

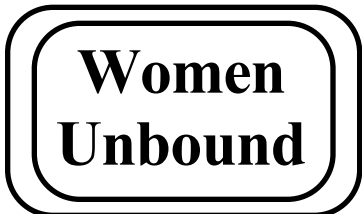
Monday, October 26, 2009

Cedar Falls Woman's Club  
Third and Clay Streets

Gather 5:00 p.m.

AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.



## Reducing Unintended Pregnancies

former Lt. Governor Sally J. Pederson  
Senior Advisor, The Iowa Initiative

Members of the Iowa Initiative are opening a dialogue about the high rate of unintended pregnancies among Iowa women aged 18-30. They aim to reduce this rate through networking, research, public outreach, and by collaborating with providers to increase access to family planning. Although 75% of Iowans say they favor providing uninsured and low income women access to contraception, Iowa only ranks 48th in the country in doing so. Meanwhile, half of pregnancies among Iowa women aged 18-30 are unintended.

Sally Pederson is a senior advisor to the Iowa Initiative. During her time as Lt. Governor of Iowa, from 1999 to 2007, she expanded access to health care for children, required insurance coverage for mental illness, and created affordable housing for people with disabilities. Currently, she chairs the advisory board for a model 2-year college program at the University of Iowa for students with multiple learning disabilities. She is also a trustee of Union Theological Seminary in New York, a director of the Northwest Area Foundation, and co-chair of the capital campaign for the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center.

### Mission:

AAUW Cedar Falls Branch advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

### Vision:

AAUW Cedar Falls Branch will be recognized as a leader in the community in advocating for women and girls.

### Diversity Statement:

In principle and in practice, the AAUW, Cedar Falls Branch, values and seeks diversity. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

### Board of Directors:

- Co-Presidents
- Judy Beckman, Mary Dove
- President Elect Maureen White
- Past President Gloria Tollefson
- Vice President for Program Mary Fogarty
- Vice President for Membership Dee Lynch
- Co-Vice Presidents for Educational Foundation
- Barbara Cardamon, Allaire George
- Secretary Mary Franke
- Treasurer Nancy Henderson
- Public Policy/Voter Education Director Maureen White
- Legal Advocacy Fund Director Jane Close

### Menu:

- Roast beef with cucumber sauce
- Glazed carrots Triple layer salad
- Cook's choice dessert
- or Chef Salad, regular or vegetarian

### Reservations:

Marcia Street 277-1780  
streetmc@cfu.net  
**8 pm Wednesday,  
October 21, 8:00 pm**  
\$11 State your menu choice

### The Latehomecomer

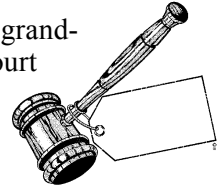


October 12, at 4:30 pm, Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity (CV3D) will host Kao Kalia Yang, author of *The Latehomecomer*, at the Cedar Falls Public Library. Yang will be discussing her memoir, her life as a second generation Hmong. Her appearance is the result of a collaboration of the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW, UNI's Center for Multicultural Education, the Cedar Falls Public Library, the UNI Museums, the Greater Cedar Valley Alliance, the Waterloo Center for the Arts, and University Book and Supply. Ms. Yang's memoir invites

readers and listeners to learn of her family's harrowing escape from Laos, their life in refugee camps and their eventual emigration and adjustment to life in America. Yang's book may be purchased by contacting Dr. Judy Beckman [drjudy.beckman@cfu.net](mailto:drjudy.beckman@cfu.net). Book profits are used to defray the cost of Yang's appearance. Ms. Yang and her mother will be signing copies after the presentation.

## ***From your co-presidents ~ 2010 Iowa AAUW Conference ~ Make Plans Now***

Lilly Ledbetter will be the featured speaker at the 2010 AAUW State Conference. This grandmother sued Goodyear Tire & Rubber for pay discrimination, a suit that went to the Supreme Court and enabled the passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009. Ledbetter's presentation epitomizes this year's branch theme: Woman Unbound. The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act is named after a woman who was paid less than her male co-workers at an Alabama tire factory. Ledbetter did not set out to be an activist; she did not even involve herself in politics much. She was a good hard worker who did her job, and did it well, for nearly two decades before discovering that for years she was paid less than her male colleagues for the very same work. Over the course of her career, she lost more than \$200,000 in salary and even more in pension and Social Security benefits. These are losses she still feels today because the Supreme Court ruled against her. It was then that she decided it was time to be an activist and that activism resulted in passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act signed into law last year.



Tara Thomas, news anchor at KWWL, will speak on Saturday and Dr. Sharon DuClos of Waterloo will close the Saturday conference by speaking on "Equity Issues in Medicine." International students, including our own Jacque Ingibire will be one of the breakout speakers. Dr. Judy Beckman will present a coffee and book talk for early risers at 7 a.m. on Saturday. The Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW is a substantial contributor to this conference. Mark your calendar now for AAUW's 2010 State Convention to be held at the Ames Quality Inn and Suites in Ames, Friday, April 23, 24, beginning at 3 p.m. *Judy Beckman & Mary Dove, Co-Presidents; Jane Close LAF*

### ***Holiday Help Silent Auction Items Needed***

Your help is needed with this fundraising event. The plan is to auction off some of our members' favorite culinary specialties for others to enjoy during the holidays. A description of your auction item should be submitted to Jane Close at [jane.close@uni.edu](mailto:jane.close@uni.edu) or 983-2016 by October 30. Include name of the item, description, number of servings, when it is available and a the beginning bid. A suggestion for establishing the beginning bid amount is to include the cost of ingredients plus some additional amount. The possibilities are endless. Feel free to be creative, even show off, if you like!



Bidding will be done by email and/or phone to Allaire George at [allaireg7@mchsi.com](mailto:allaireg7@mchsi.com) or 233-5320 from November 1 through 20. Written notification of winning bids and contact information for pickup and delivery will be distributed to those attending the November 23 monthly meeting. Others will be contacted by e-mail or phone beginning November 24.

*Questions? contact Jane Close, Allaire George or Barb Cardamon.*

### **2009-2010 AAUW Yearbooks are Available!**

Thank-you to Phyllis Steele for editing and printing our very attractive branch yearbooks. She distributed them at the September branch meeting. If you were not there, you probably have had it delivered to you. If you have not received it yet, please call me at 266-4075 and leave a message.

*Gloria Tollefson, Communications Chair*



### **Report From the Board of Directors**

- > The Board met at AEA 267 on Monday, October 5, 2009.
- > The meeting was called order by Co-President Mary Dove. Committee reports were reviewed by the Board.
- > International Friendship Program will host a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 8. Bring a hot dish and a cold dish and table service and meet international students.
- > CV3D will host Kao Kalia Yang, author of her memoir *The Latehome-comer*, on Monday, October 12, from 4:30 to 5:30 at the Cedar Falls Public Library.
- > The Iowa AAUW has received an Impact Grant for implementing the legislation requiring gender balance on appointed city and county board and commissions. AAUW can help by contacting interested women when vacancies occur on these boards and commissions.
- > The Sock and Underwear drive for Friends of the Family will be held at the November dinner meeting.
- >The next Board Meeting will be held November 2, at AEA267 in Conference Room B. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

*Mary Franke, Secretary*

# Community Action



## Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

Sherman Alexie's latest book, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* is the discussion topic for the November 9, CV3D (Cedar Valley Discover Diversity Discuss). The meeting is scheduled at 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the UNI Museum. There is no charge for attending and participants need not have read the book to attend.

Junior is a Spokane Indian, born on the reservation with a myriad of medical problems. His fondest hopes include being a cartoonist and getting a fine education, even if this means leaving his best friend Rowdy and going off to public school. Wouldn't you know that the only other Native American in his new high school is the school's mascot! Junior spends his youth trying to escape marginality and fitting into the successful world when he becomes an adult. Readers will be curious to know how much of Sherman Alexie's own life on the Spokane Reservation is captured in this poignant and genuinely funny novel.

CV3D discussions are sponsored by the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW, the Cedar Falls/ Waterloo Public Libraries, and the UNI Museums. The UNI Museum is located on Hudson Road and University Avenue, Cedar Falls, and is handicap accessible.

For information: [drjudy.beckman@cfu.net](mailto:drjudy.beckman@cfu.net).

## Woman's Club Project

AAUW membership recently heard a presentation about the Cedar Falls Woman's Club refurbishing project. This all-woman owned and operated community facility was purchased in 1929 for \$30,000, through a \$20,000.00 anonymous offer and with Woman's Club members earning the remaining \$10,000. Today's needs require a new roof to eliminate the need for buckets catching drips. Club members are eager to upgrade restrooms to make them handicap accessible. AAUW members, one of the many community organizations using the Woman's Club are asked to contribute. Donations can be made by calling 266-1431, or contacting Doris Mauer.

## Socks & Underwear ... for Cedar Valley Friends of the Family

At our November AAUW meeting we will be collecting underwear ~ socks and undies for boys and girls, as well as large sizes for women. Women who come to the Cedar Valley Friends of the Family for shelter and assistance frequently leave home in fear and must depart in haste, at times coming in pajamas, without needed underwear. It is our wish to gather a supply of varied sizes of children's undergarments and socks, as well as a variety of sizes in women's underwear, especially the larger sizes. We will be displaying our contributions on the stage at the Woman's Clubhouse the night of our November meeting so there is no need to wrap the items.

Help us help these women and children. Questions? Contact: [drjudy.beckman@cfu.net](mailto:drjudy.beckman@cfu.net)

## International Friendship Program

For the past 25 years, just before Thanksgiving, families hosting International Students, come together to host a friendship dinner. The event this year will be held on Sunday, November 8.

The program was started in 1965 by the Cedar Falls Branch of the American Association of University Women in cooperation with the UNI International Services Office. It continues with gusto. Last year a group of our branch members attended the gathering and want to encourage others to attend this year. The Women in Motion group will be attending, as well. There is no charge for this meal, just bring a hot dish, a cold dish, and your own place settings. Kathy Agness and Pramod Sarin continue to serve as AAUW Chairs for this group. Sarin has been volunteering for the past 30 years. Other members who have given their talents to this AAUW project include Glenyce Butschy, Sandy Delfs and Judy Fogdall.

Come learn about the International Friendship AAUW program, meet the international students, and enjoy the fellowship. For information e-mail: [drjudy.beckman@cfu.net](mailto:drjudy.beckman@cfu.net) Reservation: e-mail: [jane.close@uni.edu](mailto:jane.close@uni.edu)

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## Public Policy: Your AAUW at Work

### *Books for Incarcerated Women Project*

Many women who are incarcerated have learning disabilities, are not high school graduates and are in need of quality reading material. Adult literacy instruction is available to the women at the jail, but books are always needed. Our Board has approved a project which involves collecting books to be donated to the Black Hawk County Jail for use by the women inmates. Emails with more details will be sent to members, but in the meantime, check your bookshelves and talk to friends who may have books to donate. We will collect books at the October 26 dinner meeting.

Maureen White, Public Policy/Voter Education  
266-9901, [mwhite@cfu.net](mailto:mwhite@cfu.net)

## Bridge For Educational Foundation

Bridge for Educational Foundation's Third Wednesday Bridge game will be held this month on Wednesday, October 21, at the Bonanza Steak House on University Avenue. The contribution to the Educational Foundation is \$2 for each player.

A second monthly game, The Fourth Tuesday Bridge game, is on October 27, at 12.30 pm in one of our player's homes. Phyllis Steele is the October hostess and Ardelle Brown is hostess for November. However, some Fourth Tuesday games are held at the Cedar Falls Public Library for hostesses who lack space to host, each player contributing \$2 for EF.

Players for the Third Wednesday game meet regularly at Bonanza at 11:30, have lunch, and play cards until approximately 3 p.m. This month's Third Wednesday hostess is Dr. Judy Beckman. She will be contacting players on October 19th. Anyone not on the regular list, please contact Chair Dargy Baxter at 319-266-2890. Members are welcome to play even if you feel you cannot host one of the Fourth Tuesday games played each month. Please join us! This fall we added two new players after our AAUW Kickoff this fall, Claudia Kaester and Patty Houcka. We look forward to including all the Bridge players in the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW.

A schedule of the year's dates and hostesses is available from Dargy Baxter, Chair of the Bridge for Educational Foundation. Our Branch newsletter also carries a reminder of the dates each month.

### Women in Motion...

**Ghoul's Night Out for Women in Motion** will be Thursday, October 29, 4:15 pm. Plan to wear a costume! We will meet inside the northwest corner of College Square Mall and will be going to some of our Branch member's homes to let them know how much we care.



Bring treats such as fruit, home baked cookies or bars or even some candies. We have had a great time the last two years and some of us ate out afterwards. We will be parked close to Panera, so why not eat there??

Please let Ardelle Brown know if you are coming so the group can plan the routes.  
268-6882 or dabrown@cfu.net

### Cedar Falls AAUW Newsletter

Sheryl Bewyer, editor

266-6614 sbewyer@cfu.net

## Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate

### Literature Interest Group



Cedar Falls Branch AAUW members are invited to Bonnie Smith's home, 2528 Cottage Row, Monday, October 12, 2009, at 1 p.m. to discuss two titles: *A Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd* by Jim Fergus; and, *Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise*, by Ruth Reichi.

What a balance of presentations! Imagine being part of the Brides for Indians program, one thousand white women traded for 1000 Cheyenne ponies. Next, insight into the New York restaurant as Reichi creates women who assume names, costumes, and personalities to visit major New York eateries. Reichi writes a memoir worth enjoying. See you October 12. Bring along one of our new members for these stunning reads.

Jean Kelly 266-0809 [jeankelly@cfu.net](mailto:jeankelly@cfu.net)

### International Studies

The International Relations Study Group will meet Monday, September 21, 1:15 pm at the home of Marilyn Hanson. The program, *The U.S. and Rising Powers*, will be led by Gloria Tollefson.

The group will meet at the Cedar Falls Library on Monday, October 19th, 1:15 pm. The discussion topic will be "Afghanistan and Pakistan". Kathy Agness

### Great Decisions Study Groups

Our October topic is **Afghanistan and Pakistan**. As Washington decides whether it is in our national interest to increase troops in Afghanistan and Pakistan, we will first watch a panel and then discuss realistic goals for the United States in this complex area. There are two opportunities to join us. The International Study Group will meet Monday, October 19, 1:15 pm.

The Great Decisions study group meets Tuesday evening, October 20 at 7pm. Both groups will meet at the Cedar Falls Public Library this month. Join us! For information contact Gloria Tollefson or Marcia Street.

### Bridge Groups

#### Third Wednesday Bridge

- September 16 Willa Smith
- October 21 Judy Beckman

#### Fourth Tuesday Bridge

- September 22 Judy Beckman
- October 27 to be announced

Evening bridge?



Call Ardelle Brown if you are interested in playing. 266-6882 or send to dabrown@cfu.net We have two daytime groups and would begin an evening group if there is interest.

Dargy Baxter, Facilitator, 266-2890 (home),  
319-230-3781 (cell), [dargybaxter@mchsi.com](mailto:dargybaxter@mchsi.com)