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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.”

Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 4, 2021
Langley’s Country Club

12:00 Noon

Join us in December for our traditional holiday lunch at Langley’s. The date is coming quickly so please call Jeanne O’Connell at 860-739-9374 and leave a message ASAP if you can attend with your meal choice followed with a check. A reservation form is included in this newsletter.

We are trying to build our membership in the branch. This is a good time to invite a friend or neighbor to attend with you and introduce them to the work of AAUW.

At a vote this fall the members decided not to have a basket raffle at the luncheon. Instead we will pass a collection basket and ask for donations to the scholarship fund. We will plan on a basket raffle at the spring luncheon.



By Millie Devine

Thursday, January 13, 2022
Waterford Public Library

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

Our meeting in January will feature Millie Devine discussing her memoir. My Memoir covers my life’s experiences. It is full of intrigue and circumstance: the Boston Strangler, part of a tour group missing its cruise ship, or winning a trip for two on the Orient Express. In it, I talk about rising through the ranks in the male-dominated business world, which included having to deal with male-only social clubs. It is designed to be inspirational to our youth to assure them they can dream big, and to also bring those dreams to life. As former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt once said: “No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”



It was important for me to share the history of what was happening in the 1970s & 1980s, and why we created the Southeastern Connecticut Women’s Network and the Women’s Center of SECT now known as Safe Futures, Inc. The proceeds of this book will go to that organization in order to help them carry out

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December/January at a Glance

- December 4 Holiday Luncheon
- December Book Discussion Group
- January 13 Branch Meeting
- January Book Discussion Group
- January 20 News & Views Deadline



**AAUW State Leadership Meeting
November 12, 2021**

The meeting began with introductions and branch updates. Leading the meeting was Judith Slisz, Consultant/Evaluator for Higher Education Assessment and STEM Projects from the CT AAUW. Information from individual branches was shared; most groups were having the same issues with attendance that the NL branch was experiencing. I shared some activities of the New London Branch meetings via ZOOM and now in person. Other groups mentioned their activities, including groups for hiking and playing mah-jongg. One group discussed the idea of partnering with local organizations for scholarships, for example a local hospital when awarding a nursing grant. Another person mentioned that hybrid meetings might be a way to reach those reluctant to meet in person or to come out at night.

Deborah deHertogh, has been appointed as the CT liaison to the National AAUW on policy issues and would like to coordinate with branches about their individual policy issues as well as any connections with state and national representatives. She also spoke about the 2-minute activist program [Two-Minute Activist – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881](#). A suggestion was made that we include something about policy in our branch newsletters and to also make sure that these newsletters are forwarded to the state person in charge of the CT AAUW website. Julia ???, who has had a successful mentoring relationship with a young woman, offered to have her mentee speak to our group in December in order to facilitate a statewide mentoring program for college women.

A woman from the Lower CT Valley group suggested we offer scholarships to newly arriving refugees, perhaps going through Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS) or Start Fresh, a local refugee re-settlement organization [Start Fresh | New London CT | Refugee Resettlement \(startfreshct.org\)](#).

Discussion of having a single book discussed by all branches was cut somewhat short by the need to adjourn the meeting; the topic may be revisited at a future date.

For the New London AAUW Branch,
Kim Blake

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their vital mission: providing services to women, children, and men who are dealing with bullying, strangulation, and physical abuse.

Millie received a Bachelor of Arts with honors in Business Administration from Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa. She is a graduate of the National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. She was a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (CTFA) and an Accredited Estate Planner® (AEP®).

She worked for the Trust & Investment Group of Shawmut Bank (now Bank of America) in various capacities for 32 years, retiring as Vice President in January, 1997. During her career she administered four private foundations for about twenty years. Millie had her own business, Devine Planning 1997-2012; During that time, she also worked as a trust officer for Dime Bank, 2007-17.

Millie has always been involved in civic and professional organizations, having served as President of the Estate and Tax Planning Council of Eastern Connecticut and numerous other professional and social services boards. She is a Paul Harris Fellow with sapphire awards, and a past president of the New London Rotary Club. She is also the founder, past president, and still a member of the Southeastern Connecticut Women's Network. Millie currently volunteers with Safe Futures, Inc., is Treasurer of the Thames Club, and at her church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Hospitality

The following people signed up to bring refreshments for the following meetings.

January:

Kim Blake	cheese and crackers
Jeanne O'Connell	juice
Edna Gilstad	coffee
Elizabeth Hume	cookies

I will send the sign-up sheet or call for the months of February, March, and April.

Elizabeth Hume

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Book Discussion Group



The December book is *The Honey Bus* by Meredith May. Nancy McDonough will be the discussion leader. The book group will on December 15, 2021 at the Waterford Library from 2-4 pm in the afternoon.

The January book is *Body Surfing* by Anita Shreve. Linda Shailor will be the discussion leader. We will meet on January 19, 2022 at the usual time and place.

Pick up and drop off your books every month at the Waterford Library.

Elizabeth Hume

**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2021**

At 6:45 pm Gale Bradbury opened the meeting announcing that the November meeting will take place a week earlier due to Veterans Day holiday landing on our usual meeting date.

Book Group: Elizabeth Hume stated that the book group will meet on October 20 and November 17 at 2:00 pm in the Waterford Library.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Shailor

**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2021**

Gale Bradbury opened the meeting at 6:45 pm. She announced that the next meeting will be the luncheon meeting at Langleys on December 4. The January meeting will feature Mildred Devine as our guest speaker.

Book Group

Elizabeth Hume passes around a refreshment signup sheet. On November 17 at 2:00 pm. *Isaac's Storm* will be discussed.

Treasurer's Report

At present we have a small amount in our treasury for scholarships and an operating budget to cover programs, insurance and other costs. A jar will be passed around at the December luncheon, proceeds will go to scholarships.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Shailor

**Holiday Luncheon at Langley's Country Club
Saturday, December 4, 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, November 29, 2021 with your check payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Jeanne O'Connell, 6 Lantern Lane, Niantic, CT 06357.

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