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**“AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education and research. AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.”**

### Holiday Luncheon Featuring Patty Carver with a Holiday Cabaret

Saturday, December 2, 2017  
Langley's Restaurant  
12 noon – 3:00 pm



The December meeting of our branch will feature holiday music with professional singer and actress Patty Carver. Her musical repertoire is sure to get you into the holiday spirit. Patty has performed in New York, Los Angeles and London and has been seen across the country in Regional, Stock and Dinner Theatre doing a lot of Musical Theatre. Her favorites include, *The Sound of Music*, *South Pacific*, *7 Brides for 7 Brothers*, *Oklahoma*, *Damn Yankees* and *They're Playing Our Song*, just to name a few! Patty has sung in clubs and cabarets in New York City and along the East Coast. Patty is co-founder and Artistic Director of the professional national touring company Connecticut Children's Theatre. She has written over 40 original musicals for young audiences which have been produced and performed for over one million children through national tours and New York productions. Her

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### Preserving Plum Island

Thursday, January 11  
Waterford Public Library

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

The January meeting will feature a program on Plum Island. Chris Cryder, Special Projects Coordinator for Save the Sound, will tell us about the island, the efforts being made to preserve it, and the progress (if any) taking place.



Plum Island, located in eastern Long Island Sound, has been the home of the nation's foreign animal disease center for more than 60 years. It also is home to several endangered species and unique habitats. The future of these species and habitats are in question with the potential sale of the island to private investors. While strides have been made to preserve the island, its future is still in doubt.

### December/January at a Glance

- December 2 Holiday Luncheon with Patty Carver
- December 20 Book Discussion Group
- January 11 Branch Meeting
- January 17 Book Discussion Group
- January 18 News & Views Deadline



## President's Message



Holiday Greetings to All,

It's hard to believe this special time of year is upon us already, but I welcome it as a respite from the awful events of 2017, and a time to hope for a more positive 2018. I look forward to sharing our holiday program with all of you who are able to attend. It will undoubtedly be a great event.

There is a lot going on with AAUW. To more fully engage our branch, I hope you are regularly consulting the website to learn what other branches across the country are doing to promote the mission and to increase, diversify and retain membership, and raise funds.

Political activism is more important than ever to counteract the administration's bold attacks on the welfare of women and girls. The national website provides information on ways to make our voices heard at the national, state and local levels. Many branches are making plans to hold voter registration drives in their communities at various locations, working with their registrars of voters or their local or state League of Women Voters. I think it would a great community project for our branch to plan such a citizen outreach. We have community colleges, at least, as places to think about for 2018.

Chantal

## Book Discussion Group



The December book will be *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Brigid Boettcher and Meg Wilhelms are the discussion

leaders. The Afternoon group will meet at 2pm at the East Lyme Library and the Evening group will meet at 7pm at the Waterford Library on December 20, 2017.

The January book will be *A House Without Windows* by Nadia Hashimi. Kim Blake and Irene Finkelstein are the discussion leaders. The Afternoon and Evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on January 17, 2018.



## Hospitality

The following members signed up for refreshments in January:

- Elaine Stattler--cheese and crackers
- Jeanne O'Connell--juice
- Brigid Boettcher
- Edna Gilstad--coffee
- Susan White
- Elizabeth Hume--baked good

Thank you to everyone who signed up.

Elizabeth Hume

## Holiday Gift Guide for Girls: 2017 Edition

Can't figure out what to get your favorite girls this holiday season?



AAUW's Holiday Gift Guide for Girls has you covered. For the sixth year in a row they've created a list of gifts that empower girls to believe in themselves, defy stereotypes, be creative, and dream big! (Check out AAUW's gift guides at <https://www.aauw.org/2017/11/22/holiday-gift-guide-for-girls-2017-edition/> for ideas!) Read on to find gifts for activists, scientists, and change makers at every age and at every stage of their trailblazing careers.

If you're purchasing any of their gift recommendations through Amazon, [don't forget to set AAUW as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile](#). A portion of revenue from eligible purchases will be donated to AAUW at no extra cost to you!

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 musicals have featured the talents of great performers such as Bea Arthur, Jack Klugman, Marla Gibbs, Ernest Borgnine and Brigitte Bardot.

Patty enjoys traveling and performing her many award-winning and critically acclaimed one woman musicals. Shows include *This Old Hat: Famous Women of American History*, Volumes I, II, & III, *Mother Nature's Quest* and the *...In Concert* series in theatres, schools, libraries and community centers throughout New England and up and down the East Coast.



**New London Branch AAUW  
 Meeting Minutes  
 November 10, 2017**

President Chantal DeArmitt opened the meeting at 6:55 pm with the reading of the AAUW mission statement. She asked for committee reports.

Book Group

This month's book is the *Light in the Ruins* by Chris Bohjalian. The afternoon group will meet at 2:00 pm at the East Lyme Library and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm at the Waterford Library on November 15.

Hospitality

Elizabeth passed a sign-up sheet for monthly refreshments.

The December meeting will be the holiday luncheon at Langley,s Restaurant.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account: \$4,344.80, Savings Account:\$1,104.53, CD:\$1,741.54 for a grand total of \$7,190.87.

News Letters will not be mailed from now on due to the prohibited cost.

Ann Carroll noted corrections to our booklet. The holiday luncheon will start at 12:00 pm and the speaker's name is Patty Carver.



Respectfully Submitted,  
 Linda Shailor  
 Recording Secretary



**Holiday Luncheon at Langley's Restaurant  
 Featuring Patty Carver with a Holiday Cabaret  
 Saturday December 2, 2017**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please list initials of each person beside the food choice)

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Entrees: \_\_\_\_\_ Broiled Salmon

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Piccata

All meals include a house salad, oven roasted potato, and parmesan crusted cauliflower, rolls, butter, coffee, tea, soda and strawberry shortcake

Price of meal including gratuity \$40.00

Please return reservation form by Wednesday, November 24, 2017 with your check payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Katharine Shepherd, 18 Compass Ct., Niantic, CT 06357



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