



Lower Connecticut Valley Newsletter

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November 2014

CALENDAR

Nov 5	Wed	1 PM	Afternoon Book Group
Nov 6	Thu	7 PM	Evening Bridge
Nov 12	Wed	7 PM	General Meeting
Nov 14	Fri		NYC Museum Trip
Nov 17	Mon	1 to 3 PM	Afternoon Bridge
Nov 18	Tue	7 PM	Evening Book Group

GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday November 12

Place: Acton Library
Old Boston Post Rd
Old Saybrook

Time: 7:00 PM

Our speakers, members of AARP, will present an interactive presentation on fraudulent issues. It is entitled the "*Con Artist Playbook*".

EVENING BOOK GROUP

The evening book group will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the home of Mary Ann K. We will be discussing "The Round House" by Louise Erdrich.

Here is the list of books chosen last night for the evening book group:

November 18: *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich
December 16: *Postcards* by Annie Proulx
January 27: *I think I know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

February 24: *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate* by Naomi Klein
March 24: *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel
April 28: *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt
May 26: *House of Mirth* by Edith Wharton
June: TBA (with the afternoon group)

Happy reading! Mary Jane

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Afternoon Book Club will be held at 1 PM on Wednesday, November 5th at the home of Jane K. We will discuss "Orphan Train: A Novel" by Christina Baker Kline. Please RSVP to Jane if you plan to attend

Here is the list of books chosen for the afternoon book group:

November 5: *Orphan Train: A Novel* by Christina Baker Kline
December 3: *The Traitor's Wife* by Allison Pataki
January 7: *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht
February 4: *The Strange Death of Mistress Coffin* by Robert Begiebing
March 4: *In the Garden of the Beasts* by Erik Larson
April 1: *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson
May 6: *We Are Not Ourselves* by Matthew Thomas
June: TBA (with the evening group)

Olga

CREATIVE ARTS

Knitters will not be meeting in November and December. We will resume meetings in January. Knitters please continue knitting the rectangles for the afghan.
Gladyce.

EVENING BRIDGE

Evening bridge will be held at Carolyn C's home on Thursday, November 6 at 7pm. Let her know if you can come.
Thanks, Marcia

AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Afternoon Bridge is scheduled for Monday, November 17, from 1 to 3. Please confirm location with Bonnie.

GOURMET GROUP

Beth B. would appreciate someone to co-chair Dinner Series with her.
If interested, please call Beth.

MAH JONGG

To date, no member has volunteered to Chair or Co-Chair the Mah Jongg Interest Group.
If interested, please call Sharon H.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee anticipates holding a meeting in late 4Q14 to update the status of our two educational grant recipients, Amanda Matulis and Briana Castrodonatti. Both students have been busy with coursework and part-time jobs and, based on acceptable grades for the fall semester, become eligible to receive their second \$1000 award to cover the spring semester. The committee will follow up with them.

Rose P, Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please welcome new member: Deborah D.

Those of you who have not picked up your directory, they will be available at the November meeting.

If you have a prospective member, please email either Nancy F. or Sara K. and we can forward an application to them.

CULTURAL TRIPS

AAUW Cultural Trips - Fall 2014

November 14, Friday, NYC Museum Trip - reservations are closed.

Guided tour of the exhibition "The Paris of Toulouse-Lautrec: Prints and Posters"

December 10, Wednesday, Theater Trip

Long Wharf Theater, New Haven, 2pm matinee at discounted price of \$55.25 .

Picasso at the Lapin Agile by Steve Martin directed by Gordon Edelstein.

Optional lunch at Brazzi's restaurant - details to follow. Transportation via carpool.

Twenty two members are attending! It is still possible to obtain tickets.

Contact Janice H. **ASAP**.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many of the trees have lost their leaves and the temperature is cooler, yes Mother Nature is telling us that fall is here. Some reminders and/or announcements:

- The family of Dr. Carol R. Virostek cordially invites all current or past members of AAUW to a reception in celebration of Carol's life. The reception will take place on Sunday, November 9, 2014 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Central Connecticut State University Memorial Hall. Please RSVP by November 3, 2014 via www.ccsu.edu/virostek .
- On October 3, 2014 the following members attended the AAUW Conference on Campus Sexual Violence and the Branch Leadership Meeting held at Trinity College in Hartford: Dot, Carolyn, Sharon, Sally, Mary and Barbara. The meetings were informative and

enjoyable. It was especially pleasing to learn of the various ways that current student grant or NCWSL recipients are implementing various procedures to assist students on campus.

- The Branch received a lovely letter from Kenneth DeLisa, ECSU Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the Eastern Foundation thanking us for our donation to the ECSU Foundation, Inc. designated for the Dr. Marcia P. McGowan Endowed Scholarship.
- The Executive Board will revise a document listing the duties of LCVB-AAUW Executive Board members created by Sheila (June 20, 2011) and later amended by Mary M. which is no longer compliant with AAUW Bylaws.
- Our next General Meeting will take place on November 12, 2014 at the Acton Library. Our speakers, members of AARP, will present an interactive presentation on fraudulent issues. It is entitled the "Con Artist Playbook".

I look forward to socializing with you at the November Meeting.

Sally K.
President

BRANCH WEBSITE



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During this past month, our website had 18 visitors.



We still need volunteers to Chair or Co-Chair the Mah Jongg Interest Group. Also, is anyone interested in Chairing a Movie Group? If interested, please call Sharon H.

We also need someone to co-chair the Dinner Series with Beth B. If interested, please call Beth or Sharon H.

MEETING MINUTES

AAUW GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 1, 2014

Acton Public Library

President Sally K. called the business meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

A moment of silence for Carol Virostek was observed.

Welcome to

- New member Joan
- New member Jackie

Secretary's Minutes September 10, 2014

- Motion by Dawn B. to accept the minutes as presented in the newsletter
- Seconded by Nancy F.
- Motion was approved

Treasurer's Report: Dot reported

- Checking \$2,403.46
- Savings \$5,512.53
- Bequest Savings \$17,449.82
- Total \$25,365.81
- Reminder: National membership dues are \$49.00. Of that, \$46.00 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$3.00 is not because it supports the AAUW Action fund's section 501c 4 lobby corps and get-out-the vote activities. State dues are \$5.00 and the branch gets \$21.00.

- A motion by Carolyn C. to accept the report as presented
- Seconded by Sharon H.
- Motion carried

Membership: Sara and Nancy reported

- 92 paid members
- 3 Dual members
- 1 Lifetime member
- Total – 96

Scholarship: No report was given

Interest Groups: Janice mentioned 3 upcoming trips

- Gardner Museum in Oct
- MOMA in November – please let Mary Jane Petersen know by Oct 10 if you are going
- Wednesday Dec. 10 – Long Wharf Theater – over 20 have already reserved tickets

Member Book Signing Suzanne T. will sign her book LOVE LETTERS FROM A MONK on Wed Oct 8 at Acton Library. Everyone is welcome

AAUW CONFERENCE Fri Oct 3 at Trinity College. Topic: Campus Sexual Assault. The presentation is 10-3. Lunch is provided. A leadership meeting will be held before hand 9-10. Mary M. is looking for a carpool. Several members are going.

Next General Meeting –Wed Nov 12 at Acton. A speaker from AARP will discuss Fraud.

Phone # correction – Please add Erma's # to your booklet

Business meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM. After a quick break for refreshments we were given a wonderful presentation by **Dr. Marcia McGowan** entitled **Mary Borden: One of the Unsung Female Heroes of World War I.**

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy B., Secretary