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Women in Politics with Susan Bysiewicz

Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2016

(Note different day!)

Time: 6:15 p.m. Refreshments

6:45 p.m. Business Meeting

7:00 p.m. Program

Place: Waterford Public Library



Former Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz will speak on Women in Politics for the first program of the year. (Note that our meeting this month will be on Tuesday.) Secretary Bysiewicz has over 20 years of experience in politics serving in the State House of Representatives from 1992 to 1998 representing the towns of Middletown, Durham, and Middlefield and serving as Secretary of State from 1998 to 2011. While serving as Secretary she transformed the Secretary of State’s Office through the innovative use of technology. As a result, a wealth of public records and other information housed in her office are readily accessible on-line to all Connecticut citizens.

Susan Bysiewicz is a currently a Partner of Pastore & Dailey LLC. She has broad experience in corporate and business law. Her practice focuses on corporate law and finance, banking, commercial transactions, and election law.

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September at a Glance

- September 6 Branch Meeting
- September 21 Book Discussion Group
- September 22 News and Views Deadline



President's Message



Welcome back from our summer break! I hope everyone had a restful, enjoyable time. I am looking forward to this upcoming year. Gay Clarkson has done a wonderful job developing a very exciting program schedule. I am delighted that we are fortunate enough to have a very busy woman, Susan Bysiewicz, our former Secretary of State, to give her fascinating oral and visual presentation on women in political leadership positions in CT and international politics. Susan grew up and lives with her husband and children in Middletown and has always been concerned with women's issues on many fronts throughout her professional career.

Gay and I (mostly Gay!) worked this summer to develop an afternoon fundraiser we hope will succeed. See the enclosed article. We need your help now to secure a dozen or so raffle donations of all types as soon as possible. Please contact Gay with anything of value you are able to obtain or donate to display without *making baskets for this event*. We hope many of you will be able to attend and bring one or two friends with you.

If this event is successful, we hope that it will generate interest in a few of you to join us as an ad hoc group to review the many different fundraisers and approaches used in branches across the country, as described on the national website.

Thank you for supporting us in trying to grow our treasury so that we can expand our community outreach to women and girls in southeastern CT.

Hospitality

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



Elizabeth Hume

Schedule Changes

Please note there will be some changes to our normal meeting times and places this fall.

- September – Tuesday, September 6 at Waterford Library, normal time.
- October – Wednesday, October 12 at Langley's Restaurant in Waterford, 12 noon -3:00 pm.
- December – Saturday, December 3 at the Norwich Inn and Spa, 11:00 am.

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While in law school, Secretary Bysiewicz authored the book *Ella: A Biography of Governor Ella Grasso*, the former Connecticut governor who was also the nation's first woman governor elected in her own right. A native of Middletown where she grew up on a farm and attended public schools, Secretary Bysiewicz continues to reside in Middletown with her husband David Donaldson and their three children. Together, they raise and train Fidelco guide dogs that then provide assistance to people with visual impairments.

Book Discussion Group



The September book is *Easter Island* by Jennifer Vanderbes. Meg Wilhelms and Susan McIntyre will be the discussion leaders. The afternoon group will meet at 2 pm at the East Lyme Library and the evening group will meet at 7 pm at the Waterford Library on September 21, 2016. The September book will not be available in large print or audio form.

The October book is *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Sijie Dai. Elaine Stattler and Elizabeth Hume will be the discussion leaders. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at regular meeting places on October 19, 2016.

For a complete list of books for the year check our branch website at

<http://newlondon-ct.aauw.net/calendar/>.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

October Luncheon Fundraiser

Our October meeting will be a luncheon fundraiser at Langley's Restaurant in Waterford. Master Story Teller, Ann Bay Goddin will tell the tale of Ann Pamela Cunningham, the Woman who Saved Mount Vernon. She will weave the golden threads of Ann Pamela Cunningham's colorful life and that story will be complemented with live models in period antebellum costumes.

Reserve your spot now with the form in this newsletter.

Note: we are looking for centerpieces for the tables. Let Gay Clarkson know if you have something we can use.



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**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2016**

Kerry O'Keefe presided in the absence of Chantal DeArmitt. The meeting opened at 6:45 pm with the reading of the mission statement. Hospitality Committee was thanked. She expressed a welcome to all members and guests. The minutes of the March 17 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account: \$2,834.36, Savings Account: \$947.37, Business CD [previous permanent fund] \$1,730.54 for a grand total \$5,512.27.

Committee Reports

News and Views: Send in your annual dues and your May banquet reservation.

Book Group: Next meeting will be April 20 to discuss *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker. The June book selection meeting will be held on June 15 at 6:30 pm at the Waterford Library.

Scholarships: Jean Coyne, Irene Finkelstein and Ann Carroll met at Avery Point to select a winner of the scholarship. The winner will be a guest at the May banquet.

Cultural Interests: Lyman Allen Museum is sponsoring a trip to the Boston Museum of Art on May 26. The cost is \$90. Reservations needed. Friends of the Slater Museum is having their annual meeting on April 29. The Child and Family Agency is having their sale May 5 through 7. East Lyme Foundation is having a trip to the New Britain Museum of Art on June 23. The cost is \$70 with lunch included.

Old Business: None

New Business: Nominations for the new slate of officers was presented and voted upon. The slate was accepted unanimously. Still needed is person in charge of programs.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda C. Shailor
Recording Secretary

**The Woman Who Saved Mount Vernon
Langley's Restaurant
October 12, 2016 12:00 – 3:00 pm**



Name _____ Guest _____
(Include food choice for all) Total Enclosed _____

Entrees: _____ Marinated Flank Steak
 _____ Salmon
 _____ Chicken with sausage, spinach and gorgonzola cheese
 _____ Vodka Rigatoni (Vegan)

All entrees served with tossed salad, bread, oven roasted red potato, grilled zucchini and squash, dessert and coffee or tea. A cash bar will be available.

Price of meal including tax and gratuity \$35.00

Please return reservation form by October 5, 2016 with your check made payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Katharine Shepherd, 18 Compass Ct., Niantic, CT 06357



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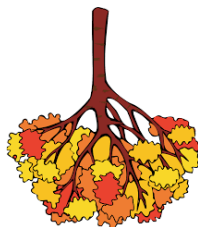
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