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**Meeting at 5:00 PM on
Monday, November 28, 2022**



2022-2023 MEETINGS
THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM THEME:
**Gender and Racial Equity:
Are We Making Progress?**



Mary Connerley, PhD
UNI College of Business Administration

Issues in Gender Equity

November 28, 2022

Cedar Falls Woman's Club, 304 Clay St., Cedar Falls
Gather 5:00, Program 5:30, Dinner 6:15
A selection of wines will be available for purchase.

Also bring cash or check for the monthly scholarship fundraiser, "Notable Women."



To reserve a dinner (\$17.00), RSVP to
Mary Ellen Beckman at 319-269-1893 or
AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com
(specifying **grilled ham and cheese** sandwich
or **grilled cheese** sandwich
with tomato basil soup and a blondie bar).
by **Monday, November 21**

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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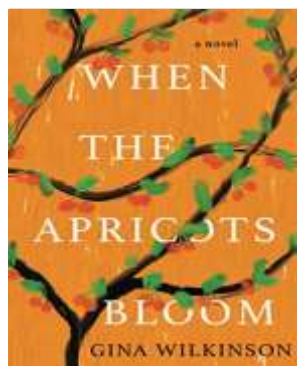
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Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

Judy Beckman and Mary Dove



On **Monday, November 14**, CV3D will gather to discuss *When The Apricots Bloom*, by Gina Wilkinson. The discussion will be held in person, **4:30-6:00**, at the large meeting room of the Cedar Falls Public Library.

This is historical fiction set in Iraq during Saddam Hussein's rule. The author draws from her experience while stationed in Baghdad as a foreign correspondent for BBC, NPR, and ABC. A close Iraqi friend was an informant for Saddam's secret police. Wilkinson wondered, would they have been friends despite this or was it just a job for her? That question formed the starting point for her novel.

A secretary, an artist, and a diplomat's wife each must confront living the complexities of Saddam Hussein's rule. Trust, friendship, and motherhood under the rule of the dictator and his ruthless secret police are harrowing. These richly-drawn characters create a suspenseful read. Gina Wilkinson wrote, "Through two decades of living in hotspots across the globe, I've found that while we might pray in a certain way, cover our hair or not, bake our bread flat or leavened, at heart we all want the same things—safety, peace, love. We share far more in common than that which divides us. I hope this book shows that."

We hope you join us on November 14 for this discussion. Even if you haven't read the book, you are welcome to attend. We would like to thank Pauline Harding for leading our October discussion of *Grey Bees*, by Andrey Kurkov. It was a timely topic and the good discussion for the eight participants. For further information, contact CV3D co-chairs Judy Beckman (drjudy.beckman@cfu.net) or Mary Dove (elybound1982@gmail.com).

Women's Center for Change

Bonnie Smith

At our AAUW clothing drive for the Women's Center for Change, on October 10–14 this year, members donated fall clothing plus towels, shampoos, and lotions. The Center was thankful for everything, as residents are in need of all these items. They were especially interested in the towels, new underwear, and bras. These items may be a focus for future donations.

Thanks go to Jane Close, Jane Nelson, Sherrie Dreyer, Ardelle Brown, and Bonnie Smith for collecting, setting up, and picking up and delivering leftover items. All unused clothing went to Trinkets and Togs in Cedar Falls. **Thank you** to everyone who donated to this community action project. It was again a success!

Literature Group

Joan Bunkofske

Literature group will meet **Monday, November 21, at 1:15 PM**. Linda Morgan will review a book. All are welcome. We meet at the home of Joan Bunkofske every month.

Cedar Valley SWE Girls Conference

Marcy Seavey, CV SWE Girls Conference Planning Committee Representative from UNI

On behalf of the Cedar Valley Society of Women Engineers Girls Conference Planning Committee, we appreciate the donation of \$200 by the AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo Branch. This funding will allow 20 girls grades 5-8 who otherwise could not afford the \$10 registration fee to attend the event or assist us in providing all girls with lunch at the event. A donation of any size supports local girls learning about STEM careers.

The Cedar Valley SWE Girls Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, December 3**, 2022, at McCollum Science Hall, University of Northern Iowa. We hope to reach 100 local girls this year. A dozen local STEM professionals will lead sessions in science and engineering topics.

It would be very helpful if local AAUW members would volunteer to manage check-in again. We usually have 3-4 volunteers who check in at 8:30 AM and help set up the girl registration area. Then they check in the girls and hand out schedules and t-shirts as they arrive at McCollum Science Hall, 9:00—9:30 AM. The volunteers would then turn in any unclaimed materials with the list of no-shows to the volunteer registration desk. At that point they can leave but are welcome to stay for the keynote presentation, 9:30-10:00, if they wish.

AAUW members who have volunteered in the past may not recognize the new event name. It was formerly called "Expanding Your Horizons" or "EYH." The licensing for EYH has been purchased by a new organization that drastically changed the event, fees, and supports, so we decided to create our own event based on past successes. The girls still get to participate in a keynote presentation and three hands-on activity sessions.

I am happy to answer questions of anyone considering volunteering. Those who wish to volunteer, **please send name, email, and phone number to me** at marcene.seavey@uni.edu.

Scholarship Fundraising With Arts and Crafts!

Pat Higby, Jane Close, and Bonnie Smith

Bidding on our first ever Arts & Crafts online auction started on October 22. See the many items available at <https://www.biddingowl.com/CedarFallsWaterlooAAUW> and start bidding right away on items you want to have or to give as gifts. Here is a tip sheet to help you navigate the Bidding Owl site: <file:///C:/Users/Karen/Downloads/Bidding%20Owl%20Tips.pdf>. Let family members know which items you want and have them bid on and win them for you.

Let's spread the word about this auction on social media. We need to raise thousands of dollars for scholarships! And note that the auction has been extended! Bidding ends at **4:00 PM on Sunday, November 20**. Winning bidders may opt to have their items shipped (postage varies) or picked up at the November 28 meeting.

Scholarship News!

Marilyn Drury

Please check out all the great items up for bid during the last two weeks of the online Arts & Crafts Auction as part of raising scholarship funds. Get your bids in!

Our scholarships are very important to our recipients. As stated by one of our recipients this year, "By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals, just as you have helped me achieve mine!"

Great Decisions to Discuss Industrial Policy

Gloria Tollefson

Join us **Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 PM** at the Cedar Falls Public Library conference room to view a 30-minute DVD and then discuss our government's ability to manage trade, supply chains, and rising China. Learn how our government policies affect you.

Join us as we discuss today's most critical global issues!

Bridge for Education

Ardelle Brown

We will play bridge on **Thursday, November 17, 12:30-3:00**, in the second-floor library at Prairie Wind Western Home Communities, 5313 Caraway Lane, Cedar Falls. No food, but bring your own drink and \$2.00 to contribute to the scholarship fund. Looking forward to playing and seeing everyone.

Women in Motion/Promoting Diversity Event: Supporting Diverse Businesses

Jane Close, Bonnie Smith, Sharon Silva

On **Tuesday, December 6, 11:00 AM**, join us for shopping followed by lunch at these minority-owned businesses in Waterloo:

[The Soul Book Nook](#), 110 E 4th St (owned by Amber Collins)

[Spark Lot](#), 328 E 4th St (owned by Nia Wilder, who will speak at our January branch meeting)

[El Patron Family Restaurant](#), 301 E 4th St (managed by Juan Rodriguez)

Email Jane Close at closej@Q.com to arrange carpool.