



CALENDAR

Jun 2	Mon	7:00	PM	Great Decisions
Jun 3	Tue	1:00	PM	Mah Jongg
Jun 5	Thu	7:00	PM	Evening Bridge
Jun 11	Wed	6:30	PM	Theater Party
Jun 17	Tue	6:00	PM	Combined Book Groups
Jun 23	Mon	1 to 3	PM	Afternoon Bridge

END OF YEAR THEATER PARTY

Date: Wednesday June 11th

Place: Ivoryton Playhouse

**Time: Hor d'oerves and glass of wine 6:30 PM
Curtain time is 7:30 PM**

By popular demand, our year end event will again be at the Ivoryton Playhouse.

We reserved 65 tickets this year for Wed. June 11. The play is "Fingers & Toes, an exhilarating musical that evokes the magic of the Astaire-Rogers era.

The tickets are \$30.00 ea., which includes light hor d'oerves and a glass of wine at the tent event which starts at 6:30 pm. Curtain time is 7:30 pm.

Friends, spouses, partners, children are all invited.

To reserve your tickets, please send a check made out to Carolyn C. **by June 5th**. If you want to sit with someone in particular, the request must come together as one order in the same envelope (separate checks are acceptable, but in one envelope).

Tickets are still available Looking forward to a great event again this year!

CREATIVE ARTS

The knitting group meetings will resume in September.

COMBINED DAY AND EVENING BOOK GROUPS

The last meeting of the day and evening book groups will be Tuesday, June 17 at 6 PM at the home of Mary Ann K. This will be the annual potluck and those attending can bring an appetizer, main dish, salad, or dessert to share for dinner. After dinner there will be a discussion of the book *Transatlantic: A Novel* by Colum McCann; Janice H. will facilitate the discussion.

[Please call Mary Ann or email if you are planning to attend.](#) If you can, plan to carpool. If you need directions, please call.

AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Afternoon bridge will be held Monday, June 23 from 1-3 at Bonnie N.'s home.

If you can play email Bonnie.

EVENING BRIDGE

Evening Bridge will be held Thursday, June 5 at Jane K.'s home. There are 2 complete tables signed up. Contact Jane if you need directions.

MAH JONGG

Tuesday, June 3 is our next date to play.
Gladyce L. will host at her home.
Please RSVP to Gladyce.

CULTURAL TRIPS

Friday, June 20th trip to Isabella Gardner Museum cancelled

GREAT DECISIONS

Our last 2014 Great Decisions meeting will be held June 2nd at 7:00pm at the Acton Library. Our topic is US Trade Policy. [Please contact Donna Bone with any questions.](#)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Nancy and Sara want to remind all members to pay their membership dues by the end of June. The dues remain at **\$75.00** (\$49 of which \$46 is tax deductible, plus \$5 for state plus \$21 for our branch). This will be for the 2014-15 year. Checks should be made to Lower Ct. Valley AAUW. Please use the forms attached to this newsletter to update/confirm your information for the directory and mail with your check to pay dues. Send form and check to Nancy F..

[Please call or email Sara K. or Nancy F. if you know of anyone interested in joining our group.](#) We will be happy to send information about AAUW to them as well as an application. **Applications can also be downloaded from our new website:** lowerctvalley-ct.aauw.net.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee continues to advertise for the educational grants for academic year 2014-2015. We've issued press releases to local newspapers, posted flyers in public places within our geographic area, and circulated flyers at two community colleges—Middlesex and Three Rivers. Hopefully, you've seen our advertising. If you haven't and would like a copy, [please contact anyone on the committee.](#)

Response to date has been good and we will continue to accept applications until June 16th. If you know of any suitable candidates based on their personal goals, academic performance, and financial need, please encourage them to apply.
Deb R.

Our grants are a good opportunity for women who are 21 years of age or older and wish to advance their education. Recipients may already be enrolled as undergraduates in a college or university, or are thinking about entering college but don't have the funds.

Rose P., Chairperson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As another year of the Lower Connecticut Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women comes to a close, I take this opportunity to thank our Officers, our Board Members and the members of the numerous committees for a "job well done"! We have attained many noteworthy achievements which resulted from our cooperative efforts as team players and the talents of our members.

As your President for 2014-2015, I also welcome and offer my congratulations to our newly elected officers Sharon H., Vice President, Nancy B., Secretary, and Dot B., Treasurer.

Some points of information:

- The Branch's donation to the Acton Public Library was addressed to Ms. Michele Van Epps, Director, and delivered on May 21, 2014.
- The Library Community Room has been reserved for meetings on
- Wednesday, 10/01/2014, (the Community Room is not available on October 08th). Our speaker is Dr. Marcia McGowan, Professor Emerita, English, Women's and Gender Studies, Eastern Connecticut State University. Presentation Title TBA.
- Wednesday, 11/12/2014.
- Wednesday, 02/11/2015.
- Wednesday, 03/11/2015.
- Wednesday, 05/13/2015.

I look forward to working with all of you during my term as Branch President. Best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Sally K.

WEBSITE

Our website is up! If you haven't already done so, check it out at lowerctvalley-ct.aauw.net.

MEETING MINUTES

AAUW General Membership Meeting May 14, 2014

Acton Public Library

President Mary M. called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM. Although there was not a quorum present – 24 were in attendance – it was decided to go ahead and have the business meeting.

Secretary's Minutes – A motion to approve the March 5, 2014 minutes as they appeared in the newsletter was made by Ann B., seconded by Nancy F. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report – Dot handed out an itemized accounting of funds. The current balance is \$29,592.32 and gave a summary of the Fundraiser. The board suggested the funds be split 40% for AAUW Funds and 60% for our local grant/scholarship program. Carolyn C. made a motion that the funds from the fundraiser be split as the board suggested. Suzanne T. seconded. Motion carried.

\$3648 from the fundraiser will be distributed to AAUW Funds. As there are many different AAUW Funds Mary Ann K. made a motion that a committee decide which funds we will give to. Motion 2nd by Barbara H. Motion carried. A committee headed by Mary Ann will report back to the group at the end of the summer.

Mary Ann discussed our branch relationship with Middlesex Community College and Eva Jones who is a professor there. Eva is interested in **Start Smart** training that helps women negotiate salaries when they start a job. Sally K. made a motion, seconded by Dot B. that we give \$100 to Eva Jones to attend the training. Motion passed.

Treasurer Dot B. discussed the budget.

Mary Lu P. made a motion to accept the budget as presented and Barbara H. seconded. Those in

attendance accepted the budget but because there was not a quorum we will open it for a binding vote in Sept.

Programs – Carolyn C. discussed our June 11th meeting at the Ivoryton. The show will be **Fingers and Toes**. Tickets are \$30 per person. You may invite a guest. We have 65 seats reserved. The play is at 7:30 with Happy Hour starting at 6:30. Carolyn will head the **Programs Committee** for next year and will have a committee to assist her. Anyone interested in being on the committee should let Carolyn know.

Newsletter and Website – The website is up and we thank Eva B. for all her work getting this started.

Scholarship and NCCWSL – Rose P. was not present. Nancy F. spoke for the committee. We will be giving 2 \$2000 grants for the fall semester. The flyers have been printed and distributed. Erma has contacted the local newspapers. June 16 the applications are due. July 15 they will determine who receives them. The present winners can reapply. The applications are judged on financial, academic, personal goals and references. We sponsored 2 students from Middlesex to NCCWSL.

Interest Groups

- **The combined book groups** will meet at MaryAnn's on June 17 for a potluck.
- Janice H. will be the facilitator.

Membership update and Nominating Committee report – The nominating committee was Nancy F., Sara K., and Pat L. The nominations for next year's officers are

- President – Sally K.
- VP – Sharon H.
- Secretary – N.
- Treasurer – Dot B.

Nancy moved that we cast 1 ballot for the slate. Mary Ann seconded. Motion carried.

Nancy mentioned that it is time to renew your membership and she had the forms available if members wished to renew tonight.

President Mary M. thanked individual members by name for their help this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy B., Secretary