



**“AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education and research. AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.”**

**They Call me Lizzy**

**Date:** Thursday May 10, 2012

**Time:**

Social time	5:00 - 5:45 P.M.
Meeting	5:45 - 6:00 P.M.
Dinner	6:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Program	7:00 - 8:00 P.M.



**Place:** The Spa at Norwich Inn

Our May banquet features the moving tale of one woman's life during the 19th Century, spanning more than the entirety of the Victorian Era. Her name was Elizabeth (Hobbs) Keckly. Born into slavery in 1818, Lizzy eventually managed to purchase her freedom. She made her way to Washington D.C., where her dressmaking skills and entrepreneurial savvy brought her to the attention of many political families.

Once the Lincolns arrived in Washington, there was no turning back for Lizzy. Mary Lincoln hired Madame Keckly, launching a relationship unlike any Lizzy had ever envisioned for herself. She was often there, in the room, with President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln during some of their most private and difficult moments.

While she is best known for her talents as Mary Todd Lincoln's dressmaker and 'stylist' if you will, the story before and beyond her connection to the White House is equally compelling. Performed in retrospect, this dramatic recounting of Lizzy's experiences is much more than a slave narrative; it is a human story, at times tragic, at times triumphant, always fascinating.

In this 1 hour presentation join actress Stephanie Jackson as the story of Lizzy unfolds, full of twists and turns, bravery and remarkable resilience. Living history at its best!

Make your reservations now and plan to join us for a real treat. This would be a great time to introduce a friend to AAUW. The program is also open to the public.

**May/June at a Glance**

- May 10 Branch Meeting
- May 16 Book Discussion Group
- June 1 STEM Expo
- June 7 Program Planning Meeting
- June 20 Book Selection meeting for 2012-2013
- June 30 Dues deadline for 2012-2013



## President's Report



Our new website, <http://newlondon-ct.aauw.net> is up and running! Kristen Geschel has offered to maintain it! THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!

Our 3 scholarship winners will be present at our May 10 banquet. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and congratulate them on all of their accomplishments. Corinne Eichleberg, is our repeat recipient from Three Rivers, has just been accepted into the Three Rivers Nursing Program----not an easy feat! Faith Raymond is our Avery PT. Ellen Baird winner and Aimee Spicer is receiving our newest scholarship of \$500! This is the reason for supporting all of our banquet/basket endeavors!!!!!!!!!! Please keep those donations coming! THANK YOU!!!!!!

If you are interested in being a group guide on June 1st for the STEM EXPO at Mitchell College, please contact Lucy Brakoniecki at 860-247-6090 x 102 or [lbrakoniecki@cwealf.org](mailto:lbrakoniecki@cwealf.org). Registration begins at 8 am in Clarke Auditorium and you are free to leave at lunchtime which is 11:50---12:20. THANK YOU!!!!

Please make sure to buy your May Banquet tickets early. "They Call Me Lizzy" will be an inspiring story to hear!!!!!! The evening will be far more enjoyable if you share it with family and friends----the more the merrier!!!!!! I really do prefer to NOT have to make phone calls to members about supporting our gatherings, so please purchase tickets before the May 1st deadline!!!!!!!!!! THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!

### SAVE THESE DATES:

- May 10 Banquet at the Inn at the Norwich Spa
- June 7 Program Planning Waterford Library 6:30 pm
- June 20 Book Group Selection Waterford Library 6:30 pm
- June 30 2012 - 2013 Dues deadline
- October 20 **Book Author Luncheon** at the Spa at Norwich Inn with Florence and Wendall Minor

In late August, I plan on having a board meeting on my deck and essentially it will involve mailing our 2012-2013 agenda and Oct. reservation form to past participants and new speakers. I will contact folks in July to set up a date!!!!!!

Once again, THANK YOU for supporting New London County AAUW!!!!!!!!!!

Have a wonderful summer,  
Kerry O'Keefe

## Book Discussion Group



The May book is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Kim Blake and Irene Finkelstein are the discussion leaders. The afternoon group will meet at 2 pm at the East Lyme Library and the evening group will meet at 7 pm at the Waterford Library on May 16, 2012.

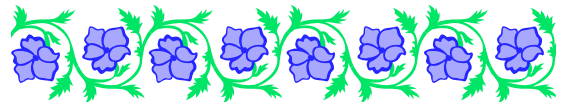
The Book Selection meeting will be on June 20, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Waterford Library. Bring a book or two that you think would make a good discussion. Fiction, biography and history are possible selections--a variety is always nice. Finger foods will be served. If you cannot attend, call Kathy or Elizabeth with your suggestion.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

## Branch Website



Our branch now has its own website which will give members and potential members a place to go when they want information. Kerry has included the link in her column and it will also appear in the banner of our newsletter. The home page provides a welcome statement and general information about AAUW. Various tabs take visitors to specific information about officers, events, publications and forms. The calendar of events gives information about each of our monthly programs including book discussions. There is a link to the brochure that is printed each fall. The newsletter tab has a link to each issue of the newsletter. There is also a tab with contact information. Visitors will find a list of upcoming events including reservation forms for special activities such as the May banquet. It also provides links to State and National Pages.



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### 2012-2013 Program Planning

There will be a planning meeting for next year's programs on Thursday, June 7, 6:30 pm at the Waterford Library. Please come and share ANY ideas. Suggestions can be emailed in advance to Patty at [clairwood@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clairwood@sbcglobal.net). Thanks!! Patty

### Basket Raffle Committee Is Collecting Donations for our October Book Luncheon



Did you know that in the past 4 years the New London Branch of AAUW has increased the scholarship giving from two scholarships totaling of \$700, to three scholarships totaling \$2500?

The increase reflects the members' commitment to the success of the basket raffles, not only at the Annual Book Author Lunch, but also at our Christmas and spring banquets. The major part of the profit from the baskets goes directly to the scholarships.

The success of the basket raffles rests on your participation and generosity. Equally important, is your attendance at the three events, with guests, when possible. The Book Author Lunch and the banquets are always fun - good company, good food, good entertainment and elegant surroundings.

As this is the last newsletter before summer, we are asking you to consider your contribution for the Book Author Lunch basket raffle. Especially useful are bottles of wine and cash.

Thank you so very much.  
Brigid Boetcher and the Basket Raffle Committee

### Newsletter Ads wanted

Help support the newsletter for our branch of AAUW and promote your business at the same time. Ads are needed for the 2012-2013 year. A business card ad is \$50. If you prefer a quarter page advertisement, please attach it and send \$75, or do a half-page ad for \$100. Your advertisement will appear in each issue of *News and View* which is mailed to approximately 80 female college graduates who belong to the New London Branch. *News and Views* is also used as a publicity piece to attract new members. In return, our members will make every effort to patronize and promote your business. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad please mail a business card or larger piece with a check made payable to AAUW New London Branch to Gale Bradbury, 12 Heritage Drive, Stonington, CT 06378 by August 1, 2012.



**Directions** to the Spa at Norwich Inn, 607 West Thames St. Norwich: Take 95N or Rte 32 to Rte 395N; take Exit 79A onto CT-2A and take Exit 1- Rte 32 towards Norwich. Turn left onto RTE 32 (north). Continue for about 1.5 miles. The Inn is on the left at the top of a hill. Park in any free spot or use valet parking. Go to main entrance of main building. Dinner will be in the Hunt Room.

### Dinner Theater at the Spa at Norwich Inn May 10, 2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include food choice for all)

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Entrees: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Picatta with Lemon-Caper Butter  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pan-Seared Salmon with a Maple Ginger Glaze

All entrees served with mixed baby greens, dinner rolls, a starch and vegetable. Chef's daily dessert creation will be served with coffee or tea.

Price of meal including tax and gratuity \$38.00.

Please return reservation form by May 3, 2012 with your check made payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Claudia Laxar, 282 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 0637



### Scholarship winners



Our branch awarded three scholarships this year totaling \$2500! Corinne Eichelberg, a Three Rivers student was awarded a scholarship of \$1000, her second one from our branch. The Ellen Baird scholarship for \$1000 went to Faith Raymond. New this year was a scholarship of \$500 to a student of the S.A.G.E. - Students Advocating Gender Equality (formerly the Lone Juliet). This was awarded to Aimee Spicer.

Corinne Eichelberg is a busy mother of three children and lives in Ledyard. She works as a paraprofessional in Ledyard Center School and as a resident care associate at Academy Point Nursing Home. She has just been accepted into Three Rivers Nursing program.

Faith Raymond started her adult college career in 2008, graduating with an associate's degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences from Manchester Community College in 2010. She then transferred to the University of CT at Avery Point where she is now a junior, majoring in marine science with a minor in oceanography.

Aimee Spicer graduated from Norwich Free Academy in 2006 and after some life changing experiences decided to attend Three Rivers Community College. A class in Woman's Studies spurred her on to become involved in Lone Juliet, the feminist club on campus. She became an active member of the club taking on the position of Vice President. She has attended some feminist conferences and feels empowered to take on the fight for equal rights. The Lone Juliet Club recently changed their name to S.A.G.E.

Congratulations to all of our winners!



### Eunice Waller

We lost another one of our members with the recent passing of Eunice Waller at the age of 90. The Day gave a fitting tribute to her on Saturday, April 21, 2012 with an Editorial about all she has done for the city of New London. Another article describes her life as a teacher, mentor, and politician. Still another Article on the following Sunday describes her final conversation with a Day reporter just hours before she died. She had a positive message for the residents of New London encouraging them to cooperate with each other and work to get along for the benefit of everyone.

Ulysses Hammond, Vice President of Connecticut College described her this way: "She was a Renaissance woman, a woman of great courage, vision, stature, grace and intellect. When it comes to supporting and promoting education in this community, she was a trailblazer. And as a founder of the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund, she was really the founder"...

Eunice was a member of the New London Branch of AAUW and always supported the mission of our organization. She served many years as the Public Policy person for our branch and would attend state meetings on our behalf.

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### Greek Food Festival

St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church at 200 Hempstead Street, New London, CT will host a Food Festival May 8, 9, and 10 from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm.

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### Editor's Note

The deadline for the September issue of News and Views is August 23, 2012. Send your information to me by email, fax (860-464-9927) or snail mail. Thank you!

Gale Bradbury



## **The New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes March 8, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by President Kerry O’Keefe at 6:47 pm at the Waterford Library. Kerry read the Mission Statement, welcomed members and guests, and thanked the Hospitality Committee for “Green” refreshments. No corrections were necessary for the February minutes.

Finance Chair Claudia Laxar reported the following: Checking Account \$4,977.53, Savings Account \$150.09, Permanent Fund CD \$1,707.01 and Ellen Baird CD \$1,637.24. Our total assets are \$8,471.87. Corrine Eichelberg was presented a \$1000 Return-to- College Scholarship on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Gale Bradbury, News and Views editor, is on vacation but information is due to her by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Elizabeth Hume reported on Hospitality for April and Book Group selections. She noted that the April afternoon group will meet in a different room at the East Lyme library.

Jeanne Coyne, Irene Finkelstein, and Ann Carroll helped in choosing the recipient for the Ellen Baird Scholarship at Avery Point.

Kerry announced a Book-Author Luncheon to be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> by the Lower Connecticut Branch and gave the dates for concerts being performed at several Norwich churches.

Claudia Laxar reminded members of our fundraiser on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Dog Watch Café. Car Pools are being formed.

Eleanor Piel, our Publicity Chair, is encouraged by the information being presented by The Day.

Members were again encouraged to spread the information about our May Banquet. Kerry stated that a Basket raffle will again be held to raise funds for our scholarships. Elaine Stattler continues to look for donations for them.

President Kerry O’Keefe investigated a website for our branch. Kristen Geshell volunteered to monitor the site. It should be available in a month.

Funding to send two Mitchell College students to the Student Leadership Conference in Washington DC is less than what is needed. Claudia Laxar will look into how we can help with this. The State has contributed a lesser amount this year.

Kerry reported that the state convention will be held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> in Madison. The cost is \$25 and Kerry encouraged members to join her at this event.

Business ads are needed to help support our publication of the News and views. Forms for this are available.

Our newest member, Gay Clarkson, volunteered to have a workshop at her home to make centerpieces for the May Banquet. She has purchased miniature dress forms to be decorated for our “Lizzie” program.

Eleanor Piel informed us that today, March 8<sup>th</sup>, is Purim—a happy event. With that information, Kerry adjourned the business meeting at 7:17 pm.

Elaine Stattler and Brigid Boettcher proceeded with our program “Telling Your Story with a Photo”.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Carroll  
Recording Secretary

## **New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes**

### **April 12, 2012**

President Kerry O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm at the Waterford Library. Following her reading of our Mission Statement Kerry requested acceptance of the minutes as printed in our newsletter. No corrections were required and no guests were present at our meeting.

Finance Chair Claudia Laxar reported the following: Checking Account \$2,927.70, Savings Account \$300.10, Permanent Fund CD \$1,637.63, and Ellen Baird CD \$1,707.07. Our grand total assets are \$6,572.50. Claudia also reported we received \$100 from the Dog Watch Café fundraiser. Corinne Eichelberg, our return-to-college scholar, was given \$1000 and Faith Raymond, our UCONN Avery Point scholar, was given \$1000. As Claudia continued, she stated that quite a few checks were written this month. Aimee Spicer, the VP of the Three Rivers College Club, Students Advocating Gender Equality, was awarded \$500. Our Mitchell College students for the AAUW Student Leadership Conference were given \$200 each to cover expenses with the state contributing \$250.

Gale Bradbury announced April 19, 2012 as the deadline for News and Views information.

Bridget Boettcher continues to seek items for the Basket Raffle at the October Book/Author luncheon. Wine and cash are preferred.

Elizabeth Hume reported on Hospitality and the Book Group. She thanked members for bringing refreshments during the year. June 20, 2012, at 6:30 pm at the Waterford Library will be "Book Selection" evening. Elizabeth encouraged members to give thought to their book suggestions. Finger food will be served.

Kerry also informed members that Mary Loose was able to get some funds (\$790) from the History Department at Mitchell College to help the girls attending the Student Leadership Conference. Kerry read the bios for Haley Massari and Tiffany Renee Person.

Kerry also encouraged members to join her on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the State Convention in Madison. The CEO of Girl Scouts is speaking at this event.

Ads for our newsletter are needed to cover expenses.

Claudia announced that we had received one copy the Lilly Ledbetter book.

Our May 10<sup>th</sup> banquet form is on our website. Kristin Geshel is our Web Master.

Kerry announced that April 17<sup>th</sup> is "Equal Pay Day". She read information on this and set up a display of info, buttons, and candy on the back table.

Irene Finkelstein announced that the League of Women Voters was having speakers on "Closing the Achievement Gap in NL County" on April 16<sup>th</sup> and a Tea on April 18<sup>th</sup> to teach people how to register voters.

Kerry announced the deadline of May 3<sup>rd</sup> for the May Banquet. "Lizzie" is the program and the cost is \$38.

Kim Blake said that the Girls and Technology (STEM) workshop will be June 1<sup>st</sup> at Mitchell College. Volunteers are needed.

Continuing with Cultural Information, Sue White said that a Greek Food Festival will be held in May at St. Sophia. She also reported that Three Rivers Community College will hold Senior Week June 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> with a cost of \$60.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm. Patty Clairwood introduced our speaker.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Carroll  
Recording Secretary

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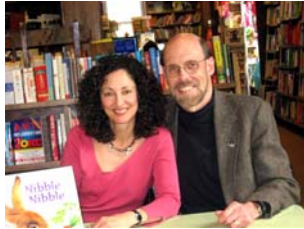
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Saturday, October 20, 2012 ~ 11:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

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**About the Authors:** Florence and Wendell Minor are dedicated to creating books that will entertain, teach and inspire children. They live in Washington, Connecticut with their two cats Sofie and Cinder.

Wendell Minor is nationally known for the artwork he has created for over fifty children's books. His illustrations and designs have also enhanced over 2000 works including the covers of best-selling books by Pat Conroy, Louise Erdrich, Fannie Flagg, John Hersey, Tracy Kidder, James Michener and more. He has collaborated with his wife Florence and written books on his own.

Florence Minor began her career as a film editor for ABC News and later moved into a career in publishing. She is an editor turned author, collaborating with her husband to write children's picture books. Her books include *Christmas Tree*, *If You Were a Penguin* and soon to be released *If You Were a Panda Bear*. For more information visit [www.minorart.com](http://www.minorart.com).

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**Author Luncheon and Basket Bonanza**  
**October 20, 2012 The Spa at the Norwich Inn**

Appetizer: Tortellini

Entrees: 1. Grilled Veggies with Portabella Gorgonzola Cake  
2. Chicken and Asparagus Crepes

All entrees include dessert and coffee or tea.

Price of meal including tax and gratuity - \$40.00 Tables will seat 8 or 9. If you wish to sit with friends please include all names and food choices on one slip.

Name	Phone #	Meal Choice
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

List any additional names with meal choice on the back Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please return reservation form by October 10, 2012 with your check made payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Claudia Laxar, 282 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378. Phone: 860-535-2951; Email: [camlax50@comcast.net](mailto:camlax50@comcast.net).

Proceeds benefit AAUW local college scholarships, student leadership conference, and National Education Foundation Programs.

**NEW LONDON BRANCH A.A.U.W.: MEMBERSHIP DUES 2012-2013**



Dues renewal time is fast approaching. Checks for the coming year are due in by June 30th. An early response would be much appreciated. Why not save postage and bring your renewal check to the May banquet.

**Types of Membership**

<b>Association Member:</b>	National	\$ 49.00	
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<b>Book Group Contribution:</b>	(Suggested donation \$10)		\$ _____
<b>Optional Contribution:</b>			\$ _____

(Where would you like the contribution to go ie EF, LAF, local scholarship, etc.)

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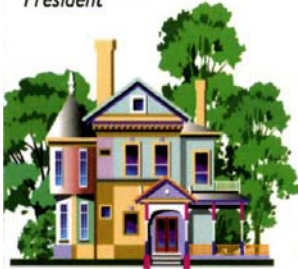
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