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Traveling to EPIC Destinations with Glenn Carberry

Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m. Meeting
7:30 p.m. Program

Place: Zoom

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



Glenn Carberry of Norwich will present a virtual lecture and slide show for our April meeting. Attorney Carberry will share his experiences traveling in more than 60 countries and visiting

numerous World Heritage sites and other destinations around the globe. He will also discuss his book *Epic Destinations: Exploring the World's Marvels*, published in 2017. A copy of the book will be available for free to everyone who attends the program.

Glenn Carberry was educated at the Norwich Free Academy, Gettysburg College, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. At the age of 20, he interned in the United States Senate and developed a lifelong interest in government and world affairs. Since then, he has worked as an attorney with the international law firm of Hogan Lovells in Washington, and served as the managing partner of the New London, Connecticut

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Black Bears in Connecticut Rescheduled

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m. Meeting
7:30 p.m. Program

Place: Zoom

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Join Master Wildlife Conservationist Ginny Apple as she talks about black bears, focusing on the natural history of black bears in Connecticut, an overview of black bear habitat, diet, behavior, reproduction and current research efforts. She also provides practical recommendations for optimum co-existence with our black bear population. Black bear artifacts are shared with the audience.

Through the years she has hiked, climbed, kayaked, skied and poked her way through the outdoors and developed a passion for all things natural.

A move to the middle of the woods in Barkhamsted over 15 years ago brought her into an environment filled with bears and other wildlife. Living in a house surrounded by Peoples State Forest, she observes a large population of Black Bears and supplies field notes and photographs on them to DEEP bear biologists.

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April/May and beyond at a Glance

- April 8 Branch Meeting
- April 17 Book Discussion Group
- May 13 Branch Meeting
- May 15 Book Discussion Group
- June 12 End of Year Banquet
- August 15 News & Views Deadline



February 19 AAUW State Leadership Meeting

The meeting began with introductions and branch updates. Leading the meeting was Nana Amos from the CT AAUW. A representative told us that Bridgeport branch is celebrating their 90th anniversary this year and asked if any other state branch is that old. I shared some activities of the New London Branch meetings via ZOOM and the fact that our most recent book discussion on *The Rise of the Rocket Girls* was especially timely with the landing of Perseverance on Mars on 2/18/2021. I mentioned that response to the informal poll taken on February 11 regarding the proposed change to the National Bylaws regarding the lack of degree requirement was largely negative; members expressed concern that the group would now be just another women's club. Other groups mentioned their activities, including branch bylaws reviews and programs with speakers. Some were actively recruiting new members via social media. Some speakers told of a Diversity Brunch, organized with local partners, including NAACP, noting that avoiding the silos we find ourselves in can encourage the increased communication needed today.

Edwina Martin from the National AAUW strongly advocated for the bylaws change that the national organization is recommending, largely for the purpose of inclusion. She encouraged members to read the Strategic Plan on the AAUW website. [Strategic Plan 2.0 – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881](#)

She also encouraged the state organization to schedule a town hall meeting for sharing opinions about the proposed by-laws change as well as to air other concerns. She noted that by opening up the membership we would be living up to our motto of empowering women and that Eleanor Roosevelt, a strong advocate for women's rights, did not attend college. In whatever way each branch develops its by-laws, the document must generally agree with the bylaws of both the state and the national organization.

When one member suggested that discussion in a wider meeting should include how the organization and branches might change the name it was mentioned that the last time this transformation was proposed there was less buy-in than needed to pass the new membership requirement and that this still might be the case. Others suggested the need to focus on membership recruitment and that better advertising might be required to make more young women aware of the organization. This aspect of the website was mentioned for review:

[Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Toolkit – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881](#)

One of the two interns present at the meeting shared that the group would promote March 8 as International Women's Day; these interns were eager to assist groups with social media needs, either by attending branch meetings or by providing workshops. Before leaving the meeting, it was noted that the Carol Vorostock scholarship, intended to support women of color, had been recently awarded to two CCSU students. As she adjourned the meeting, Nana spoke of setting up the town hall meeting for the already scheduled group meeting date of March 19, from 10 am to 12 pm, with a business meeting to be included during some of this time period.

For the New London AAUW Branch,
Kim Blake

Book Discussion Group

The April book is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. We will meet on zoom on Tuesday, April 20 at 3:30 pm.

The May book is *Educated* by Tara Westover. The zoom meeting will be Tuesday, May 18 at 3:30 pm

Books are available at the Waterford library which is open. We will talk at the March meeting about June and beyond.

Elizabeth Hume

Branch Member News

Gay Clarkson is now recovering at home. She recently took a fall and broke her pelvis.

I received a note from a former longtime member, Mary Murai who has moved to Oregon. Her new address is 440 NW Hillside Parkway # M27, McMinnville, OR 97128. She sends her best wishes to all.

Thank you to all who have sent in donations for our scholarship fund in memory of Ann DeRosa. Our meetings and Book Discussions were the highlight of each month for her. She was an avid reader and she looked forward to our meetings each month.

Her family knew how much AAUW meant to Ann and in her obituary requested donations to our scholarship fund instead of flowers.

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law firm of Tobin, Carberry, O'Malley, Riley & Selinger, P.C.

He developed a special interest in travel over the years and spent long hours planning family trips and studying the history and cultures of the various places he visited. In 2017, he published the travel book "EPIC Destinations" which reports on some of his most interesting experiences over the past 15 years traveling to more than 60 countries and visiting numerous World Heritage sites and other epic destinations around the globe. It is dedicated to his wife Kimberly, his son Christopher, and his daughter Caroline who have shared and supported many of these adventures. The book has been distributed to local schools and libraries to encourage fellow travelers and especially young people in exploring the world around us.

Join Zoom Meetings

AAUW New London Branch Meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86309732171>

Meeting ID: 863 0973 2171
One tap mobile
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Dial by your location
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 863 0973 2171

AAUW Book Discussions

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82629331922>

Meeting ID: 826 2933 1922
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Her affinity for this magnificent creature led her out west to participate in a Grizzly research mission in Montana and to become a Master Wildlife Conservationist with the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

She is a member of the Barkhamsted Conservation and Economic Development Commissions, on the Boards of the Farmington River Watershed Association, the Friends of American Legion and Peoples State Forests (FALPS), the Friends of Connecticut State Parks and volunteers regularly with the Barkhamsted Historical Society (BHS) and maintains the Town's Facebook page as well as that of FALPS and BHS. Just to keep her creative juices percolating, she has a side business, *Murder Without Pain*, where she writes murder mystery games based on historical subjects and runs them at country inns, corporate parties and fundraisers.

Scholarship recipients

Our branch recently awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to the following UConn students. Lizzette Perez from Groton is a freshman undergraduate at UConn majoring in Latino studies. She has been a mentor in the STEPS program (Striving Towards Empowered Personal Success), a member of the Hearing Youth Voices group and Vice-President of the Humanitarian Club.

Tareonna Ager-Rodriguez is also a freshman at UConn majoring in accounting. She is currently Vice President of the UConn ALPFA chapter and held many leadership roles in high school including class Secretary and Vice President. She was an American Ambassador for a summer Chinese Exchange Program and a teacher's Assistant for an Algebra II honors course.

Congratulations Lizzette and Tareonna. We will invite them to join us in June at our end of year luncheon.

Membership Dues Renewal

It will soon be time to renew your dues for next year and we need to decide if we want to continue as a branch. We will make this an agenda item for our next meeting. A renewal form is included in this newsletter and is also available on the branch website at <https://newlondon-ct.aauw.net/files/2021/03/Duesrenewal21-22.pdf>. Dues for next year should be paid by June 30, 2021.

**New London Branch AAUW
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2021**

Gale Bradbury opened the zoom meeting at 7:12 pm. A discussion followed as to whether the National AAUW Organization should accept for membership those who do not have a college degree. The majority of the members attending this meeting did not like the idea of accepting those without a degree. The AAUW web site will be contacted to express the branch's opinion.

Dr. Richard Benfield has been rescheduled to speak at the March 11th meeting. His program is to be about gardens.

Att. Glen Carberry is scheduled to speak at our April meeting. His talk will be about his experience as a volunteer with UNESCO.

Ginny Apple, who was scheduled to speak tonight about bears, had a program conflict. Hopefully she will present her program at a later date.

There was some discussion if holding our closing meeting at a restaurant would be safe. It was suggested that a luncheon in early June sounded safe. June 12th would be appropriate. The scholarship recipients would be invited.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda C. Shailor

**New London Branch AAUW
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021**

Following the March program, Gale Bradbury opened the meeting stating that the News and Views deadline for the April-May edition would be March 18.

Kathy Shepherd said that Gay Clarkson is still in the rehab center and probably would be there for six weeks.

Gale would like to discuss future plans for our branch at the next meeting. She suggested that future meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. with the program following at 7:30 p.m.

The May banquet has been planned for June 12 with a luncheon at Langleys.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda C. Shailor

End of Year Luncheon



Let's get together in June and celebrate the end of a difficult year. We will have a luncheon at Langley's on Saturday, June 12 at noon. They will seat us outdoors on

the patio. Instead of a basket raffle this year our branch will accept donations at the door for the scholarship fund. We will not have a program but can celebrate being together. Reserve your spot with the form below.

**End of Year Luncheon at Langley's Country Club
Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Noon**

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

Total Enclosed _____

- Entrees: _____ Chicken Marsala with oven roasted Red Potato & Seasonal Grilled Vegetables
 _____ Salmon with Oven Roasted Red Potato & Seasonal Grilled Vegetables
 _____ Braised Short ribs with Oven Roasted Red Potato & Seasonal Grilled Vegetables
 _____ Vegetarian meal available upon request

All meals include a house tossed salad Coffee, tea and dessert. Cash bar available.
 Price of meal including tax and gratuity \$40.00

Please return reservation form by Monday, June 7, 2021 with your check payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Jeanne O'Connell, 6 Lantern Lane, Niantic, CT 06357.



**NEW LONDON BRANCH AAUW
MEMBERSHIP DUES 2021-2022**



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

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

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

Please send this entire form with your check made payable to: AAUW New London Branch, C/O Jeanne O'Connell, 6 Lantern Lane, Niantic, CT 06357.

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