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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.”**

**The Early Voting Ballot Initiative**

Wednesday, October 12, 2022  
Waterford Public Library

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



The October meeting of our branch will feature Tisha Rossi from League of Women Voters speaking about the early voting ballot initiative.

Early Voting allows eligible voters to cast their ballot in person before the one 14-hour period designated in our state Constitution as Election Day.

All but 4 states have provisions that allow for Early Voting. We share company with Mississippi, Alabama, and New Hampshire in restricting in-person voting to only Election Day.

Early Voting has been adopted by other states which recognize that in the modern world people have schedules complicated by the unpredictability of work and family care obligations, sickness, and the availability of transportation among many other reasons. Opening the polls for a few days before the designated Tuesday in November encourages people to exercise their right to vote and participate in our democracy.

Tricia serves as the Vice President  
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**Climate, Legislation and Tipping Points**

Wednesday, November 9, 2022  
Waterford Public Library

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



Dr. Roger Kuhns will discuss the factors "tipping" climate over the edge, including science, economics, and societal, and the positive actions we must take to ensure a good future for many generations to come.

Dr. Kuhns is president of SustainAudit, LLC, founder of the publishing/production company musicTOears Press, and Connecticut State Coordinator for Citizens' Climate Lobby. He has over 40 years of professional experience in geology, climate action, sustainable practices and environmental science, sustainable urban agriculture, and is a writer, award-winning filmmaker, and monologist performer. He has integrated the environmental sciences, engineering, natural resources, community enrichment and economics into sustainable development work and strategic

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**October/November at a Glance**

- October 12 Branch Meeting
- October 19 Book Discussion Group
- November 9 Branch Meeting
- November 16 Book Discussion Group
- November 17 News & Views Deadline



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for Advocacy and Public Affairs for the State League of Women Voters. She works with the advocacy team to educate the public and elected officials on the issues League members have designated as priorities: Voting Rights, Open Government, Clean Elections, Reproductive Healthcare, and Reversing Climate Change.

As Convener of the New Haven League, Tricia registers voters, monitors public housing elections, and works with allied community groups on projects such as The Complete 2020 Census Count. From 2019-2021 she served as the League's People Powered Fair Maps Champion for Connecticut. She works the polls in her home district on Election Day and is currently focusing on having the Early Voting Referendum approved for Connecticut.

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planning for changing and learning organizations. Dr. Kuhns has managed large international teams, and has worked in over 90 countries in natural resources, minerals, water, environmental remediation and policy.

### Book Discussion Group



The October book is *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. Meg Wilhelms will be the discussion leader. The book group will meet on October 19, 2022 at the

Waterford Library from 2-4 pm.

The November book is *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Brigid Boettcher will be the discussion leader. We will meet at our regular place and time on November 16, 2022.

Books are available at the Waterford Library.

Elizabeth Hume

### Hospitality

I am looking for volunteers to bring refreshments in October. Let me know if you can help out. I will call members to bring refreshments if necessary. A sign-up sheet will be passed around for the rest of the year.



Elizabeth Hume

### AAUW State Leadership Meeting September 16, 2022

Leading the meeting was CT AAUW president Nana Amos. Following branch updates these issues were discussed:

**1) AAUWCT scholarship status:**

Local branches would be solicited for \$500 donations. The state scholarship has been proposed to be \$2500/year for a 2-year grant, with the grant concept used so as not to interfere with other financial aid being considered for the student. Mature women would be the focus and the amount might increase if more money becomes available. Branch members will be asked to serve on the scholarship selection committee and an application is being created. Scholarship advertising should also serve to promote the name of AAUW and what the organization does. We must determine if groups are considered 501C3, in which case donations can be obtained from outside sources for scholarship use.

**2) Mentorship program:**

The brochure describing the mentorship concept and including application forms for both mentors and those who wish to have a mentor (mentees) was displayed. A single suggestion was made for improvement. Before widespread advertising via the brochure, we need to get some mentors on board.

**3) Fall conference:**

This gathering, focusing on mentorship, has been proposed on a centrally-located college campus; tentative date in October 22, with the venue yet to be determined. Requests were made for assistance with this conference and for another to be held in the spring of 2023. Both are likely to be hybrid versions.

**4) Next Leadership meeting:**

October 15, a week in advance of the upcoming conference.

Kim Blake,

For the New London AAUW Branch

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**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2022**

Gale Bradbury welcomed all to the first meeting of the year. She thanked the Program Committee for their efforts in scheduling programs for our monthly meetings.

She noted that we will be working without a President and will need the help of all the members to make our meetings successful. We aim to increase our membership. We have new brochures to pass around in hopes they will stimulate some interest in our organization.

Newsletter deadline is September 22. If there are any problems in receiving the newsletter, please notify Gale.

**Membership/Scholarship:** Kim Blake reported that she has been in touch with the Lower Connecticut Valley Branch and has copied their application for scholarships. Kim has sent the applications to various schools in hopes they will spread the news. So far she has received no responses. There is now a scholarship page on the website with a copy of the application.

**Book Group:** Elizabeth Hume stated that the group will meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Waterford Public Library at 2:00 p.m. Books for discussion are listed in our brochure and on the website <https://newlondon-ct.aauw.net/calendar/>. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Shailor



**Election Day, November 8, 2022**



*Your Voice Matters*

**VOTE**



November 8 is Election Day. Make your voice heard by getting out to vote! Absentee ballots are available if needed.

Registered voters may cast their vote by absentee if they are unable to appear at the polling place on the day of a primary, election or referendum due to one or more of the following reasons:

- 1) Active service in the U.S. armed forces
- 2) Absence from town
- 3) Sickness
- 4) Physical disability
- 5) His or her religion forbids secular activity on that day
- 6) His or her required performance of duties as a primary, referendum, or election official at a polling place other than his or her own.

Contact your local Registrar of voters for more information and to get a ballot.



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