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“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.”

### Student Leadership Conference - 2011

**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2011

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



**Place:** Waterford Public Library

Erin Van Dam and Brittany O’Neil attended the student Leadership Conference last June at the University of Maryland and will join us in October to tell us about their experience. The event featured keynote speakers, a chance to meet women of distinction, networking sessions and workshops.

Erin Van Dam is from Putnam, CT and a Psychology major with a minor in Early Childhood Education at Mitchell College. She is President of the Psi Chi Club, in the National Honor Society and a member of The Behavioral Sciences Club. Erin is an orientation leader and Resident Assistant and works with the College Mentoring program to help incoming students. In addition she works at the Mitchell College Library. Erin will graduate in May and hopes to attend Graduate School to get a Master’s Degree in Counseling and ultimately a PhD.

Brittany O’Neil from Old Saybrook, CT is majoring in Human Development and Family Studies at Mitchell College. She is in two Honor Societies, plays college soccer and softball is a member of the Behavioral Science Club.

Both students look forward to sharing what they learned at the conference with us.

#### October at a Glance

- October 7 AAUW CT Fall conference
- October 13 Branch Meeting
- October 19 Book Discussion Group
- October 20 News and Views Deadline



## President's Report



Our Sept. 7th meeting was an engaging presentation/discussion of hero worship in the classics, India, and the United States led by Dr. Lindsey Harlan.

Twenty-five members were in attendance.

At our first AAUW board meeting on Wed., Aug. 31st, we discussed increasing our scholarship fund by another \$1000. This is in addition to doubling last year's amount! This is ALL a result of our successful 2010 book author luncheon. So, once again, please BUY A TICKET-----SELL A TICKET!!!!!! Our goal is to sell at least 100 tickets. If you are unable to attend, please make a donation which will help to offset the cost of 5 comp meals!

Our next board meeting will be at 5:30 on Thursday, Oct. 13, right before our regularly scheduled monthly meeting. All are welcome!

See you soon!

Kerry O'Keefe

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## Book Discussion Group



The Waterford Library will be getting our books for the rest of the year. The October book is *The Glass Room* by Simon Mawer. Eleanor Piel and Cora Pelletier are the discussion leaders.

The afternoon group will meet at 2 p.m. at the East Lyme Library and the evening group will meet at 7 p.m. at the Waterford Library on October 19, 2011.

The November book is *Rainwater* by Sandra Brown. Sue White and Linda Shailor are the discussion leaders. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on November 16, 2011.

If you do not need a book or cannot be a discussion leader for a particular month, please call Elizabeth at 442-1411.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

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## Hospitality

Thank you to the members of the board who provided refreshments for the September meeting.

The following members signed up for the October 13th meeting:

Betty Ahnell--cookies

Irene Finkelstein--fruit and juice

Lisa Hilliard--cheese and crackers

If anyone else can help, please call me at 442-1411

Elizabeth Hume

## AAUW CT College/University Representative Fall Conference 2011

Friday, October 7, 2011 8:30 am -1 pm  
Southern Connecticut State University, Engleman  
Hall EN121

"Women's Rights on Campus: See Something, Say Something, Do Something" is the theme of this year's conference. The program includes Alice Pritchard, Executive Director of CWEALF (Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund) as the featured speaker. Bernice Marie-Daly, Director of the Norwalk Community College Women's Center will discuss their "Anti-Bullying Campaign Program. NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) delegates will participate in a panel discussion about their experiences at the 2011 conference.

Contact Mary Ann Kistner, at [makistner@comcast.net](mailto:makistner@comcast.net) or 860-526-3621 for additional information.

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

We are still collecting donations for the baskets. Would you be willing to either provide a cash donation of \$10 or a bottle of wine for the baskets?

With your donations, we will create wine baskets, which are very popular, or "theme" baskets with food, dishes, and kitchen items.



We hope you will contribute to this worthy fundraiser. If you have any questions, please call Elaine Stattler at 860-443-9384 or e-mail [stattler@aol.com](mailto:stattler@aol.com). The earlier we collect for the baskets, the better prepared we will be in October, since all of these baskets are put together by hand by our basket raffle committee, and it's a time-consuming process.

Thank you so very much.

Elaine Stattler and the Basket Raffle Committee

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**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes  
September 7, 2011**

President Kerry O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 6:45pm at the Waterford Library. Following the reading of the Mission Statement, Kerry thanked the Board for providing refreshments. She called for their monthly reports.

Finance Chair Claudia Laxar reported the following: Checking account \$4,389.94, Savings Account EF \$150.07, Permanent Fund CD \$1,706.58 and Ellen Baird CD \$1,634.77. Our total assets are \$7,881.36. Thanks to the Author Luncheon and Basket Raffles we are in good standing financially reported Claudia.

Gale Bradbury announced the deadline for the October News and Views would be September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Jeanne Coyne requested that we check on e-mails and paper copies in order to cut back on the number of issues printed.

Elizabeth Hume again thanked the Board for the hospitality and sent around a sign-up sheet for future refreshments. As Book Group chairperson, she announced that the Library Lending program is in place and the October book selection is *The Glass Room* by Simon Mawer. *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton is the September book.

Under new business Kerry announced that we have 51 members. Thank you notes were received from our scholarship recipients. We will try our fundraiser at the Dog Watch Café again and encourage carpooling. Kerry and the board at an August meeting discussed trying to increase scholarship funds to \$2500 and continuing to give \$500 each to EF and LAF. Kerry stressed promoting the Book Author Luncheon—"Buy a ticket, sell a ticket." The next Board meeting will be on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm prior to the regular meeting.

Kerry also encouraged members to think of questions for our authors on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Elaine Stattler reported more wine and cash is needed for the basket raffles. The raffle prizes will include an opportunity to have your name in one of the author's books, two tickets to the Christmas Luncheon at the Norwich Inn and Spa, and an assortment of the authors' books courtesy of Bank Square Books. Kerry encouraged the members to meet a goal of 100 attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Patricia Clairwood introduced our speaker, Dr. Lindsey B. Harlan.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann F. Carroll  
Recording Secretary

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Cordially invite you to a

# Book Author Luncheon

Featuring Three Connecticut Writers  
And a Basket Bonanza



Saturday, October 22, 2011 ~ 11:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

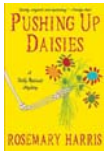
Mystic Hilton Coogan Blvd, Mystic (Across from the Aquarium)

## Authors:



- Nancy Goldstone – [www.nancygoldstone.com](http://www.nancygoldstone.com)  
*The Lady Queen, Four Queens, Out of the Flame, The Friar and the Cipher, Used and Rare, and Deconstructing Penguins*

- Lawrence Goldstone  
*Inherently Unequal, The Astronomer, The Activist, The Anatomy of Deception, The Friar and the Cipher, and Deconstructing Penguins*



- Rosemary Harris – [www.rosemaryharris.com](http://www.rosemaryharris.com)  
*Slugfest, Dead Head, The Big Dirt Nap and Pushing up Daisies*

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### Author Luncheon and Basket Bonanza October 22, 2011 Mystic Hilton

- Entrees: 1. Boston Baked Cod with herb crumb crust and lemon butter sauce  
2. Chicken Boursin---boneless breast of chicken with button mushrooms, sun - dried tomatoes, baby spinach in a boursin cream sauce

All entrees served with fresh green salad, vegetable, 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, 2011 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).

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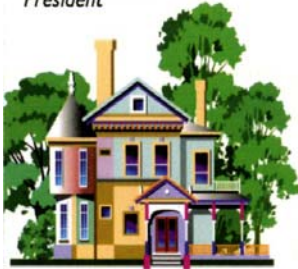
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