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Connecting the Drops: Source to the Sea

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2014

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



Place: Waterford Public Library

Lois Bruinooge, Executive Director of The Last Green Valley will speak at the September meeting (rescheduled from last February). Her illustrated talk provides information on the watershed of northeastern CT and south central Massachusetts including a “visual” paddle down rivers, streams, lakes and ponds of The Last Green Valley all the way to Long Island Sound. We’ll explore the water resources of the region and learn how to ensure good water quality for future generations.

Materials about the region as well as visitor guides, maps and paddle guides will be provided.

Ms. Bruinooge has been Deputy ED for the last 8 years. She worked for the Massachusetts Dept. Of Environmental Protection for many years as an enforcement attorney as well as a program manager, including as Director of the DEP Wetlands and Waterways Program for a few years. In addition she worked for a private environmental law firm, plus the Mass. Office of Coastal Zone Management, and a number of universities, teaching environmental law classes.

She has a law degree from Boston College and a biology degree from Tufts University.

September at a Glance

- September 11 Branch Meeting
- September 17 Book Discussion Group
- September 18 News and Views Deadline

Welcome



We look forward to seeing all of you at the opening meeting on September 11th. This, the 97th anniversary of the AAUW New London Ct. Branch founding, promises to be filled with engrossing, educational and entertaining programs; exciting reading and discussion; good company, and always, good deeds in support of the AAUW mission. See you there!

Our branch does not have a President this year and duties will be divided among members. In place of a President's Report a welcome message will be provided in each issue.

A Message from Kerry O'Keefe

Thank you for such a generous gift to the Daniel Packer Inne. Michael and I are most appreciative and are looking forward to a sumptuous meal!

Our May 8, 2014 banquet was (AGAIN!!!!) a marvelous evening of delicious food, charming ambiance, and an engaging Mark Twain. Our profit was \$1,337.37. Many thanks to the 58 members and guests who attended. And of course, the largest portion of our profit is from those 21 SPECTACULAR baskets created by Elaine Stattler and Marlene Oko. THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!! As one of our members noted, "Just when I think these baskets can't get any better, they do!!!"

Because we want everyone to have an EQUAL opportunity to win a basket, we have requested that if you have won a basket, please let others have a chance to win a basket as well.

Due to several requests for meal refunds, it is imperative that members and guests realize that once our meal count is given to the Spa, we are NOT allowed to subtract from that number. No refunds can be given after the reservation deadline that is listed on our reservation form. If a last minute illness forces a cancellation, please make arrangements to have the meal "packaged to go!" The Spa is most happy to accommodate these requests. AAUW is obligated, per our contract with The Spa, to pay for all ordered meals, whether guest are present or absent. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter!

Profits from both banquets directly fund our scholarship programs, Avery Point and NCCWSL. Additional donations to our scholarship funds can also be made throughout the year.

Speaking of NCCWSL, I had the pleasure of meeting the dynamic duo, Alycia Ziegler and Diana Mason that we are sponsoring from Three Rivers Community College. Both women are thrilled at the opportunity we have given them and will share their experience with us at our October meeting! Can't wait!!!!

Kerry O'Keefe

Book Discussion Group



The September book is *Excellent Women* by Barbara Pym. The discussion leaders are Brigid Boettcher and Elaine Stattler. The afternoon group will meet at the East Lyme Library at 2 pm and the evening group will meet at 7 pm on September 17, 2014.

The October book is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. The discussion leaders are Barbara Guerra and Nancy McDonough. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular places 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.

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

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

Hospitality

Board members will bring refreshments for the September meeting. I will send around a signup sheet for the rest of the year then.



Elizabeth Hume

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New London Branch Website
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Our branch maintains a website which includes information about branch activities and more. A list of current officers will be found under the “Officers” tab. The “Calendar” tab includes the full schedule of programs for the year along with the selected books the book group will read. Reservation forms for special events will also be posted here. The “Newsletter” tab includes current and past issues of *News and Views* that can be read online, saved to your computer for later reading or printed out. Under the “Membership” tab you will find information about joining the group along with the latest dues renewal form. Links in the right hand column provide information about upcoming events, state and national websites and updates.

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**Responding to Sexual Assault on Campus:
Why Now?**

Friday, October 3, 2014
Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Anne Hedgepeth is the featured speaker at the Fall CU Conference. Anne Hedgepeth is AAUW's government relations manager. As a part of her advocacy work, Anne establishes relationships with key congressional offices, the presidential administration, coalition partners, and AAUW's network of members and supporters. Anne amplifies AAUW's voice on public policy priorities including paid sick days, paid leave, the Family and Medical Leave Act, career and technical education, workforce training, community colleges, higher education, nontraditional occupations for women, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and the Violence Against Women Act. She also manages the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps, which organizes more than 30 local AAUW members and students who speak out on Capitol Hill weekly. She has a bachelor of arts in economics from Davidson College and a master of public policy from George Mason University.

Senator Blumenthal will also participate. The event will take place Friday, October 3, 2014. Please contact state co - president, Alice Reitz alicereitz@gmail.com if you plan on going.

Elect Her, Campus Leadership training

Jessica Kelly will facilitate “Elect Her” training at Connecticut College on Sat. November 1, 2014, from 10:30 - 3:30. With a background in both women’s issues and higher education student affairs, Jessica Kelly is committed to working with women leaders on college campuses. Jessica currently serves as Program Manager in the Campus Leadership Programs department at the American Association of University Women (AAUW). There she manages Elect Her—Campus Women Win, the only national program that encourages and trains college women to run for student government and beyond, and \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshops.

She completed her M.A. in Higher Education Administration from the George Washington University, her M.A. in Women’s Studies from Southern Connecticut State University, and her B.A. in English from the University of Connecticut.

Before coming to AAUW, Jessica worked for the Women’s Studies Program at Southern Connecticut State University organizing academic conferences and leadership opportunities for students at the university and the surrounding community. Upon moving to Washington, DC, she was Program Coordinator for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center at the George Washington University, where she advised and counseled LGBT students, managed leadership and community-building programs, and facilitated educational workshops on LGBT issues for the greater GW community. For her work in the LGBT Resource Center, Jessica was named Graduate Student of the Year by the division of Student and Academic Support Services, and was awarded the GW Alumni Association Prize from the Graduate School of Education and Human Development.



**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2014**

The meeting at the Waterford Library was called to order by President Kerry O' Keefe at 6:45 pm. She announced that April 8th had been Pay Equity Day and that Pay day candy and buttons were available. Following her reading of the Mission Statement Kerry thanked the Hospitality Committee and welcomed visitors invited by Tish Rabe and Gale Bradbury. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Finance Chair Claudia Laxar reported the following: Checking Account \$3,380.27, Savings Account \$800.21, Permanent Fund CD \$1,716.74 and Ellen Baird CD \$642.15. The grand total assets are \$6,539.37. Claudia also reminded members that dues are payable now.

Gale Bradbury continues to seek \$50 Business Card Ads to help with printing costs of the newsletter and to publicize local business people.

Elizabeth Hume announced June 18th as the Book Group book selection date. It will be held at the Waterford Library at 6:30pm. Finger foods would be appreciated.

Claudia also announced she was collecting checks for the May Banquet and that Jessica Ware, our Scholarship Recipient, planned to attend. The banquet is May 8th and our speaker will be Craig Hotchkiss from the Mark Twain House. Basket raffles to benefit the Scholarship Fund will also be held. The social hour will begin at 5 pm with dinner at 6 pm.

Kerry next introduced Judy Liskov, the Waterford Librarian. She thanked the Library's partnership with AAUW and announced some upcoming events. Judy then introduced Tish Rabe, the evening's speaker.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Carroll
Recording Secretary



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