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Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on

Monday, October 25, 2021



2021-2022 MEETINGS

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM THEME:

**Keeping You Informed—
caring for ourselves & others**

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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Women and Their Families

Affected by Alcoholism

October 25, 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

Also bring cash or check for the monthly scholarship "birthday fundraiser"!

Plan to stay for dinner at 6:15 pm (\$15). On the menu is quiche Lorraine, fruit cup, and a muffin. Coffee and tea will also be served.

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

by Wednesday, October 20

Your Opinion Matters!

Pauline Harding

As you know from reading the *Iowa Initiative* newsletter (sent to you from AAUW of Iowa), the annual Iowa spring conference is scheduled for April 8-9, 2022. Save the date!

Planning for this conference is going on right now, and YOU are invited to provide your ideas. Please take a few minutes to respond to a short survey related to this conference. Can you do this **by Friday, October 15**? (Please ignore an earlier deadline date posted elsewhere.) Thank you for sharing your opinions. Here is the link to the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Zz0YCDk-hEaa3sY-MTzbCY2tbgH-K85IhI4Y1t4sJ3FUNTRFREpBN01ONjkzT1M3RVNZOTRDQTZOVl4u>

Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

Judy Beckman and Mary Dove



On Monday, October 11, 2021, CV3D will gather to discuss *This is The Fire: What I Say to My Friends About Racism*, by Don Lemon. The discussion will be held at 4:30-5:30 via Zoom. An email invitation will be sent out on Friday, October 8, with the link to join our Monday discussion. You may also want to re-read James Baldwin's book, *The Fire Next Time* (1963), in which he warned of the dangers of racism. In *This Is the Fire*, Lemon examines the racial divisions still rending our nation.

For further information, contact one of the CV3D cochairs: Judy Beckman at drjudy.beckman@cfu.net or Mary Dove at elybound1982@gmail.com.

Literature Group

Joan Bunkofske

The literature group will meet **Monday, October 18**. Barb Feuerhak is the hostess. Gloria Tollefson will review *The Night Watchman*, by Louise Erdrich. It was a 2021 Pulitzer Prize winner. Questions can be directed to Joan Bunkofske at 266-8575.

Bridge for Education

Ardelle Brown

We are playing bridge only once a month now, meeting at the Cedar Falls Community Center. We will meet on **Tuesday, October 26, at 12:30 PM**, and add more \$\$ to the scholarship fund!

Presidents' Column

Pauline Harding and Linda Morgan

Greetings to you during the wonderful month of October! We hope you can be outside some during this autumn weather to enjoy the blazing colors. Crunching fallen leaves underfoot even now brings back memories of carefree youth and running wildly among the piles of leaves.

Here are some of the events coming up for us in October:

Oct. 25 – Celebrating with our “Birthday Fundraiser” at our regular evening meeting

Oct. 26 – Leadership Boot Camp – Communication Skills – Presenter: Jan Mitchell

Below is information about this leadership opportunity and how to register:

We invite you to tune in for an exciting opportunity to build leadership muscles over the course of eight online sessions with AAUW leaders beginning on September 28 (past, but recorded for later viewing) and continuing every month through May 24, 2022. The same online form works to register for one or more sessions. [Click here for more information. https://aauw-ia.aauw.net/](https://aauw-ia.aauw.net/)

And click here to register:

<https://www.cognitofoms.com/Engerlmchsicom1/aauiowaleadersbootcamp101registrationform>

Fourth Fridays With Friends

Ardelle Brown & Linda Morgan

Let's meet at 10:00 AM on **Friday, October 22**, in the coffee area at College Square HyVee.

FINALLY!

Bonnie Smith, Jane Nelson, Sherrie Dreyer, & Ardelle Brown

We will finally be able to hold a fall clothing drive for the residents at the **Women's Center for Change**. Please gather your clothing, coats, boots, and shoes. We will plan to do this during the last week in October. You can **deliver your items to Bonnie's house or Ardelle's house** anytime this month, or keep them until we get a specific date. If you have questions, please contact one of us. Thank you so much for contributing to this worthy cause.



Great Decisions

Gloria Tollefson

Join us as we discuss today's most critical global issues! Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00 PM**, in the Conference Room of the Cedar Falls Public Library. We will be viewing a DVD and discussing the "Northern Triangle of Central America . . . Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala." How might we stop/slow the flow of migrants from this area? Our materials may be dated, but unfortunately the concerns remain. Please note: Our afternoon and evening groups are currently meeting together at 7:00 PM.

Birthdays and Scholarship Funds



Why is treasurer Pat Higby smiling as she counts a wad of money? Good news: branch members dropped \$106 into the birthday scholarship fund at the September meeting.

More good news: Branch members continue to have birthdays! We'll honor those with October birthdays—and some summer birthdays, too—at the Oct. 25 meeting.

Let's drop more donations into the scholarship fund and make Pat smile.

Historian

Ardelle Brown

Let's remember in these scary times . . .

that we can count on each other!

