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Native American Tales with Morning Star

Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m. Program

Place: Public Library of New London

Note - Change of venue for this month

Join us for the first meeting of the year with Sister Bette-Jean Coderre, (AKA Morning Star). Mohegan tribal member storyteller and author, Morning Star, will share her tales and Native American lore.

Bette-Jean Coderre, CSJ (Morning Star) was born in Pawtucket, RI and was educated in the public schools there. She holds a BA from Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee, Massachusetts and a MAT from St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont. For twenty-six years, she taught junior high school students at St. Patrick's School in Massachusetts. Then, for fourteen years, she worked as an assistant in the Mohegan Library and also as a teller of tales in the Mohegan Out-Reach Program. She is the author of the book, *Teddy's Tail, the Wit and Wisdom of an F.O. T. (Fat Orange Tabby)*

Our meeting this month will be in the conference room of the Public Library of New London. There will be a brief business meeting and refreshments before the program.

September at a Glance

- September 13 Branch Meeting
- September 12 Book Discussion Group
- September 20 News and Views Deadline



President's Message



Did you know that AAUW has been empowering women since 1881?

Welcome back from what I hope was a fabulous summer. I am looking forward to a fantastic 2018-19 year as your new President. The summer potluck at our home was attended by 17 members, the food was delicious, and plans were made for our upcoming programs for 2018-19. I'm looking forward to working with our newly elected Board Members. These ladies are Kim Blake, Membership Vice President, Linda Shailor, Recording Secretary, and Jeanne O'Connell, Treasurer. We are also fortunate to have Gale Bradbury, Newsletter Editor and Elizabeth Hume at the helm of our book club. Thanks to Kathy Shepherd, our retiring Treasurer who has done an amazing job at keeping up with our funds.

On April 14th, I attended AAUW's State Conference at the University of New Haven (Orange Campus) where I was privileged to meet active ladies from other Connecticut branches. We were welcomed by Karen Grava, State President. The morning speaker was Susan Campbell, Pulitzer-prize Winning Journalist and Columnist whose topic was "Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History: Get Up, Stand Up." Susan's lecture was well received by all. (You should have received a copy of the lecture via email from Gale Bradbury. If you did not, please let me know.)

There were two Workshops in mid-morning: "Recruitment and Retention of New Members to Your Local AAUW Affiliate", presented by Julia Horne, President, Danbury Branch. The second workshop "Be an Activist in Your Living Room", was presented by Lobbyist Kate Robinson, Gallo and Robinson Government Relations, Advocates for the Non-Profit Community. I chose Julia's workshop regarding membership. The Danbury Branch has several ideas involving recruiting student and community affiliates who would pay \$20.00 annual membership dues. They were contacting National regarding their plans. So far I have heard nothing.

Ann Nyberg, Anchor for WTNH-TV was the afternoon speaker, and her topic was "Hey Good Ole Boy's Club: Your Bylaws Are Being Rewritten." Ann is a wonderfully enlightening speaker, and her main message was Be Happy You're Still Vertical. I plan to attend other conferences, and I would welcome company from our membership.

Good news is that we have two new members: Kathy Greene, former Director of the Lighthouse for Vocational and Educational Learning and Cate Steel, a well-known Speech Pathologist in the area.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the second Thursday of each month at our general meetings. Our September 13th meeting will feature Native American Storyteller, Sister Betty Jean, and we will meet in the downstairs conference room of the New London Library at 7:00pm. All other meetings will be held at the Waterford Library.

Best,
Gay

Hospitality

We will have cold drinks and light refreshments at the New London Library in September. I will call a few members to bring something and send around a sign-up sheet for the rest of the year.

Elizabeth Hume

Book Discussion Group



The September book is *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. Sue White and Elizabeth Hume 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 12, 2018. Please remember that the September meeting will be on the second Wednesday instead of the third.

The October book is *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. Ann Carroll and Kathy Shepherd will be the discussion leaders. The Afternoon and Evening groups will meet at their regular places and times on October 17, 2018.

Books are usually available about a month before the meeting date at the Waterford Library.

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

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Schedule Changes

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

- September – Thursday, September 13 at the Public Library of New London 7:00 pm.
- December – Saturday, December 8 at the Thames Club in New London, 11:00 am.
- May – Thursday, May 10 at Langley’s in Waterford.

Branch Officer’s for 2018

The following members were elected for a two year term of office beginning with the 2018-2019 year. There is a still a need for a Program VP and a corresponding secretary.

President	Gay Clarkson
Program VP	Vacant
Membership VP	Kim Blake
Corresponding Secretary	Vacant
Recording Secretary	Linda Shailor
Financial Chair	Jeanne O’Connell

**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2018**

In the absence of President Chantal De Armitt, Gay Clarkson opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. She asked Edna Gilstad to read the report of the Nominating Committee. Nominees are: President, Gay Clarkson, Membership Vice President, Kim Blake, Treasurer, Jeanne O’Connell, Recording Secretary, Linda Shailor. She asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she closed the nominations. The membership voted to accept the entire slate.

Treasurer’s Report

Checking Account: \$2,781.10, Savings Account: \$1,104.58, CD: \$1,744.42 for a grand total of \$5,630.10.

Gay read a letter from scholarship recipient Elise Sperry thanking AAUW for her \$500 scholarship.

Gay is looking for additional baskets to be raffled at the May banquet.

The book groups will be meeting at their usual time and place.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Shailor

**Photos from the Masked Mardi Gras Ball
May 2018**



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