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**Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on
Saturday, March 19, 2022**



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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Dr. Vicki Edelnant

Vicki Edelnant, a Road Scholar Ambassador, will speak on world-wide learning for women through Road Scholar. Dr. Edelnant, a retired educator and public speaking teacher, has traveled with Road Scholar (RS) three times, including on camera safari in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana.

RS is the not-for-profit leader in educational travel for adults. Like a university of the world, RS offers thousands of educational travel adventures around the globe, from studying art in Arizona to learning about zoology in Zambia. RS now offers adventures online; experience travel with experts from the comfort of your own home.

10:00 Saturday, March 19

Brunch meeting with the Waverly branch

To reserve \$11 brunch, RSVP to Karen Lehmann at karen.lehmann@wartburg.edu or 319-269-4692

by **Friday, March 10!**

Newsletter Editors: *Karen Agee & Ardelle Brown*

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Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

Judy Beckman and Mary Dove



On **Monday, March 14**, CV3D will gather to discuss *Hamnet: A Novel* by Maggie O'Farrell. The discussion will be held **4:30–6:00** via Zoom. An email invitation will be sent out on Friday, March 11, with the link to join our discussion.

The heartache of living with the novel coronavirus these last two years at times has seemed daunting. O'Farrell takes us back 400 years to a time when humanity dealt with the bubonic plague, another daunting time. In one short chapter, O'Farrell gives us a lesson on 16th-century epidemiology and makes the reader feel the missteps of today's pandemic.

From the title, you might guess that the author would have William Shakespeare be the main character, but O'Farrell centers our attention on the free-spirited wife of William Shakespeare, Agnes. As the plague impacts their family, you are compelled to read to see how William and Agnes each deals with grief.

We hope you join us on March 14 to discuss *Hamnet*. Even if you haven't read the book, please join us. *Hamnet* offers much to discuss.

Literature Group

Joan Bunkofske

The literature group will meet at **1:15 PM on Monday, March 21**, at Joan Bunkofske's house. Joan Kurt will be co-hostess. Linda Morgan and Kay Thrall will discuss books they have been reading. Everyone is welcome.

Fourth Fridays With Friends

Ardelle Brown and Linda Morgan

Fourth Fridays with Friends will meet at the College Square HyVee at **10:00 AM on Friday, March 25**, near the coffee area. Look to Spring and plants to be coming up soon.

Bridge for Education

Ardelle Brown

We will play bridge at the Cedar Falls Community Center on **Thursday, March 17, at 12:30**. We do collect \$2 from each player. Then the winner gets \$1. And with only one table that means we donate only \$7 each time we play.

If you are ready to play, let Ardelle know.

Great Decisions Discusses Changing Demographics

Gloria Tollefson

GREAT DECISIONS, our foreign policy study group, will meet **Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 PM** in the conference room on the 2nd floor of the Cedar Falls Public Library. This month we will focus on changing demographics that have resulted in far-reaching consequences all over the globe.

We will watch a 30-minute DVD presentation followed by group discussion. We encourage AAUW members to join us as we discuss today's most critical global issues!

Legislative Public Forum

Maureen White

AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo is a co-sponsor of the Legislative Public Forum, a series of conversations with state legislators on specific topics and general issues. All legislators in Black Hawk County and surrounding legislative districts are invited to attend.

Due to COVID-19, recent forums have been held only virtually, and future events will still be accessible live on Facebook. However, starting on Friday, March 11, the Forum will return to the Van G Miller Adult Learning Center, 120 Jefferson Street, Waterloo. The legislators are eager to see people face to face, so feel free to put on a mask and attend in person, if you can, or view at <https://www.facebook.com/cvlforum>.

Mark your calendars for **4:30-6:30 PM** on these upcoming Fridays:

March 11	Labor force issues (including jobs, retirement, and a living wage)
March 25	Environmental issues (including water quality)
April 8	Human services issues

MORE INFORMATION About the March 19 Meeting

The Waverly Branch of AAUW will be hosting a brunch on **Saturday, March 19, at 10:00** and have invited the Cedar Falls-Waterloo Branch to join them as special guests. Karen Lehmann and Mary Ventullo, Waverly Branch Membership Co-Chairs, have provided information about the event.



The presenter will be Dr. Vicki Edelnant, retired Wartburg Director of the Pathways Center. She will be speaking about her experiences with Road Scholar, which involves educational travel and learning adventures (and used to be known as the Elderhostel program).

RSVP by MARCH 10 if you wish to eat. The buffet brunch menu includes banana bread French toast, fruit salad, egg bake with veggies, and a drink, all for only \$11. The ballrooms provide plenty of room to socially distance.

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You are also welcome to attend just the program, which will begin around 10:30, with no RSVP needed if you are not eating. Masks are optional for the brunch, and Wartburg recently relaxed masking rules at the college.

The March 19 meeting will be held at Wartburg College, in the Heritage Ballroom, which is in the Student Center.

Directions to the Wartburg Campus can be found here: <https://www.wartburg.edu/directions>.

A campus map is available here: <http://vip.wartburg.edu/campusmap.pdf>

It is suggested that we park in the lot on the east side of the Student Center and enter the south door, near the Info Desk. Greeters will be available to assist us.

Please RSVP to Karen Lehmann by Thursday, March 10 if you will attend the brunch. Contact Karen at karen.lehmann@wartburg.edu or 319-269-4692.

Waverly Visits Us, and We Visit Waverly



Photo by Ardelle Brown

Sharon Abram, Kim Folkers, Elly Folkers, and Ann Henninger (l-r).

Four members of the Waverly Branch attended our February 26 brunch at the Waterloo YWCA. Waverly branch president Kim Folkers, past president Ann Henninger, finance officer Sharon Abram, and Elly Folkers, Kim's mother, visited with Cedar Falls-Waterloo members over brunch and participated in discussion with the presenter, Esther Meuer-Valtchev, who spoke on affordable child care.

We look forward to the March 19 brunch as guests of the Waverly branch at Wartburg College.

Presidents' Notes

Linda Morgan and Pauline Harding

It is time to register for the annual conference of all members of AAUW of Iowa, to be held in the Des Moines area on **Saturday, April 9**. The registration form and other information can be found in last week's Iowa AAUW newsletter, *The Iowa Initiative*, and online at <https://aauw-ia.aauw.net/>. Register by March 25. There's an impressive array of speakers and topics!

Consider carpooling to the conference (in the Des Moines area) with other branch members. (Let Linda know if you want a ride or are offering to drive.) Or you could travel to the conference hotel on **Friday, April 8**, and enjoy some preconference activities that evening. Let's go learn a lot and have an excellent time!



Scholarship News!

Marilyn Drury

The Tuition Scholarship guidelines and application form are now available on our website:

<https://cedarfalls-ia.aauw.net/> Click on Activities and then Scholarships and you will find a link to the form. Please let your friends, relatives, and others know about this opportunity. The award for this next year is \$2000, with half applied to each of two semesters. Applicants need to be planning to go to Allen College, Hawkeye Community College, or the University of Northern Iowa. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2022. Thanks for your help in making people aware of this.

The Waterloo-Cedar Falls AAUW branch offers two types of scholarships each year. One is a tuition scholarship, which provides a \$2000 award to a woman attending Allen College, Hawkeye Community College, or the University of Northern Iowa. This is awarded in late May/early June. The amount of this award was recently raised from \$1500 to \$2000 for the 2022-23 academic year. The other scholarship is a textbook scholarship for refugee women. An award of \$500 may be made to a maximum of three women attending college at one of the above listed colleges and also Wartburg. This may be used for textbooks and other academic materials or expenses.

Both types of scholarships aid women and provide encouragement as they pursue their education. This past year, four tuition scholarships (of \$1500 each) were awarded and one textbook scholarship. Our current scholarship committee consists of Marilyn Drury, Chair; Mary Dove; Nancy Henderson; and Linda Morgan. The Chair attempts to stay in contact with the recipients throughout the year and until they graduate, providing any additional support possible.

The scholarships and contact throughout the year are greatly appreciated by the recipients. In our next newsletter, April 2022, one of our tuition recipients will be featured.