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The Grotesque Side of Yale University

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2015

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

Place: Waterford Public Library

Mathew M. Duman will highlight a selection of gargoyles & grotesques found on the buildings of Yale University’s campus in New Haven, Ct. Using photographs from his *book An Education in the Grotesque: The Gargoyles of Yale University*, Mathew explores the artistic, historic, architectural & even humorous significance of these decorative sculptures & their role in communicating the identity of Yale University as a place of learning & enlightenment.

Matthew Duman grew up in Bethany, Connecticut. He attended the gargoyle-free campus of Central Connecticut State University but while studying abroad, developed a fascination with the grotesque sculptures of the cathedrals of Britain. Matt currently works as a photographer & graphic designer at the Knights of Columbus headquarters in New Haven. As a personal project, he has explored the variety of sculpture found on the buildings of Yale University and has researched and documented these “new world” grotesques which are right outside our front door.

September at a Glance

- September 10 Branch Meeting
- September 16 Book Discussion Group
- September 17 News and Views Deadline



President's Message



Greetings Branch Sisters,

Welcome back for a new year of working together for the benefit of women and girls, and enjoying special interest group activities.

I am delighted to be your new president and look forward to another year of interesting programs and successful projects.

Please join me in giving a very special welcome to two new members, Diana Krisciunas and Elizabeth Rafferty. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you. As President, I can assure you that you will not regret joining us.

In future columns I will highlight news and information about national programs and what we are accomplishing.

Please do not hesitate to talk to me or other Board members about any ideas or concerns you may have.

Book Discussion Group



The September book is *The Sex Lives of Cannibals* by Maarten Troost. Elaine Stattler and Mary Wassung will be the discussion leaders. The afternoon group will

meet at the East Lyme Library at 2pm and the evening group will meet at the Waterford Library at 7pm on September 16, 2015.

The October book is *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. The discussion leaders will be Brigit Boettcher and Sue White. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on October 21, 2015.

If you do not need a book, please call Elizabeth at (860)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

New Members

Please welcome our two new members to the branch, Diana Krisciunas and Elizabeth Rafferty. Diana lives in New London and has a BA, MA, MSED and IUPA from Indiana University. Elizabeth lives in Mystic and has a BA from Simmons and an MSW from the UConn School of Social Work.

Eastern Connecticut Symphony



The next concert for the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra will be on October 24 at the Garde Arts Center. The program, "Hero's Life" features David Shiffen on clarinet. For more information or to order tickets visit www.ectsymphony.com or call 860-443-2876.

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**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2015**

The meeting at the Waterford Library was called to order by hostess Katharine Shepherd at 6:45 pm by reading of the mission statement. She thanked the hospitality committee for the delicious refreshments. Visitors were Pam Lambot from Mystic and a guest from New York City.

Finance Chair, Claudia Laxar presented her report as follows: Checking Account \$2956.21, Savings Account \$440.26, Permanent Fund \$1,723.62, and Baird/Piel Fund 1,005.78 for a grand total of \$6,125.78. The Baird/Piel Account will be depleted in June 2016 with the next \$1,000 scholarship. Members dues are to be sent to Claudia before June 30th or paid at the May banquet.

Committee Reports

There were no reports from Publicity, News Letter, and Hospitality. Book Group will meet April 15th at 2:00 pm at the East Lyme Library and at 7:00 pm at the Waterford Library. *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline will be discussed. Next year's book selections will be chosen on June 17th, 6:30 pm at the Waterford Library.

Cultural Interests - There is a walk in Norwich every second Saturday of the month. East Lyme Library is sponsoring a bus trip to the Connecticut Historical Society on June 24th for \$60.

Old Business

Edna Gilstad presented the slate of Chantal DeArmitt for President and Kerry O'Keefe for Vice President for program. It was moved that the Secretary cast one vote for the entire slate. So voted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda C. Shailor
Recording Secretary





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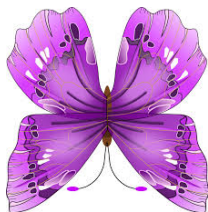
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