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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 2013

Thursday, October 10
Waterford Public Library

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

Vanessa L. Parker, a Three Rivers Community College student will report on the National Student Leadership Conference (NCCWSL) held at the University of Maryland in June.

She is a single mother to a 9 year old boy, works full time as a home care Certified Nurse Aide and attends college full-time. She is pursuing her dream by attending a community college so she can transfer to a university and earn a bachelor's degree in English and pursue a post-secondary teacher certification to become a high school English teacher. Ms. Parker is passionate about literature; especially women writers who create dialogue about gender, social, and economic issues that affect women across cultures. She says “I strive everyday to be a positive role model for my son, family, friends, colleagues, and the upcoming generation of young woman to follow in my footsteps. I'm very

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The Life and Death Story of Albert Afraid of Hawk, Lakota, Sioux

Thursday, November 14
Waterford Public Library

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

Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, State Archeologist will present this month's program which is co-sponsored with Waterford Public Library

Dr. Bellantoni will tell us the story of this Lakota Sioux who died in Danbury, CT in June 1900 while performing with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. He was buried in an unmarked grave in Wooster Cemetery. In 2008, a local historian found the cemetery archives and the burial location. Family members on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation requested that Albert's remains be returned to the reservation for burial according to his Lakota heritage. The presentation tells the life and death of Albert Afraid of Hawk, the story of the Lakota people, the archaeological exhumation, forensic identification and repatriation of his remains.

October/November at a Glance

- October 10 Branch Meeting
- October 15-16 Book Discussion Group
- November 14 Branch Meeting
- November 20 Book Discussion Group
- November 21 News & Views Deadline



President's Report



Who are Belle Boyd, Kate Warne, Rose Greenhow, and Pauline Cushman? Matt Bartlett told their amazing stories in a most entertaining, informative format! What a fantastic way to kick off our 2013 - 2014 year!

I am still looking for someone to handle publicity for our branch meetings. I do have the email contact information for The Day and The Bulletin. Please contact me if you are willing to help out!

Our office of President will be available next year and becoming co - president THIS year will make the transition a very easy one! Please contact me if you are interested!

Our Dec. 7th Holiday Luncheon is fast approaching and Elaine is already hard at work on her fantastic baskets. Please consider making a donation (wine, \$, products, etc.) to this fundraising portion of our organization. Items may be brought to the next meeting. Also, if you know of any business, theater, museum that is willing to donate to our scholarship cause, please ask! We are non-profit and I do have a donation request letter that I can provide to you!!!! I am able to get Slater Museum and Spirit of Broadway to make donations simply by asking!!!! We will have only ONE other opportunity to raise scholarship money which will be at our May Banquet. Please support this very worthwhile initiative!

See you on October 10th!

Kerry O'Keefe

Book Discussion Group



The October book is *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. Ann Carroll and Kathy Shepherd are the discussion leaders. The evening group will meet on Tuesday night, October

15th at 7 pm at the Waterford Library. The afternoon group will meet on Wednesday, October 16th at 2 pm in the Olive Chendali room at the East Lyme Library.

The November book is *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. Mimi Mountain and Mary Wassung are the discussion leaders. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular places on November 20, 2013.

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

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

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grateful to Professor Janet Hagen (Professor of English and Woman Studies at Three Rivers CC), she blessed me with inspiring knowledge about gender issues and lit a fire that sparked the flame of empowerment inside me, and the scholarship I received from AAUW New London blessed me with an all expense paid trip to NCCWSL that helped add fuel to the fire of empowerment, which in return caused me to become a stronger leader. I am the President and Founder of a club named F.E.M.A.L.E.S. (Females Excelling and Maturing to Achieve Leadership Excellence and Success) at Three Rivers CC, we promote leadership, empowerment, unity, and sisterhood among the women on campus; my ultimate goal is to develop a club like this in the local public schools to create, grow, and foster, more women leaders in our communities. Thank you so much, I'm forever grateful!"

Hospitality

The following members signed up for refreshments October:

- Elizabeth Hume & Ann Carroll – Baked goods, fruit and juice
- Gloria Pontius – Cheese and crackers

November:

- Annabelle Bartsch-Dennis--fruit
- Jeanne O'Connell--juice
- Karen Camlet--brownies
- Elaine Stattler--cookies
- Gale Bradbury--cheese/crackers

Thank you, Elizabeth Hume



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Raffle Basket Donations



Help us make our basket raffle a success. Donations are needed to fill the baskets we will raffle at the holiday luncheon. We especially like 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 Holiday 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!

Top Secret Rosies: The female Computers of World War II

When the United States entered World War II, the Army initiated a national call for women mathematicians. In fact, AAUW was one of the organizations contacted for help with recruiting! LeAnn Erickson tells us that AAUW “helped spread the word about this great opportunity open to college women.” She was able to use the letter specifically addressed to AAUW in a documentary she has done. These “computers” — then the term for someone who computes, rather than our current notion of the machine — would be responsible for calculating ballistics tables for missiles being used by allied forces overseas. The stakes were high, and these women worked hard on their mission at the University of Pennsylvania from 1942 to 1946.

Read more about LeAnn Ericson and the stories of the four women she researched at http://www.aauw.org/2013/09/25/secret-female-computers/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+AAuwBlog+%28AAUW+Today%29.

Holiday Luncheon

Although it is only October our holiday luncheon will be here before we know it. Reserve your spot now with the form below. Complete information about the program will be in the December newsletter or download it now with the form from our website at <http://newlondon-ct.aauw.net/files/2013/09/Holiday-Luncheon-2013.pdf>. This festive occasion is sure to get you in the holiday spirit.



Holiday Luncheon and Basket Raffle at the Spa at the Norwich Inn Entertainment by “The Bells of Fire” Saturday December 7, 2013



Name _____ Guest _____

(Include food choice for all)

Total Enclosed _____

Entrees: _____ Warm grilled Salmon on a bed of organic greens with lemon dill butter
_____ Grilled Chicken on a bed of organic greens, candied nuts & raspberry vinaigrette

All entrees served include a tortellini appetizer, dessert and coffee or tea.

Price of meal including tax and gratuity \$40.00.

Please return reservation form by Wednesday, November 27, 2013 with your check made payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Claudia Laxar, 282 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378.

New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes October 12, 2013

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. Jeanne Coyne and Linda Shailor provided the motion to do so. Kerry then thanked the Board for providing refreshments and welcomed visitors. Visitors included Deb Kirby, Marlene Oko, and Sue Sexton. New members welcomed were Stephanie Berry, Karen Camlet, Annabelle Bartsch, Catherine Pearson, and Laurie Whiting. Former member Mary Loose has also rejoined the branch.

Finance Chair Claudia Laxar reported the following: Checking Account \$4,525.82, Savings Account \$300.17, Permanent Fund CD \$1,713.34 and Ellen Baird CD \$640.67. Our grand total assets are \$7,180.00. Claudia is checking to see whether we can give the Ellen Baird Fund a new name—as discussed at the August Board meeting.

Gale Bradbury announced September 19th as the deadline for the October News and Views information.

A publicity Chairperson is needed. Kerry O'Keefe has been handling these duties.

Elizabeth Hume reported on Hospitality and the Book Group. A sign-up sheet was passed around for refreshments for the year. She gave the dates for the September and October book groups, reminding them that the October group will meet on two different dates.

The Scholarship Committee has been invited to a reception at Avery Point on September 18th to recognize our recipient of last year's Ellen Baird Scholarship—Elaine Cady. Also Corinne Eichelberg has received a full scholarship from Three Rivers this year.

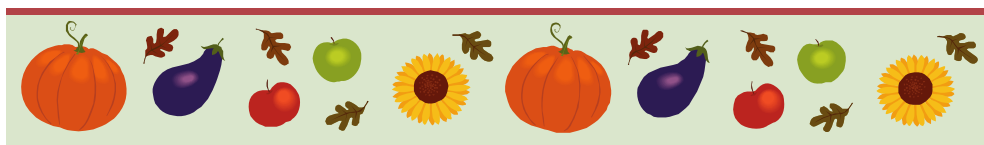
Irene Finkelstein reminded members that September 24th is National Voters Registration Day.

Under new business Kerry reminded members that this will be her last year as our President. Perhaps to gain experience someone would like to co-chair this year? She also reminded members to be on the lookout for prospective speakers for our programs.

Three of our members—Loretta Bernier, Mimi Mountain, and Linda Shailor have been AAUW members for 50 years. To honor them Kerry gave interesting and fun facts from the year they would have joined AAUW—1963. She also gave a brief accounting of what membership has meant to each of them. Members congratulated all three!

The meeting was adjourned and Patty Clairwood announced our speaker for the evening—Matthew Bartlett, Civil War historian and author.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Carroll
Recording Secretary



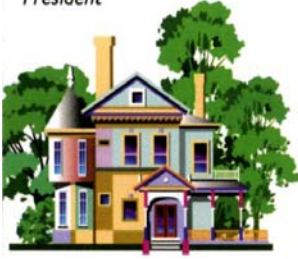
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