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Adventures from Alaska to Mystic

Thursday, January 10, 2013
Waterford Public Library

5:30 p.m. Board Meeting
6:15 p.m. Refreshments
6:45 p.m. Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. Program

Julie Russell, a psycho-therapist and a motivational speaker, shares how she transforms trauma, losses, and other obstacles into positive life experiences. Described by others as an adventurer, She relates events from her childhood in central Alaska through Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and her experience as a therapist in the Washington DC area during the tragedies of September 11 when she worked at the National Center for Children and Families. Having become blind at age 21, she incorporates her positive and at times humorous perspective on achieving life goals.



Julie Russell Holds a Master of Social Work Degree from Tulane University and is a licensed clinical social worker who has treated juveniles and adults with complex emotional and behavioral problems, often testifying in

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History Underground: The Roles of the State Archeologist

Thursday, February 14, 2013
Waterford Public Library

6:15 p.m. Refreshments
6:45 p.m. Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. Program

Dr. Nicholas F. Bellantoni serves as the state archaeologist with the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History and Archaeology Center in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at the University of Connecticut. He received his doctorate in anthropology from UConn in 1987 and was shortly thereafter appointed state archaeologist. His duties are many, but primarily include the preservation of archaeological sites in the state. He serves as an Adjunct Associate Research Professor in the Department of Anthropology at UConn, as well as a State Commissioner for the Commission on Culture and Tourism and sits on the State Historic Preservation Council. Currently, he is President of the National Association of State Archeologists. His research background includes the analysis of skeletal remains from eastern North America. He has been excavating in Connecticut for over 30 years.



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- January 16 Book Discussion Group
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- February 20 Book Discussion Group
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President's Report



At the beginning of November, I received a US Flag that was flown above the United States Capital on January 14, 2012, the 130th anniversary of the first meeting of AAUW. This was done thanks to the Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney, Member of Congress. As the oldest branch in CT, we received the flag in recognition of New London Branch's longstanding commitment to AAUW's mission. An AAUW state president from every state also received these historic flags, as well as each state's oldest branch. One of Eileen McGovern's daughters suggested that we display it in different libraries which would be a great form of advertising! Please let me know of any other suggestions you might have.

On Dec. 1st, 28 members and their 26 guests enjoyed a delicious holiday meal with entertainment by the Ledyard High School Carolers. What a spectacular show in such a charming setting! The baskets raised \$590 and after expenses, a profit of \$469.50 was realized! Thank you for all of your support!

Twelve members responded to my book author dilemma of continuing in Oct. or combining it with the May Banquet! It was evenly split in support of each date. SOOOO, I would like to concentrate of having 2 events next year, making each one a fundraising banquet. I have received a wonderful suggestion from the Shoreline Branch about a dynamic speaker from the Mark Twain House. This would still give us an author focus and would be our May program.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments, concerns, and suggestions that will continue our mission of education and equity for women and girls!

Happy New Year, Kerry O'Keefe

Hospitality

The following members signed up for refreshments in January:

- Susan White--Sweets
- Gale Bradbury--Cheese and Crackers
- Claudia Laxar--Veggies and dip
- Jeanne O'Connell--Juice

February:

- Gay Clarkson—Sweets
- Kim Blake--Cheese and Crackers
- Ann Carroll—Fruit
- Elizabeth Hume—Sweets

If anyone would like to bring coffee please let me know.

Thank you, Elizabeth Hume

January Program Con't

court room settings. She is a frequent speaker at professional organizations, universities, and healthcare establishments to share how others can implement changes with measurable results. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the National Federation of the Blind.

Julie Russell lives on her sailboat in Mystic, CT with her fiancé and her dog guide. When not working, she can be found on the water sailing, paddling or just hanging out. She enjoys traveling for work or pleasure. She volunteers in several organizations including as a coach in the Special Olympics and a volunteer in local women's organizations. She may be reached at Julie.lcsw@yahoo.com or by phone at (860) 415-9573.

Book Discussion Group



The January book is *The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje. Elizabeth Hume and Nancy McDonough are the discussion leaders. The afternoon group will

meet at the East Lyme library at 2 pm and the evening group will meet at the Waterford Library at 7 pm on January 16.

The February book is *The Outside World* by Tova Mirvis. Elaine Stattler and Elizabeth Hume are the discussion leaders. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on February 20.

The March book is *My Name is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira. Claudia Laxar and Barbara Jacobsen are the discussion leaders. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on March 20.

If you do not need a book, please call Elizabeth at 442-1411.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

Note: There will be a board meeting at 5:30 pm before the January meeting.

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The Office of State Archaeology was established at the CSMNH in 1987 to provide technical assistance to municipalities in the preservation of archaeological sites within their communities that might be threatened by development and vandalism. Our office maintains comprehensive site files and maps, has in-state networks of supportive public, serves as a clearinghouse of information, coordinates the salvage of archaeological sites, and represents Connecticut on national issues pertaining to archaeology. We have state mandated responsibilities for the preservation or archaeological excavation and reburial of human remains encountered during construction activities. In this regard, we work closely with the Native American

tribes in our state for projects that effect burials and sacred sites. Our museum serves as the repository for all anthropological collections at the university and for artifacts found on state lands. Finally, we create public awareness and support for archaeological preservation, including museum exhibits, public presentations and the organization of CT Archaeology Awareness Week activities every year. OSA works closely with federal, state and local governments in the preservation of Connecticut's archaeological and historical heritage.

Tax Deduction for Dues

Tax time is just around the corner and it may be helpful to know that \$46.00 of your AAUW dues is tax deductible.

**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2012**

President Kerry O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 6:45pm at the Waterford Library. She read our Mission Statement and requested acceptance of the minutes as printed in our newsletter. Kerry then thanked the Hospitality Committee for our refreshments and thanked Mr. Philip Mountain for attending our meetings.

Finance Chair Claudia Laxar stated that we needed to add fourteen cents to last month's report. She then gave the following report: Checking Account \$5,188.12, Savings Account \$3000.14, Permanent Fund CD \$1,707.50 and Ellen Baird CD \$1,138.77. Our grand total assets are \$8,334.53.

Claudia also reported that fifty-seven people had signed up for the Book-Author luncheon to date.

Kerry O'Keefe announced that Amy Barry of the NL Day was preparing an article about our authors Florence and Wendell Minor—perhaps for Saturday's issue.

Elizabeth Hume announced *Away* by Amy Bloom as the November book group selection and as Hospitality Chair passed the refreshment sign-up sheet. She requested that a member of each monthly group assume responsibility for purchasing the coffee which is reimbursable.

Under Cultural Interests Sue White announced the Greek Food Festival at St. Sophia's Church from November 6th-9th. It is the 60th anniversary of this event. Kerry promoted a concert by Faye Ringel (a Bob Thurston program) in Willimantic on Sunday, October 14th.

A new member Joan Racicot has joined. Welcome!

Kerry requested the six ticket sellers to be at the Norwich Inn and Spa by 11:15am. Ann Carroll and Edna Gilstad arrive early as needed.

Jeanne O'Connell announced a program at the Lyme Art Association from October 26th-28th. The cost is \$15 and she placed a pamphlet about "Design Room" on the information table.

Elaine Stattler stated that raffle tickets for the luncheon can be purchased in advance and the baskets can be viewed online.

Kerry closed our business meeting by stating "I view my role as President and Chair of the Luncheon as that of facilitator of our events/programs that help us to achieve the AAUW Mission of equity/education for women and girls. Sad to say that often involves money to accomplish these goals. I welcome all comments, opinions, suggestions that will continue to move us in the direction of our mission. I represent you!

Kerry adjourned the meeting and introduced Kim Blake who in turn introduced Haley Massari and Tiffany Renee Person (our speakers) who attended the Student Leadership Conference last June.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Carroll, Recording Secretary

**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2012**

President Kerry O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm at the Waterford Library. She read our Mission Statement and thanked the Hospitality Committee for the evening's refreshments. Corrections to financial report as printed in the October News and Views were requested and approved. Our Savings Account is \$300.14 not \$3000.14.

The Financial Report was presented by Kerry as Claudia Laxar, the Finance Chair, had to leave the meeting. The report was Checking Account \$5,730.47, Savings Account \$300.14, Permanent Fund CD \$1,707.57, and Ellen Baird CD \$1,138.91. The grand total assets are \$8,877.10.

Newsletter Editor Gale Bradbury reported that information is due by December 6th and the January-February issue will also be a double one.

Our branch had a good representation at the funeral service of our member, Eleanor Piel. Kerry announced that she left the branch \$500 in her will. Discussion was held on perhaps including this sum in an Avery Point Scholarship. It will be discussed further. The position of Publicity Chair is vacant due to Eleanor's passing.

Elizabeth Hume passed a sign-up sheet for future refreshments and announced *The Kitchen House* as the December book selection.

Under Cultural Interests Gay Clarkson (Friends of the Symphony) announced a poinsettia sale to benefit the Eastern Connecticut Symphony and Irene Finkelstein (League of Women Voters) announced that the Secretary of State will speak about the election in Connecticut at the NL Senior Center on November 14th.

Kerry proceeded to discuss the October Book Author Luncheon. She presented a chart showing attendees (guests-members) and profits which have decreased. She stated that we need to tackle the issue of a decrease in members who attend this event. It was agreed to try this event one more year. Tentative profits were \$1,946.44. Kerry ended this discussion by asking, "Are people willing to support this"? She stated she puts a lot of work into this project and requests people's support. A date for next year was set at October 5th.

Kerry adjourned the meeting and introduced Patty Clairwood who presented the speaker, Martha Briggs, a licensed acupuncturist.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Carroll, Recording Secretary



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