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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.”

**Voting: The Foundation of
Democracy**

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
Waterford Public Library

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



The October program will feature Joanne Moore: President of the LWV SECT and co-president of the LWV CT. Her main focus in the League has to do with Voter Services. In that capacity, she provides voter education, voter registration, and manages candidate debates.

The League of Women Voters is 102 years old. It is nonpartisan and does not endorse candidates or parties. But they do study issues and take stands on issues especially legislation that protects voter rights and election safety. And they take stands on issues like the environment and gun control.

Joanne lives in East Lyme, is a retired physical therapist, and a member of the Soroptimist Club.

Steel Magnolias

Sunday, October 29, 2023
Niantic Bay Playhouse

2:00 p.m. Program

November's program will feature a Matinee performance of Steel Magnolias at the Niantic Bay Playhouse. Tickets are limited and seats must be reserved with your payment by October 2 (or ASAP) to guarantee a spot.

The play is a classic show about a group of strong-willed women living in a small Southern town. It tells the story of their friendship, heartache, and triumphs. Come and experience a show that will leave you laughing crying, and feeling inspired.

Use the reservation form below to secure your seats today



October/November at a Glance

- October 18 Book Discussion Group
- October 25 Branch Meeting
- October 29 Steel Magnolias (Nov Program)
- November 15 Book Discussion Group
- November 17 News & Views Deadline



Book Discussion Group



The October book is *Gallows Road* by Lisa Hall Brownell. Elizabeth Hume will be the discussion leader. The book group will meet on October 18, 2023 at the

Waterford Library from 2-4 pm.

The November book is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Brigid Boettcher will be the discussion leader. We will meet at our regular place and time on November 15, 2023.

Books are available at the Waterford Library.

Elizabeth Hume

Hospitality

The following people agreed to bring refreshments for the October meeting.

- Cheese and crackers Rory Wilson
- Juice -Linda Shailor
- Baked Goods - Elizabeth Hume



Elizabeth Hume

New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes September 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm. Members were welcomed to the new year for our branch of AAUW. Gale thanked the Program Committee, Judy Acker, Kim Blake, Elizabeth Hume, Jeanne O'Connell, Linda Shailor and Siri Belgum for their help in keeping the branch going. They met several times over the summer and planned things a little differently this year based on the survey responses received. In place of regular programs at the library each month some afternoon activities have been planned at different venues. She welcomed one of our new branch members, Rory Wilson who will be guiding us as we create some fall greeting cards. On October 25th Joanne Moore President of League of Women Voters of SECT will talk about Voting: The Foundation of our Democracy. For November we will actually meet at 2:00 pm October 29 at the Niantic Bay Playhouse to see Steel Magnolias. Tickets are limited so if you wish to join us be sure to get your reservation form and check into Jeanne O'Connell by October 2, 2023. For January we will

choose an afternoon movie at the Garde which will be followed with a discussion of the movie at a later date TBD. In February and March, we will collaborate with the Waterford Library and April will feature a performance at the Ivoryton Playhouse.

We continue to work without a President this year and will need all of your help to make this work. Please help us promote our activities and recruit new members.

The next issue of our newsletter will cover October and November. Information you would like included should be sent to Gale ASAP.

Membership: Jeanne O'Connell reported 20 members have renewed plus the 5 life members of the branch bringing the total to 25. She paid the insurance for the year and has forwarded all memberships to National. The budget will support the programs planned for this year with funds set aside for a scholarship.

Book Group: Elizabeth Hume reported on the books for the book group. She also asked for volunteers to bring refreshments in October.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Shailor



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September Meeting

Members had an enjoyable evening in September as branch member Rory Wilson guided them in the creation of fall greeting cards. They learned to draw a design for the Halloween card, how to stamp a Thanksgiving design to color and create colorful ornaments for a Christmas card. Fall themed papers, colorful pencils, glitter pens and glue were all used to add a finishing touch to the cards



Holiday Luncheon



Mark your calendar now for the holiday luncheon that will take place on Saturday, December 9 at Langley's. Meal choices will include Chicken Marsala, Braised Short Ribs and Vegetarian Pasta with a side salad and dessert. A reservation form is available in this newsletter or from the branch website at <https://newlondon-ct.aauw.net/files/2023/10/Holiday-Luncheon-2023.pdf> Be sure to return the form with your check to Jeanne O'Connell by December 1.



Steel Magnolias

Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 2:00 pm
Niantic Bay Playhouse 279 Main Street, Niantic, CT
DIRECTED BY ERIN SOUSA-STANLEY

The play is a classic show about a group of strong-willed women living in a small Southern town. It tells the story of their friendship, heartache, and triumphs. Come and experience a show that will leave you laughing, crying, and feeling inspired.

Reserve (# of) _____ seats for _____

Ticket price \$25 Seniors 65+; Adult \$27.

Please return reservation form by **Monday, October 2** with your check payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Jeanne O'Connell, 6 Lantern Lane, Niantic, CT 06357

NOTE: Seats are limited - if we do not have a notice of interest from you, please be sure to let Gale Bradbury know ASAP (gbradbury292@gmail.com or 860-917-7483)



**Holiday Luncheon at Langley's
Saturday December 9, 2023
12:00 Noon**



Name _____

Guest _____

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

Total Enclosed _____ Price of meal including tax and gratuity \$40.00

Entrees: _____ Chicken Marsala with vegetables and rice
 _____ Braised Short Ribs with vegetables and gravy over mashed potato
 _____ Vegetarian Pasta

All meals include a salad of mixed garden greens with house dressing, rolls and butter, dessert, Coffee, and tea. There will also be a cash bar.

Please return reservation form by Wednesday, December 1, 2023 with your check payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Jeanne O'Connell, 6 Lantern Lane, Niantic, CT 06357



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