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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.”

Bells of Fire

Saturday, December 7, 2013
Waterford Public Library

***Note Change of day**

11:15 a.m.	Social Time
12:00 Noon	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Performance



The December meeting of AAUW will feature our traditional Holiday Luncheon and basket raffle with entertainment provided by the "Bells of Fire," a community-based hand bell ensemble. The group has been in existence for six years and performs two different programs each year - one, a holiday program in December and the other a general program in the spring. We play a wide variety of music from classical, original, show tunes and "oldies but goodies" with something for everyone.

The group has performed at a number of places locally and as far away as Orange, CT and Hartford. They, along with their director, Jane Nolan, presented a class for Adventures in Lifelong Learning at Three Rivers Community College in May, and attended the four day All New England Festival/Conference of Hand bell Musicians of America in New

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**Florence Griswold Museum
From A to Z**

Thursday, January 9, 2014
Waterford Public Library



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

The Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme offers year-round exhibitions of American art and interprets the historic Florence Griswold House, a boardinghouse for artists, circa 1910. The 11-acres of gardens and grounds along the Lieutenant River provide a place of natural beauty that inspired the original painters of the Lyme Art Colony as well as those of today. Likewise the campus host a series of outdoor initiatives each year such as Garden Fest: A Celebration of the Gardens, the Midsummer Festival, and creative October events such as the Wee Faerie Village, Scarecrows at the Museum, and Of Feathers and Fairy Tales: Enchanted Birdhouse at the Museum. Come learn about the history of the Museum as well as all the specifics in store for 2014. David Rau has been the Director of Education & Outreach at the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme since

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December January at a Glance

- December 7 Branch Meeting
- December 18 Book Discussion Group
- January 9 Branch Meeting
- January 15 Book Discussion Group
- January 23 News & Views Deadline



President's Report



Over 80 people attended Dr. Bellantoni's presentation on Nov. 14th. His work on the Alfred A. Hawk project ranks as one of the most profound events of his dynamic career! What an amazing historical evening!!!

Mitchell College, once again, is willing to financially support our endeavor to send two students to AAUW's NCCWSL conference in June 2014! What a grand opportunity for college students!

GOT A DIGITAL CAMERA????? Our newsletter editor, Gale Bradbury, would like to add photos to our website. If you have a digital camera that you aren't using and would like to donate one to our branch, please let me know!

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Deb Kirby our 7th new member this year! **YEAH!!!!!!**

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Holiday Luncheon at the Spa at the Norwich Inn on Dec. 7!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kerry O'Keefe

Book Discussion Group



The December book is *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani. Patty Clairwood and Claudia Laxar are the discussion leaders. The afternoon group will meet at 2pm at the East Lyme Library and the evening group will meet at 7pm at the Waterford Library on December 18, 2013.

The January book is *The Art Forger* by B. A. Shapiro. Gay Clarkson and Irene Finkelstein are the discussion leaders. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular times and places on January 15, 2014.

The February book is *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier. Elizabeth Hume and Mary Wassung are the discussion leaders. The afternoon and evening groups will meet on February 19, 2014.

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

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd



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Hampshire last June, where they played with 700 other hand bell ringers and took a number of individual workshops and classes.

Bells of Fire is open to anyone wishing to share the love of hand bell music throughout the community. No experience necessary, but a sense of humor - and the ability to count - is definitely a necessity.

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1998. Most recently, Rau played a key role in the reinterpretation of the Griswold House as a boardinghouse for the Lyme Art Colony as well as the Museum's new triad of on-line learning resources (Goto:www.FlorenceGriswoldMuseum.org/learning)

Since his arrival at the Florence Griswold Museum, Rau has initiated a broad array of new educational programming at the Museum, designed to promote active, experiential and life-long learning opportunities for a diverse audience including the Wee Faerie Village in 2009, 2012, 2013, Scarecrows at the Museum in 2010, Of Feathers and Fairy Tales: Enchanted Birdhouses at the Museum in 2011, and is currently working on another creative outdoor event for the fall of 2014.

Rau holds a Master's degree in the History of Art and a Certificate in Museum Practice from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Rau has held positions at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan; and The Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester, New Hampshire. He also currently teaches in the Museum Studies program at Connecticut College.



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Hospitality

The following members signed up for refreshments January:

- Irene Finkelstein: Juice and cookies
- Brigid Boettcher: Cheese and crackers
- Gay Clarkson: Brownies and fruit

If anyone can bring coffee please let me know.

Thank you, Elizabeth Hume



Holiday Luncheon

Reserve your spot for the holiday luncheon with the form below 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.

News from AAUW.org

Women in STEM Webinar: Why It Matters and How YOU Can Help Them Get There Co-hosted by the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau and AAUW

December 12 2013

Time: 11 a.m.–noon EST

Location: Online

Cost: Free



Although women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers [earn nearly 33 percent more](#) than those in non-STEM careers do, women are [significantly underrepresented](#) in STEM fields.

In this webinar, designed for those on the front lines of preparing women for their careers, you will learn about available resources, current research, and specific strategies you can use to help women open doors to careers in STEM fields.

Speakers include representatives from the Women's Bureau, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Society of Women Engineers, and the National Institute for Women in the Trades, Technology, & Science, as well as AAUW Senior Researcher Andresse St. Rose. A live Q&A session will follow. We hope you can join us for this important discussion.

For more information or to register for this webinar logon to www.aauw.org.



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 10, 2013**

The meeting at the Waterford Library was called to order at 6:45pm by President Kerry O’Keefe. Kerry read from our Mission Statement and the minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Members providing refreshments were thanked. Kerry welcomed new members Marlene Oko and Catherine Pearson as well as guest Deb Kirby.

Finance Chair Claudia Laxar reported the following: Checking Account \$4,551.99, Savings Account \$300.17, Permanent Fund CD \$1,713.34 and Ellen Baird CD \$640.88. Our Grand total assets are \$7,206.38.

Under additional committee reports were the following: The News and Views deadline is November 21st. A Publicity Chair is still needed. Elizabeth Hume continued to request hospitality donations from members. The book for November’s discussion was yet to be decided due to the unavailability of the previous selection.

Elaine Stattler continues to seek donations for the holiday basket raffles. Tickets for the Slater Museum and Spirit of Broadway Theater have been received. Hopefully someone will be willing to take over this worthwhile duty next year. Remember to invite guests to our Holiday Luncheon at the Norwich Inn and Spa on December 7th.

The November meeting is cosponsored with the Waterford Library. Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, State Archeologist, will tell the story of a Lakota Sioux who died in Danbury, CT, in June 1900 while performing with Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show.

Following adjournment of the business meeting, Kerry introduced Vanessa L. Parker who reported on the benefits of attending the National Student Leadership Conference in June.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Carroll
Recording Secretary

**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2013**

President Kerry O’Keefe called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm at the Waterford Library. Following her reading of the Mission Statement she thanked those people who contributed to the Hospitality table. She also welcomed visitors and spouses who came to enjoy the program being cosponsored with the Waterford Library. Deborah Kirby was welcomed as the 7th new member this year.

Finance Chair Claudia Laxar reported that the \$500 has been received from Eleanor Piel’s estate fund and will be used for scholarships. She also reported the following: Checking Account \$4,325.42, Savings Account \$800.18, Permanent Fund CD 41,713.90, and Ellen Baird CD \$641.09. The grand total assets are \$7,480.59. Claudia also reminded members that reservations for the Holiday Luncheon will close November 27th.

Gale Bradbury announced November 21st as the deadline for the November-December newsletter.

Elizabeth Hume announced that there were sufficient hospitality goodies for January and that the books have been plentiful for the December book group.

Kerry reported that she and Ann Carroll attended the State’s Presidents’ meeting on October 18th. Ten active branches exist with 670 regular members and 585 At-Large-Members. State VP Donna Haghighat reported a STEM program will be promoted for March 2014.

The business meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Judy Liskov spoke about upcoming programs at the Waterford Library. She then introduced the speaker—Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, the state archaeologist, who talked about “The Life and Death Story of Albert Afraid of Hawk, Lakota Sioux.”

Respectfully Submitted
Ann Carroll
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