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The Woman who Saved Mount Vernon, Ann Pamela Cunningham A Luncheon Fundraiser and Antebellum Fashions

Thursday, October 12
Langley’s Restaurant,
28 Lamphere Rd.
Waterford CT
12:00 – 3:00 pm



The October meeting will be a luncheon fundraiser. Make your reservation today!

Master Story Teller, Ann Bay Goddin will tell the tale of Ann Pamela Cunningham, the Woman who Saved Mount Vernon. Goddin’s career includes tenures as Executive Director of the Smithsonian’s Center for Education & Museum Studies and, more recently, as Vice President for Education at George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate, Museum, Gardens, & Library, and this only scratches the surface. 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. The story begins on a clear night in 1853 as a steamboat pushed north along the Potomac River. As it passed Mount Vernon, one of the passengers stared at the once palatial

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Sonalysts

Thursday, November 10
Waterford Public Library

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

Janet Hinkle will discuss the growth of Sonalysts, the company founded by her parents. Sonalysts, Inc. is an employee-owned professional services business founded in 1973. They provide a wide variety of technical disciplines including musical rehearsal studios, video and film shooting, technical training, modeling and simulation based training, application development and more. Sonalysts provides high-quality products and services on time and within budget. Their multidisciplinary services organization includes approximately 400 engineers; scientists; computer scientists; and publication, media, and training specialists.

The Waterford facility consists of offices, research space, sound stages, video, animation, and audio production facilities, a construction shop and sensor fabrication lab. The campus includes spaces for both public and Government/classified work.

October/November at a Glance

- October 12 Branch Meeting
- October 19 Book Discussion Group
- November 10 Branch Meeting
- November 14 News & Views Deadline
- November 16 Book Discussion Group



President's Message



Greetings Everyone,
We had a terrific speaker in September on barriers for women in politics and business. If anyone did not get national's report that I brought to the meeting, let me know, and I will get one to you. It is also on the national website, and well worth reading.

I hope many of you who can, will attend our monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 12. This meeting will be a luncheon fundraiser at Langley's Restaurant, located on the golf course at 28 Lamphere Rd, from noon - 3 pm (very close to the Waterford Library. Our speaker will present a program about Ann Cunningham, the amazing woman who saved Mt. Vernon and founded one of the first (all women!) organizations to preserve historical sites.

The location and room is beautiful, with an outdoor patio, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and terrific food choices. The meal cost is very reasonable and will net us a profit of \$10.00 per meal. A reservation form is in the newsletter, and is due by October 5. Contact Gay Clarkson for more information.

Also available on the website is the national 2015 annual report, and strategic plan which is a model for developing our own plan for the next few years.

Chantal DeArmitt, M.P.H.

Book Discussion Group



The October book is *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Sijie Dai. The discussion leaders will be Elaine Stattler and Elizabeth Hume.

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 October 19, 2016.

The November book is *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff. The discussion leaders will be Sue White and Mary Wassung. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on November 16, 2016.

The December book is *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci. The discussion leaders will be Nancy McDonough and Linda Shailor. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on December 21, 2016.
Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

Hospitality

The following members signed up for refreshments in November:



- Marlene Oko: cookies
- Kerry O'Keefe: dessert
- Chantal DeArmitt: fruit
- Kim Blake: cheese and crackers
- Irene Finkelstein: Juice
- Mary Ellen Mechalowski: ice tea

Thank you.
Elizabeth Hume

Basket Donations

Our holiday luncheon and basket bonanza are coming soon and your help is needed to make it a success.

Donations are needed to fill the baskets we will raffle at the holiday luncheon. We especially like wine or cash. I am also looking for Tequila and Triplesec to go with items donated for a "Margarita" basket.

This is our organization's biggest fundraiser. The proceeds from the 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
White Zinfandel

Chablis
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!

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home of George Washington in the bright moonlight. The home of our first President, the General who led his fledgling army to victory over the greatest empire in the world, was standing in tatters, roof sagging -- held in place by ship masts, paint peeling, and overgrown with vines and hedges run amok. Louisa Bird Cunningham was appalled and sent a letter to that effect to her 37 year-old daughter Ann Pamela Cunningham stating that "If the men of the country won't save Mount Vernon, the women should."

You won't want to miss the story of this strong-willed belle of South Carolina who set out on a journey never before attempted in the new Republic.

There will be a special drawing for door-prizes.

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.

New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2016

President Chantal DeArmitt opened the meeting at 6:45 pm with the reading of the mission statement. She welcomed Susan Bysiewicz, the guest speaker, and other visitors.

Minutes con't

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Shepherd reported that the Checking Account is \$4,062.13, Savings Account is \$947.47 and the CD is \$1,733.44.

Minutes The April minutes were printed in the News and Views.

Program

Gay Clarkson spoke about the October 12 luncheon meeting to be held at Langley's Restaurant. This is a fund raiser event with \$10 from each meal going to AAUW. Master story teller, Ann Bay Goddin will tell the tale of Ann Pamela Cunningham, the woman who saved Mount Vernon. Live models in period antebellum costumes will be featured.

Cultural Interest No report.

Book Group

September's book is *Easter Island* by Jennifer Vanderbes. The afternoon group will meet at 2:00 pm at the East Lyme Library. The evening group will meet at 7:00 pm at the Waterford Library on September 21.

Hospitality

Elizabeth Hume passed around a sign-up sheet for contributions.

October deadline for News and Views is September 22.

Installation of New Officers

Chantal recognized the new Treasurer, Kathy Shepherd, and the new Program Chair, Gay Clarkson. Membership Chair is still open.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Shailor
Recording Secretary



Holiday Luncheon at the Spa at the Norwich Inn Featuring Flock Theater Saturday December 3, 2016



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
- _____ Penne w/spinach, mushrooms & roasted tomatoes w/olive oil; plated pasta plates do not include starch or vegetables.

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 23, 2016 with your check payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Katharine Shepherd, 18 Compass Ct., Niantic, CT 06357



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