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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.”

From Sesame Street to Dr. Seuss

Thursday, April 10, 2014
Waterford Public Library

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



Tish Rabe (pronounced "Robby") will speak to us about what it takes to write a best-selling children's book. She is a children's book author who has written over 160 children's books for

Sesame Street, Disney, Blue's Clues, Bear in the Big Blue House, Curious George and many others. In 1996 she was selected by Dr. Seuss Enterprises to create *The Cat in the Hat's Learning Library*, a series of non-fiction rhyming science books that have sold over six million copies. A new television series based on these books, "The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot about That" airs daily on PBS Kids (<http://www.pbskids.org/catinthehat>) Ms. Rabe is also a children's television writer and has created scripts for *Clifford the Big Red Dog, I Spy* and *the Country Mouse and the City Mouse Adventures!* In 2009 she also created her own original character *The I Believe Bunny* (www.ibelievebunny.com)

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Travel is Fatal to Prejudice: Journeys of Mark Twain

Thursday, May 8, 2014
The Spa at Norwich Inn

Social time 5:00 - 5:45 P.M.
Meeting 5:45 - 6:00 P.M.
Dinner 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Program 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.



The New London Branch of AAUW will host Craig Hotchkiss from the Mark Twain House at their May Banquet and basket raffle. In his celebrated 1869 travel book *The Innocents Abroad*, Mark Twain wrote that: "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts." The mature Mark Twain was the most recognized American in the world, and was perhaps the best "good will ambassador" we have ever had as a nation. This 30-minute presentation surveys the far-flung journeys of Mark Twain and illustrates how a boy with a parochial and bigoted upbringing was gradually transformed into a far more enlightened and tolerant man who came to champion human rights and equality across the globe.

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April & May at a Glance

- April 10 Branch Meeting
- April 16 Book Discussion Group
- May 8 Branch Meeting
- May 21 Book Discussion Group
- August 21 News & Views Deadline



President's Report



We had a great turnout on March 13th for Bill Duesing's passionate presentation about "Thinking Globally, Eating Locally"! Over 40 folks were in attendance!

Thank you to:

- Waterford Public Library for publicizing our monthly meetings on their website
- Deb Kirby for the donation of a digital camera
- Karen Camlet who is our new Publicity Chair
- Linda Shailor who is our new Recording Secretary
- Marlene Oko who will partner with Elaine for Basket Raffles
- Edna Gilstad, Kathy Shepherd, Mimi Mountain, Sue White, Gay Clarkson, and Jeanne O'Connell for becoming the Program Committee
- New London Branch AAUW for a dynamic five years as your president--you kept me busy as I adjusted to retirement!!!!

Dates to Remember:

- April 26 - Women in Politics Symposium at Conn College
- May 8 - Banquet and basket raffle. Please bring a friend--the more the merrier!!!! A GREAT EVENING for ONLY \$40!!!!!!!!!!!!
- May 10 - State AAUW Convention at Bridgeport's Discovery Museum

Our Scholarship Committee has chosen Jessica Ware to be the recipient of our Avery Point Scholarship. Jessica is a most deserving young woman who is an English major who hopes to intern with a cultural management organization this summer. She has an impressive work/volunteer resume, having volunteered for the YMCA, Stonington Library, has tutored students in grades 7 - 12, and has run in local charity 5Ks. Jessica's work experience includes being a market manager for Ameriprise Financial CT and a glassblower at Prescient Studios in Stonington, CT.

PLEASE consider becoming our branch's next president! You can do it! Everything is in place and running very smoothly! We are gaining new members and attendance is growing at our monthly meetings. Also, great contacts have been made at local colleges that are creating awareness of AAUW--critical for the growth of AAUW!!! Enjoy your summer!

Kerry O'Keefe

Book Discussion Group



The April book is *The Lost Wife* by Alyson Richmond. Barbara Guerra and Linda Shailor are the discussion leaders. The afternoon group will meet at the East Lyme Library at 2pm and the evening group will meet at 7 pm at the Waterford Library on April 16, 2014.

The May book is *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. Kim Blake and Patty Clairwood are the discussion leaders. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on May 21, 2014.

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

The book selection meeting will take place on June 18, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Waterford Library. Refreshments will be served--please bring finger foods and desserts to share. Have you read any good books --fiction or nonfiction--that would make a good discussion book? If you have a suggestion and can't be there, give me a call.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

Newsletter Ads wanted

Help support the newsletter for our branch of AAUW and promote your business at the same time. Ads are needed for the 2014-2015 year. A business card ad is \$50. If you prefer a quarter page advertisement, please attach it and send \$75, or do a half-page ad for \$100. Your advertisement will appear in each issue of *News and View* which is mailed to approximately 80 female college graduates who belong to the New London Branch. *News and Views* is also used as a publicity piece to attract new members. In return, our members will make every effort to patronize and promote your business. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad please mail a business card or larger piece with a check made payable to AAUW New London Branch to Gale Bradbury, 12 Heritage Drive, Stonington, CT 06378 by August 1, 2014.

News and Views is published 6 times a year by AAUW and sent to members of the New London Branch. Editor: Gale Bradbury 12 Heritage Drive, Stonington, Ct. 06378, fax # (860)464-9927, email: bradbury@ledyard.lioninc.org. The deadline for submissions is the third Thursday of the month. Branch President: Kerry O'Keefe 123 Wawecus Hill Road, Norwich, CT., email: mdokeefe@snet.net. Membership Vice president: Edna Gilstad 19 Mohawk Dr., Niantic, CT., email: egilstad@aol.com.

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which is a series of gentle, inspirational stories accompanied by beautiful watercolor illustrations, which won the Mom's Choice Gold Award for Best Picture Book in 2010. Trained as a professional singer, she also performs in cabarets and is the singer/narrator for *Disney Princess* and *Bambi* book and audio packages. She is a mom, step-mom and grandmother and splits her time between New York City and Mystic, Connecticut. www.tishrabe.com. Copies of Ms Rabe's books will be available to purchase (\$10) and have signed. She will accept cash or check.

Spring Greek Food Festival

Saint Sophia Church, 200 Hempstead Street New London, CT will hold a spring Greek Food Festival on June 3, 4, and 5 from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm.



Directions to the Spa at Norwich Inn, 607 West Thames St. Norwich: Take 95N or Rte 32 to Rte 395N; take Exit 79A onto CT-2A and take Exit 1- Rte 32 towards Norwich. Turn left onto RTE 32 (north). Continue for about 1.5 miles. The Inn is on the left at the top of a hill. Park in any free spot or use valet parking. Go to main entrance of main building.

May Prog Con't from Pg 1

Craig Hotchkiss has been the Education Manager at the Mark Twain House & Museum in Hartford, CT since 2007. He was a high school history teacher in South Windsor for nearly 33 years before going to the Mark Twain House. He holds a BA in American History from Bates College, an MA in Educational Psychology from the University of CT, as well as a Sixth Year Certificate in World History and MA in American Studies, both from Trinity College. Join us with a friend for fine food, lively conversation and enlightening entertainment!

Hospitality

The following members signed up for refreshments in April.

- Mary Murai
- Loretta Bernier
- Betty Ahnell
- Marlene Oko--fruit
- Linda Shailor--Cheese/crackers
- Deb Kirby & Anna Mae Burr

If anyone can bring coffee please let me know. Thank you to everyone who brought refreshments this year.

Thank you, Elizabeth Hume

Editor's Note

The deadline for the September issue of News and Views is August 21, 2014. Please send your information by email (bradbury@ledyard.lioninc.org), fax (860-464-9927) or snail mail.

Thank you!

Gale Bradbury

**Travel is Fatal to Prejudice,
Journeys of Mark Twain
The Spa at Norwich Inn
May 8, 2014**



Name _____ Guest _____

(Include food choice for all)

Total Enclosed _____

Entrees: _____ Chicken Picatta with Lemon-Caper Butter
_____ Pan-Seared Salmon with a Maple Ginger Glaze

All entrees served with a house salad or mixed baby greens, dinner rolls, a starch and vegetable. Chef's daily dessert creation will be served with coffee or tea.

Price of meal including tax and gratuity \$40.00

Please return reservation form by May 1, 2014 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
March 13, 2014**

The meeting at the Waterford Library was called to order by President Kerry O'Keefe at 6:45pm. She introduced Judy Liskov, the Assistant Director of the library, who announced upcoming events at the library. The library was co-sponsoring the evening's program.

Following her reading of the Mission Statement Kerry thanked the Hospitality Committee and welcomed visitors. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Finance Chair Claudia Laxar reported the following: Checking Account \$4,956.46, Savings Account \$800.20, Permanent Fund CD\$1,715.63 and Ellen Baird CD \$641.74 for January. The grand total assets are \$8,114.03. Claudia then reported the following for February: Checking Account \$3,621.46, Savings Account \$800.20, Permanent Fund CD \$1,716.21 and Ellen Baird CD \$641.96. The grand total assets are \$6,779.83.

Claudia also reminded members that dues can be paid at any time and a form to sign up for the May Banquet is in the newsletter.

Gale Bradbury announced March 20th as the deadline for the April/May newsletter. She is looking for Business Card Ads to help with printing costs (\$50 a year).

President Kerry O'Keefe presented several dates of upcoming events to consider. She will list these in her President's report next month.

Elizabeth Hume reported that Hospitality was set for April and announced the date and book for the March book group.

President Kerry O'Keefe asked the Scholarship Committee to consider changes in qualifications (terminology) as presented by the UCONN-Avery Point Administrator. They hope to continue a "Return-to-College" person.

Kerry then discussed the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders--NCCWSL. Three Rivers Community College has four women who want to attend and Mitchell College possibly one. We are still deciding how many we can afford to sponsor.

Kerry then presented a slate of officers as following:

- Karen Camlet—Publicity
- Linda Shailor—Recording Secretary
- Edna Gilstad, Gay Clarkson, Mimi Mountain, Jeanne O'Connell, Katherine Shepherd, and Susan White—Program Committee

Kerry thanked Deb Kirby for giving the branch a digital camera and Marlene Oko for volunteering to help Elaine Stattler with the raffle baskets. Marlene requested that members bring in medium to large baskets to the April Meeting to use for the raffles at the May Banquet. Donations of wine or money were still needed.

Kerry also said that she has been working on the entertainment part of our Christmas program.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Patty Clairwood introduced our speaker, Bill Duesing and his topic "Think Globally, Eat Locally".

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Carroll
Recording Secretary

NEW LONDON BRANCH A.A.U.W.: MEMBERSHIP DUES 2014-2015



Dues renewal time is fast approaching. Checks for the coming year are due in by June 30th. An early response would be much appreciated. Why not save postage and bring your renewal check to the April or May meeting.

Types of Membership

Association Member:	National	\$ 49.00	
	State	5.00	
	Branch	16.00	\$ 70.00 _____
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	State	5.00	
	Branch	16.00	\$ 21.00 _____
Honorary Life Member:	50 year member		Exempt _____
Student Member:	(From a CT college/university affiliated with AAUW)		Exempt _____
Dual Member:	Membership through another branch	\$ 16.00	_____
Study Group Guest:	Ineligible for Association membership	\$ 15.00	_____
Book Group Contribution:	(Suggested donation \$10)		\$ _____
Optional Contribution:			\$ _____

(Where would you like the contribution to go ie EF, LAF, local scholarship, etc.)

Please send this entire form with your check made payable to: AAUW New London Branch, C/O Claudia Laxar, 282 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378.

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(To receive News and Views and regular news updates).

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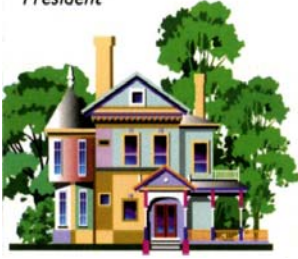
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