



**CALENDAR**

May 1	Thu	7:00	PM	Evening Bridge
May 5	Mon	7:00	PM	Great Decisions
May 6	Tue	3:00	PM	Creative Arts
May 7	Wed	1:00	PM	Afternoon Book Group
May 14	Wed	7:00	PM	General Meeting
May 19	Mon	1 to 3	PM	Afternoon Bridge
May 19	Mon	7:00	PM	Great Decisions
May 21	Wed	1:00	PM	Mah Jongg
May 27	Tue	7:00	PM	Evening Book Group

**GENERAL MEETING**

**Date: Wednesday May 14th**

**Place: Acton Library  
Old Saybrook**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

This is our last formal meeting of the year.

**AGENDA:**

- Synopsis of the year's activities
- Presentation of the proposed 2014-2015 budget
- Presentation of the slate of officers for next year.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The nominating committee (Nancy F., Pat L.) is pleased to present the following nominees for the 2014-2015 branch elected offices.

**President:** Sally K.

**Vice President:** Sharon H.

**Secretary:** Nancy B.

**Treasurer:** Dot B.

Voting for the offices will occur at the annual meeting on May 14, 2014.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Branch Financial Summary**

(balance sheet as of 4/28/2014)

**Assets**

Checkbook	\$ 9,709
Savings (Bequest)	\$17,448
Savings (Scholarship)	\$ 2,435
Total Assets	\$29,592
Total Liabilities	0
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$29,592</b>

The proposed budget for 2014-2015 will be presented at the May business meeting.

**Book Author Luncheon Results**

**Revenue**

Paid Meals	\$7,100
Ads	\$1,300
Donations	\$755
Silent Auction	\$2,265
Chinese Auction	\$1,640
Book Sale	<u>\$180</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,240</b>

**Expenses**

Saybrook Point	\$3,468
Program Printing	\$158
Publicity	\$15
Supplies, Postage	\$79
Miscellaneous*	<u>\$400</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4120</b>

\*Details at business meeting

**Total Profits                    \$9120**

(Note: A \$500 deposit to Saybrook Point Inn for next year's luncheon has been withdrawn from profits realized. Dispersal of the remaining profits will be discussed at the May business meeting.)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

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 hors d'oeuvres 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. (use **address from member directory**).

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).

Looking forward to a great event again this year!

### **CREATIVE ARTS**

The knitting group will meet on Tuesday, May 6 at 3pm, at Gladyce's home.

Please call Gladyce if you are planning to come.

All are welcome.

### **AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP**

(aka The Bookies)

Join us to discuss **Someone** by Alice McDermott, Wednesday, May 7, 1 pm, at Carolyn F.'s home,. Cathy G. is cohost. Chris V. will lead our discussion.

Please try to carpool. Bill F. will direct your parking

**RSVP or QUESTIONS**

### **EVENING BOOK GROUP**

The next meeting of the evening book group will be Tuesday, May 27 beginning at 7 pm at the home of Claire T.. We will be discussing *My Notorious Life* by Kate Manning. Please call Claire if you are planning to attend.

### **AFTERNOON BRIDGE**

Afternoon bridge will be held on May 19th from 1-3.

Location to be announced.

Please RSVP to Bonnie if you can play.

### **EVENING BRIDGE**

Evening Bridge will be held this Thursday, May 1, from 7 - 9 pm at Betsy G.'s home.

If you would like to play and have not let her know, please email Betsy.

### **MAH JONGG**

Wednesday, May 21 is our next date to play.

Debby R will host.

The new cards are in for those that paid me.

Beginners are always welcome!

### **RSVP or QUESTIONS**

### **CULTURAL TRIPS**

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 22- ISABELLA STEWART GARDINER MUSEUM TRIP**

This trip was rescheduled due to inclement weather in February.

To reserve, contact Janice H. by **May 23**.

Transportation: Carpooling - Please let me know if you are willing to drive and how many passengers you can take.

Leave OS / Old Lyme approx. **8:00am** carpooling to Green Airport in Warwick to catch the MBTA train - lv Green Airport 9:26 am arr Boston 10:48 am MBTA fare: \$10.50 each way

Flexible return times -

lv Boston 4:39p arr Green Airport 5:03 or

lv Boston 5:03p arr Green Airport 6:26p

This commuter train stops at Ruggles Street - 0.2mi from museum

**11:30am Lunch at Cafe G - Fixed Price \$29.**

Menu options will be sent out end of

May.<http://www.gardnermuseum.org/visit/cafe>

**12:30pm Private 1 hr museum tour - \$20 per adult, \$17 per senior**

Suggested reading - The Art Forger by B.A.

Shapiro.

Thanks, Janice

## **GREAT DECISIONS**

The sixth meeting for our Great Decisions 2014 series will be held May 5th at 7:00pm at the Acton Library. Our topic will be 'Food and Climate'. Our seventh meeting will be held on May 19th, same time and place, to discuss 'China's Foreign Policy'. Please contact Donna Bone with any questions.

## **CONTACT**

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

We will begin collecting dues for the 2014-2015 year at our annual meeting May 14th. The 2013-2014 year ends on June 30th. The dues remain at **\$75.00** (\$49 of which \$46 is tax deductible, plus \$5 for state plus \$21 for our branch). Checks should be made to Lower Ct. Valley AAUW. There will also be a form to complete along with your dues to update/confirm your information for the directory. These forms will be available at the May meeting and included in the June newsletter.

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.

## **CONTACT**

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Scholarship Committee has begun advertising for the educational grants for academic year 2014-2015. Press releases were issued to local newspapers, both hardcopy and electronic, and flyers have been posted in public places within our geographic area. Additionally, flyers were

distributed for posting at Middlesex Community College and Three Rivers Community College.

A copy of the flyer is attached to this newsletter.

We anticipate being able to award grants to two qualifying students in the amount of \$1000 each per semester, for a total annual expenditure of \$4000. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older, reside within our geographic area, and be pursuing an Associate or Bachelor degree from an accredited college or university. Recipients will be chosen on the basis of personal goals, academic performance, and financial need. Applications must be postmarked by June 16<sup>th</sup>. Awards will be announced by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Should you know of any interested students, please advise them to contact Deb R. who is managing the application process. Or, if you have any questions, please ask any one of us on the committee.

Rose P. Chairperson

## **CONTACT**

## **QUESTIONS**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Another year of AAUW informative, entertaining and enlightening meetings and activities is rapidly coming to an end. Thanks to Krista and the "Ivoryton Theater" for their most generous offer of twenty-four (24) free tickets to the performance of "I Ought to be in Pictures." I hope a lot of our members were able to take advantage of this opportunity. On Wednesday evening, May 14 at 7:00 P.M. our last formal meeting of the year will be held at the Acton Library---- an important meeting, not to be missed. On the agenda will be, the synopsis of the year's activities; presentation and approval of the proposed 2014-2015 budget; and the presentation and election of the slate of Officers for next year.

Back by popular demand, the end of the year activity will again be an evening at the theater---- this year will feature the "Ivoryton Playhouse's" presentation of "Fingers and Toes", an entertaining production which sizzles with exhilarating music and toe tapping dance routines. The date is

Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30 P.M. Tickets will be available for \$30.00 each. Only sixty-five tickets have been reserved, so if you would like to share in this wonderful experience again this year, please send your check to Carolyn C.

Thank you for electing me to serve as your President for this past year--- it has been an honor and a pleasure, and especially, a rewarding experience. Thanks to my Co-Officers for all your support and advice and especially for carrying out the responsibilities of your elected office with such diligence and dedication. Sincerest thanks to all the committee chairs, who work behind the scenes, whose support and dedication help to promote and enhance the "Glue" which makes our Branch so successful.

With warm regards, Mary

## **OUTSIDE THE BRANCH**

### **Girl Rising Comes to Valley Regional High School – May 8**

A free showing of *Girl Rising*, a groundbreaking film that tells the stories of nine unforgettable girls who fight for an education, will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, in the Valley Regional High School auditorium. The film captures the girls' courage and determination as they struggle through unthinkable circumstances in Afghanistan, Egypt, Haiti, Cambodia, Peru, India, Nepal, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone. It is narrated by Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Selena Gomez and Chloë Moretz.

Girl Rising was produced by 10×10, an organization dedicated to educating girls. It has been shown in theaters all over the United States and on CNN International.