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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.”

Emma Palzere-Rae as Victoria Woodhull

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom

Note: The Zoom information for all branch meetings will be found on Page 3



America's Victoria

Emma Palzere-Rae is a playwright, actor, director, producer and non-profit administrator. She will present a one-woman show exploring the life of Victoria Woodhull, the woman who ran for

President of the United States in 1872, through a contemporary lens. The Woodhull Project was selected to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

In the play, Woodhull appears today wondering if she has left any legacy. She explores the question of how we can make a better world, what she would think about the state of women's rights and social issues today.

Emma Palzere-Rae has appeared in regional, stock, and off-Broadway theater as well as film, television and radio.

A graduate of Emerson College, she is currently the Associate Director of Artreach, Inc. which provides arts programs to adults living with mental illnesses.

Keeping the Lights on for Ike

Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

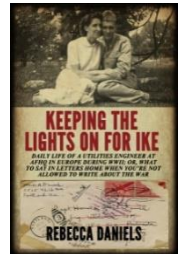
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Author, Rebecca Daniels, MFA, PhD, will discuss her WWII-era book which is based on correspondence from a support soldier working in a European combat zone in the 1940s. The book follows her father, Captain

Harold Alec Daniels through his various overseas assignments in England, North Africa, and Italy, as well as reflections on the war once he was home in Oregon.

Dr. Daniels taught performance, writing, and speaking in liberal arts universities for over 25 years, including St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY, from 1992-2015. She was the founding producing director of Artists Repertory Theatre in Portland, OR, and directed with many professional Portland theatre companies in the 1980s. She is the author of the groundbreaking *Women Stage Directors Speak* and has been published in multiple professional theatre journals. In 2015, she retired from teaching and moved to the Pioneer Valley in western Massachusetts where, in 2018, she completed the manuscript for *Keeping the Lights on for Ike*.



December/January at a Glance

- December 10 Branch Meeting
- December 15 Book Discussion Group
- January 14 Branch Meeting
- January 19 Book Discussion Group
- January 21 News & Views Deadline



President's Message



Dear Ladies,
HAPPY THANKSGIVING! I hope you and your families are able to spend the holiday together. We had invited Father Dennis and Father Bob, two local

Priests, to our home, but because of the Pandemic, Father Dennis will pick up the dishes we prepare and deliver the food to the Rectory. We will miss them. I have just told you about our plans, and I am hopeful you have interesting stories to tell. I think Gale would love to have you share your stories for future newsletters. Any other Pandemic tales are invited!

Unfortunately, Will and I cannot be with my kids in Oregon & Oklahoma respectively. We do ZOOM with them every Sunday, and we always have some very interesting chats, discussing what's has been happening "politically" in Oregon (a blue state) and Oklahoma (a red state.) You must imagine, there were very differing views (just not the way you might expect)! Speaking locally, I was fascinated by Cate Steele's virtual presentation at our November 12th Branch meeting. Cate's discussion of her life and her trip along the campaign trip was very inspiring. One of Cate's desires along her trip was "she wanted to make a difference in her constituent's lives." I have known Cate for four years, and I'm confident Cate achieved her Goal. We asked Cate about her favorite charities; our Branch donated \$25.00 to CARE & SHARE in her honor.

On October 15th, Lynn Fairfield-Sonn spoke virtually about the services the Red Cross provides. Some disasters that the Red Cross can help with are hurricanes, earthquakes and other acts of nature we might not be ready for. I hope none of these acts strike our community, but be aware that the Red Cross can help.

In previous newsletters, I have focused on issues from AAUW National. An article about the Connecticut Collective for Women and Girls, published by the CT Women's Education and Legal Fund asks "Why is the Collective important to advance women and girls?" Many organizations in the State of CT are doing critical work to transform the lives of women and girls everywhere but too often these organizations operate independently. The CCWG expands our strength as a collective force. It builds on participant's individual assets with a community network of organizations that uplift and amplify each other's work. The very act of coming together in this way increases each organization's impact to advance rights and opportunities for women and girls in Connecticut.



What is the purpose of the collective?

The Collective for Women and Girls is a collaborative of organizations committed to the advancement of women and girls, including those who are transgender and non-binary, in the State of CT. The Collective is a network that brings participating organizations together to highlight and amplify their work while drawing on the collective power of collaboration and working together.

Who is involved? Collective participants are organizations with expertise in fields such as girls' leadership, entrepreneurship, violence against women, reproductive care, civic engagement and more. They have a shared commitment to advance the rights and opportunities for women and girls in CT.

Participating members include AAUW CT, CT NOW, and League of Women Voters. From this list of contributors, it is my belief that a donation to one of these organizations will benefit the Collective.

I'm looking forward to Zooming with you on December 10th when we welcome Emma Palzere Rae who will portray Victoria Woodhall, an early feminist with a great story. I'm wondering if it's too early to wish you a Merry Christmas.

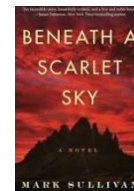
Best, Gay

Book Discussion Group



The book group will meet on Zoom on the third Tuesday of the month. The Zoom login information will be found on Page 3. The information is the same for all sessions through May of 2021.

The December book will be *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan. Members who live in East Lyme or Niantic should request the book from the East Lyme Library and pick it up there. Waterford and New London members should be able to get their books at the Waterford Library. We will meet on Zoom December 15, 2020 at 3:30 pm.



The January book will be *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. Books will available at the Waterford Library. The Zoom meeting will be on January 19, 2021.

Elizabeth Hume

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Topic: AAUW Chapter Meetings

Every month on the Second Thursday, until May 13, 2021, 6 occurrence(s)

Time: Dec 10, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time
Jan 14, 2021 07:00 PM
Feb 11, 2021 07:00 PM
Mar 11, 2021 07:00 PM
Apr 8, 2021 07:00 PM
May 13, 2021 07:00 PM

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