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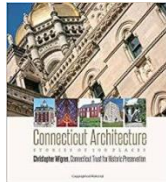
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**“AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education and research. AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting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

### Christopher Wigren – Connecticut Architecture

Thursday, October 10  
Waterford Public Library

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



Connecticut boasts some of the oldest and most distinctive architecture in New England, from Colonial churches and Modernist houses to refurbished nineteenth-century factories. Christopher Wigren, Deputy Director of the CT Trust for Historic Preservation, has brought together 30 years of fieldwork and research.

Much of his work deals with New London County, which is of interest to all of us and which we can see "from the road". Mr. Wigren's presentation will cover "people's efforts to make what they build beautiful" along with the "practical or technical aspects" of building and design. This should be an informative and engrossing presentation. Bring a friend!

### Be Prepared, Not Scared

Thursday, November 14  
Waterford Public Library

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

Kris Magnussen will talk about the natural and manmade hazards that affect our area, what the plans are and what each person can do to be prepared in the event of a disaster, bio-terrorism or pandemic. She will also discuss how the AAUW can assist in a public health emergency.



An RN for over 46 years, Kris brings a diverse background of trauma and critical care, including gerontology and infection prevention. She has run clinics on a Saudi Arabian military base and worked in Norway. She is currently the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Communicable Disease Prevention Supervisor at Ledge Light Health District. She is responsible for writing plans and developing exercises to ensure that Ledge Light Health District and the surrounding region can respond and recover from public health emergencies.

### October/November at a Glance

- October 10 Branch Meeting
- October 16 Book Discussion Group
- November 14 Branch Meeting
- November 20 Book Discussion Group
- November 21 News & Views Deadline



## President's Message



Dear Ladies,  
Last night's meeting was absolutely fabulous. Jean Scialabba brought us up to date regarding Days For Girls

International, a nonprofit with 200,000 volunteers sewing and snapping sanitary kits in the United States. I think everyone who attended the meeting was mesmerized as Jean explained what Days For Girls does in countries around the world where girls and women are unaware of sanitary products. I came away with the message that we can be thankful organizations of this type exist. I was also proud of Kathy Hume, a new AAUW member, who is a local volunteer for DFG.

On another note, I received the following article dated September 11, 2019, yesterday from AAUW National, asking for Immediate Release to members. The article is entitled AAUW Reacts To EEOC Announcement On Pay Data Collection.

Kim Churches, CEO of the American Association of University Women issued this statement in response to today's announcement by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) of its intent to stop collecting pay data from employers after meeting the court-ordered requirement that it do so this year.

It is enormously disappointing but sadly unsurprising, to learn the EEOC plans to stop collecting data that could help shed light on pay discrimination. Coming on the heels of yesterday's U.S. Census data report showing the gender pay gap remains unchanged, this calls into question the Trump Administration's commitment to pay equity for women—as well as to the economic security for American families. We need to do more, not less, to close the gender pay gap and this data collection was a significant step in the right direction. AAUW will be watching the EEOC to see that the data currently required gets properly collected and sufficiently analyzed. And we will do everything we can to try to reverse this action to ensure the EEOC stays true to the mission of creating a fair and equitable workplace for all.”

Another article that interested me from the AAUW website dealt with Soccer And Salaries: The U.S. Women's National Team Fights For Equity. This roundup of recent articles highlights the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team's fight for fair pay in the wake of their World Cup Victory. The

following excerpt appeared in the *New York Times* in July 2019:

Or, in some cases, for doing even more work, The USWNT has been the best in the world for decades. According to a lawsuit filed by the team in March, in recent years they have played more games than the men's team, earned larger viewing audiences, and generated a greater share of profits and revenue for the U.S. Soccer Federation. The women have now won World Cup titles and four Olympic titles. Yet in some cases, they earn just 38% of men's pay per game.

*The Guardian* writes:

“They're not alone in being underpaid. AAUW research shows that, on average, women working full time are paid 80%



of what their male counterparts make—a figure that has changed by less than a nickel during the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” *The Atlantic* and CNBC both report similar facts, and *The Guardian* ends its article by writing: “This is why AAUW is committed to achieving gender pay equity by advocating for state and federal equal pay laws like the Paycheck Fairness Act working with employers to ensure fair workplace practices and teaching women to negotiate for more money.” I have quoted enough. I can only hope our younger AAUW Sisters can soon achieve the recognition and the equal pay they truly deserve.

I look forward to our Meetup at 11:30am on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Café Sol. Brigid Boettcher has arranged a fascinating program for October 10<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Waterford Library when Christopher Wigren will discuss CT architecture. November's meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> will feature Kris Magnusson whose topic is Emergency Preparedness for Infectious Diseases, Hurricanes, Pandemics and Ebola.

Best, Gay

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## Book Discussion Group

The October book is *Salt Houses* by Hala Alayan. Brigid Boettcher and Meg Wilhelms will be the discussion leaders. The Afternoon group will meet at the East Lyme Library at 2 pm and the Evening group will meet at 7 pm at the Waterford Library on October 16, 2019.

The November book is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. Gay Clarkson and Nancy McDonough will be the discussion leaders. The Afternoon and Evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on November 20, 2019.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

## Hospitality

The following members signed up for refreshments.



### October

- Linda Shailor---cheese and crackers
- Edna Gilstad---coffee
- Brigid Boettcher----baked good
- Elizabeth Hume---baked good

### November

- Kim Blake----cheese and crackers
- Edna Gilstad--coffee
- Gale Bradbury---brownies
- Elizabeth Hume ---baked good

Thank you to everyone who signed up.

Elizabeth Hume

## Holiday Luncheon

Although it is only October our holiday luncheon will be here before we know it. Reserve your spot now with the form below. Complete information about the program will be in the December newsletter and on our website at <http://newlondon-ct.aauw.net/>. This festive occasion is sure to get you in the holiday spirit.

### New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes September 12, 2019

The meeting opened at 6:45 p.m. with President Gay Clarkson welcoming all members and visitors.

Treasurer's Report.

There was no report as the Treasurer is out of the country.

Nominating Committee

It was moved by Gale Bradbury and seconded by Kim Blake to nominate Kathy Hume Program Vice President. The motion passed.

Gale announced that The Well Healed Woman program will be held Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Rita Moreno will be the featured guest.

Elizabeth Hume passed a sign-up sheet for refreshments.

Gale announced that the deadline for the October-November newsletter is September 19<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shailor, Recording Secretary



## Holiday Luncheon at Langleys Featuring Flock Theater Saturday December 7, 2019



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

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Price of meal including tax and gratuity \$40.00

Entrees: \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon with rice pilaf and green beans  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Piccata with roasted potatoes and green beans  
\_\_\_\_\_ Succulent Short Ribs in gravy with mushrooms and mascarpone cheese, served over penne  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Dish available

All meals include a salad of mixed garden greens with house dressing, rolls and butter, dessert, Coffee, and tea. There will also be a cash bar.

Please return reservation form by Wednesday, November 29, 2019 with your check payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Jeanne O'Connell, 6 Lantern Lane, Niantic, CT 06357

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