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Student Leadership Conference 2014

Thursday, October 9
Waterford Public Library

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

Alycia Ziegler and Diana Mason, two Three Rivers Community College students will report on the National Student Leadership Conference (NCCWSL) held at the University of Maryland in June. Join us to hear these two remarkable students talk about their experience at the conference.

Alycia Ziegler: I would like to first start by saying thank you to AAUW for helping me attend the 2014 NCCWSL conference. It is very important to me to be able to advocate for women among my community and promote gender equality here on my college campus. I am currently a second semester freshman at Three Rivers Community College, where I am the acting President of the feminist group S.A.G.E. here on campus. In addition to this, I am the Governance representative for Student Government, as well as the Walk Chair for The Southeastern Connecticut Walk Now for Autism Speaks. My hope is to bring the

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A Japanese Fighter Pilot Crash Lands on a Small Island

Thursday, November 13
Waterford Public Library

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

Fred Herbert, Regional Historian Emeritus of the Civil Air Patrol, will present an interesting and little known event that occurred after the Pearl Harbor bombardment on December 7, 1941. A Japanese fighter pilot crash-landed his disabled aircraft on a small island where pick up by a submarine was planned. The rescue submarine never arrived and the pilot, utilizing one of the aircraft's machine guns, dominated the people of the island. A local Japanese American whose actions led to the internment of Japanese Americans on the west coast of the United States assisted the pilot. Finally, a Hawaiian cowboy killed the pilot during a courageous attack. Over thirty-five slides are used, including photographs of the Island, the downed aircraft, etc.

Fred retired from Eastern Connecticut State University where he started as the Data Processing Director and retired as an Administrative Dean.

October/November at a Glance

- October 9 Branch Meeting
- October 15 Book Discussion Group
- November 13 Branch Meeting
- November 19 Book Discussion Group
- November 20 News & Views Deadline



Welcome



What a great program Lois Bruinooge, Executive Director of the Last Green Valley, had for us at the September meeting, "Connecting the Drops: Source to the Sea." Her slides of the paddlers on the 'water trails', the rivers of Eastern Connecticut, demonstrated what a wealth of natural beauty we have here. She included information about the volunteer programs that check the health of the water, promote the water trails, conduct outreach programs at the schools, and measure nutrients. She encouraged everyone to be aware of residential water flowing into the storm drains which empty directly into our streams and ponds and eventually into the Sound. Lois also encouraged us to take part in the "Walktober" Program, run by the Last Green Valley organization - a month long series of walks and hikes all over Eastern Connecticut. Information can be found online. Everyone, members and guests alike enjoyed Lois' program.

A few reminders from the meeting: the library is hosting book discussions, movies, lectures and many other events. Schedules are available in the library. Connecticut College will be having a lecture "Women in Politics" on November 1, 2014, from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. The Connecticut Association of Foster and Adoptive Parents are looking for donations of prom dresses, accessories and makeup for their "Avenue of Dreams" program on March 7, 2015.

Finally, this year we will have a "hostess" for each monthly meeting and program. The hostess for October will be Linda Shailor, and the hostess for the November meeting will be Jeanne Coyne. Claudia Laxar will be taking care of the Holiday Lunch in December. Continuing in 2015, it will be Edna Gilstad in January, Gay Clarkson in February, Irene Finkelstein in March and Kathy Shepherd in April. Thanks to everyone for volunteering to help out.

Book Discussion Group



The October book is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. The discussion leaders are Barbara Guerra and Nancy McDonough. The afternoon group will meet at the East Lyme Library at 2 pm and the evening group will meet at 7 pm at the Waterford Library on October 15, 2014.

The November book is *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khalid Hosseini. The discussion leaders are

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular places on November 19, 2014

The December book is *George Washington's Secret Six* by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger. The discussion leaders are Linda Shailor and Elaine Stattler. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on December 17, 2014.

If you do not need a book or you would like to be added to our library list, please call Elizabeth at 442-1411.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

Hospitality

The following members signed up for refreshments October:

- Vinnie Belbruno--Scottish Shortbread
- Cathie Pearson--Fruit
- Karen Camlet--Brownies
- Marlene Oko--Cheese and Crackers
- Jeanne O'Connell--Juice
- Edna Gilstad--Coffee



November:

- Elaine Stattler--Cake or Cookies
- Annabelle Bartsch--Fruit
- Jeanne O'Connell--Cookies
- Brigid Boettcher--Cheese and Crackers
- Elaine Stattler --Juice
- Edna Gilstad--Coffee

I would like to thank everyone at the September meeting who brought paper goods for hospitality.

Elizabeth Hume



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education and information I receive at this conference back to my community to empower other women and encourage them to pursue and accept leadership opportunities.

Diana Mason: I am originally from Russia and lived in an orphanage as the only black child. I was adopted in 2003 at the age of nine. I come from a family that is as diverse as it gets. My mother adopted me and seven other siblings from around the world. Three other children were adopted from Russia, two from Jamaica, and two from U.S. as well as her having two kids of her own. The reason why she adopted all of us is because she believed in giving us better lives and the colors of each person did not bother her at all because she saw more than just a color in each child and that is something very special. I had no education in Russia so when I first came to America I didn't know how to speak English or write, and it took me a while to learn. But, I definitely made it happen! Because as of right now I speak English fluently, write and read pretty well. I am a full time student at Three Rivers Community college and I truly enjoy it. Three Rivers is a great place for students like me. I can learn and do things to make myself and others proud. I love to be active around the campus because it helps me to become a stronger leader and I learn things from students.

I started mentoring in 2011 when I was a junior in High school. I was paired with a child who was blind, and who also had love for art. Being an art major myself, we had an instant connection, and our favorite time together was when we were in art. Working with this child gave me a strong sense of duty to my community. The following year after this experience, I started volunteering at local soup kitchens, helping with after school homework clubs, and I continued to mentor because I enjoyed it a lot. After graduating from Ledyard High school in 2012, I attended Three Rivers Community College. It is there that I really started to come into my own and understand more about mentoring and giving back to the community. I joined the F.E.M.A.L.E.S. Club (Females, Excelling, Maturing, Achieving, Leadership, Excellence and Success), which is a club that encourages to women to become female leaders. I was in the club for a short time when I was elected to my first position as the public relations officer. I had this position from 2012-2013. Then in the 2013-2014 school year I was elected as the Vice President of F.E.M.A.L.E.S. In addition to F.E.M.A.L.E.S., I was elected as the secretary of S.A.G.E., which stands for Students Advocating Gender Equality.

When women are in positions of power within an organization, they serve as strong role models for young girls. Women leaders also play an important

role in making sure that girls feel safe and that their needs are being met. Many coaches, teachers or trainers that are women have spoken to somebody and say that girls feel more comfortable sharing their needs to adults that are women. They are more comfortable talking to the same gender.

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!

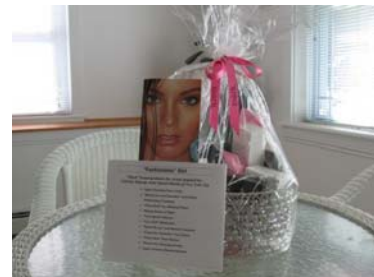
Please consider one item below (or more, if you wish!) that you would be willing to donate. If you choose not to donate wine, we would welcome a \$10 cash donation, which we will use to buy items for the baskets that include food.

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!



Budget Vote

Just a reminder to Board members that we will discuss and vote on the budget for the 2014-2015 year at 6 PM in our meeting room just before the October 9 gathering. Anyone else who took a copy of the budget at our September meeting and wishes to comment on it, please come to this meeting.

Thank you.
Claudia,
Your AAUW Financial Chair

Greek Food Festival

The annual Greek Food Festival will take place November 4-7 11 am to 9 pm daily at St Sophia's Hellenic Orthodox church, 200 Hemstead Street, New London. This popular event features traditional Greek foods and entertainment.



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/>. This festive occasion is sure to get you in the holiday spirit.

Prom Dress, Make-up & Accessory Drive

The Connecticut Association of Foster and Adoptive Parents (CAFAP) is sponsoring Avenue of Dreams 2015 Prom Dress, Makeup and Accessory Drive. Avenue of Dreams is an annual event where 150 foster and adopted teen girls throughout Connecticut receive free prom dresses, shoes & accessories. Plus, the girls get prom inspired makeovers, receiving a photo shoot once the look is complete!



Now up until February 14, 2015 we are conducting the Avenue of Dreams drive. We are collecting items such as new or gently used gowns, makeup, body products, shoes and accessories. We are also seeking service providers from the hair and make-up industries to give makeovers during the event.

For more information about CAFAP visit us online at www.cafap.com. Gay Clarkson has agreed to collect and hold items for the drive. If you have something to donate please contact her at 860-574-9507 or gaywil@cox.net. Let's help make this year's drive a success!



Holiday Luncheon at the Spa at the Norwich Inn Entertainment by Ledyard High School Carolers Saturday December 6, 2014

Name _____ Guest _____

(Please list initials of each person beside the food choice)

Total Enclosed _____

Entrees: _____ Warm Grilled Salmon on a bed of baby vegetables with citrus dill dressing
_____ Chicken francaise with a lemon white wine sauce

All meals include a salad of mixed garden greens with house dressing, chef's choice of starch, vegetables of the season, an assortment of warm rolls and sweet butter and chocolate-raspberry cake for dessert. Coffee, decaffeinated coffee, and assorted teas will be available.

Price of meal including tax and gratuity \$40.00

Please return reservation form by Wednesday, November 26, 2014 with your check payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Claudia Laxar, 282 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378.



**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2014**

The meeting at the Waterford Library was called to order by hostess Gay Clarkson at 6:45 p.m. Following the reading of the Mission Statement, Gay thanked the Hospitality Committee and welcomed visitors. The minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Finance Chair Claudia Laxar reported the following: Checking Account \$4,211.94, Savings Account \$440.24, Permanent Fund CD \$1,719.62, and U. Conn. Baird/Piel Fund \$1,003.35. Grand total assets are \$7,375.15.

Gale Bradbury announced that the deadline for items for News and Views is Thursday, September 18, 2014

The committees of Membership, Publicity, and Cultural Interest had nothing to report.

Kerry O'Keefe reported that Connecticut College will hold a program entitled Elect-Her on Saturday, November 1, 10:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. There will be a workshop to inspire women to get involved in politics.

Avenue of Dreams, a group of foster and adoptive parents, is looking for donations of prom dresses, shoes, and make-up. They are still looking for a place to receive these items.

Elizabeth Hume announced that the book group will meet Wednesday, September 17 at 2:00 pm at the East Lyme Library and 8:00 pm at the Waterford Library.

Waterford librarian, Judy Liskov thanked AAUW for joining the Library in co-hosting tonight's program. She announced some Library upcoming events. Lois Bruinooge, Executive Director of The Last Green Valley, was introduced. Her illustrated talk was about the watershed of northeastern Connecticut and south central Massachusetts.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Shailor
Recording Secretary



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