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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.”**

### The Life of Harriet Allyn

Thursday, April 12, 2018  
Waterford Public Library

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



Join us this month to hear New London Historian Sally Ryan tell us about the life of Harriet Allyn. Harriet Upson Allyn was born on March 2, 1840. In

1889, Harriet Upson Allyn married a cousin, James Allyn, a successful Montville farmer and member of the Connecticut State Legislature. Harriet's older brother John passed away in 1893, at which point Harriet asked her widowed sister-in-law, Lucretia to join her and live at the 613 Williams Street residence. Harriet's marriage to James produced no children and James passed away in March 1898. Until Harriet's health began to decline in the 1920s, she and Lucretia would travel broadly frequently vacationing in New York and Florida.

Harriet continued to retain ownership of the house until her death in 1927. The Deshon-Allyn House and its contents were left to Lucretia, but not for long. At the time of Lucretia's

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### Masked Mardi Gras Ball

Thursday, May 10, 2018  
Norwich Inn and Spa

4:45 - 5:30 P.M. Social time  
5:30 - 5:45 P.M. Meeting  
5:45 - 8:00 P.M. Dinner/Program

We have a special event planned this year for the May Banquet. Please join us at a Masked Mardi Gras Ball followed by an imaginary trip to the New Orleans mansion of the DuPre family.

There, we will join the family and other local guests for the annual Krewe du Midas masked Mardi Gras dinner. This participatory Murder Mystery will take place during the dinner. As “guests” arrive and are assembled, an actor will provide a background of your character.

The DuPre family is looking forward to our arrival. Regrettably, Monsieur Pierre DuPre will not be able to join us as he has been detained, “permanently detained”!

Beads and a Mask are encouraged. (AAUW will provide beads if needed)



Cash Bar and Basket Drawings!

### April/May at a glance at a Glance

- April 12 Branch Meeting
- April 18 Book Discussion Group
- May 10 Branch Meeting
- May 16 Book Discussion Group
- June 13 Book Selection meeting
- August 23 News & Views Deadline



## President's Message



Recent news from National: National dues for 2018-2019 are increasing \$10.00, the first increase in a decade. This was voted on and approved at the 2017 national convention. Please see the web site for more information about why this is deemed necessary.

As an accredited non-governmental organization, AAUW was invited to and is participating in the annual UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held March 12-23-2018, open to all branch members and interested others. Information about attending this very important conference was posted on the AAUW web site some time ago. The conference provides U.S. and international women with an opportunity to learn about efforts to improve women's lives in the United States and around the world and to meet women engaged in these efforts, and learn how branch members can become engaged in these efforts. It is not required to attend all the conference days, but even one day is worth a trip to NYC. In addition to the UN sessions, there are other parallel events organized by NGOs and foreign missions from around the world. This year AAUW's parallel event on March 16 focused on strategies for participation in and access of women to media, information and communication technologies to increase equity and empowerment of women and girls. Perhaps a few of us can go for at least a day next year. The food is fabulous at the UN delegates' dining room!

I have attended several of these impressive conferences, and regret I could not do so this year because my extended recovering from pneumonia. I have always left these conferences informed and inspired. As a former state AAUW board officer, and branch officer/member for many years in Greater Middletown, I have been committed to engagement with community-based activities, collaborating with other like-minded local and state-wide organizations, and legislative advocacy to promote AAUW public policy goals at all levels of government. Many projects and tools to guide us are on the national web site, and consultation is always available

Finally, in this era of many political attacks on women in many areas, it is my hope that our branch will consider holding a forum with local legislators and a voter registration drive at the colleges, and/or elsewhere, working with the League of Women Voters.

Your president, Chantal DeArmitt

## Book Discussion Group



The April book is *The Orphan's Tale* by Pam Jenoff. The discussion leaders will be Barbara Guerra and Nancy McDonough. This is a change in our original selection. The

afternoon group will meet at the East Lyme Library at 2 pm and the evening group will meet at the Waterford Library at 7 pm on April 18, 2018.

Due to the cancellation of the March meeting because of the weather, we plan to set aside a little time to discuss *The Wright Brothers*. This most likely will be at the evening meeting.

The May book is *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. The discussion leaders are still to be determined. We hope to do *The Nightingale* next year. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular places on May 16, 2018.

The June book selection meeting will be on June 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Waterford Library. As usual, refreshments will be served. Whether you have a book or not, everyone is welcome! This meeting will be the second Wednesday instead of the third.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

## Hospitality

The following members signed up for refreshments April

- Deb Kirby
- Elizabeth Hume
- Anna Mae Burr
- Gloria Pontious
- Ann Carroll
- Edna Gilstad(coffee)



Thank you to everyone who brought refreshments this year.

Elizabeth Hume

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**New London Branch AAUW  
Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2018**

Gay Clarkson, presiding in the absence of President Chantal DeArmitt, opened the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account: \$4,211.10, Savings Account, \$1,104.53, CD \$1,741.10 for a grand total \$7,057.17.

Gale Bradbury announced that the dead line for the newsletter will be next month.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks.

The actors for the murder mystery will meet 2:20 pm February 13 at the Thames Club.

Book Group

The book group will discuss *That Woman* by Anne Sebba. The afternoon group will meet February 21 at the East Lyme Library at 2:00 pm and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm at the Waterford Library. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Shailor

**Scholarship Winners**

The Scholarship Committee, including Irene Finkelstein, Jeanne Coyne & Ann Carroll selected two students to receive our branch scholarships this year. Elise Sperry and Sally Gallagher, students at Three Rivers Community College will each receive a \$500 scholarship towards their education. Both girls have been invited to join us at the May Banquet and say a few words.

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death in 1931, all of the inheritance Lucretia retained from Harriet was entrusted to Connecticut College for Women. The house was then purchased by the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company for the person use and residence of the museum's first director, Winslow Ames and his wife, Anna.

Sally Ryan is the historian for the Town of New London. Previously she was a fourth grade teacher in New London for 30 years. She became town historian in the 1980's and since then has taught local history at New London Adult and Continuing Education and currently teaches it at the Public Library of New London both in the spring and the fall. In her retirement Sally has been a docent at the Hempstead House and Lyman Allyn Art Museum.

**Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2018**

There was no formal business meeting as AAUW celebrated Women's Day with a Sanskrit fashion show at the Public Library of New London.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account: \$4051.10, Savings Account: \$1104.56, CD: \$1743.89, for a grand total of \$6899.55.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda C. Shailor

**Basket Drawings!**

**Masked Mardi Gras Ball  
The Spa at Norwich Inn  
May 10, 2018**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

(Include food choice for all) Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Entrees: \_\_\_\_\_ Honey Lavender Salmon on Jasmine Rice Pilaf & Green Beans Almondine  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Picatta, Duchess-Chive Potatoes, Asparagus bundle  
\_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Vegetable Primavera, Penne Pasta with Seasonal Vegetables, Garlic & Fresh Herbs

All entrees served with a garden salad, dinner rolls, a starch and vegetable. Chef's daily dessert creation will be served with coffee or tea.

Price of meal including tax and gratuity \$40.00

Please return reservation form by Saturday, April 28, 2018 with your check made payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Gay Clarkson, 24 Giovanni Drive, Waterford, CT 06385

**NEW LONDON BRANCH A.A.U.W.  
MEMBERSHIP DUES 2018-2019**



Dues renewal time is fast approaching. Checks for the coming year are due in by June 30th. An early response would be much appreciated.

**Types of Membership**

<b>Association Member:</b>	National	\$ 59.00	
	State	10.00	
	Branch	16.00	\$ 85.00 _____
<b>Association Life Member:</b>	National	\$0.00	
	State	10.00	
	Branch	16.00	\$ 26.00 _____
<b>Honorary Life Member:</b>	50 year member		Exempt _____
<b>Student Member:</b>	(From a CT college/university affiliated with AAUW)		Exempt _____
<b>Dual Member:</b>	Membership through another branch		\$ 16.00 _____
<b>Study Group Guest:</b>	Ineligible for Association membership		\$ 15.00 _____
<b>Book Group Contribution:</b>	(Suggested donation \$10)		\$ _____
<b>Optional Contribution:</b>			\$ _____

(Where would you like the contribution to go ie EF, LAF, local scholarship, etc.)

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Please send this entire form with your check made payable to: AAUW New London Branch, C/O Katharine Shepherd, 18 Compass Ct, Niantic CT 06357

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EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(To receive News and Views and regular news updates).

College(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s) received \_\_\_\_\_

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American Association of University Women cordially invites you to a  
Masked Mardi Gras Ball  
at Norwich Inn & Spa on May 10th starting at 4:45 pm

followed by an imaginary trip to the  
New Orleans mansion of the DuPre family.  
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Part 1: **Spa Garden Salad**

Part 2: **Honey Lavender Salmon on Jasmine Rice Pilaf & Green Beans**

**Almondine**

**Or Chicken Piccata, Dutchess-Chive Potatoes, Asparagus bundles**

**Or Roasted Vegetable Primavera, Penne Pasta with Seasonal**

**Vegetables, Garlic, Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Fresh Herbs**

**Warm rolls and whipped butter**

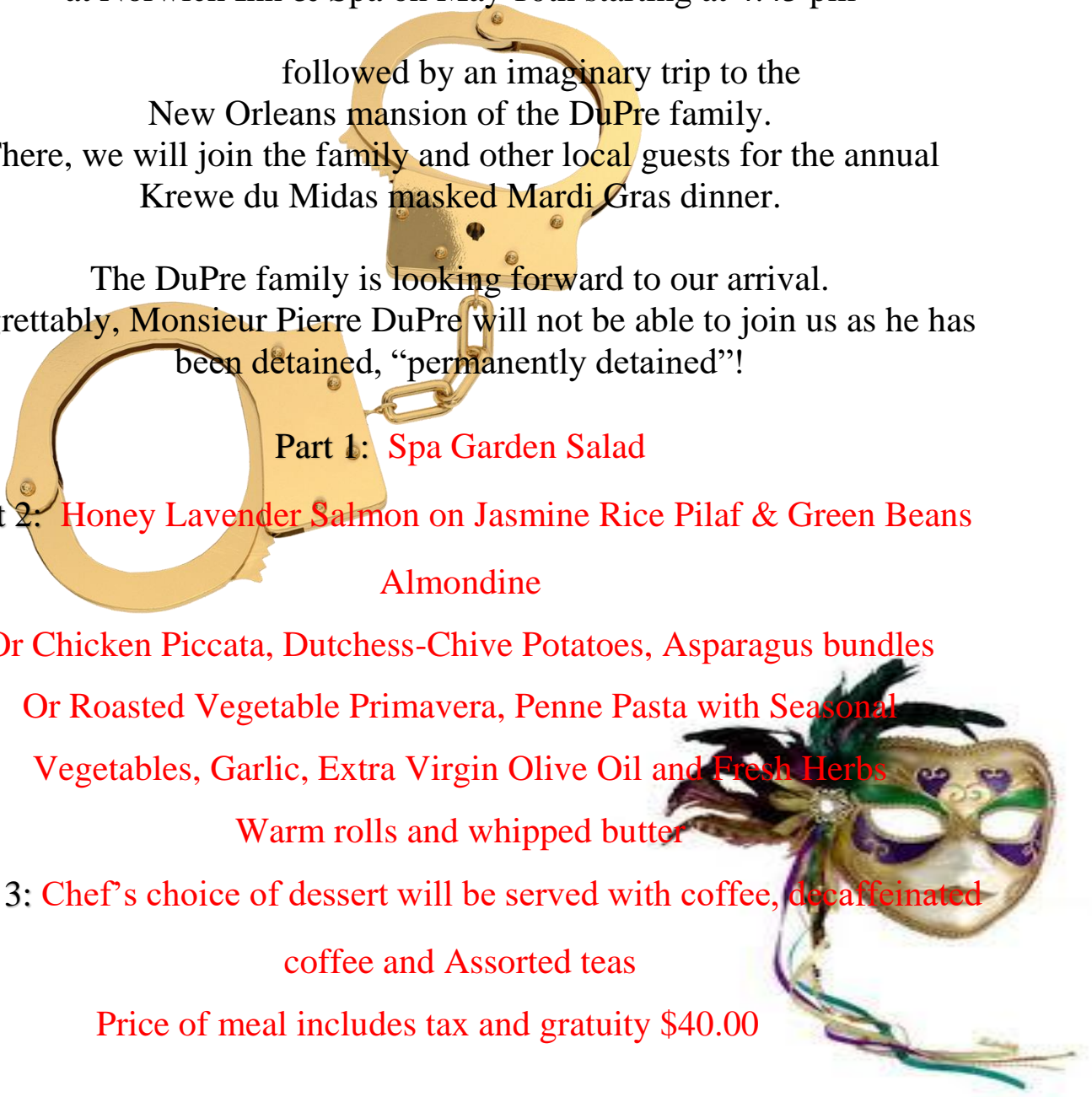
Part 3: **Chef’s choice of dessert will be served with coffee, decaffeinated**

**coffee and Assorted teas**

**Price of meal includes tax and gratuity \$40.00**

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