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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 - 2012

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2012

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



Place: Waterford Public Library

Haley Massari and Tiffany Renee Person 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 Lily Ledbetter and Mayda Del Valle as keynote speakers, several workshop sessions on topics like sexual harassment in schools, Challenging Assumptions, Acing the Job Interview plus they had a chance to meet and network with other women.

Haley is a junior at Mitchell College working towards a bachelor's degree in Human Development & Family Studies. After graduation next May she plans to attend graduate school and work towards achieving an Ed.S degree in order to become qualified as a school psychologist. She is passionate about helping children and education. She received a Commendable Scholar award her first year and made the Dean's list for the last year and half. She recently became a part of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology and Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society of Leadership and Success. She also volunteers at a Child & Family Agency in New London known as the B.P. Learned Mission which serves as an after school program for elementary school children.

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October at a Glance

- October 11 Branch Meeting
- October 17 Book Discussion Group
- October 18 News and Views Deadline



President's Report



Dr. Dorothy James from CT College began our 2012-2013 year with a powerful presentation about the history of women gaining the right to vote and how different cultural, economical, and political events have changed voting patterns through our country's history! Thank you to all members who were able to attend the evening's program.

Speaking of voting, if you have any interest in helping with debates, please contact Irene Finkelstein. Thank you, Irene!

I'd also like to thank Kim Blake for becoming our C/U liaison between Mitchell College and the state AAUW. Thank you, as well, to Jeanne Coyne, Irene Finkelstein, and Ann Carroll for attending the Sept. 19th Awards Ceremony at Avery Point. Avery Point has been most appreciative of our recent involvement with the awarding of our Ellen Baird scholarship!

I'd also like to thank all members who generously donated money and wine for our October Basket Bonanza at Thursday's meeting. There is still time to reserve your spot for our luncheon! Please bring a friend----the more the merrier! The Day has committed to covering our event in The Daybreak section and on Grace.com! YEAH!!!!!!

Please also mark these dates on your calendar: Saturday, Dec. 1 for our Holiday Luncheon. The Ledyard High Carolers are fabulous! Thursday evening, May 9, 2013 will be with Miss Perkins from New London's Shaw Mansion. All of our luncheons are now being held at the charming Spa at the Norwich Inn!

See you on October 11!!!!
Kerry O'Keefe

Book Discussion Group



The October book is *The Greatest Generation Speaks* by Tom Brokaw. Mimi Mountain and Sue White 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 October 17, 2012.

The November book is *Away* by Amy Bloom. Eleanor Piel and Elaine Stattler are the discussion leaders. The afternoon group will meet in the Olive Chendali room and the evening group will be at their regular meeting place on November 14, 2012.

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

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

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Tiffany is also a junior at Mitchell College majoring in Homeland Security with a minor in Criminal Justice. She made the Dean's list 5 Semesters straight, is a freshmen mentor for first year students and a resident assistant for upperclassmen. She is also first basemen for Mitchell College women's softball team.

Hospitality

The following people signed up to bring refreshments in October:

Jeanne O'Connell	Juice
Gloria Pontious	Cheese and Crackers
Linda Shailor	Fruit
Elizabeth Hume	Cookies

If anyone else would like to help out, please let me know. Someone to pick up coffee would be appreciated.

Elizabeth

AAUW Voter Turnout Campaign

The AAUW Action Fund's "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard" voter education and turnout campaign represents an unprecedented investment in making women's voices heard in the 2012 election.



AAUW dedicated the week of September 25 to voter registration and encourages members to "Have a '3x3' conversation with the Millennial women in your life." They ask members to have three conversations with three millennial women and ask them three questions.

1. Are you registered to vote?
2. Will you pledge to vote this year?
3. Will you call three other millennial women and ask them the same thing?

For more information about this campaign visit www.aauw.org.

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**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2012**

President Kerry O’Keefe called the meeting to order at 6:45 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. Kerry then thanked the Board for providing refreshments and welcomed a visitor—Barbie Quartella.

Finance Chair Claudia Laxar reported the following: Checking Account \$4,198.15, Savings Account \$300.20, Permanent Fund CD \$1,707.43 and Ellen Baird CD \$1,138.48. Our grand total assets are \$7,344.20. Claudia also announced that our account is protected from checks bouncing due to a new program as a business customer at Citizen’s Bank.

Newsletter Editor Gale Bradbury announced September 20th as the deadline for information for the October/November News and Views.

Elizabeth Hume reported on Hospitality and Book Group. A sign-up sheet was passed around for refreshments for the year. The book group meets on September 26th.

Under Scholarship the Board has agreed to give Corrine Eichelberg \$1000(our return-to- college Scholar) with other recipients being chosen in the spring. Some funding was also given to Mitchell College for a national workshop.

Under cultural interests Kerry presented information regarding performances at the Spirit of Broadway. Kristen Geshel wanted members to know about Cherish the Ladies on October 6th at Connecticut College. On October 3rd the ACLU will present a panel discussion on Free Speech.

Under new business Kerry announced that she is looking for a volunteer to run the Annual Dog Watch Fundraiser. She is also looking for a microphone for our October author event to avoid a charge from the Norwich Inn. A menu for our Holiday event was selected. Grilled chicken or Salmon on salad greens was preferred.

For the Book Author Luncheon a sign-up list for volunteers was passed around. Kerry also mentioned the following raffle donations thus far: two tickets to the Spirit of Broadway, a boutique basket from the Norwich Inn and Spa, two family memberships from the Slater Museum and four adult tickets to the Pequot Museum. Elaine Stattler collected cash and wine from members during the meeting.

Kerry announced Kim Blake as our NCCWSL liaison with Mitchell College. The student representatives will speak to us in October.

Irene Finkelstein announced the dates of debates being sponsored by the League of Women Voters. The League will also help with voter registration. Members who would like to help out were welcome.

Following adjournment of the meeting at 7:10 pm, Patricia Clairwood introduced our speaker, Dorothy James, on “Recent Changes in Voting Patterns.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Carroll
Recording Secretary

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New London Branch and **Bank Square Books**, Mystic

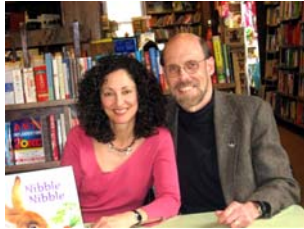
Cordially invite you to a

Book Author Luncheon

Featuring the author-illustrator team

Florence and Wendell Minor

Plus a Basket Bonanza



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

The Spa at the Norwich Inn, 607 West Thames St. Norwich

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.

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.

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