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Lower Connecticut Valley Newsletter

June 2015

## CALENDAR

Jun 1	Mon	7:00	PM	Great Decisions
Jun 4	Thu	7:00	PM	Evening Bridge
Jun 10	Wed	6:00	PM	Theater Party
Jun 12	Fri	9:30	AM	Cultural Trip
Jun 15	Mon	7:00	PM	Great Decisions
Jun 16	Tue	6:00	PM	Combined Book Groups
Jun 17	Wed	1:00	PM	Mah Jongg
Jun 15	Mon	1 to 3	PM	Afternoon Bridge

## END OF YEAR THEATER PARTY

**Date: Wednesday June 10th**

**Place: Ivoryton Playhouse**

**Time: Hor d'oerves and glass of wine 6:00 PM**  
**Curtain time is 7:30 PM**

Last call for tickets to "Calendar Girls" at the Ivoryton. Tickets are \$32.00 sent to Carolyn by **June 5.**

## GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will meet Monday, June 1st and discuss ' Human Trafficking in the 21st Century'. On Monday June 15th, we meet to discuss ' Brazil's Metamorphosis'. All meetings take place at the Acton Library in Old Saybrook at 7:00pm. If questions, please contact Donna.

## AFTERNOON BRIDGE

If you can play contact Bonnie.

## JOINT DAY AND EVENING BOOK GROUPS

The joint meeting of the afternoon and evening book groups will take place on Tuesday, June 16 at 6 pm at Mary Ann K's home. The event will be a pot luck, so please bring either a salad, appetizer, main dish or dessert. We will be discussing "Girls of Tender Age" by Mary Ann Tirone-Smith, and Mary Ann Tirone-Smith will attend the discussion. Email or call Mary Ann if you plan to attend.

Mary Jane and Olga.

## CREATIVE ARTS

The knitting group meetings will resume in September.

## EVENING BRIDGE

Evening bridge will be held at Eloise B's home on June 4 at 7 o'clock. Please let Marcia know if you are able to come and copy Eloise.

## MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Mary Jane's. Please let Mary Jane know if you plan to attend.

## GOURMET GROUP

Will resume again in the Fall with a cocktail party.

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Dues for the 2015-2016 year are due by the end of this month. The 2014-2015 year ends on June 30th. The dues will be **\$80.00** (\$49 of which \$46 is tax deductible, plus \$10 for state plus \$21 for our branch). Note that the State dues went up \$5 from last year. 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. This form is included in this newsletter.

Please welcome new members

### **Sandra C. and Elaine Q.**

#### **Sandra**

BA, Manhattanville College, Biology  
MPH, Yale Univ., Public Health

#### **Elaine**

**(Joint Member with Shoreline)**  
BA, Cedar Crest College, English

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.

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The deadline, May 30<sup>th</sup>, for receiving student applications for the upcoming two educational grants has now passed and the Scholarship Committee is beginning its review process. The grants are for \$2000 each and cover academic year 2015-2016. To be eligible, students must be at least 21 years old, hold a high school diploma or equivalent, be pursuing an Associate or Bachelor degree from an accredited college or university, and reside in a town covered by our Branch. Recipients will be chosen on the basis of personal goals, academic performance, and financial need. Awards will be announced by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Both recipients will be invited to a Branch meeting in September, allowing everyone an opportunity to meet them.

NCCWSL was held at the University of Maryland at the end of May with about 1000 students

attending. There were nearly 50 students from CT who attended, including Briana P. and Amanda M. both of whom our Branch sponsored. Feedback is expected from each of them shortly and, in addition, they have been invited to speak with us at a Branch meeting in October.

Rose P., Chairperson

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greeting from your incoming President. First let me thank Sally so much for her leadership and organization this year. I look forward to her continuing help as the next year arrives! I also want to thank our Vice President, Sharon, who thankfully is continuing on and who I will count on to fill in when I am not around, which is often!

For any organization to thrive it needs leadership and Members to assist on committees and to come forth with ideas and ways to improve the group. Many of the branches that have folded in recent years have done so not because there were not members but because no one would take on leadership roles. This group has always been dynamic and growing and I hope we will continue to do so. However we do need a secretary for next year- we do have a back up person but this really needs a secretary and a backup to cover all meetings. If you have any interest in this position please let me know.

We also need a Communications Chair and someone to help Eva with the newsletter. Who will step forward??

We need your ideas for program , interest groups, and cultural trips. I look forward to your many calls and emails to help launch us into our 2015-2016 year!

Remember to bring your interested friends to meetings and encourage them to join also and further our mission.

Dawn B.

## CULTURAL TRIPS

### June 12

9:30 am - Meet at I 95 Commuter Lot Exit 70

10 am - Lyman Allyn Museum, New London: 30 min tour of "Lost Gardens of New England" exhibit and a 30 min tour of related paintings from the permanent collection, \$9 per person

12:30 pm – Lunch at the Vanilla Bean Café, Pomfret, CT – “Connecticut’s Best Country Café” Yankee Magazine

2:00 pm - Roseland Cottage, Woodstock, CT - featured in the Lyman Allyn exhibit – 1.5 hr tour, including garden, \$14 per person

Please email Mary Jane if you are able to drive.

## BRANCH WEBSITE

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During this past month, our website had **824** visitors, of these, 97% were new.

## MEETING MINUTES

### AAUW GENERAL MEETING

Acton Library

May 13, 2015

**President** Sally K. called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. She welcomed everyone and thanked all those who served on the Board this year.

**Dues** for the forthcoming year of \$80 are due now and can be sent to Nancy F. This is an increase of \$5 over the previous year as the State dues went up this amount.

**Nominating Committee** consisting of Sara K., Eva B., and Claire T. proposed the following slate of officers for the 2015-2016 year

- **President** Dawn B.
- **Vice President** Sharon H.
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer** Mary Jane P.

The slate was accepted as presented. Anyone interested in serving as Secretary or on a committee can contact Dawn.

**Treasurer’s Report** Dot B. reported the following

- Checking \$1,646.97

- Savings \$7,518.58
- Bequest \$17,452.13
- Total \$26,617.68

The savings account covers grants, AAUW Fund contributions, and past general savings.

### Summary of Fundraiser Activities

- Revenue \$10,825
- Expenses \$3624
- **Net Profit \$7201**

### Recommendation of Dispersal of Fundraiser Funds from the AAUW Funds Committee

- Local Grant/Scholarship program: \$4,600 – 2 \$2000 grants for calendar year 2015-2016 and \$600 deposit to Saybrook Point in to reserve for next year’s luncheon
- AAUW Funds : \$2701 - \$500 for this year’s NCCWSL expenses and \$2201 donation to the Carol Virostek National Fund (#4378)

A motion was made by Sally K., seconded by Betty O. that we disperse the funds as recommended. Motion carried.

**Budget** – Dot presented the budget for 2015-2016 and went over every lined item. Please see her report for further details.

**Programs** Carolyn C. reminded us that the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting would be at the Ivoryton Theater to see **Calendar Girls**. Price is \$32.00 per person and is open to all.

**Cultural Group** – Mary Jane noted that the group would be going to the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington on May 29 and anyone interested should contact Janice H. In June they will be going to the Roseland Cottage in Woodstock.

**Adjournment** The business meeting was adjourned at 7:34 at which time Carolyn introduced the speaker for the evening, Carolyn Treiss of the Committee on the Status of Women.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy B., Secretary