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## NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT BRANCH

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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.”

### Recent Changes in Voting Patterns

**Date:** Thursday, September 13, 2012

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



**Place:** Waterford Public Library

We begin another year of AAUW with Dorothy James speaking about the recent changes in voting patterns. A former Provost and Dean of the Faculty at Connecticut College, Professor James is one of the country's most highly regarded political scientists on the Presidency and on policy studies. She has published extensively on American politics and policy analysis, including her books: *The Contemporary Presidency*; *Poverty, Politics and Change*; *Outside, Looking in: Critiques of American Policies and Institutions*, *Left and Right*; and *Analyzing Poverty Policy*. She has also published numerous articles in scholarly journals and chapters in books.

Professor James received a grant for a Pearl River Delta Faculty Development Seminar funded by the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, organized by the ASIA Network and Hong-Kong Center. She spent four weeks studying the impact of recent major economic growth in the Pearl River Delta, China, in summer 2005.

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### September at a Glance

- September 13 Branch Meeting
- September 20 News and Views Deadline
- September 26 Book Discussion Group



## President's Report



Welcome to our 95th year as a local AAUW chapter. I hope everyone's summer was enjoyable! Thank you, Ann Carroll and Jeanne O'Connell, for joining me at the 2012 AAUW State Convention. Lin Rising, our State College/University Liaison, was honored by National AAUW for having the highest percentage of participation in the college university programs in the NATION!!!! Carol Virostek was also recognized by the state AAUW for her continued dedication to equity and education for women. An annual NCCWSL scholarship has been established which will be named in her honor.

Peggy Williams, a National AAUW Board member from Vermont, shared pertinent facts about our national organization. AAUW has attained excellence in fiscal responsibility for non-profits. Membership, for the second year in a row, has increased by 100,000, mainly student affiliates. Four million dollars in fellowships and grants is awarded yearly. LAF is funding 8 major sex/gender discrimination cases, as well as funding 8 campus outreach programs which are focused on sex/gender discrimination. AAUW is also creating 2 national programs, Tech Trek and Tech Savvy, which are day /week long STEM camps for girls. Applications should be available at [aauw.org/STEM](http://aauw.org/STEM). The 2013 National Convention will be held in New Orleans on June 9 - 12.

A table talk luncheon was then held which provided an opportunity to meet other members to exchange ideas that would enhance local branch activities. Jennifer Smith Turner, CEO of Girl Scouts of America, completed our day by speaking about girls, women, and the future!

Our May Banquet was enjoyed by 64 people, 28 members and 36 guests. Our baskets raised \$675- kudos to Elaine for another magnificent job! Thank you for your participation in this most worthy event!

Please SAVE these dates:

- Saturday, October 20 Book Author Luncheon with Wendell and Florence Minor -\$40
- Saturday, December 1 - Holiday Luncheon-Ledyard High School Carolers
- Thursday, May 9- May Banquet - Miss Perkins from Shaw Mansion

All of our banquets will be held at the Spa at the Norwich Inn. We do need a MICROPHONE!!!!!! While we can rent one, around \$80 an event, I'd rather borrow one or buy one. If you can be of any assistance in this matter, please let me know ASAP!!!!!!

Please remember to utilize our website: <http://newlondon-ct.aauw.net/> All forms for our branch can be downloaded from here!!!!!!

Kerry O'Keefe

## Book Discussion Group



The September book is *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. Barbara Guerra and Linda Shailor are the discussion leaders. We are reading this year's One/Book/One Region selection. Geraldine Brooks will be at Fitch High School on September 18th at 7 pm. Our 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 September 26, 2012. This is a change in our usual 3rd Wednesday schedule. One of the libraries was not available on that date.

The October book is *The Greatest Generation Speaks* by Tom Brokaw. Mimi Mountain and Sue White are the discussion leaders. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on October 17, 2012.

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

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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Professor James received the Policy Studies Organization 1998 award as the "Outstanding Woman in the Field of Policy Studies," and that organization's 1997 award for "One of the Best Policy Studies Books Published Since 1975." In 2001 James received the Student Government Association (SGA) Award for Teaching Excellence.

James began teaching at Hunter College, CUNY, served as chair of the political science department at Virginia Tech, then served as Dean of the School of Government and Public Administration at The American University in Washington, D.C., before coming to Connecticut College as Provost and Dean of the Faculty in 1989.

She is past president of the Policy Studies Organization and has served on numerous governing boards of professional associations and journals, including The American Political Science Association, The American Society for Public Administration, the Puerto Rican Legal and Education Defense Fund, and the Everett Dirksen-Adlai Stevenson Institute of International Policy Studies at the University of Illinois.

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

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### AAUW Awards \$4.3 Million in Fellowships and Grants

Since 1888, More than \$90 Million Has Gone to Support Education and Programs

WASHINGTON — The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will award \$4.3 million to nearly 300 women scholars and programs that promote education and equity for women and girls. Since awarding its first fellowship in 1888, AAUW has become a leading source of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$90 million in fellowships and grants to thousands from around the globe. That's in addition to the [local scholarship programs](#) that AAUW branches across the United States offer to undergraduate women.

This year, AAUW awarded

- 63 [Career Development Grants](#),
  - 32 [Community Action Grants](#),
  - 25 [Selected Professions Fellowships](#),
  - 89 [American Fellowships](#),
  - 63 [International Fellowships](#), and
  - four [International Project Grants](#).
- (Reprinted from WWW.AAUW.org)

## Last Call For Donated Items for Book Luncheon Raffle Baskets



We need your help. We are making up raffle baskets for our upcoming Book Authors' Luncheon, and we are collecting donations of wine or cash.

This is our organization's biggest fundraiser. The proceeds from the raffle sales will go to the AAUW Local Scholarship Fund. Therefore, the items that you donate will be tax deductible. This is a nice way to contribute to the Scholarship Fund and also help add some excitement to our Author Luncheon. Your contributions will be *very* much appreciated!

Please consider one item below (or more, if you wish!) that you would be willing to donate. If you choose not to donate wine, we would welcome a \$10 cash donation, which we will use to buy items for the baskets that include food.

Here are some types of wine we would love for the baskets (wine baskets are always popular):

- **Pinot Noir**
- **Cabernet**
- **Pinot Grigio**
- **Chablis**
- **White Zinfandel**
- **Merlot**
- **Beaujolais**
- **Riesling**

Or, we can use a \$10 donation to purchase food items for the baskets.

Thank you so very much for helping to make our raffle a success!

Sincerely,  
Elaine Stattler and the  
Raffle Basket Committee



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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](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).

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