



Lower Connecticut Valley Newsletter

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May 2016

CALENDAR

May 2	Mon	6:45	PM	Great Decisions
May 4	Wed	1 to 3	PM	Afternoon Book Group
May 5	Thu	7	PM	Evening Bridge
May 11	Wed	6:45	PM	Annual Meeting
May 16	Mon	6:45	PM	Great Decisions
May 24	Tue	7	PM	Evening Book Group
June 2	Thu			Cultural Trip

ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday May 11th
Place: Acton Library Old Saybrook
Time: **6:45** PM

Agenda:

- The election of the incoming nominated officers
- The approval of the 2016 - 2017 budget
- Guest Speaker Susan Jerome
“Downton Abbey: Fashion and Social Change”

Ms. Jerome is the Collections Manager at the University of Rhode Island Historic Textile and Costume Collection.

Her presentation, entitled “**Downton Abbey: Fashion and Social Change**”, will explore the many changes that occurred throughout the time period depicted in Downton Abbey and how these changes influenced fashion. The social, technological, and political changes of the early twentieth century were reflected in the notable evolution of women’s and men’s clothing. This power point presentation will look back at what was fashionable --- real or otherwise.

AAUW Slate of Nominated Officers 2016 2017

The Nominating committee comprised of Olga S., Carolyn C. and Mary M. propose the following slate of officers for the 2016 2017 year of the AAUW Lower CT Valley Branch:

President	Audrey Chase
Vice President	Sharon Howell
Treasurer	Mary Jane Peterson
Secretary	Deborah DeHertogh

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a busy month. After our successful Book Author Luncheon, one of our speakers, Lisa Reisman , wrote a wonderful article about AAUW which was published on the front page of the Shoreline Times so I hope you all saw it! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our fundraiser the wonderful event that it was.

The joint meeting was very interesting and really emphasized what wonderful women receive the Educational Grants that we support at AAUW.

The State convention for AAUW last Saturday had very interesting speakers -Cindy Wolf Boyton the new president of NOW in CT who is also an author, and Sharon Capetta discussing Leadership through the Women and Girls Fund. Cordy Galligan, the AAUW VP of Marketing and Business discussed our latest Research Report -Barriers and Bias...the status of women in leadership. I have a few copies and hope to put them in some of our libraries.

Our own Elaine Q. led a program on mentorship while members of the League of Women Voters discussed the need to register voters and get the vote out.

As a sideline, one of the NCWSL attendees said she was looking for an internship and Cordy, I believe, is hiring her for AAUW. Networking at its best.

Our May program looks like great fun.

Do get your tickets for our June event at Ivoryton Theater. Spouses and partners are welcome too.

It is almost time to renew your membership for next year. Your dues support not only our programs and groups locally but the good work done for equity and education for women both in the State and in the nation.

Dawn

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee continues to advertise for education 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. The number of awards granted will be determined by the funds raised at the recent Book Author Luncheon, along with the quality of the pool of applicants.

The grants are listed on the national AAUW scholarship page (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. The deadline for applying is May 30th.

Rose P., Chair

CULTURAL TRIP JUNE 2

Thursday, June 2, 2016, the Cultural Trip for June will be a boat trip in Branford to the **Thimble Islands**.

We will be taking the **10:15 trip** from the Stony Creek Dock. Adults - \$13 and Seniors - \$12.

If you need a ride to Exit 56 in Branford, left off of Rt. 95, on to Leetes Island Rd., please meet at Exit 65 in Westbrook, Park & Ride at **9:00 a.m.**

Following the Boat Trip, we will have lunch at the Stony Creek Market.

If we have 10 or more interested, I can make reservations.

Pat L.

AAUW LOWER CT VALLEY END OF THE YEAR EVENT

Come join your fellow Branch members at our now Annual end-of-the year event: an evening performance at the quintessential Ivoryton theater. This year we will be entertained by a fast paced whodunit, **"39 Steps"**, which is a mix of a Hitchcock masterpiece, a juicy spy novel and a dash of Monty Python. This 2-time Tony and Drama Desk Award winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs and over 150 characters, played by only 4 actors. Add in an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance and you have the recipe for an evening not to be missed.

The date and time: June 8th, at 7:30 P.M. A pre-theater reception, with light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres, will start at 6:30 PM in a tent adjacent to the theater. Tickets are \$32.00, a \$12.00 savings off the regular price. Tickets are limited, so get yours today. **Deadline for ticket sales is May 25th.**

"39 Steps", Ivoryton Theater

Date and Time: June 8th, 7:30 P.M.

(Reception: 6:30 P.M.) \$32.00 per ticket

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have two new members.

GREAT DECISIONS

The next Great Decisions meeting will be Monday, May 2nd, and we will be discussing 'Korean Choices'. Our second meeting for May will be Monday, May 16th, discussing 'United Nations'.

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 B.

EVENING BRIDGE

Betsy G. will be hosting Evening Bridge on Thursday May 5 at 7 pm. Please let her know if you would like to play.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

The Afternoon Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, May 4th from 1-3pm at the Acton Library in Old Saybrook.** We will be discussing **The Art of Hearing Heartbeats** by Jan-Phillpp Sender. All are welcome; no need to rsvp. **Please note that this is a change in location.**

EVENING BOOK GROUP

Thanks to Sharon H.I for hosting our discussion of Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History and to Dawn B. for leading the conversation.

The next meeting of the evening book group will take place on Tuesday, May 24, at 7 pm, hosted by Deb D. The book we will be discussing is Mary Chestnut: Civil War Diaries. Please call or email Deb if 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 152 visitors, of these, 89% were new.