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Helping Kids Learn How to Love to Read

Thursday, April 14, 2022
Waterford Public Library

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



Join us for the April meeting with Tish Rabe. Tish is a Wall Street Journal bestselling children's book author who has written over 170 books for Sesame Street, Disney, Dr. Seuss, PBS

Kids and many more. In 2020 she founded Tish Rabe Books in Mystic, Connecticut, an independent children's publishing company with 27,000 books sold in the first year. Her book "Sweet Dreams Ahead Time for Bed" was written in partnership with Pajama Program, a national nonprofit that provides free pajamas and storybooks to children facing adversity. "Days Can Be Sunny for Bunnies and Money" was written with a financial planning company and helps children learn how to earn, save, spend and give.

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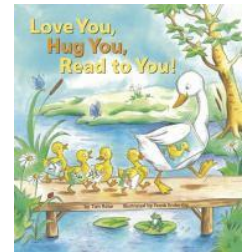
May Banquet

Saturday, May 14, 2022
Langley's
28 Lamphere Road
Waterford, CT
12:00 Noon

Celebrate with us as we complete another year of the New London Branch of AAUW. Join us for lunch at Langley's and catch up with fellow AAUW members.

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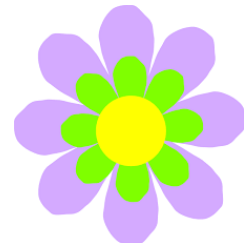
Tish is a mom, stepmom and grandmother and knows firsthand the importance of encouraging kids to read. She will be raffling off five free copies of her books.



Her books will also be available for purchase with cash, check or credit cards. All books are \$10 or less. To learn more go to tishrabe.com

April/May and beyond at a Glance

- April 14 Branch Meeting
- April 20 Book Discussion Group
- May 14 Branch Meeting
- May 18 Book Discussion Group
- June 15 Book selection meeting
- August 19 News & Views Deadline





Book Discussion Group

The April book is *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict. Barbara Guerra will be the discussion leader. The book group will meet on April 20, 2022 at the Waterford Library from 2-4 pm in the afternoon.

For May we will read *The Monk of Mokha* by Dave Eggers. Brigid Boettcher will be the discussion leader. We will meet at our usual time and place on May 18, 2022.

We will meet on June 15, 2022 at the Waterford library from 2-4 pm to choose books for next year. More details will follow at the April and May meetings.

Elizabeth Hume

Hospitality

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

April:

- Baked Goods Elizabeth Hume
- Coffee Edna Gilstad

I am looking for a volunteer to bring cheese and crackers

Thank you to all the members who brought refreshments this year.

Elizabeth Hume



Branch survey questions

As we approach the end of another year for the New London Branch of AAUW we need to decide what we want to do going forward. We are slowly emerging from a pandemic that has left many of us reluctant to socialize in large or even medium sized groups. We met on Zoom for a year during the beginning of the pandemic. Zoom allowed us to socialize with each other without meeting in person but the technology was difficult for many of you. This past year we started to meet in person again. A program committee met and planned programs for the year. Programs included several interesting topics including Influencing the World for Women with Nancy Butler, The Cycle of Life with Gerlinde Lehner, Remembering the Ladies with Jeffery O'Leary and more. We seem to have lost many of our members who chose not to renew their membership last year. Attendance at the meetings has been low this year and I hope as we get comfortable being around people again more of you will come back to our meetings. Please get back to me with your thoughts about the questions below. Email me at gbradbury292@gmail.com. Note this is a new email for me.

1. Should the New London Branch of AAUW continue as a branch? Y N
2. Would you prefer to meet on a different evening
 Monday Tuesday
 Wednesday Thursday
3. Are there any particular programs or topics you would like to see at a meeting?
4. Do you have any suggested speakers we should contact?
5. Should we continue to meet at Waterford Library when possible?
6. Are you willing to serve on a program or other committee?
7. Any other thoughts or suggestions?

Your input is important to us as we plan for next year. Feel free to copy the questions into an email with your answers to me. Or leave a message for me on my cell phone with your thoughts at 860-917-7483.

Thank you,
Gale Bradbury

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**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2022**

Gale Bradbury opened the business meeting by welcoming all attending. She expressed her concern about the status of our branch for the coming year. Do we want to continue as a branch or disband? Would we have better attendance if the meeting was held in the daytime which would eliminate those who work during the day. Needed are volunteers to help plan programs for the next year. A short survey will be included in the next newsletter for the members to express their thoughts. April's meeting will feature Tish Rabe, a children's author.

Jeanne O'Connell announced that the May 14 banquet will be held at Langley's. Judy Acker asked that the seating be more conducive for easy conversation with one another. Opportunity for donations for scholarships will be held at this time.

Book Group Elizabeth Hume said the next book discussion will be held March 16th at the Waterford Public Library.

Kim Blake reported that she met with a representative from the Lower Branch AAUW. Kim was asked to supply some names deserving of scholarships. Kim talked with STEP who would be able to supply names of high school age students. However the Lower Valley Branch would prefer to deal with older girls. That branch will hold a fund raising event on April 9th.

Kim noted that The Commission for Women and Girls is an organization that our branch might be interested in joining.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shailor



**May Banquet at Langley's Country Club
Saturday, May 14, 2022**

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, May 9, 2022 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 2022-2023**



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	\$ 62.00	
	State	10.00	
	Branch	16.00	\$ 88.00_____
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.

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

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(To receive News and Views and regular news updates).

College(s) Attended _____ Degree(s) received _____

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