

September 2021

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Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on

Monday, September 27, 2021



2021-2022 MEETINGS
THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM THEME:
**Keeping You Informed—
caring for ourselves & others**



Ben Brustkern, Executive Director,
Friends of the Family

**Tackling Homelessness
in the Cedar Valley**

September 27, 2021

Monday evening, Cedar Falls Woman's Club
304 Clay St., Cedar Falls, IA

Gather at 5:00, Program at 5:30, Dinner at 6:15
Wine available for \$6 during 5:00-5:30 social time
Friends of the Family was recently awarded significant funding to create and facilitate a 6-9-month housing program to eliminate homelessness in Black Hawk County in five years. There will be time for questions following the program.

Plan to stay for dinner at 6:15 pm – a salad buffet, with toast or garlic bread and a red velvet brownie. Coffee, tea, or iced tea will be served with dinner, for \$15.

To reserve a dinner, RSVP to Mary Ellen Beckman at AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com or 319-269-1893 by Wednesday, September 22

Why not invite a friend and buy her dinner, too? This is an important and timely topic for women and girls in our community.

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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Maureen White

Newsletter Editors: *Karen Agee & Ardelle Brown*

2021 Named Gift Honoree Sheryl Bewyer



Linda Morgan, 2019-2021 VP for Fundraising, presenting Named Gift certificate to Sheryl Bewyer at the May 24, 2021, meeting at Gateway Park in Cedar Falls

Every spring, the Cedar Falls-Waterloo branch recognizes one of our members as a Named Gift Honoree for outstanding support of AAUW, such as serving as a longtime and dedicated officer, making other significant contributions to the branch, making significant financial contributions, or supporting or contributing to AAUW in other ways. The branch donates \$500 to the AAUW Greatest Need Fund in the name of our honoree.

This year's Named Gift honoree, Sheryl Bewyer, is a 50-year member of AAUW, first joining in 1971. She served as branch president in 1980-1982. and for 26 years Sheryl was our branch newsletter editor. Anyone who has ever done that type of work knows that it requires attention to detail, patience, and time. To be well informed as editor, Sheryl attended most branch board of directors meetings when she wasn't traveling somewhere wonderful with her husband, Dave. Almost every year, Sheryl volunteered to work at our annual garage and plant sales to raise scholarship funds. Our branch has been enriched in so many ways through Sheryl's contributions! Thousands of thanks to Sheryl!

Women in Motion This Friday, Sept. 10

Jane Close and Bonnie Smith

Bring your sack lunch and meet at Big Woods Lake in Cedar Falls. Go north on Main Street, cross the bridge, and turn left onto Big Woods Road. We'll be at the shelter at the south end of the lake. Stay after lunch and walk or bike the trail together.



Sign up at closej@Q.com so that we know to expect you. We hope to see you there!

Bridge for Education

Ardelle Brown

The Western Home Communities will not yet allow outside groups to play bridge. We can play at the Cedar Falls Community Center on the 4th Tuesday at 12:30. This month we will meet on **Tuesday, September 28.**

Scholarship News

Marilyn Drury, Scholarship Committee Chair

The 2021 Tuition Scholarship recipients are Piper Wiedenhoff, Aysha Weekley, Stephanie Leon, and Sarah Miller. Each received a \$1500 award. Piper is attending UNI for a degree in movement and exercise science. Aysha attends Hawkeye Community College now and will transfer to UNI in the spring, pursuing a degree in the business field. Stephanie is currently attending UNI for a teaching degree. Sarah is completing a degree in radiology at Allen College.



Piper Wiedenhoff



Aysha Weekley



Stephanie Leon



Sarah Miller

Also, a 2021 Textbooks for Refugee Women scholarship has been awarded to Re Moe of Waterloo. She will receive \$500 to use for textbooks and other course-related materials.

Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients this year, and many thanks to the member donors who fund these scholarships!



Re Moe

Presidents' Column

Pauline Harding and Linda Morgan

Hoping that you are all enjoying the lovely weather this week – and that you have Monday, September 27th, on your calendar. AAUW will be live and in person at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club for all vaccinated and masked members and friends. This Delta variant is a real pain, but we are being careful about socializing together and want AAUW to resume with some normalcy this fall.

Fourth Fridays With Friends

Ardelle Brown and Linda Morgan

Let's meet on **Friday, September 24**, at College Square HyVee in the coffee area at 10:00 a.m.

Promoting Global Awareness/Great Decisions

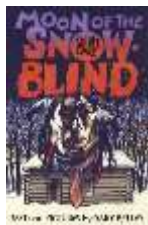
Gloria Tollefson

We will be returning to our regular monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 21, at the Cedar Falls Public Library at 7:00 pm. Our topic will be MODERN SLAVERY and HUMAN TRAFFICKING. Why does it continue to exist when our government has put so much money and effort into curbing it? We will first view the DVD and then discuss, using questions in the briefing book.

PLEASE NOTE: Members of the former afternoon group are strongly encouraged to continue their participation by joining with the evening discussion group as we finish the 2020 Great Decisions topics. I do have one briefing book for a very reduced price.

Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

Judy Beckman and Mary Dove



The CV3D book discussion of Gary Kelley's graphic novel, *Moon of the Snowblind: Spirit Lake Massacre*, is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 4:30-6:00 PM, at the Corning Patio outside the Hearst Center for the Arts in Cedar Falls. The Spirit Lake massacre is a part of Iowa's history. See the actual pages of Kelley's book on display at the Hearst Center for the Arts before the discussion. (Note the weaving on the wall just before his display. It was designed by Rowena Hardinger's daughter.)

The Hearst Center is open Tue & Thu 10am-9pm, Wed & Fri 10am-5pm, and Sat & Sun 1-4pm. The Center is NOT open on Mondays, but we will meet at the Corning Patio on the southeast side of the building. The patio has tables and comfortable chairs there by the gardens.

Literature Group

Joan Bunkofske

The literature group will meet at Bonnie Smith's home on Monday, September 20, at 1:15. Gloria Tollefson will review *The Night Watchman*, which won the 2021 Pulitzer Prize for fiction for author Louise Erdrich.

Free Movies, Anyone?

Sharon Silva, Diversity Director

UNI's Lifelong University ("For the Fun of It!") offers a series of films free of charge this semester. The instructor of this course, David O'Shields, is a Documentary Filmmaker in Residence and an adjunct instructor in Communications at UNI. He will offer a four-week Survey of African American Filmmakers featuring these significant films:

- Week One: Kasi Lemmons' *Eve's Bayou* (1998)
- Week Two: Ava DuVernay's *Selma* (2014)
- Week Three: Spike Lee's *BlacKkKlansman* (2018)
- Week Four: Lee Daniels' *Precious* (2009)

Dates: Friday, **September 10, 17, 21, October 1**

Time: 9:00 to 11:30 am

Location: Diamond Event Center, Western Home Communities

This location is very convenient for many of our members and offers abundant parking for the rest of us. Let's learn together. For details and registration: <https://llu.uni.edu/> Any questions? Feel free to contact me at 319-830-2741. I have registered for the course! (Even if the program seems to refuse the registration without any dollar total, you will receive an email that you are registered.)

Did You See *The Suffragist* in July?

Karen Agee

Nancy Hill Cobb, emerita School of Music faculty member at UNI, composed and directed *The Suffragist*, the musical performed at the GBPAC in July. AAUW of Iowa contributed support. Were you able to attend one of the five performances? Did you marvel at the talent of the "hometown" performers, including Joel Waggoner, son of branch member Rita Waggoner? Was your perspective on the courage and passions of suffragist leaders different after experiencing this musical?

Maybe you wanted to send a note of thanks and congratulation to Nancy Cobb but did not know how to contact her. If so, you can email karen.agee@uni.edu for Dr. Cobb's mailing or email address.

Fundraising for Scholarships



AAUW has an account at **Stuff Etc**, 1210 Flammang Dr., in Waterloo. Take your clothes, shoes, and other items to the store, and ask the staff to sell them for the AAUW account number: **12171**.