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**Meeting at 5:00 PM on
Monday, April 24, 2023**



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

Monday, April 24, will bring us back to the Woman's Club in Cedar Falls for our annual awards banquet. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Our dinner menu will be lasagne, breadstick, salad, and a brownie. Coffee and tea are included. A selection of wines will be available (\$7/glass) during the 5:00-5:30 social time.



Lori Schneider & Maria Murphy
Co-Vice-Presidents for Programs

April 24, 2023

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

Gather 5:00, Awards 5:30, Dinner 6:15

The agenda will include recognition of past officers, election of new officers, presentation of the Named Gift Honoree, brief talks by scholarship recipient Stephanie Leon and by Distinguished Faculty Award recipient Sarah Diesburg, and more!

To reserve a dinner (\$17), RSVP to Mary Ellen Beckman at AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com or 319-269-1893 (specifying vegetarian or meat lasagne) by **Friday, April 14.**

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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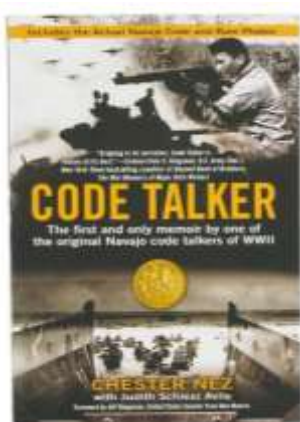
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Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

Judy Beckman and Mary Dove



On **Monday, April 10**, CV3D will gather to discuss *Code Talker: The First and Only* memoir by *One of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII*, written by Chester Nez with Judith Schiess Avila. The discussion will be held at **4:30-6:00 PM** in the Cedar Falls Public Library conference room.

In this inspiring memoir, the author (assigned the name Chester Nez in a BIA boarding school) shares experiences during World War II and his life growing up in the Checkerboard Area on the Navajo Reservation. Mr. Nez, a 2001 recipient of the Congressional Honor Medal, is one of the original 29 “code talkers,” who developed a secret code using the Navajo language. Because Japanese decoders were unable to decipher it, this code kept Marine radio communications secret in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Join us as we discuss warfare, patriotism, language and communication, and much more. Mr. Nez’ memoir will also help us understand the Diné or Navajo culture. What does the author mean when he says he believed in living the “Right Way”? How did the Diné use corn pollen? Join us on April 10 to discuss *Code Talker*. Even if you haven’t read the book, come and join our discussion. To explore the code talkers, you may want to watch the film, *Windtalkers*, or listen to interviews with other code talkers at <https://navajocodetalkers.org/>

We would like to thank Mary Dove for leading our March discussion on the book, *Fifty Words for Rain*, by Asha Lemmie. A lively discussion of the book was enjoyed by 10 members.

Legislative Public Forum

Maureen White

The final scheduled Legislative Public Forum for this session will be held at **4:30 – 6:30 PM on Friday, April 14**. The main topic is the environment; however, questions and comments regarding other topics are welcomed.

Legislators and community members of all political parties are invited to participate in every Forum. Each forum is held in person at the Hawkeye College Van G. Miller Adult Learning Center, 120 Jefferson, Waterloo. The forum may also be viewed via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cvlforum>

Literature Group

Joan Bunkofske

Literature group will meet on **Monday, April 17, at 1:15 PM** at 1706 Cottage Lane, Cedar Falls. Come and join us for the book review and discussion.

Justice after Mass Atrocities: From Rwanda to Ukraine

Maureen White

The Cedar Valley United Nations Association and AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo Branch cosponsor programs related to the United Nations, human rights, and international issues. We invite you to attend this upcoming presentation:

Justice after Mass Atrocities: From Rwanda to Ukraine

Monday, April 17, at 7:00 PM

Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa
3117 Greenhill Circle, Cedar Falls

Speakers

- **Stephen Rapp**—Senior Fellow for Prevention of Genocide, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, former US Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice, and former International Prosecutor at the UN-backed Tribunals for Rwanda and Sierra Leone
- **Donna Maier**—Emeritus Professor of History, University of Northern Iowa, Genocide and Global History and former Senior Research Associate, UN Tribunal for Rwanda
- **Svetlana Karplyuk**—Ukrainian citizen now living in Cedar Falls

The program is free and open to the public.

Great Decisions Study Group to Discuss Energy Geopolitics

Gloria Tollefson

We will meet **Tuesday, April 18, 7:00-8:30 PM**, in the conference room at the Cedar Falls Public Library. We are all complaining about the cost of gas today, but how does it influence our relations with the politics of individual nations and their relations with others?

After viewing a DVD, we will discuss our access to oil and gas and how supply chain shortages affect availability and how we interact with the rest of the world. JOIN US AS WE DISCUSS THIS IMPORTANT GLOBAL ISSUE.

Bridge for Education

Ardelle Brown

Bridge will be on **Thursday, April 20, 12:30-3:00**, in the second-floor library at Prairie Wind Western Home Communities, 5313 Caraway Lane, Cedar Falls. Donate \$2 to play, and this goes to the scholarship fund. I will be calling you to see if you can play. Great time! Eloise Nelson won her \$1 for having great skills and great cards.

State AAUW Conference on April 21-22

Karen Agee

AAUW members from all over Iowa will gather for the state conference at the Hilton Garden Inn (Des Moines/Urbandale) on **Saturday, April 22**. If you can arrive on Friday, April 21, you'll enjoy the reception at 5:00. This year's theme? Our Time Is Now!



Information about conference speakers is available on the AAUW of Iowa website at <https://aauw-ia.aauw.net/> and in recent issues of the *Iowa Initiative*.

Honoring AAUW IA's 2023 Distinguished Faculty Award Recipient

Karen Agee



Sarah Diesburg

At our annual meeting and awards banquet on **Monday, April 24**, in addition to other honorees, we will recognize Sarah Diesburg, who will receive AAUW of Iowa's Distinguished Faculty Award at the state conference on April 22. Dr. Diesburg will attend that event virtually but can be part of our annual banquet and meeting on April 24 in person. Please attend the awards banquet and find out how Dr. Diesburg is helping to "create a climate of gender equity in the Computer Science program," in the words of CS Dept. Head Eugene Wallingford. Marcy Seavey will introduce to us this remarkable scholar and mentor.

Fourth Fridays With Friends

Ardelle Brown and Linda Morgan

Fourth Fridays With Friends will meet this month at the College Square HyVee in Cedar Falls at **10:00 on Friday, April 28**, near the coffee area. We promise good cheer, excellent conversation, and springlike weather—or at least two out of three.

Brown Bag Lunch at UNI on Monday, May 8

Marcy Seavey

We return to our pre-pandemic practice of meeting on the UNI campus on the Monday of Finals Week! On **Monday, May 8, at 11:30 AM**, Branch members are invited to hear Theresa Westbrock, Dean of Library Services, discuss the challenges, opportunities, and changes facing libraries.

Room 287 is directly to the right when entering the library by the main doors. Bring a brown bag lunch (or purchase lunch at the library's Book Bistro) for this event. Members without a UNI parking permit should contact Ardelle Brown for a carpooling option.



Theresa Westbrock

Preparing for the Big Garden Sale May 19-20

Ardelle Brown



The 2023 Garden Sale is scheduled for **Friday, May 19**, at 4:00-6:00 PM, and for **Saturday, May 20**, at 9:00- 2:00. The location will be Ardelle Brown's garage and lawn at 2117 Rownd Street in Cedar Falls. Let Ardelle know when you can provide customer service during this sale, which is so important to our fundraising efforts. Rain or shine, we want to GROW our funds and everyone's gardens.

Bring plants and other garden items to Rownd Street during the week of May 14-18. Yes, anything for the garden: plants, garden books, trellises, wooden chairs for the garden, tools, and also house plants.

Drop off empty pots for plants any time before May 14. Let Ardelle know right away if you are willing to dig plants for others.

Presidents' Note

Co-Presidents Linda Morgan and Pauline Harding

We know you are itching to pay next year's dues; however, we have been advised by AAUW that we should wait. AAUW Membership will soon send information about paying dues for the 2023-2024 year. Watch for the email from AAUW!