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Ledyard High School Carolers & Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 3, 2022
Filomena's, Utopia Centre, 262
Boston Post Road, Waterford, Ct
12:00 Noon

I am pleased to report the Ledyard High School Carolers will entertain us at the December holiday luncheon with a selection of seasonal music. Join us for this holiday tradition at Filomena'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.



Project Oceanography: an Ocean of Possibilities

Wednesday, January 11, 2023
Waterford Public Library

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

Andrew Ely, Executive Director of Project Oceanology, or Project O as they are called will join us in January to talk about the work that they do. Project Oceanology is a non-profit education and research facility dedicated to nurturing student and public interest and enthusiasm for marine sciences.

Project Oceanology's mission since 1972 has been to nurture interest and inspire enthusiasm for science and for our planet's marine environment from our waterfront facility in Groton. Project Oceanology is a year-round, marine science educational organization governed by local school districts and in collaboration with universities and other educational institutions.

Project Oceanology's vision is to be the center of excellence for inquiry, and place-based science and marine education serving the evolving needs of our global community. *Con't on page 2*

December/January at a Glance

- December 3 Holiday Luncheon
- December 14 Book Discussion Group
- January 11 Branch Meeting
- January 18 Book Discussion Group
- January 20 News & Views Deadline



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Andrew developed his interest in the marine environment while studying Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island. He spent a semester during this period at Sea Education Association, sailing and conducting research on oil pollution aboard the S.S.V. Westward in the Caribbean Sea. This experience led him to pursue a career in the United States Coast Guard. After 28 years of service focused on search and rescue, environmental protection, and interagency operations Andrew joined Project Oceanology in January of 2022. He brings leadership, program management, and education experience to the team. Andrew received his M.S. from the National Graduate School in Quality Systems Management, M.A. from the Naval War College in National Security and Strategic Studies, M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Connecticut, and B.A. in History and Social Science from Thomas Edison State University. In his spare time, Andrew enjoys spending time with his family, sailing, camping, and volunteering with the Senior Resources Agency on Aging.

AAUW State Leadership Meeting October 21, 2022

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

- 1) **AAUWCT scholarship status:** Local branches are being solicited for \$500 donations. Branch members will be asked to serve on the scholarship selection committee and an application has been created. No applicant will be granted BOTH a local and state grant; grants being the more acceptable term since this won't interfere with other financial support for the student.
- 2) **Mentorship program** was not reviewed due to the absence of its chief proponent, Julia Horne
- 3) **Fall conference:** This year's conference was postponed due to the unavailability of a desired speaker. A conference will be rescheduled, perhaps for spring 2023.
- 4) **Next Leadership meeting:** Friday, November 11

For the New London AAUW Branch,
Kim Blake

November Program

Dr. Roger Kuhns gave an excellent and timely presentation in November about Climate, Legislation and Tipping Points. He began with a definition of tipping points as things that happen that cannot be undone such as the melting of the glaciers or the fires in California. If you missed the presentation it is available from his youtube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCiHvC7KufY>. (Note: you may need to copy the URL and paste it into your browser) It is something worth watching.

Hospitality

Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments for the January meeting. Please let me know if you can bring something. I will have a sign-up sheet at the luncheon in December.

Elizabeth Hume

Book Discussion Group



The December book is *The Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall. Kim Blake will be the discussion leader. The book group will meet on December 14, 2022 at the Waterford Library from 2-4 pm. In

December we are meeting on the second Wednesday instead of the third.

The January book is *The Mountains Sing* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai. Meg Wilhelms will be the discussion leader. We will meet at our regular place and time on January 18, 2023 (back to the third Wednesday).

Books are available at the Waterford Library.
Elizabeth Hume

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**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022**

Gale Bradbury opened the meeting by welcoming all. She gave her thanks to the program committee for the forthcoming interesting programs. She noted that our meeting day has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday hoping that more members will attend. Copies of the AAUW brochure are available and asked that members spread them around their towns, and to people who might be interested in joining AAUW. If for some reason you are not getting the e-mail messages, please contact her. She was sorry to learn of the passing of Mary Wassung, a longtime member of AAUW.

Book Group

Elizabeth said that we will meet next Wednesday, 2:00 pm at the Waterford Library.

Scholarship Committee

Kim Blake noted that there was no action regarding applications for scholarships. She stated that our branch might consider donations toward the state AAUW program.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda C. Shailor

**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2022**

Gale opened the meeting with a welcome to all. She asked for help in bringing the membership back to where it was before the pandemic. Copies of the AAUW brochure listing future programs and book discussion titles are available. Please pass them to people who might be interested in joining.

Each month reminders of the meeting are sent out by email. If someone is not getting the email, please contact Gale.

Next month our holiday luncheon will be held at Filomena's on December 3rd.

Book Group Elizabeth reported that the next meeting will be held on November 16th, 2:00 pm at the Waterford Library.

Scholarships Kim had nothing to report.

Membership Nothing to report

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Shailor



**Ledyard High School Carolers and Holiday Luncheon at Filomena's
Utopia Centre, 262 Boston Post Road, Waterford, Ct
Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Noon**



Name _____ Guest _____

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

Total Enclosed _____

Entrees: _____ House Salad with choice of Salmon, Chicken or Steak dressed with red wine vinaigrette

_____ Classic Chicken Parmesan served with Linguini

All meals include Coffee, tea and a lemon cookie for dessert. Cash bar available.

Price of meal including tax and gratuity \$40.00

Please return reservation form by Monday, November 28, 2022 with your check payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Jeanne O'Connell, 6 Lantern Lane, Niantic, CT 06357.

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