

Meeting: Monday, September 28

As you store away spring and summer items, think about what non-clothing items to save for our May 2021 garage sale and plant sale!



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.

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The theme for this year's programs:

Equity & Diversity: Moving Forward With Respect

Our meetings in September, October, and November will be held via Zoom on the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. Please contact someone to help you get hooked up with Zoom. An invitation for the meeting will be sent via e-mail a few days before the meeting.



Our presenter on **Monday, September 28**, will be Joy Fopma, the founder and development director for Wings of Refuge, which is a faith-based safe home in Iowa for survivors of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. She will be speaking about this safe home. Her first book will soon be released. The purpose of Wings of Refuge

is to provide a loving, safe, and supportive environment to offer and equip survivors to grow, heal, and attain their goals.

Maria Murphy & Lori Jo Schneider, Co-Presidents for Program

Cedar Falls -Waterloo AAUW Fundraising held a plant sale on Saturday, August 29th at Ardelle Brown's home in Cedar Falls. Fundraising team members Judy Focht, Judy Fogdall, Allaire George, Betsy Brant, Sandy Lawry, Linda Morgan, and Ardelle Brown helped with the sale along with Sheryl Bewyer, Karen Agee, and Pat Higby on Saturday. At least eight members donated plants. The sale earned us \$616 for plants and donations and \$375 for Hard Won Not Done t-shirts for a total of \$991. We estimated 100+ people of all ages attended the 9 am – 12 noon sale. The weather was fantastic. Signage at Ardelle's and at Greenhill and University was excellent, and Sandy even advertised on South Main Street. Notice was also in the *Courier* without charge.

Twenty-five members attended the outdoor 1 pm kickoff event held after the sale. We kept enlarging the circle. One new member, Denise Clipperton, came with Bonnie Smith. Two scholarship winners, Stephanie and Sarah, also attended and told us about their academic plans. Ardelle served chocolate cupcakes, and everyone went home with a raffle prize and tomatoes from Pat Higby. A fun time was had by all.

Linda Morgan, Vice-President for Fundraising



Co-Presidents—Karen Agee and Amy Hoyer (Amy is in PA for a bit)

Although current COVID-19 conditions in Black Hawk County make it unlikely that we will meet at the Woman’s Club in Cedar Falls or the YWCA in Waterloo any time soon, we can still work toward our shared goals. We can put on our masks and meet outdoors, as at the recent fundraising plant sale and informal kickoff meeting in Ardelle Brown’s side yard. Upcoming Fourth Fridays With Friends events are also planned for Ardelle’s yard (or garage) to keep discussions flowing.

We can also work together using email, phone, and USPS mail. That’s how Treasurer Pat Higby will get reimbursements to the three new recipients of Textbooks for Refugee Women scholarships. It’s also how we continue to check on each other’s health, equity projects, and plans for getting into “good trouble, necessary trouble.”

And we are very lucky to be able to meet monthly this autumn via Zoom. We will all be able to see and hear each other and our expert presenters, distanced but unmasked. Here are three ways to join the Zoom meeting on Monday, Sept. 28, at 7:00 PM.

1. You can use this link to Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2017201809?pwd=WXcyREhjcjllOZINQMUtmZjlCU0RQQT09>

2. You can go to the Zoom app and enter the meeting number and passcode:

Meeting ID: 201 720 1809

Passcode: AAUW

3. Or you can phone in. Here is the information for joining by phone from anywhere in the Central Midwest:

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 201 720 1809

Passcode: 41328

Watch for a reminder from Ardelle in your email inbox a few days before the September 28 meeting. If you would like to participate in our meetings but do not have the Zoom app on your device, please contact Ardelle Brown or Karen Agee to learn how to download the app. It will be very good to see you!!

Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

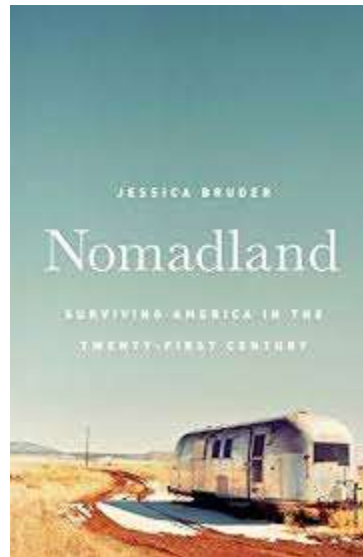
CV3D is excited to start meeting and discussing books! Our 2020 - 2021 reading calendar has been finalized. We are thankful to Ardelle Brown, Pauline Harding, Kathryn Rogers, Anne Schuessler, Joan Bunkofske, Gloria Tollefson, and Kay Thrall for volunteering to be a discussion leader this year.

CV3D will meet the second Monday of each month at 4:30. Where we will meet will be determined each month as we deal with the novel coronavirus pandemic. We will monitor Black Hawk county's risk rating to help us make a monthly decision. September and October CV3D will meet at Pfeiffer Spring's Park on Grand Boulevard in Cedar Falls. We expect in November we will meet via Zoom.

The Cedar Falls Public Library has agreed to partner with CV3D again this year. Through this partnership the CF Library will have 5 copies of each book available (except George Washington Carver). CF Library will also allow us to gather in the large conference room on the second floor once the library has reopened. We are thankful for this partnership.

Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century by Jessica Bruder is the book for September. It will be as if we are having our own "rubber tramp event," and Ardelle Brown will lead us in this adventure.

On Monday, September 14, 4:30-5:30, we will meet at Pfeiffer Spring's Park, which is located at the end of Grand Boulevard in Cedar Falls. Please come **and bring your own chair.**



Come once, twice, or every time! Join the discussions for all the books in this series or come when you can. You are always welcome! Second Monday of each month. 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Judy Beckman and Mary Dove

Great Decisions

Because the Cedar Falls Public Library is not allowing small groups to meet there, we will not be meeting for the time being. Their policies are dependent on COVID numbers, so they cannot make any predictions as to when it will be possible. Because we need to view a 30-minute DVD upon which we base our discussion, use of Zoom seems prohibitive to me.

Gloria Tollefson

Study/Interest Groups and Facilitators

Bridge for Education

☹️ We will not be playing bridge in September. We are hoping for sometime!

Ardelle Brown & Claudia Kaestner

Fourth Friday with Friends

We are going to try my yard again on Friday, Sept. 25th at 10 a.m., 2117 Rownd St., CF. I will move the cars out so we can social distance in the garage if it is raining or windy. And be ready to share things to do to keep in touch. Bring your own chair. I have 10 chairs if you forget. Hope to see you.

Ardelle Brown

Literature

The literature group will meet September 14 in Bonnie Smith's yard. Darline Balm-Demmel will review a book. Please call Bonnie if you plan to attend. All are welcome to attend.

Joan Bunkofske

International Studies/Great Decisions for Members

Because the Presbyterian Church is not allowing small groups to meet, we will not be meeting for now. Their policies are dependent on COVID numbers, so they can make no predictions as to when it will be possible.

Kay Thrall

Reading for Change

We are still collecting new and gently used books and magazines and donating them to the women's unit of the Black Hawk County Jail, Waterloo Women's center for Change, and House of Hope as part of the AAUW mission to advance education for women. We need a couple of members to deliver these. It is a small commitment with big rewards. Contact Amy Hoyer you are interested.

Saturday, August 29th Kick-Off



Lori Jo Schneider and Maria Murphy
Co-Vice Presidents for Program
smiling under their masks



Lawn Chair Circle of Members
at Ardelle's house for the
informal kick-off event



Now think Spring of 2021 and how and what we will have for sale then. Hopefully it will be at 2117 Rownd St. again. Members have always done a great job of collecting items at the other plant and garage sales as well as their own gardens and homes.



Here is the new member who helped sell our plants!! We only advertised with this scarecrow, a notice in the *Courier*, on Facebook, and with signs on Rainbow Drive, University, Greenhill Road and Main Street.

Message from Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate

Poll workers are the key ingredient in running our elections on Election Day. They check-in voters, make sure they have the correct ballot, answer questions, and help ensure elections run smoothly in each precinct. Polling locations will be open in all 99 counties on November 3.

Your state and county need you, and you get paid. Poll workers provide a valuable service in their community by helping people vote.

I'm asking healthy younger Iowans who are not part of the high-risk population to step up for democracy and step in for older poll workers.

Check out our website for more information: pollworker.iowa.gov. If you are interested in becoming a poll worker, complete the form on our website, which will put you in contact with your county auditor.

Maureen White, Public Policy Director

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