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Lakota Life on the Reservation

Thursday, February 14, 2019
Waterford Public Library

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



Martha Bradshaw will speak to us in February about her experience working on the Lakota reservation in South Dakota. She describes the experience as extraordinary. “Learning more about the history of the Lakota tribe and the significant challenges that the people face, caused me to change my whole approach as I prepared to work with the children in the day camp. Our days were long and hard with work projects in the morning and summer day camp in the afternoon.”

She will be sharing with you some of the hopes and challenges that dominate the life of the Lakota people on the Reservation. 2019 will offer another opportunity for her to work with the Lakota people.

Mrs. Bradshaw is a graduate of Eastern CT State University with a degree in early childhood education. She taught 4th grade at Pine Point School and after completing Montessori training she founded A Child’s Garden Montessori in 1983, retiring in
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Ann Shapiro

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The March meeting will feature Ann Shapiro who will tell us about the International Storytelling Center and the National Storytelling Festival. Ann and her husband Tom Callinan, have been featured tellers at the Festival and tellers in residence at the Storytelling Center, both in Jonesborough, Tennessee. Ann is an award winning musician and storyteller who brings the folk traditions of music and storytelling together. Her story telling repertoire includes multicultural folk tales and personal stories with a touch of humor centered on family characters and adventures. Her delivery of American folk songs encourages audience participation and includes songs about immigration, historical happenings, environmental concerns, work songs, and songs to sing around the campfire.

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President's Message



Dear Ladies,
Happy New Year to all! I was very pleased with our January speaker Dr. Terrlyn L. Curry Avery's lecture,

Do You Really Want What You Say You Want?
Thanks to Cate Steel, our Program Vice President, for inviting Dr. Avery to be our speaker. I also attended the afternoon Book Discussion Group at East Lyme Library. The book of the month was *The Soul of An Octopus*, written by Sy Montgomery. I was amazed to learn about the consciousness of octopuses and their extraordinary habits. Linda Shailor and Kim Blake were excellent moderators.

Good news!!! Our NCCWSL applicant, Sierra Jennings, has been awarded the Branch Grant Application; she will be awarded \$250 from AAUW-CT. Our branch will provide the remaining \$250. Sierra will attend the conference Leadership for Today and Tomorrow, being held May 29-June 1, 2019 at the University of Maryland in College Park. Congratulations Sierra.

After receiving the welcome news about Sierra's award and thinking about the status of women in leadership, I opened the AAUW National website. I was not surprised to find *New AAUW Report Reveals the Barriers and Bias That Limit Women Leaders and Society*. This report dated March 29, 2018 documents why women are still woefully underrepresented in top leadership positions. As an aside, I just finished reading Michelle Obama's book *Becoming*. In the book Michelle recalls an evening when Barak was extremely quiet. When she asked him what he was thinking about, his response was "gender inequality." The AAUW report demonstrates how that gender leadership gap limits both women and our society and details real solutions for lawmakers, businesses, and everyday Americans.

Barriers and Bias offers an in-depth and expansive set of findings and recommendations for policy makers, industry leaders, and individuals. (1) For lawmakers, the report outlines ways to promote equity and diversity at the local and national levels and demonstrates why closing the gender leadership gap is good for both the country and lawmakers' constituents at home. (2) For businesses, the report details both the bottom-line and cultural implications of losing opportunities to the gender leadership gap, while offering a set of recommendations that range from blind resume reviews and flexible schedules to evidence-based

diversity training. (3) For individuals, this report shows how closing the gender leadership gap supports a healthier work-life balance and illustrates the effects of the leadership gap on women from diverse backgrounds.

The bad news? AAUW's initial findings reveal that, on average, most people have a negative bias toward women in leadership. The good news? *Barriers and Bias* provides real steps to confront those biases—and the barriers standing in the way of women leaders and society as a whole.

I look forward to seeing you at our February 14th meeting, and most of all stay warm!!

Best, Gay

Book Discussion Group



The February book is *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent. Elizabeth Hume and Nancy McDonough 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 February 20, 2019.

The March book is *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance. Brigid Boettcher and Meg Wilhelms will be the discussion leaders. The Afternoon and Evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on March 20, 2019. The library was unable to get our original selection for March (*Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan). We can defer that selection to next year. Likewise, our May book, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, is unavailable. *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly will be our May book.

Books are usually available on the day of our discussion (for the next month) at the Waterford Library.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

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2001. She has been active in Noank Baptist Church, the Stonington Rotary Club and the ECSO. As an avid traveler Mrs. Bradshaw has visited 70 countries on 7 continents. She lives in North Stonington with John, her husband of 51 years.

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Ann was honored to receive the National Storytelling Network's Oracle Award in 2005 for leadership in the Northeast. She received the Barbara Reed Award for significant contributions to the CT Storytelling community from the CT Storytelling Center in 2008 and received the Ruth Hill and Brother Blue Award in recognition of extraordinary commitment, dedication and loving encouragement to the New England storytelling community at the "Sharing the Fire" Northeast Storytelling Conference in Nashua, NH in 2009.

Hospitality

The following members signed up for refreshments in February:



- Ann Carroll---cheese and crackers
- Karen Camlet--fruit
- Jeanne O'Connell--juice
- Kathy Greene--cookies
- Elizabeth Hume--cookies
- Edna Gilstad--coffee

March

- Kim Blake---cheese and crackers
- Kathy Shepherd
- Gloria Pontious---cookies
- Ann Carroll
- Elizabeth Hume---cookies
- Edna ---coffee

Thank you to everyone who signed up.
Elizabeth Hume

December Fundraiser

Thanks so much to all of you who attended and supported our December luncheon at The Thames Club. Including both the Baskets and the Silent Auction we netted a little over \$700. This will help a great deal in our ability to award future scholarships.

Kathy Shepherd

**New London Branch AAUW
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2019**

The meeting opened at 6:35 pm with President Gay Clarkson welcoming members and guests. She stressed the need for new members. She asked for ideas to attract new people. Cate Steele suggested that the speaker could accept the stipend or have the stipend applied towards a membership. Gale Bradbury suggested that a newsletter be sent to our guests. These ideas were tabled to the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account: \$4,331.07, Savings Account: \$1,104.65, CD: \$1,749.69 for a grand total \$7,184.41.

An application has been sent to the state AAUW for a \$250 scholarship for a NCCWSL delegate to attend the leadership conference. If this is not approved, the New London branch would be responsible for the total of \$500.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda C. Shailor



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