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Holiday Luncheon and Basket Bonanza

Saturday, December 3, 2016
The Spa at Norwich Inn

11:00 a.m. Social
Noon Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Baskets
1:15 p.m. Presentation

This holiday program incorporates stories such as "Molly Ryan's Christmas Eve", Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales", and more. Journey through time to Christmas Past with a group of Flock's most acclaimed actors. The performance also includes a few all-sings, and we ask that you join us in spreading this cheer! Have a wonderful holiday.

Flock Theatre is a non-profit professional theatre company based in New London, CT. They specialize in classical theatre, puppetry, and education and are well known for their long-standing outdoor Summer Shakespeare in the Arboretum at Connecticut College, Burning of Benedict Arnold Festival, shadow puppetry, and HOT schools residencies within CT public schools.

For more information about this event call Gay Clarkson at 860-574-9507.

Lighthouse Vocational Center: Educating Students for Life

Thursday, January 12, 2017
Waterford Public Library

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

Kathy Greene is the founder and director of The Lighthouse Voc-Education Center (AKA The Light House). The Light House was started in 1992 to provide community based functional academics and life skills for children and adults with disabilities, with the mission "to educate and prepare for life". The agency has created two state approved special education schools for ages 7-21 and a Transition Academy for middle and high school age students identified with high functioning autism, both located in Niantic. The Light House also provides a day and extended day program for adults identified with developmental disabilities. It is located in the Groton Shopping Plaza. The non-profit business has 64 employees and is known for its creativity, out of the box thinking and collaborative programs.

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December/January at a Glance

- December 3 Branch Meeting
- December 21 Book Discussion Group
- January 12 Branch Meeting
- January 18 Book Discussion Group
- January 26 News & Views Deadline



President's Message



Holiday Greetings to All!
I hope your Thanksgiving gathering with family and friends provided a welcome respite from the last few contentious and distressing weeks of the election cycle.

But now we must become engaged in holding the new administration's feet to the fire. Below are excerpts from the latest AAUW Action Network email from Lisa M. Maatz, Vice-president of Government Relations and Advocacy:

"The election may be over, but AAUW's work is just beginning. The Trump administration and 115th Congress have the potential to raise serious threats to AAUW priority issues...I know AAUW members will be up to the challenge...our voice is needed now more than ever..."

Using the network's Two Minute Activist is a powerful vehicle for reaching elected officials and policy makers at every level-- local, state, and federal. Our members and supporters sent over 65,000 messages to state and federal legislators this year, but more will be needed in the coming months forward..."

Please contact the national office to become a subscriber to the AAUW Action Network, if you have not already done so.

On a happier note, I look forward to our holiday celebration and basket bonanza, and wish you a healthy, joyful Christmas and fruitful New Year. We have some wonderful programs coming up, and I hope we can engage in a hands-on community project this year and into the next.

Chantal DeArmitt, M.P.H.

Book Discussion Group



The December book is *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci. Nancy McDonough and Linda Shailor 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 December 21, 2016.

The January book is *The Dream Lover* by Elizabeth Berg. Gay Clarkson and Irene Finkelstein will be the discussion leaders. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on January 18, 2017.

Copies of our discussion books are available at the Waterford Library.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

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Kathy is a lifelong Connecticut resident. She was raised in Old Saybrook, graduated from UCONN and has lived in Stonington for 33 years. She has a 20 year old that attends Three Rivers College. Her home has two St. Bernard dogs and two cats.

Hospitality

The following members signed up for refreshments January:



- Brigid Boettcher--cheese and crackers
- Karen Camlet--fruit
- Meg Wilhelms--brownies or cookies
- Kathy Greene—cookies
- Edna Gilstad--coffee
- Claudia Laxar--juice

Thank you, Elizabeth Hume

25 Gifts for Fearless Feminists in 2016

Can't figure out what to get your favorite feminists this holiday season? Check out this handy cheat sheet for everyone on your list, from toddlers to second-wavers at <http://www.aauw.org/2016/11/14/gifts-for-fearless-feminists/>.



This year's guide has been updated to make your gift-finding mission even easier. They've expanded their scope to include all ages, and every product is gender neutral, so don't forget about the boys, parents, and grandparents on your list. And if you're on a budget, don't fret: Most of this year's 25 picks are \$25 or less!

The 2016 guide includes some of last year's most popular categories, plus a few new favorites:

- Defies Stereotypes
- Teaches Empathy
- Promotes Professional and Leadership Development
- Makes a Charitable Impact
- Encourages Self-Care — **new!**
- Honors Women's History — **new!**
- Required Reading — **new!**
- Feminist Swag — **new!**

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Membership Directory

Chantal is in the process of updating the AAUW membership directory for this year. Please review your information in last year's directory and if there are any changes let Chantal know by December 9.

If you are a new member and your information was not in the directory last year please send Chantal (chantal.dearmitt@gmail.com) the following information by December 9:

Name
Phone number
College(s) attended
Address
Email
Other information you wish to have included

New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes November 10, 2016

President Chantal DeArmitt opened the meeting at 6:45 pm with the reading of the mission statement. She welcomed Nancy Butler as a guest.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Shepherd reported that the Checking Account is \$5343.33, Savings Account \$1104.42, and CD \$1,734.59 for a grand total \$8,282.34. The October luncheon brought in about \$800 from the lunches and \$600 from the raffle, totaling \$1400.

Program

Gay Clarkson announced that the Christmas luncheon will be held at the Norwich Inn with the Flock Theatre as entertainment.

Hospitality

Elizabeth Hume said that she was all set for January.

Book Group

This month's book is *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershaff. 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 November 16. Kerry O'Keefe said she would bring those donations for the holiday baskets brought in tonight to Elaine. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Shailor
Recording Secretary





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