



Lower Connecticut Valley Newsletter

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October 2015

CALENDAR

Oct 1 Thu 7 to 9 PM Evening Bridge
Oct 14 Wed 7 PM General Meeting
Oct 15 Thu Cultural Trip
Oct 19 Mon 1 to 3 PM Afternoon Bridge
Oct 21 Wed 1 PM Mah Jongg
Oct 27 Tue 7 PM Afternoon Book Group
Oct 27 Tue 7 PM Evening Book Group

GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Place: Acton Library
Old Saybrook
Time: 7 PM

At this meeting, we will be pleased and honored to welcome Dr. Melinda Rising, AAUW CT College/University Chair and our two NCCWSL (National Convention for College Woman Student Leaders) attendees, Brian and Amanda as our special guests.

Dr. Rising will share the genesis of the NCCWSL leadership program and Brian and Amanda will share with us their experience.

"Every student who attends this conference comes back forever changed". This is sure to be an exciting, informative, and enlightening evening.

MAH JONGG

Wednesday, October 21 at 1:00 pm at Barb S's.
Please contact Barb if you can attend.

Sharon H.

DINNER SERIES

Dinner date TBA

EVENING BOOK GROUP

The **October Meeting** is a joint meeting with the Afternoon Book Club on **Tuesday, October 27th at 7:00pm at the Acton Library in Old Saybrook**. We will be discussing Kalamazoo Gals by John Thomas. The author will be attending. All are welcome even if you haven't read the book. It should be a very enjoyable evening.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

The **October Meeting** is a joint meeting with the **Evening Book Group. It will be on Tuesday, October 27th at 7:00pm** at the **Acton Library in Old Saybrook**. We will be discussing **Kalamazoo Gals** by John Thomas. The author will be joining us for the meeting. All members are invited to attend.

EVENING BRIDGE

Evening Bridge is being hosted by Nancy B. October 1 from 7- 9 pm at the North Cove Yacht Club in Old Saybrook.

AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Afternoon bridge will be held on Monday Oct 19 from 1-3.
RSVP Bonnie

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Branch membership is now up to ninety-five. Thirteen members have not renewed their dues to date.

New directories will be available at the October meeting for members who have paid their 2015-2016 dues.

Please welcome **NEW MEMBER**

LeRay

BS, UCONN

Certificate, Lyme Academy of Art, Painting

CULTURAL TRIPS

October Cultural Trip

Thursday, Oct. 15, **Thankful Arnold House** in Haddam. Guided Tour at 10:00 a.m.

Donation - \$5.00

Please contact Pat L. if you didn't sign up in Sept.

Also, let Pat know if you will be driving directly to 14 Hayden Hill Rd in Haddam (just off Rt. 154) or if you wish to carpool. We can meet at Park & Ride, Exit 65 off of 95 at 9:15.

Lunch: The Ivory Restaurant in Deep River.

After lunch, optional self-guided tour of the "Wee Faerie Village of Whimsical Kingdoms, Towers and Palaces of Fiction's Greatest Princes and Princesses" at the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme.

Admission - \$15 Adults, \$14 Seniors and \$5 if you are a member of the museum.

Pat

November 19 – Thursday

Henry Whitfield Museum in Guilford – 20 min. intro to the museum, then explore on your own.

Special feature: Holiday exhibit.

Lunch at The Wharf Restaurant at the Madison Beach Hotel.

Transportation: Carpool or "On Your Own"

Contact: Dot B.

December 16 - Wednesday (not a meeting day)

Theater Trip: Long Wharf, 2 pm Matinee
Fiasco Theater's production of "Measure for Measure" by William Shakespeare

Optional: lunch at Brazi's Italian Restaurant before the play

Transportation: Carpool or "On Your Own"

Reserve tickets (discounted to \$49.75)

now...limited seating available.

Contact: Dot B.

Sign-ups sheets for these two trips will be available at the October meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Our three educational grant recipients for 2015-2016, Megan D., Alexis H., and Amanda M. were introduced to the membership at our September 9th meeting. The young women were happy to meet our membership and spoke briefly about their career aspirations. They also mentioned how grateful they are for our support. It was a stretch for all of them to attend our pot-luck dinner since Megan and Alexis had to travel from the UCONN campus at Storrs and Amanda's time is limited due to her radiology clinic schedule. We wish the students much academic success this semester, as well enjoyment of college life.

Rose, Chairperson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this it is still like a summers day, but fall is coming along with our activities. As it was when we were in School, fall starts a new year for AAUW.

I was delighted to see so many at our pot luck supper this year, and to get better acquainted with some of our new and prospective members at the wine and cheese. Thank you Carolyn for hosting that and to all board members who contributed.

Our meeting this month will focus on student leadership and our role in encouraging it. We hope the students who we sponsored to the NCCWSL Conference in Maryland this year will be there and we welcome Lin Rising the AAUW CT College/University Relations Co-Chair who will tell us about our role with the colleges and universities in our area. Please come and learn about another aspect of our association.

I hope you have all found one or more of our interest groups to join. It is a great way to meet other members and to get to know each other as well as enjoying the activities. Please remember to rsvp so hostesses know how many to expect. Also if you would like to start another interest group, feel free to put it forward. Someone else may be interested and you will have a group to do it with!

Dawn

AAUW PUBLIC POLICY

Members should look for *Mission & Action*, AAUW's e-newsletter. It comes mid month. Last one came on September 17th. Included latest gender wage gap data, Title IX, Fair pay, and article on AAUW making a difference in your community. It asks for opinions and you can even vote your choice for woman to be on ten dollar bill. Check it out. AAUW Empowering women since 1881.

Barbara H.

BRANCH WEBSITE

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During this past month, our website had **126** visitors, of these, 92% were new.

OUT OF THE BRANCH

Hello everyone,

The **2015 College University Conference** is scheduled for **Friday, October 16 at University of Hartford.**

This year's conference is entitled, "**Women Empowering Women for Success in Career, Networking and Financial literacy**".

You will find the program overview and basic information in the attachment and final details will be shared in the near future as presenters are finalized. The committee, including students, wanted to include information and experiences that would be informative, helpful and engaging for the participants. Regional meetings will also be included during the scheduled activities.

The conference is intended for AAUW CT Campus Reps, Steering Committee members, NCCWSL students, Student Advisory Committee members, AAUW CT Branch leaders, Student Org Members and special guests. As you will see on the form, registration is free and includes lunch.

Bearing that in mind, we welcome additional students from your institutions, but please be prudent in the number of students you bring. Please contact Kathy Poirier or me if you have any questions about that.

We ask that you register online if possible since that will expedite the process.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in October!!

Lin Rising
Melinda J. Rising, PhD
AAUW CT College/University Chair

Tree of Life Concert and Conference

The Tree of Life Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18.

The October 17 concert begins at 6:30 pm and opens at 6:00. The October 18 conference begins at 2:00 and opens at 1:30 PM.

This conference will be held at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme and is about the Israeli/Palestine conflict and Palestinian daily life. There is a concert on October 17 and conference on Oct. 18.

LeRay