

## April 2025

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Meeting at 5:00 PM on  
Monday, April 28, 2025

**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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Send articles for next newsletter by April 8  
to editors Ardelle Brown & Karen Agee



Monday, April 28, will bring us back to the Diamond Events Center in Cedar Falls for our annual awards banquet. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Maureen White and Nancy Hasenwinkel  
Co-Presidents 2024-2025

**April 28, 2025**

Diamond Event Center South  
5307 Caraway Lane, Cedar Falls

Gather at 5:00, program at 5:15, dinner at 6:15

The agenda will include recognition of members, election of new officers, presentation of the annual Named Gift Honoree award, and a celebration of the centenary of the Cedar Falls branch with highlights of our first 100 years.

Our main dish will be smoked chicken salad croissant or egg salad croissant. Service will also include a spring mix salad (with carrots, cucumber, red onion, and cheddar), fresh fruit cup, and lemon bar. Coffee, iced tea, and lemonade will be available, and wine can be purchased by the glass.

To reserve a dinner (\$20 at the door), RSVP to Mary Ellen Beckman at [AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com](mailto:AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com) or 319-269-1893 (and specify vegetarian or chicken option) by **Sunday, April 20.**

## AAUW State Conference April 26<sup>th</sup>

*Linda Morgan, AAUW Iowa Co-Vice President for Program*

**April 9 is the registration deadline** for the Iowa AAUW conference that our branch is hosting on Saturday, April 26, at the Diamond Event Center. We really want a strong presence from our branch, so please make it a priority to attend. The one-day conference runs 8:00-4:00, starting with continental breakfast and task force displays. Please ask your friends to attend with you whether or not they belong to AAUW. Our conference theme, STRONGER TOGETHER, says AAUW works with all organizations promoting equity and justice for all.

Morning speakers include Steve Corbin, a Cedar Valley freelance opinion writer and columnist (and retired UNI marketing professor) speaking on Project 2025 and its hold on the current administration. A

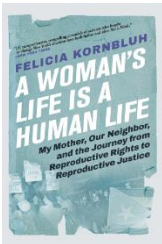
roundtable discussion will follow with Susan Langan, CF-Waterloo AAUW Diversity Director, leading the discussions.

Afternoon speakers will lead with Sarah Corkery, who challenged Ashley Hinson in the 2024 election, on why she ran and what it took to do it. Shelby Davis will bring us some lighthearted theater, and Sheritta Stokes will give us an update on the 1619 Freedom School in Waterloo.

It will be a great day to celebrate our advocacy for women in all walks of life in Iowa and all around our country. **Register today for the AAUW Spring Conference.** [Register Online](#) or complete and mail the [Printable Registration Form](#).

## Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

*Judy Beckman, Ardelle Brown, and Mary Dove*



On **Monday, April 14, 4:30-5:30**, CV3D will discuss *A Woman's Life is a Human Life* by Felicia Kornbluh. We will meet at the Cedar Falls Public Library conference room (in person only; no Zoom) to discuss the book.

This nonfiction book is one of our longer readings this year. Discussion leader Maureen White suggests that readers short on time should focus on the prologue and chapters 1-7 for our discussion. And please attend even if you have not read the book.

Some of the names and events will be familiar to you, but you may learn not only about our two main women characters (not well known) but also about what transpired in our country leading up to the Roe v. Wade decision and some of the lessons we can draw from that history.

We thank Anne Schuessler and Mary Dove for leading our March discussion of *Hello Beautiful*. Fourteen of us shared thoughts on depression, grief, and happiness.

## Great Decisions to Discuss India as a Major Power

*Gloria Tollefson, International Affairs Director*

We will meet **Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 to 8:30 PM**, in the conference room of the Cedar Falls Public Library.

We will watch a 30-minute DVD and then discuss how India's pivotal location between Russia and China, population size, economy, and political struggles all influence the global order. Join us and bring another interested person. (I do have an extra book for sale.)

JOIN US AS WE DISCUSS TODAY'S MOST CRITICAL ISSUES!

## Bridge for Education

*Ardelle Brown*

Bridge players will gather on **Thursday, April 17, 12:30-3:00**, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Prairie Wind Western Communities, 5413 Caraway Lane, Cedar Falls. Each of us donates \$2 to play, and the money goes to the scholarship fund. I will be phoning or emailing regular participants to see if you can play, and new players are always welcome. Just let me know you are interested, at [aekbrown6882@gmail.com](mailto:aekbrown6882@gmail.com)

## Literature Group Meeting

*Joan Bunkofske*

The literature group will meet on **April 21 at 1:15** at 1706 Cottage Lane. We will have many children's books to read together from the "read in" last month. Important to support opportunities for children to participate in reading activities. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Phone 319 290 9089 for more information.

## Wednesday 4 Women & Wine (W4WW)

*Jane Close and Bonnie Smith*



**Please Join Us!**

**Wednesday, April 23, 5:30 PM**

(third Wednesday this month)

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

## Fourth Friday With Friends

*Ardelle Brown and Linda Morgan*



Fourth Friday with Friends will meet at **10:00 AM on Friday, April 25**, near the coffee area at College Square HyVee in Cedar Falls. We laugh and learn. Hope to see you there!

## Happy 100!

Whether you are a longtime member or relatively new to AAUW, do plan to attend the **Monday, April 28, Annual Meeting** and dinner. As always, guests or anyone interested in learning more about the organization are welcome!

We'll have a short annual business meeting beginning at **5:15 PM**—note that this is an earlier than usual starting time—followed by highlights of activities and accomplishments in our 100 years as an AAUW branch. We'll have a few displays for you to browse and a special 100 Year booklet for each of you.

This is all possible thanks to the planning group consisting of our historian Ardelle Brown, Susan Langan who prepared the PowerPoint presentation, Mary Dove who compiled and arranged for printing the 100 Year book, and Maureen White.

Gather at the Diamond Event Center at 5:00 to pay for your meal, browse displays, and say hello to your fellow members. Plan to be seated by 5:15. Dinner will be served at 6:15.

## 2025 Slate Approved by Board of Directors

*Louise Conklin, Pauline Harding, Karen Agee, Nominations Committee*

The Board has approved this nomination slate for election at the April awards banquet:

President Elect – Sharon Walker (2025-2026)

Co-VP for Membership – Deanna Brandsberg and Amy Hoyer (2025-2027)

Co-VP for Fundraising – Maria Murphy and Lori Schneider (2025-2027)

Treasurer – Mary Fogarty (2025-2027)

Nominations may also be made from the floor **at the April 28 meeting**. The committee thanks the nominees for renewing or taking on a leadership role in the branch.

## How to Take Action

*Nancy Henderson, Public Policy Director*

Are you concerned about what is happening in Congress, in our nation and our state? Do you want to take action but **want something easy to do**? Here are a few ideas:

**1. Became an AAUW Two-Minute Activist!** By joining AAUW's Two-Minute Activist, you will receive email notifications from AAUW about bills or issues that need your attention. AAUW will provide the information and the email to send to your senator or representative in Congress.

To sign up for the Two-Minute Activist:

- On your computer, go to whatever search engine you use (Google, Yahoo, etc.)
- Type in "AAUW Two-Minute Activist"
- Click on "Join Our Action Network"
- Click on "Sign Up" and follow the directions

OR

Just log in to your AAUW membership account (or create an account if you don't have one). Then, back on the main page of AAUW.org, look for "Take Action" at the top, hover over it and then click on "Two-Minute Activist" then click on "Sign Up" and follow the directions.

**2. Get the 5Calls App on your phone and/or computer!** 5Calls is an organization that researches issues and then puts together talking points you can use to call your Congressional legislators. 5Calls will help keep track of your action, if you choose to report. It's easy to use.

To get 5Calls on your computer, just type in "5Calls" on a search engine. You will eventually need to type in your address/zip code for 5Calls to work as designed.

To get the 5Calls app on your phone (it's free),

- On your Iphone, go to the App Store and look for 5Calls.
- On your Android, go to Google Play and search for 5Calls.

**3. Sign up with me to receive a weekly list of legislation** from the Iowa legislature we are monitoring. Email me at [nancyhenderson2023@gmail.com](mailto:nancyhenderson2023@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

OR

**4. Sign up with Fast Democracy** at <https://fastdemocracy.com/> to track legislation in the Iowa legislature as well as in Congress. Fast Democracy also has an app available for your phone, whether Iphone or Android:

## Scholarship News for April

*Marilyn Drury, Scholarship Committee Chair*

We have good news from two of our scholarship recipients:



Madison

Madison Stoneking, one of our scholarship recipients, will graduate in May from UNI with a degree in Biology-Biomedical! She is currently applying to various schools offering Physician Assistant programs and degrees. Congratulations, Madison!



Natalie

Natalie Dvorak, another of our scholarship recipients, will graduate from UNI in May with a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders and a minor in Educational Studies. She has been accepted into both UNI and the University of Iowa graduate programs in Speech-Language Pathology. Congratulations, Natalie!

### Save the Dates!

#### Please Mark Your Calendars Today!

Our big spring 2025 fundraiser for the academic scholarships has been scheduled for **Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17**. Watch for emails from Ardelle Brown about providing garden items, staffing the sale, and supporting the scholarship fundraising effort.



# Keeping Track of Legislative Action

Nancy Henderson, Public Policy Director

The Iowa state legislature is less than one month away from its scheduled last day, May 2nd. However, we know that when the legislature hasn't finished its business, their work may continue beyond that date. As of this writing, there has been no agreement on K-12 public school funding, and appropriations for a state budget have not been worked out. And, there are several bills that have passed the 2nd funnel that still need to be debated. You can keep up with the bills that are being debated in the House and the Senate by going to <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/> and clicking on the respective debate calendars, highlighted in yellow. These calendars are usually updated the day before, so be sure to check periodically to see what is being debated so you can let your legislator (and other legislators) know of your concerns. The Index lists the previous debate calendars.

The screenshot displays the Iowa State Legislature's website interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for GISLATION, COMMITTEES & SCHEDULES, IOWA LAW & RULES, LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES, PUBLICATIONS, CAPITOL TOURS & RESOURCES, LOBBYIST INFORMATION, and ARCHIVES. Below this, two main content areas are visible: 'Currently in the Senate' and 'Currently in the House'. The 'Currently in the Senate' section features a sidebar with navigation icons and a main content area with links for 'Senate Video: Live', 'Daily Archives', 'Bill Archives', and 'Live Audio'. A 'Senate Floor Votes by Bill' link is also present. The 'Latest Senate Debate Calendar' link is highlighted in yellow. The 'Currently in the House' section has a similar layout with 'House Video: Live', 'Daily Archives', 'Bill Archives', and 'Live Audio' links. The 'Tentative House Debate Calendar' link is highlighted in yellow. Both sections include a 'Floor Action' summary for Wednesday, April 2, 2025, detailing the journal of the day, bills referred to unfinished business, and the adjournment time.