

**Monday, November 25, 2019**  
Cedar Falls Women's Club



**Menu:**

Ham balls tossed and rolled with  
Tomato soup and crackers  
Glazed Carrots  
Pumpkin Bars

**Or** Chef salad with meat  
**Or** Chef salad without meat  
Any meal is \$15

**Reservations:**

[AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com](mailto:AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com)

Or call Mary Ellen Beckman  
269-1893

RSVP by Wed., November 20

The theme for this year is:  
Leadership and Education

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

The Cedar River Readers will perform **Wonder Women!** It is an empowering evening of stories meant for girls, sisters, mothers, aunts and grandmothers to celebrate past achievements and inspire future triumphs. Overcoming adversity is a common theme. This was created by AAUW Iowa members: Ann Gale, Nancy Henderson, Pat Higby, and Sue Jorgensen. The Cedar River Readers, are a group of adults who love reading and enjoy sharing a good story through Reader's Theatre.

**Mission:**

AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

**Vision:** Equity for all.

**Diversity Statement:** AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in the organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

**Board of Directors:**

Co-Presidents *Kay Thrall & Arlene Prather-O'Kane*

Co-Vice Presidents elect  
*Karen Agee & Amy Hoyer*

Co-Vice Presidents for Program  
*JoAnn DeVries & Sandy Lawry*

Co-Presidents for Membership  
*Shelia Bullock & Beebs Downing*

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*Linda Morgan*

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*Maureen White*

Leadership Development Director  
*Maureen White*

**Shoe Fundraising Completed**

AAUW with the help of many friends and organizations collected 114 bags of shoes in our fall fund drive. AAUW will receive \$.40 for every pound of shoes. The shoes will be picked up on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> so **NO MORE shoes will be collected.** The proceeds from this shoe drive will be used for AAUW community activities and education.

Many thanks to the FR team who helped sort shoes: Linda Morgan, Sandy Lawry, Pat Higby, Norma Edsill, Betsy Brant, Helen Ackerman, Ardelle Brown, Allaire George.

**AND MANY THANKS to all members who kept collecting and bringing in shoes from friends, work partners and family.** Organizations who donated shoes included QUOTA Club, First Presbyterian CF, First Methodist CF, Frist Christian CF, Allen hospital friends, Bethlehem Lutheran CF, Margie Shahill from Dress for Success in Des Moines, and our good partners at STUFF ETC. in Waterloo. Sorry if I missed any names or groups but we can all see that AAUW made many connections and many friends in this fundraiser.

Linda Morgan Vice President for Fundraising

The Membership committee would like to thank all the branch members for continuing to talk to potential new members about joining us! Our numbers grow again as we welcome another two new members, Gloria Paulsen, and Luann Alemao. Seven members have renewed since September and twelve members have yet to renew for this year, and they are being contacted. Shelia Bullock & Beebs Downing CoVice Presidents of Membership

## Message from the Presidents.....

November is the month to remind all of us to be Thankful! Your co-presidents want to Thank each and everyone of you for all of your talents and assistance whenever needed in AAUW. A good example is how Maureen White answered the call at the last minute to present the program about Women's Suffrage at our October dinner meeting. Kudos Maureen!!

Reminder, we won't be having a meeting or a newsletter for the month of December.

Continue to **SAVE THE DATE** for our Regional AAUW Conference on June 18-20th, 2020!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all of you!!

Co-Presidents Kay Thrall & Arleen Prather-O'Kane

## Wine and Chocolates Fundraiser – Save the Date!

Cedar Falls-Waterloo AAUW will cosponsor a Wine and Chocolates event to raise funds for the statue commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19 Amendment to be placed at the CF Woman's Club House. The tentative date is May 2. The event may include wine and chocolate tasting, a wine store, live Jaz music, displays by the CF Library, and light appetizers. Cost is expected to be \$30 per person for advance ticket sales or \$35 at the door.

Volunteers will be needed!! Please consider signing up for one of these committees:

- Publicity
- Food
- Wine Store
- Displays
- Music
- Hospitality
- Clean up (dish washers for wine glasses)

Contact Luann Alemao or Pat Higby for more details!

## Great Decisions

JOIN US AS WE DISCUSS "THE STATE OF OUR STATE DEPARTMENT AND DIPLOMACY"

Our Great Decisions group will be discussing how President Trump has changed the usual ways our country has used diplomacy. What long term affect will this have on relationships with our allies and our adversaries?

Join us as we discuss today's most critical global issues..... You have two opportunities....

**Monday, November 18 at 1:15pm in the library at the First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls**

**Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the Public Library, Cedar Falls**

## ORDERS being taken for 2020 Great Decisions Briefing books

We will be starting our twelfth year using the Great Decisions foreign policy discussion program. An order for the classroom packet--31 briefing books, the DVD and leadership guides has been made. This enables us to offer books at a much lower rate of \$26 per book. Again each of the eight topics are written by people who are authorities in that area of foreign policy. The January topic is "Climate Change and the Global Order".

There are seven more topics that are just as important and interesting! Go to [fpa.org](http://fpa.org) for more information.

Reserve a book even if you are not interested in group discussion. The books will arrive after the holidays.

Call me...Gloria Tollefson. 266-4075

## Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

On Monday, November 11, Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity will discuss Mark Sullivan's title, *BENEATH A SCARLET SKY*. The discussion, facilitated by Dr. Judy Beckman, will be held in the second floor, large discussion room at the Cedar Falls Public Library. The room will be open at 4:15 and the discussion will begin promptly at 4:30 and end at 6:00.

Pino Lella is 16 when he is sent to the Italian Alps where he studies and leads Jewish families to safety from capture and death camps by Nazi Germany. He is called home from a life he is enjoying because he must sign up for the draft willingly or be forced to do so. His parents refuse to allow him to join Mussolini's Italian army. He will be sent to fight against Russia, from which very few Italian soldiers return alive. Instead, they insist he join the Nazi army even though Italians despise the Nazis who have taken over their city. After being wounded Pino agrees to act as a spy for the Allied Forces at the same time, he is reassigned to be the driver and interpreter for the highest ranking, cruel, brutal Major General in Milan, the man who sits at the left hand of Adolph Hitler. He risks being caught, tortured, and hanged for treason? Pino's treacherous life as a mere boy in World War II from 1943-45 will surely engage you in this discussion.

All Cedar Valley residents are invited and welcomed to attend and join the discussion of *BENEATH THE SCARLET SKY*. CV3D is a Community Action Project of AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo. It supports the missions, values, and the strategic plan of AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo. Visitors from the Cedar Valley need not have read the book to participate in the discussion and ask questions.

Dr. Judy Beckman and Ms. Mary Dove Co Chairs of CV3D

### **Gotcha Covered. Period.**

Community Action Projects within AAUW are intended to involve community members or to meet needs within a community. Our new Community Action Project, *Gotcha Covered. Period.*, lessens the possibility that girls in Cedar Falls or Waterloo will miss classes, entire days of school or extra-curricular activities due to lack of menstrual supplies. Pads, panty liners, tampons and new underwear have been delivered twice to school nurses for the Waterloo public high schools and middle schools and once so far to Cedar Falls High School and the two junior highs. We'll deliver products throughout the school year as needed. A portion of our dues, fundraising, and donations from the Waterloo Quota Club cover the cost of these products.

### ***Save items for the May Garage Sale***

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Ardelle Brown Editor

### **Volunteer opportunity**

Have you got a few hours to spare on the morning of Saturday, December 7?

Our branch has been asked to provide volunteers to serve as hosts for the judges at a regional Lego League event for elementary level robotics teams (boys & girls) to be held at Peet Elementary School in Cedar Falls. These teams are competing for spots at the state event. **We volunteered to help because of AAUW's support for STEM opportunities for girls.**

Volunteers will be given more specific directions closer to December 7th, but in general they would greet judges and others, set up snacks and coffee in the morning, host during lunch, and see that clean up is done after lunch.

*You could volunteer for the entire morning – roughly 7:30 AM till 1:00 PM – or we could split the time and schedule two groups of two or three each if we have enough people willing to help.*

**Email Maureen White this week** if you can help and indicate the **time** you would be available to work. Thanks.

## Fourth Fridays with Friends

Usually we don't meet in November BUT there are five Fridays this year so it is November 22 for coffee at 10:30 am at College Square HyVee in the coffee area. Always someone new and we get to really know each other. Ardelle Brown

### Literature Group

The Lit group meets at Gloria Tollefson's home on Monday, November 11th at 1:15 pm. Linda Morgan is reviewing two books of fiction: "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah and "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meissner. All members are welcome to attend. Call or email Gloria if you will be attending.

### Bridge for Education

Wednesday, November 20  
Prairie Wind Western Community  
Dessert in the breakfast room, 12:30 pm  
5313 Caraway Ln Cedar Falls

Tuesday, November 26, at Willowood  
Dessert in the dining room 12:30 pm  
1100 Grove St. , Cedar Falls  
We usually have 3 tables.  
Call Ardelle Brown 266-6882 for more  
Information or Claudia Kaestner

### Bags of Shoes, Shoes, Shoes behind us!

Betsy Brant, Marilyn Drury, Linda Morgan and Ardelle Brown

October 31 five of us bagged shoes, and now they are ready to be trucked out of Sandy's garage on Friday.



### Expanding Your Horizons Saturday, November 2

JoAnn DeVries, Ardelle Brown & Pat Higby registered middle school girls for this great STEM day at UNI. It is planned in collaboration with the Society of Women Engineers and UNI STEM coordinator Marcy Seavey. There were about 8 different careers presented from the Cedar Valley. Cost is \$10 per person and AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo supported the day by giving \$200 for scholarships for any young person wanting to attend and didn't have the funds.



## Waterloo Women's Center for Change

On October 28th several members help set up our first "Housewares and Outer Clothing Drive." We had several carloads of items and we're able to fill the room. These items will be used by the women who are leaving the facility and are required to set up their own apartments. We will not need to pick up leftover things this time since they will store them in a storage unit which they maintain. This makes it easier on us!

We had 8 members who donated items as well as Steve Smith who helped deliver the heavy boxes from the cars. Thank you to Jane Close, Sherrie, Jane Nelson and Bonnie for setting up the room. Also, a huge thank you to PEO Chapter KL who had 10 members who gave housewares and coats.

We will get feedback from the center after November 3rd when the drive is finished. In the meantime start saving your items for our next drive or our spring garage sale.  
Thank you so much. I know that they truly appreciate our help.

Contacts: Bonnie Smith, Jane Nelson and Sherrie Dreyer

**Bonnie Smith, Jane Close, Sherrie Dreyer and Jane Nelson**

