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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.”

Searching for Heroes in India and America: Looking
Though Different Lenses to See What Makes Us Great

Date: Wednesday September 7, 2011 (Note change of day)

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

Place: Waterford Public Library

Dr. Lindsey B. Harlan, Professor of Religious Studies at Connecticut College will speak about heroes and hero worship at our September meeting. She will begin with martial heroism including hero worship in India and moving on to the United States will focus on Arlington National Cemetery and related civil war battles for Corinth Mississippi. She will also touch on lesser known places such as the Game Fishing Hall of Fame, Swimming Hall of Fame, Jimi Hendrix’s gravesite and Kurt Cobain’s memorial bench.



With support from a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, Dr. Harlan is currently writing a book, tentatively titled *Lasting Impressions*, which analyzes Indian hero cults in Rajasthan, a state in western India. She has also authored *The Goddesses' Henchmen: Reflections on Gender in Indian Hero Worship*, and *Religion and Rajput Women*.

This is a good time to introduce a friend to our branch for the camaraderie and interesting programs.

September at a Glance

- September 7 Branch Meeting
- September 15 News and Views Deadline
- September 21 Book Discussion Group



President's Report



Welcome to our 94th year! Our local branch began in 1917! I hope all of you had a fabulous summer!

I'd like to thank the following members for volunteering their time at the June 3rd Mitchell College STEM Expo: Claudia Laxar, Kathy Shepherd, Elizabeth Hume, Ann Carroll, Sue White, and Kim Blake (presenter of Chick Flicks).

Our May Banquet was a huge success with 35 members bringing 37 guests. The Victorian Lady, Kandie Carle, was thoroughly entertaining. Due to many requests, we have booked Ms. Carle's play "They Call Me Lizzie..." for our May 2012 banquet. It was also a pleasure to have both of our scholarship winners, Corinne Eichleberg and Diadre Perlmutter, join us for the evening. Three baskets were raffled which raised \$490----WOW!!!!!! Thank you Elaine, Meg, and Brigid!!!!!!

At the state AAUW meeting on April 30, 2011, co-presidents were voted into office. They are Chantal DeArmitt (chantal_dearmitt@yahoo.com) and Alice Reitz (alice.reitz@thrivent.com). Laurel Anderson (laurel@toast.net) will continue as Finance Officer.

Our Oct. 22, 2011 Book Author Luncheon is fast approaching. Three dynamic authors, Rosemary Harris, Nancy and Lawrence Goldstone, are willing to support our fundraising efforts. PLEASE broadcast this event to as many people as you can!!!!!! BUY TICKETS.....SELL TICKETS!!!!!!!!!!The more the merrier!!!!!! Let's raise the bar---selling 100 tickets will create more than \$2000 in profit which will allow us to award 2 \$1000 scholarships!!!!!!

This summer has proven to be a challenge for our book groups. Elizabeth Hume has worked diligently to secure book discussion leaders for each month. She has also scheduled extra meetings with library officials due to cutbacks in the library lending program. We appreciate all of Elizabeth's time and effort which ensures another successful book group year. Elizabeth is also chairing our Hospitality Committee! New London County AAUW is MOST grateful for your dedication to our branch! THANK YOU, Elizabeth!

Just a reminder to this year's officers that we are responsible for the WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7th meeting refreshments. Please note that our first meeting is WEDNESDAY, Sept. 7. There were no available rooms for a Thursday meeting in September.

Several members had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Lindsey Harlan, professor from Connecticut College, speak in June. Her topic of Hero Worship will be a most engaging, entertaining, and educational kickoff to our 2011-2012 year!!!!!! See you on WEDNESDAY, Sept. 7th!!!!!!

Kerry O'Keefe

Book Discussion Group



There will be a change in the book for our first discussion. The September book will be *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton. Elizabeth Hume and Brigid Boettcher are the discussion leaders. The afternoon group will meet at the East Lyme Library at 2pm and the evening group will meet at the Waterford Library at 7pm on September 21, 2011. Members will have to share the available copies. If you have questions, please call me.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

Hospitality

Board members are responsible for providing refreshments in September.



Newsletter Ads

There is still room for ads in the newsletter. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad in the newsletter it will help to offset the printing and mailing costs for the year. The fee for an ad is \$50 for business card, \$75 for a quarter page and \$100 for a half page. Send a copy of your ad with a check payable to AAUW New London Branch to Gale Bradbury, 12 Heritage Dr. Stonington, CT 06378.



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Basket Raffle Committee Is Collecting Donations for our October Book Luncheon

As most of you know by now, our chapter of AAUW is planning its third annual Book Luncheon and Basket Raffle in October at the Mystic Hilton in Mystic. The proceeds of the raffle will go toward providing college scholarships to young women in southeastern Connecticut.



For the last two years, thanks to the generous donations of our members, our basket raffle has been very successful. Last year, we raffled off more than a dozen baskets. The raffle adds to the fun of the luncheon, and our guests seem to enjoy the process.

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.

Either cash or wine is welcomed, and both are essential, so whatever is easiest for you is fine with us!

The luncheon and raffle is being extensively promoted in the media, and our partner, Bank Square Books of Mystic, Conn. will also be promoting the event. We are planning for about 150 attendees this year.

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. 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

National News

AAUW Applauds Victory for Women's Health

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Issues New Rules on Birth Control
WASHINGTON — The American Association of University Women (AAUW) issued the following statement regarding new guidelines recently announced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The new rules require new health insurance plans to cover women's preventive services such as well-woman visits, breastfeeding support, domestic violence screening, and contraception without charging a co-payment, co-insurance, or deductible.

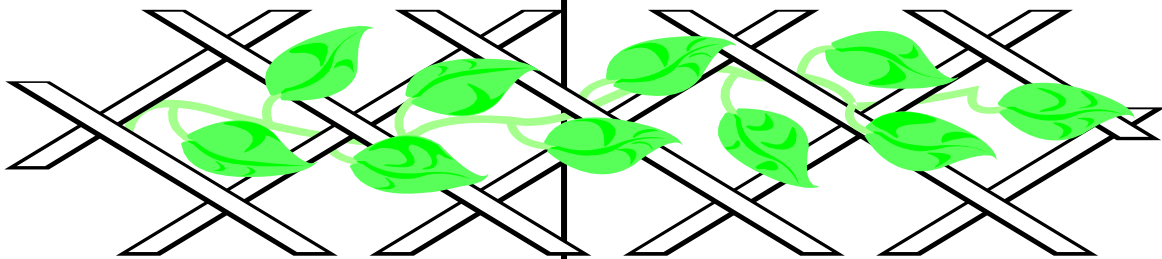
This is a victory for both women and common sense. It's also a big win for economic sense. For every dollar we invest in helping women avoid unwanted pregnancies, the country saves nearly \$4 in Medicaid expenditures down the road. The new guidelines also reflect the fact that prevention can be the best medicine of all and will ensure that women get the basic health care that they need. Healthy moms are an important step toward healthy families.

From www.aauw.org

AAUW Research



Visit the AAUW webpage for a free PDF version of the “Why So Few” Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics report as well as power point presentations and other materials.



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Cordially invite you to a

Book Author Luncheon

Featuring Three Connecticut Writers
And a Basket Bonanza



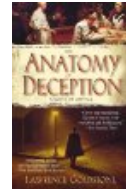
Saturday, October 22, 2011 ~ 11:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

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

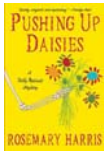
Authors:



- Nancy Goldstone – www.nancygoldstone.com
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
Slugfest, Dead Head, The Big Dirt Nap and Pushing up Daisies

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.

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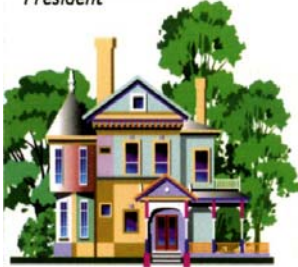
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