

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**  
**YWCA, 425 Lafayette, Waterloo**



**Menu:**

**Vegetarian egg bake or  
Ham egg bake**

**Fruit Salad , Muffins, coffee or  
juice meal is \$15**

**Reservations:**

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

Or call Mary Ellen Beckman

269-1893

RSVP by Mon., February 15

The speaker, Catherine H. Palczewski, PhD., is a professor of Communication Studies, Affiliate Faculty, Women's & Gender Studies at UNI. Dr. Palczewski is the co-author of "Gender in Communication", the editor of "Disturbing Argument", and the author of "The 1919 Prison Special Constituting White Women's Citizenship".

Her topic will be a broad overview of the Black Women Suffrage Movement including the following lectures and discussions with Black women: Public arguments about suffrage focusing on postcards, Suffrage Parade, 1917-1919 Silent Sentinels, and 1919 Prison Special --a cross country train tour of suffragists who had been imprisoned.

**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*

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*Maureen White*

Leadership Development Director

*Maureen White*

Gather at 10:00 am Brunch at 10:15am

Program at about 10:40

Guests are welcome and anyone may attend for the program only or enjoy the meal, with a reservation. Remember this month we are at the YWCA, 425 Lafayette, Waterloo. Saturday, February 15 is the deadline for your reservation. [AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com](mailto:AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com)

**Strategic Plan** We are seeking your ideas for updating the 2014-2019 strategic plan for the next five years. We would appreciate members' suggestions on recruiting young, diverse members and advocating for women and girls in the Cedar Falls-Waterloo area. Send ideas to

[amyhoyer@cfu.net](mailto:amyhoyer@cfu.net) or [karen.agee@uni.edu](mailto:karen.agee@uni.edu)

**Vintage 19, Wine and Chocolate Affair**

**Saturday, May 2 from 4-6 pm**

AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo will co-sponsor this event with the Woman's Club to raise funds for the **statue** commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. There will be live music, wine to taste and light appetizers (made by our members in the Woman's Club kitchen), Dandelion Chocolates from California and a Silent wine auction.

We need many volunteers for this event and members attending along with many others in the community. Cost is expected to be \$30 per person for advance ticket sales or \$35 at the door.

Contact Luann Alemao or Pat Higby for more details  
Contact Arlene Prather-O'Kane to volunteer



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

**Garage Sale in May  
Clean out now and have  
items ready for  
May 15 & 16**

**Hello! and Happy Winter!** Unfortunately our good weather didn't hold up for our brunch the month of January and we had Tom Eachus, Director for Black Hawk Grundy Mental Health scheduled to inform all of us about Mental Health in Black Hawk County. Hopefully we will be able to schedule him another time.

**Volunteers are needed** for the First Robotics Competition March 26-28th. Let Maureen White know if you are willing to help.

**Keep the following dates open** –

**February 14th** a statewide kickoff for the 19th Amendment Centennial will be held at ISU Memorial Union from 11:30 to 6:30 P.M. Let Maureen White know if you are interested in carpooling.

**May 2nd** Vintage 19 a wine and chocolate affair is the Fundraising event at the Woman's Club. We will be needing a lot of volunteers for this event. The proceeds will go towards our fundraising for the 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration Sculpture in Cedar Falls.

**June 18th, 19th and 20th** the Regional AAUW conference in East Moline, Ill

February is Black History Month.

### **International Studies/Great Decisions**

Great Decisions February topic: INDIA and PAKISTAN

India's Prime Minister Modi just rode a wave of Hindu nationalism to an historic re-election in 2019. His first order of business was to revoke the special status granted to the Kashmir region, inflaming the rivalry between India and Pakistan. After viewing a dvd on this topic, we will discuss how the Kashmir situation will affect this region, economically and politically.

JOIN US AS WE DISCUSS TODAY'S MOST CRITICAL GLOBAL ISSUES. Gloria Tollefson, leader

**Tuesday evening February 18, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Cedar Falls Public Library Conference room.**

There are more Briefing books available and they will be at both the afternoon and evening meetings.

The **afternoon group** will meet **Monday, February 17th** at 1:15 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls. We will discuss India and Pakistan. All AAUW members are welcome. Contact: Kay Thrall

**Legislative Forum on Friday, February 21, 4:30-6:30 pm at HCC Van G. Miller Adult Learning Center, 125 Jefferson, Waterloo SUBJECT: gun Violence**

### **AAUW Scholarship Committee**

The Scholarship Committee has made some adjustments to the Scholarship Guidelines for this next year. These adjustments allow more students to be eligible to apply, more Colleges to be included (HCC, UNI, and Allen), and for the application and award to be scheduled for a slightly later time period more conducive to student schedules. The application will be available soon. JoAnn DeVries, Nancy Henderson, Linda Morgan and Chair, Marilyn Drury

## **Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)**

**Daring to be a Man Among Men** by Dr. Brice D. Smith is the CV3D book for Monday, February 10 at 4:30 at the Cedar Falls Public Library. The book is about Lou Sullivan born in 1951 and died of AIDS in 1991. He marched for Civil Rights, embraced the Counterculture of the 60's, came of age in the gay liberation movement. He transformed medical treatment of trans people, institutionalized trans history, and forged an international female to male (FTM) transgender community. He died of AIDS at the epicenter of the crisis. This man overcame tremendous obstacles to be who he was and dedicated his life to helping others do the same. Activist to the end, Sullivan inspired a generation to rethink gender identity, sexual orientation, and WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN

**Jennifer Christiason, will speak about the new program she and her husband, Dr. Kyle Christiason have developed at Unity Point to serve the medical needs of LGBTQ.**

All Cedar Valley residents are invited to share this important February program with friends and urge them to join CV3D on Monday, February 10, from 4:30-6:00 at the Cedar Falls Public Library in the second floor Hardman Room. *For further information contact [drjudybeckman@cfu.net](mailto:drjudybeckman@cfu.net) or Mary Dove, Co-chairs of CV3D.*

### **TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION FOR NAMED GIFT HONOREE!**

The Named Gift Honoree Committee will be choosing this year's recipient who has shown outstanding support for AAUW. The AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo will donate \$500.00 to the National Association Funds in honor of the Named Gift recipient, present them with a framed certificate, add their name to the list of recipients in the branch yearbook, and publish their picture and achievements.

Any member can nominate another member for this honor. The nomination must contain the name of the nominee and the reasons for the nomination. It must be written and can be submitted by regular mail, or (preferably) by email, to the three committee members on or before February 28. Send nominations to Named Gift Committee members: Myrna Sandvik [sandvikmj@iowatelecom.net](mailto:sandvikmj@iowatelecom.net) Ardelle Brown [dabrown@cfu.net](mailto:dabrown@cfu.net) Mary Dove [elybound1982@gmail.com](mailto:elybound1982@gmail.com)

The criteria to be considered when suggesting a nominee to the committee are: an individual who has served as a longtime and dedicated officer, made significant contributions to the branch, made significant financial contributions, been a staunch supporter of AAUW, or has in other ways contributed to AAUW.

The committee selects the recipient from the nominations, which have been submitted, and sends their recommendation to the local AAUW board for approval. After board approval, the Honoree's name will be revealed when the Vice President for Fundraising presents the framed certificate to them at the Annual Membership Meeting in April.

Contacts: Myrna Sandvik, Ardelle Brown or Mary Dove

### **Nominations are Open for these Offices**

This year the nomination committee is charged with finding members to serve as the next President elect and Vice President for Program. These offices may be filled with 2 members each as we have now. Fortunately Nancy Hasenwinkel has agreed to be on the ballot as Secretary.

**Wednesday, February 12**  
**AAUW Iowa Lobby Day**  
**9:30-1:30**  
**Room 304**  
**Iowa Capitol, Des Moines**

### **Reaching out with Books**

needs a new volunteer for next year as Amy Hoyer will be one of the Co-Presidents. Let Amy know you would like to deliver books to Waterloo's Center for Change, House of Hope or BH County jail. This is part of a mission to advance education for women.

[amyhoyer@cfu.net](mailto:amyhoyer@cfu.net)

## **Study/Interest Groups and Facilitators**

### **Bridge for Education**

**Wednesday, February 19**

Prairie Wind Western Community

5313 Caraway Ln, Cedar Falls

Dessert in the breakfast room, 12:30 pm

**Tuesday, February 25**

Willowwood, Western Community

1100 Grove St., Cedar Falls

Dessert in the dining room 12:30pm

Call Ardelle Brown 266-6882 for more information  
or

Claudia Kaestner We usually have 3 tables.

### **Fourth Fridays with Friends**

February 28, 10:30 am -11:30 am

at College Square HyVee in the coffee area.

We had 7 members joining us in January.

This is a great way to get to know others.

Contact Ardelle Brown

### **Literature Group**

The Literature group will meet on Feb. 10 at the home of Barb Feuerhak at 1:15 p.m. Joan Bunkofske will review the book Becoming by Michelle Obama. All are welcome. Please call Joan at 266-8575 if you would like to visit.

### **International Studies**

Monday, February 17th at 1:15 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls. We will discuss India and Pakistan. All AAUW members are welcome.  
Contact: Kay Thrall

### **AAUW Women in Motion Join Us!**

Join us in recognition of Black History Month on Sunday, February 9 at noon for LeChristopher's Southern Cuisine Dinner at Jubilee UMC Freedom Center, 1621 E 4th St in Waterloo. Find dinner details at [jubileeumc.com](http://jubileeumc.com)

If you're not planning to attend the Friday, February 14, 19th Amendment Kickoff in Ames, join us at 5:30 p.m. at SingleSpeed Brewing, 325 Commercial St in Waterloo for the specially brewed "Hard Won-Not Done" beer in recognition of the 19th Amendment 100th Anniversary. A percent of the beer sale proceeds will be given to the 19<sup>th</sup> ACC Committee.

Jane Close and Bonnie Smith, WIM Co-chairs

### **Annual Garage Sale**

**Friday and Saturday, May 15 & 16**

**Clean and collect items for this sale.**

## Co-Sponsored Programs

### Cedar Valley United Nations Association

The Cedar Valley United Nations Association (CVUNA) and AAUW Cedar Falls–Waterloo are cosponsoring a program on Monday, February 17, at 7:00-8:15 pm, at the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, 3117 Greenhill Circle, Cedar Falls. The program is free and open to the public.

Some of you may remember Umaru Balde's 2017 presentation, "Borrowed by the Sheik," the story of Umaru's harrowing childhood and the long journey that eventually led him to Iowa. Like so many others, he had assistance from the UNHCR along the way. We are lucky enough to hear him again in a few weeks.

Umaru is now the Adviser for International Health, Safety and Security in the Department of International Programs, University of Iowa.

His presentation is **The impact of Climate Change on modern migration of young people from developing countries: the case of West Africa.**

Climate change is THE greatest threat to our existence. Balde, born in Guinea Bissau West Africa, will discuss his research on immigration and climate change.

He'll also share alarming examples from developing West African countries, including dramatic changes he witnessed on a trip back to Guinea Bissau.

Contact: Maureen White

### Saturday, January 25 Women's March

This is the First Annual Woman's March in our area to support women's rights. There were 6-8 of our members participating that very cold January day. The word is that the speakers were great as well at SingleSpeed Brewing, 325 Commercial St., Waterloo.

Pictured with our new banner is Arlene Prather-O'Kane, Karen Agee and Linda Morgan.

<https://19th-amendment-centennial.org/> go here to learn more and get your "Hard won. Not Done." Tshirt.



### Sex Trafficking in Our Backyard

**Thursday, February 27, 6:30 PM**

At Unitarian Universalists

3912 Cedar Heights Drive, Cedar Falls IA

**Join with others in the Cedar Valley who are concerned about sex trafficking by attending this event.**

**Attendees will view the film, "Any Kid, Anywhere," which was produced by the Junior League of Quad Cities. The film is specifically about trafficking in Iowa.**

**A panel discussion led by Ms. Yoshida Thomas, from Friends of the Family, Inc. will follow.**

**Sponsored by Cedar Valley Unitarian Universalists, AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo, Iowa NOW, and Waterloo Commission on Human Rights**

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