

**October 2023**

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**Meeting at 5:00 PM on  
Monday, October 23, 2023**



## 2023-2024 MEETINGS

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM THEME:

### Hot Topics



Mark Westbrock & Mushroom

<https://www.solsticefarm.net/>

### Responsible Food Production

*October 23, 2023*

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

*Gather 5:00, Program 5:30, Dinner 6:15*

The dinner menu will be ham balls, green bean almondine, and an apple bar. The vegetarian option is vegetable stir fry. Coffee and tea will also be served, included in the price of \$20. This also includes tip. *A selection of wines will be available (\$7/glass) during the 5:00-5:30 social time.*

To reserve a dinner, RSVP to Mary Ellen Beckman at [AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com](mailto:AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com) or 319-269-1893, by **Monday, October 16.**

**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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## Mark Your Calendars!

*Maureen White*

**City candidate debates**, cosponsored by Northern Iowa Student Government, AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo, and Women of Action:

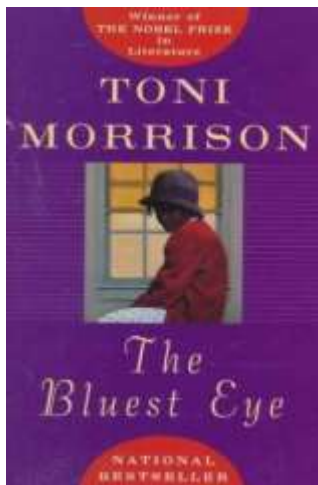
- Cedar Falls mayor and council candidate debates, **Wednesday October 4**, Cedar Falls City Hall Council Chambers, 6:30-8:30 PM
- Waterloo mayor and council candidate debates, **Wednesday October 11**

**October 19-21, 2023** AAUW Central States Regional Conference in St. Louis.

**November 13-17, 2023** Freedom Bus Tour to civil rights sites in several Southern states.  
[https://www.cityofwaterlooia.com/residents/human\\_rights/freedom\\_bus\\_tour.php](https://www.cityofwaterlooia.com/residents/human_rights/freedom_bus_tour.php)

## Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

*Judy Beckman and Mary Dove*



This year, CV3D is focusing on banned books. On **Monday, October 9**, CV3D will gather to discuss the third most challenged book in 2022, *The Bluest Eye*, by Toni Morrison. The discussion will be held **4:30-5:30** at the Cedar Falls Public Library conference room.

Since the publication of *The Bluest Eye* in 1970, there have been numerous attempts to ban it from schools and libraries because of its depiction of sex, violence, racism, incest, and child molestation. It frequents the American Library Association's list of banned and challenged books.

Through her main character, Pecola, Morrison shows readers that black was not always beautiful. *The Bluest Eye* will have you reflecting on how perceptions of beauty can determine an individual's sense of self-worth and capacity for self-love. *The Bluest Eye* will also have us discussing race and class.

Join our discussion on October 9 to share your thoughts about beauty, race, class, and banned books.

## Impressive Presenters to Speak at AAUW Regional Conference!

*Karen Agee, Co-President, AAUW of Iowa*

There is still time to register for the regional, eleven-state AAUW Conference, October 19-21, in St. Louis! Use this link: [aauw-mo.aauw.net/aauw-midwest-regional-conference/](http://aauw-mo.aauw.net/aauw-midwest-regional-conference/)



The Cedar Valley Society of Women Engineers Girls Conference at UNI will be Saturday, November 11. This event will bring up to 100 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-grade girls to UNI for a day of exploring STEM careers with local STEM professionals. This is a Cedar Falls-Waterloo Branch co-sponsored event. **AAUW members, we need your help with registration for this event!** We are looking for four AAUW members who can be at the event 8:30-9:50 AM to check-in the girls and direct them to our keynote presentation room.

Check-in involves checking the girls' names off a list, collecting release forms, handing out T-shirts and gift bags, and directing girls to the main meeting room, so a team of four volunteers works best. A planning committee member will do an orientation with volunteers at 8:30, and check-in will be from 9:00 to 9:50. A T-shirt is provided for each volunteer. Volunteers are welcome to leave after registration is complete or to stay for the keynote or to observe sessions. To volunteer or ask questions, contact Marcy Seavey, [marcene.seavey@uni.edu](mailto:marcene.seavey@uni.edu) by November 1. If volunteering, please provide name, email address, and adult T-shirt size.

## Literature Group Meeting

*Joan Bunkofske*

The literature group will meet **Monday, October 16, at 1:15** at the home of Joan Bunkofske. Joan will review the book, *After the Miracle*, by Max Wallace. This book describes Helen Keller's lifelong obsession with social justice and the importance of her work in this regard. Joan Kurt will be the hostess. Please call 319-290-9089 for more information.

## Great Decisions Study Group to Discuss Politics in Latin America

*Gloria Tollefson*

Join us as we discuss GLOBAL FAMINE on **Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 PM** in the conference room at the Cedar Falls Public Library. After watching a 20-minute DVD, we will discuss how food shortages have followed Russia's invasion of the Ukraine, disrupting grain shipments from this major food producer.

How is famine defined? How is it different from food shortages? What can be done to avoid famines? Come to learn with others.

## Bridge for Education

*Ardelle Brown*

Bridge will be on **Thursday, October 19, 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 phoning and sending emails to the regulars, but new faces and skills are always welcome. Call or e-mail Ardelle Brown.

## Join us for Orientation

*Jane Close & Bonnie Smith, Co-VPs for Membership*

Whether you're new to AAUW or have been a member for some time, there may be some parts of the organization that you don't know about or don't understand. Join us on **October 23 at 4:30** prior to the dinner meeting for orientation and updates. Bring your yearbook for discussion and we'll answer whatever questions you have.

## Women in Motion

**Please Join Us!**

**Wednesday 4 Women & Wine (W4WW)**

**Wednesday, October 25, 5:30 pm**

The Other Place (OP), 4214 University Ave, Cedar Falls  
Conversation, Drinks, Appetizers, and/or Dinner

Contacts: Jane Close & Bonnie Smith



## 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 on **Friday, October 27, at 10:00 AM**, near the coffee area.

We won't be getting together again until January because of the holidays in November and December. So come and meet new friends, laugh, and learn about new adventures.

