



Lower Connecticut Valley Newsletter

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### CALENDAR

Apr 2	Sat	11:30 AM	Book Author Luncheon
Apr 4	Mon	6:45 PM	Great Decisions
Apr 6	Wed	1 to 3 PM	Afternoon Book Group
Apr 6	Wed	5 PM	Essex Library Talk
Apr 7	Thu	7 PM	Evening Bridge
Apr 13	Wed		Cultural Trip
Apr 18	Mon	6:45 PM	Great Decisions
Apr 20	Wed	7 PM	Joint Meeting
Apr 26	Tue	7 PM	Evening Book Group
May 1	Sun	3 PM	Kent R. Weeks lecture

### JOINT MEETING WITH SHORELINE

Date: Wednesday April 20th  
Place: Henry Carter Hull Library in Clinton  
(right off Exit 65 before Clinton Crossing)  
Time: **7:00 PM**

Speakers will be the two AAUW fellowship recipients attending universities in Connecticut.

Wafa Mohamed E. is a doctoral student of computer science and engineering at the University of Bridgeport and recipient of an International Fellowship.

Erin M. is a graduate student earning her Master of Architecture degree from the University of Hartford and recipient of a Selected Professions Fellowship.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here, and so are many of our special activities. I expect that our snowbird members should be back this month and ready to participate again.

I hope to see most of you at our Book Author luncheon on this Saturday. In addition to hearing and meeting our two authors, you will see that the committee has done a fabulous job of organizing and obtaining items for the silent auction and prizes. Please bring a check or cash for your purchases. This is our only fundraiser of the year and the profit will determine how many grants we can give next year, how many we can sponsor to the Leadership conference, and how much we can contribute to AAUW funds. Please be generous so we can continue to help these young women achieve their goals.

Our April joint meeting, which is on April 20, will give you the opportunity to meet some of the women who receive AAUW Grants and Fellowships and hear about their work and dreams. Please note that the date is different from our usual week as it is the Shoreline branch meeting date.

I was pleased to see so many of you last Wednesday at the talk by Hally Siddons from University Women Helping Afghan Women. It was another chance to learn how we can make a difference in Women's lives by education. The speaker's fee of \$200 will be used toward a scholarship for an Afghan girl. Each scholarship is \$600 so we have helped reach that goal.

We were interviewed by iCRV internet radio that day, which was a very interesting experience. Do download their app and listen to them. They have news of happenings in our area.

The nominating committee has completed its task and now the new executive will be looking for help with committees and interest groups for the next year. Please step up and take an active role. It is rewarding, and a great chance to make friends and cement relationships as well as making a difference in your branch. Any ideas for a new group? Let us know and we will put it forward.

Dawn

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Scholarship Committee has begun advertising for educational grants covering academic year 2016-2017. We anticipate offering \$2000 grants to women, 21 years of age or older, who are pursuing an Associate or Bachelor degree from an accredited college or university. Recipients will be chosen based on personal goals, academic performance, and financial need.

The committee posted flyers advertising the grants throughout the local area and have attached one to this newsletter for your reference. We've issued press releases to electronic and print media and are reaching out to local colleges and universities. The grants are listed on the national AAUW scholarship page ([www.AAUW.org](http://www.AAUW.org)), as well as our branch website.

If you want to recommend a student, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact Carolyn Cohen or send an e-mail to [lcvaauw@gmail.com](mailto:lcvaauw@gmail.com). The deadline for applying is May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Monies for the grants will be raised at the upcoming Book Author Luncheon on April 2. We thank everyone for their support of this fundraiser which will allow us to continue to provide educational opportunities to young women to meet their career ambitions.

Rose P., Chair

### **CULTURAL TRIP FOR APRIL**

The New Britain Museum of American Art has just opened an exhibit on Salvador Dali – “Cycle of Life in Print” – with artwork from the collection of Frederick C. Ulbrich, Jr. The featured works were created during the last three decades of the artist's life. However the exhibition will also highlight Dali's printmaking practices and the themes that existed throughout his career.

Barbara has arranged for a docent talk for our group! Here are the details:

**Date: Wednesday, April 13th**  
**(not a meeting date)**

**Time: Talk begins at 1 pm**

**Transportation: Carpool or “on your own”**

We will plan to leave the Old Saybrook area around 10:30. The museum opens at 11:00. This will leave us time to visit the other exhibits, check out the museum store, and have lunch in the museum café. Admission to the museum is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$0 if you are a member.

If you would like to go, please call or send an email to either Pat or me and indicate if you would like to carpool, drive on your own, or join us only for the talk at 1 pm. That way we can make arrangements for drivers. This is a wonderful opportunity...hope many can attend.

Pat L.

Dot B.

### **GREAT DECISIONS**

The next Great Decisions meeting will be Monday, April 4th, and we will discuss '*Cuba and the U.S.*'. Our second meeting for April will be Monday, April 18th, discussing '*Korean Choices*'.

We will be meeting at an earlier time, 6:45pm, since the Acton Library in Old Saybrook, where we meet for all 8 sessions, would like us to leave when the library closes at 8:30pm.

Please send any questions to Donna

## **EVENING BRIDGE**

Evening Bridge will be hosted by Eloise B. on Thursday, April 7 at 7 pm. Please let her know if you are coming.

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

### **Women's Rights: How Far We've Come and What's Left To Be Done**

This is the title of a talk by Christine Palm which will be given at Essex Library on Wednesday, April 6 at 5 p.m. as part of the library's Uncommon Heroes programs. The event is free and open to the public. Please call 869-767-1560 to register.

This allows Library to communicate any last minute changes. Christine Palm is the director of communications for Connecticut's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. (PCSW) Christine lives in Chester.

## **AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP**

The April meeting of the afternoon book club will be on Wednesday, April 6 from 1-3pm at the home of Deb R. We will be discussing *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown.

If you plan to attend please RSVP to Deb

## **EVENING BOOK GROUP**

The evening book group will meet to discuss Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History by Laurel Ulrich on Tuesday, April 26 at 7 pm at the home of Sharon H.. Please call or email Sharon to let her know that you plan to attend:

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Please email Sharon for date and location.

## **AFTERNOON BRIDGE**

Please email Bonnie for date and location.

## **BRANCH WEBSITE**

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During this past month, our website had 138 visitors, of these, 80% were new.

## **OUT OF THE BRANCH**

Kent R. Weeks ,world famous Egyptologist, and part time Old Lyme resident, will be giving a lecture at the Old Lyme High School on Sunday May 1 at 3 pm. The subject will be highlights from his 30 year career excavating in the Valley of the Kings in Luxor Egypt.

Interested AAUW members can find more about Kent and his work profiled in the February edition of INK magazine.

Noted for his discovery of the Tomb of Ramesses II and his sons, Kent is a popular and engaging speaker. Please consider adding this event to your calendar. The Old Lyme High School is located at 69 Lyme Street, Old Lyme.

A contribution of \$ 10 per person is suggested.

Immediately following the lecture ,there will be a cocktail reception at the home of Mr. And Mrs. Lee M. Guests at this reception are kindly requested to make a \$50.00 tax deductible donation to the Friends of the Luxor Library . Check or cash can be payable at the door, but please confirm attendance by responding by email to :

[friendsofluxorlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofluxorlibrary@gmail.com)

What is unusual about the following words:  
revive, banana, grammar, voodoo, assess,  
potato, dresser, uneven?