedar Falls Women's Club



Menu:
Chili & Tossed Salad
Baked Potato Bar
Red Velvet Bar \$15



Reservations:

Mary Ellen Beckman
269-1893

AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com
due by October 23, 2019

Co-vice presidents for program:

JoAnn DeVries

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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**

**Gather 5:00 pm
Program 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:15 pm**

**Program Planner Office
for State of Iowa
Iowa Suffrage Movement**



Kristen Corey

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

Kristen Corey is the Program Planner for the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Office on the Status of Women. She received her M.S. in Sociology and Sustainable Agriculture from Iowa State University, where she started her career as an academic researcher for Iowa State Extension. She later moved on to work for the Iowa Department of Human Services and then to her current position within the Iowa Department of Human Rights to follow her true passion of working with and for women and girls. She and her husband have two small children and are constantly renegotiating roles as a dual working parent family.

While we prepare to celebrate the ratification of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote, we must not forget that women of color played an important role in that process. Join Kristen Corey, Program Planner for the Office on the Status of Women (Iowa Department of Human Rights) to learn about some of the Iowan women who played a role in gaining full suffrage for all citizens. →

The cost will be \$15.

Reservations may be made by e-mailing to AAUWCFW.RSVP@gmail.com call Mary Ellen Beckman at 269-1893 by October 23.

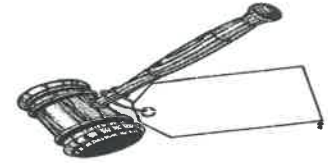
Volunteer on Saturday, November 2

~ to help girls learn about STEM Careers!

Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) is a conference for girls in middle school. This day-long event includes hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). At the conference, girls get a chance to meet STEM role models and learn more about careers in those fields. The ultimate goal is to motivate girls to become innovative and creative thinkers ready to meet 21st Century challenges. The Cedar Valley Society of Women Engineers manages this event, and they need volunteers to help prepare take-home bags for the girls on Friday, November 1. We can also help with registration on Saturday morning.

Call Pat Higby for more details at 266 - 4934.

President Report From the Co-Presidents ...



Co - Presidents Reports

... from your Co-Presidents Kay Thrall and Arlene Prather-O'Kane

It was so exciting to see so many attend our first dinner meeting of the year at the Women's Club. Our speaker, Dr. Steve Corbin, Professor Emeritus of Marketing at UNI, presented 28 activities planned for 2020 throughout the state of Iowa. Just as a reminder of the best resource to be informed, you can look at the website <https://19th-Amendment-Centennial.org> to gather more information. The theme for Iowa for the 100 year celebration of women's suffrage is "Hard Won-Not Done". Women continue to accomplish a lot, but we also know for example, that Iowa women's salary is 77% of what men earn.

Continue to "Save the Date" for the Regional Conference on **June 18, 19 and 20th**. The following states including Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, and Indiana, will meet in the Quad Cities area. Memberships now stands at 99 members as of our September meeting. We are excited for our new members and please remember to ask a friend to join to increase our membership! Thanks! Kay and Arlene



Joana Marina AAUW Textbook Scholarship Recipient September 2019

Joana Maria has received an AAUW Textbooks for Refugee Women scholarship in the amount of \$250 toward her textbooks this fall at the University of Northern Iowa. Joana was born and raised in a refugee camp in Thailand. Her family resettled to the US without knowing any English. After graduating from high school in Phoenix, AZ, and moving to Waterloo in 2016, Joana earned her AA degree from Hawkeye Community College this past spring. At UNI she is starting degrees in Elementary Education and Middle Level Education. Joana plans to be a math teacher in one of the Waterloo schools.

Joana joined the Ethnic Minorities of Burma Advocacy and Resource Center (EMBARC) as a Karenni Navigator in 2018. In this role, she has helped many individuals with a variety of life concerns.

Joana was nominated for the textbook scholarship by her EMBARC supervisor, Hsae Meh, the very first recipient of the scholarship in 2016.

CV3D Book Sales for October Cedar Falls Waterloo AAUW

Each dinner meeting held at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club, beginning in September, CV3D will sponsor a used book sale. These books are donated to CV3D, used to cover expenses of CV3D and cost of speakers that are affordable. CV3D co-chairs, Mary Dove and Dr. Judy Beckman, would be grateful if you would dig into your pocketbooks and pay for fifty cents for each paperback and \$2.00 for brand new or mint condition hardbacks. This is substantially less than the Book Nook prices for used books and your donation goes to the cost of bringing and author to this AAUW COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP called Cedar Valley Discuss, Discover Diversity -- CV3D. We are grateful for your support of our efforts.

We also invite residents of the Cedar Valley to join the CV3D discussions held on the second Monday of each month -- November 11, January 13, February 10, and March 10, at the Cedar Falls Public Library. Please give generously, donate gently used or new books.

Dr. Judy Beckman and Ms Mary Dove, co-chairs of CV3D.

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

The Library Book Susan Orlean



On Monday, October 14, Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity will discuss Susan Orlean's latest novel, **The Library Book**. The discussion, facilitated by Gayle Wood, will be held in the second floor, large discussion room at the Cedar Falls Public Library. The room will be open at 4:15 pm and the discussion will begin promptly at 4:30 pm and end at 6 pm.

On the morning of April 28, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library and this time it was not a false alarm. Orlean learns about the Los Angeles Public Library fire by accident as her first grade son wanted to interview a librarian for a school assignment. During their tour of the library Brecher, the librarian, opens up a book and inhaled deeply and said, "You can still smell the smoke in some of them." Thus begins Orleans quest to understand Los Angeles Public Library history. Not only about the fire, but we also learn about the librarians that ran the LA Public Library. Orleans gets the reader to ponder the role that libraries play in our community. We are sure your love of books and libraries will pull you into our discussion of **The Library Book**.

All Cedar Valley residents are invited and welcomed to attend and discuss **The Library Books**. CV3D is a Community Action Project of AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo. It supports the mission, values, and the strategic plan of AAUW Cedar Falls - Waterloo. The discussion is led by Gayle Wood. Those Cedar Valley guests in this discussion need not have read the book and are welcome to join the discussion and ask questions. CV3D is sponsored by the Cedar Falls Waterloo Branch of the American Association of University Women Waterloo Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Co-chairs of CV3D

Dr. Judy Beckman and Ms. Mary Dove



International Studies / Great Decisions for Members

Great Decisions Groups to Meet

Join us as we discuss "The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested". Mexico was once our partners "South of the Border". But recently, the war on immigration, drugs and trade issues have taken a toll on that relationship.

We will first watch a 30 min. DVD on the subject and then Arlene Prather - O'Kane will lead our discussion (afternoon group) on this topic.

Members have two opportunities:

- > Monday, October 21 at 1:15 pm in the library of the First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls
- > Tuesday, October 22 at 7 pm in the conference room at the Cedar Falls Public Library.

(Please note this is 4th Tuesday, but this is just the way the calendar falls.) Join Us As We Discuss Today's Most Critical Global Issues !

If you are interested in this topic, please join us.

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Kay Thrall 266-6190 keds@cfu.net



Women in Motion WIM

~WIM has two events scheduled for October ~

> Sunday, October 13, noon. **LeChristopher's Southern Cuisine Dinner**, more information at jubileeumc.com

> Monday, October 28, assisting with the **AAUW Women of Change Community Action Project** by setting up the winter outerwear and household goods for distribution. See details in Women of Change report.

Bonnie Smith and Jane Close

Community Action Projects Co -Sponsored Programs and Contacts

Membership Report

AAUW Cedar Falls - Waterloo

Our September 30th dinner meeting was certainly well-attended with almost forty AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo branch members and guests present as Steve Corbin, Professor Emeritus of Marketing at UNI, gave an informative, entertaining talk on Iowa's "Hard Won-Not Done" 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration. If you were unable to attend, the website <https://19th-Amendment-Centennial.org> is the best resource to become informed of the 28 activities planned for 2020.

A new branch member, Luann Alemao recently joined us-welcome, Luann! We now have 99 total members listed on our roster. This number includes 13 Life Members and 15 members who have not yet renewed their annual membership.

Shelia Bullock & Beeds Downing
Co-Vice Presidents for Membership

Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity CV3D

Lively and interesting discussions of books about diverse populations are being held on Mondays, 4:30 - 6 pm, at the Cedar Falls Library

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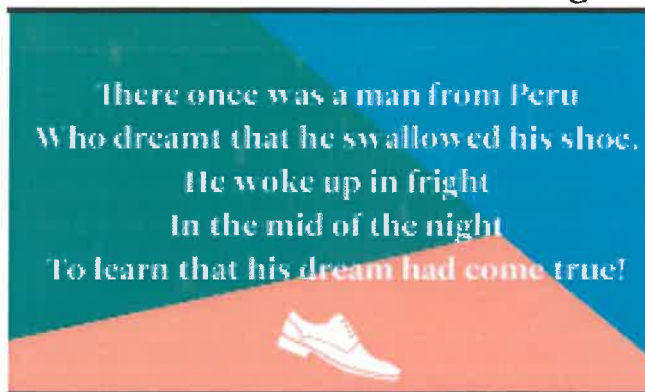
Maureen White public policy director

Every two years AAUW members in Iowa may provide input for revisions to the AAUW Iowa Public Policy Program. The current 2018 - 20 version can be found at aauw-ia.aauw.net under Public Policy. The Iowa program should be consistent with AAUW's 2019 - 21 Public Policy Priorities (found at aauw.org) so that is considered when suggested changes are reviewed. Proposed revisions should be emailed to Maureen White on, or before November 1, 2019.

The state and national programs and priorities guide decision making when positions are taken on legislative issues. The AAUW Iowa board will review the proposed 2020 - 22 version before it is mailed to members in the spring and voted on by members attending the Annual Meeting & Regional Conference on June 18-19, 2020.

American Association of University Women is an organization that advocates for women and girls. More information may be found at cedarfalls-ia.aauw.net AAUW.org

AAUW Cedar Falls Fund Raising



Thanks to all who have brought in shoes – we are almost there. Really – 100 bags of shoes. Hooray!

We will continue to collect shoes until October 28th so it is not too late to give us your gently worn shoes. Take them to 3819 South Main (where we had our garage sale last May) or email linda47@cfu.net for pick up at your house.

Thank you so much for all your shoe collecting.

Linda Morgan Vice President for Fundraising
linda47@cfu.net 215 - 0373

Women of Change ~ Update

Our fall drive will be for **housewares and outer clothing for winter** this year. The start of the drive will be on **October 28 - November 3**. We will start collecting items **anytime** in October. You can deliver them to one of the committee members, or keep them until the day of the drive.

We will set up that morning around 9 am, on October 28, at the Waterloo Women's Center for Change, 1515 Lafayette St, Waterloo. You are welcome to come that day and deliver items. Please let us know if you can help set up the room. Thank you for helping in advance.

Bonnie Smith 266-2526 Sherrie Dreyer 231-3665
Jane Nelson 230-7368

The **PROGRAM COMMITTEE** would like to thank all the members and guests for attending the September meeting, to hear Steve Corbin speak on the year long plan for the 19th Amendment Celebration in Iowa. We had several guests who came just to hear Steve. He totally enjoyed being with us and has asked for any helpful critique on his presentation. Just send to Sandy Lawry and your comments will be forwarded as a group. Thanks.

Community Action Projects Are you involved?

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

Will you help?

Our branch has agreed to provide volunteer hosts for the FIRST Lego League on Saturday, December 7 at Peet Junior High. Exact times are not yet set, but 2-3 people are needed around 7:00 in the morning and 2-3 around lunch time or the same persons could be there all morning. They would serve as hosts, set up refreshments and beverages in the morning, be sure that lunch is set up, act as hosts at lunch and possibly help serve or clean up after.

FIRST Lego League provides a program designed to help every child (girls and boys) discover and keep their interests and skills in technology, problem solving, and leadership. The event in Cedar Falls is for elementary school level robotics teams to earn the opportunity to compete at the state competition. Our branch was contacted about helping because of AAUW's longtime support for STEM opportunities for girls. *Volunteers should contact Marcy Seavey or Maureen White*

Reaching Out With Books

Reaching Out With Books needs donations of reading materials to share with local organizations that help women. Magazines, novels and non fiction books can be dropped off any time on my front porch at 510 Tremont Street in Cedar Falls. I can also pick up books if you call 404-1319. Please remember religious books/magazines and books that may inspire violence are not suitable donations. *Thank you! Amy Hoyer*



Committee members for our new Community Action Project **Gotcha Covered. Period.** have delivered pads, tampons and underwear for the public junior/ middle schools and high schools in Waterloo and Cedar Falls. Thanks to Quota Club for their support and donation of \$500 for this project.



Community Action Projects Are you involved?

Fourth Fridays with Friends

October 25, 10:30, at College Square HyVee in the coffee area. We had 8 friends last month, some were here for the first time. Take a break and stop by this month.
contact: *Ardelle Brown*



Literature Group

The Literature group will meet at the home of Linda Morgan, October 14, at 1:15 pm.

Liz Poole will review a book. All are welcome.
Please call Linda linda47@cfu.net 215-0373

J. Bunkofske jbunkofske@cfu.net 266-8575



Bridge For Education

Wednesday, October 16,
Prairie Wind Western Community
Dessert in the breakfast room
5313 Caraway Ln Cedar Falls

Tuesday, October 22, at Willowwood
Dessert in the dining room
1100 Grove Street, Cedar Falls

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

Call *Ardelle* 266 - 6882 for more information
Contacts: *Claudia Kaestner and Ardelle Brown*

AAUW Iowa 2020 Lobby Day

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 12,
2020 for AAUW Iowa Lobby Day

OK OK OK OK OK OK
2020 GARAGE SALE --- May 15 and 16

Books & More for Newborns *Jane Close*

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