



Lower Connecticut Valley Newsletter

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September 2015

CALENDAR

Sep 2	Wed	1 to 3 PM	Afternoon Book Group
Sep 3	Thu	7 to 9 PM	Evening Bridge
Sep 9	Wed	6 PM	General Meeting
Sep 14	Mon	1 to 3 PM	Afternoon Bridge
Sep 15	Tue	5 to 7 PM	New Members Reception
Sep 16	Wed	1 PM	Mah Jongg
Sep 29	Tue	7 PM	Evening Book Group
Oct 2	Fri	7 PM	Dinner Series

GENERAL MEETING

POT LUCK DINNER

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2015
Place: St. Ann's Episcopal Church
82 Shore Rd (Route 156)
Old Lyme
Time: 6 PM

Our first social gathering this season is the Pot Luck Dinner that will be held on September 9th at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Old Lyme at 6 pm. Please bring an appetizer, hot or cold entrée, salad or dessert to share (to serve eight people). Hot and cold drinks will be provided.

We will have information on the various Interest Groups and you will be able to sign up for those that interest you. If there is a group you would like to start please feel free to put it forward and see if there is interest also.

Megan and Alexis, two of our educational grant recipients, have committed to attend our branch

meeting on September 9th and will be introduced to the membership. Amanda will attend if her clinical rotation schedule allows. The students are looking forward to meeting us, and we hope you can take this opportunity to meet them too.

We will be collecting funds at this meeting for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) which works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and workplaces.

Please bring any friends that you think may be interested in joining us.

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg at my house on Wednesday, Sep 16th at 1:00 pm. Please contact me if you can

Sharon H.

DINNER SERIES

Dinner Series will begin the season with a cocktail party on Friday, Oct. 2nd. Everyone who is a member or would like to become a member of the Dinner Series is welcome to attend. The Dinner Series includes husbands or significant others. We will begin at 7:00 pm at my home, for a fun evening. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and whatever you would like to drink. Dessert and coffee will be provided. Please let me know if you plan to attend, or if you have any questions. Hope to see lots of you there!

Sharon H.

EVENING BOOK GROUP

The first 2015-16 meeting of the evening book group will take place on Tuesday, September 29, at 7 pm at the home of Mary Jane. We will be discussing "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. Please call or email Mary Jane if you plan to attend - All are welcome!

We will be selecting books for the upcoming year, so please bring your suggestion, along with a brief summary. It works best if the book has been researched as to its suitability for discussion. If you have a chance to send Mary Jane your suggestion ahead of time, that would be helpful.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

The first meeting of the Afternoon Book Club is on **Wednesday September 2nd from 1 - 3 pm at the home of Carolyn F. .**

Please rsvp to Carolyn if you plan to attend .

You can park on the street or in an area opposite the house. There is no parking in the driveway. Some one will be out to assist you to find a place. Carpooling is a very good idea.

We will be discussing The Round House by Louise Erdrich; in addition you should bring two recommendations of books to read this year. One of them should be an historic fiction and the other any book you feel is appropriate for a group discussion.

EVENING BRIDGE

Evening Bridge will be held Thursday, September 3 from 7-9 pm at Marcia N's home - Please let me know if you would like to play that evening

Marcia

CREATIVE ARTS

The knitting group meetings will resume in September. Please contact Gladyce for meeting details.

AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Afternoon Bridge will be Monday Sept 14 from 1-3 at Bonnie Ns home. RSVP to Bonnie.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

There will be a wine and cheese reception for new (in the last year) and prospective members at Carolyn C's home, on Sept.15 from 5-7 pm.

Do come and join us and bring a prospective member along.

RSVP to Claudia W. by Sept 9 please.

If you have not already sent in your dues, another form is attached to this newsletter, also as the last page of this newsletter. The deadline for being in the directory is the first meeting, Sept. 9.

The dues are **\$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.

CULTURAL TRIPS

This year we will continue to explore the museums and historical sites on the Connecticut Women's Heritage Trail. Plans for our Fall excursions are in process...more details at the **September** branch meeting.

October 15 – Thursday

Thankful Arnold House in Haddam is one of Connecticut's Historic Homes dating from the late 18th century. There will be a guided tour at 10am; a donation of \$5.00 is welcomed.

- Lunch will be at the Ivory Restaurant in Deep River.

- Following lunch, a self guided tour of the Wee Faerie Village of Whimsical Kingdoms of Castles, Towers and Palaces of Fiction's greatest Princes and Princesses will take place at the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme.

Transportation: Carpool or "On Your Own."

Contact: Pat L.

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) are limited...sign up ASAP...**no later than Sept. 18**

Contact: Dot B.

Details and sign up sheets will be available at the September meeting.

Pat L.

Dot .

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that it has selected the following three young women to receive our branch's educational grants for academic year 2015-2016. The women were selected from a pool of strong applicants and were each awarded \$2000 grants, of which \$1000 has already been presented to cover the fall semester.

Amanda M. – This is the second year that Amanda has received an educational grant from our branch. She is a sophomore at Middlesex Community College where she expects to earn an AS degree in radiology technology in 2016 and was amongst 19 students out of 200 who were accepted into the program. She has begun her clinical training and hospital rotation, and will take four courses in the fall semester for a total of 12 credits. She maintains a 3.5 GPA. Amanda is 23 y-o, lives in East Haddam with her family, and works part-time as a pharmacy technician in a local pharmacy as much as time will permit.

Megan D. – Megan attended Middlesex Community College for two years and has now transferred to the University of Connecticut. Her major at Middlesex was General Studies and she maintained a 3.6 GPA. She was accepted into the English program at UCONN and anticipates applying to the Neag School of Education to study secondary English education. Her goal is to work with students and children, as an English teacher at the middle or high school level. She has registered for 6 courses in the fall semester for a total of 16

credits. Megan is 22 y-o and, while her residence is Old Lyme, will live on campus at Storrs.

Alexis H. - Alexis is a senior at the University of Connecticut at Storrs and majors in Biomedical Engineering in the Engineering Department. She has a 3.5 GPA and will earn her BS degree in 2016. In the fall semester, Alexis will take four courses for a total of 12 credits. Upon graduation, her goal is pursue the area of cell and tissue engineering in a clinical setting, with the aim of earning a Masters degree. Alexis is 22 y-o and, while her residence is Old Saybrook, will live on campus at Storrs.

Amanda, Megan, and Alexis are thrilled to receive our grants and very appreciative of our financial support. Megan and Alexis have committed to attend our branch meeting on September 9th and will be introduced to the membership. Amanda will attend if her clinical rotation schedule allows. The students are looking forward to meeting us, and we hope you can take this opportunity to meet them too.

A big thanks goes to all of the Scholarship Committee members, Nancy F., Carolyn C., Barbara H., Mary M., Deb R., and Suzanne T., for their outstanding work during the past year which came to fruition in the selection of three highly qualified students. While we anticipated awarding grants to two students, we selected three since the candidate pool was strong and the students' academic references were even stronger. The awards and available funding were pre-approved by the LCV Board. A bigger thanks goes to all of the LCV branch members who freely gave their time, energy, and expertise under Sara K's leadership toward raising monies at this year's fundraiser. Because of your efforts, we are able to award grants to these three deserving women.

Rose P., Chairperson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our new year for AAUW. The summer has just flown by, school has opened so early, and we are ready to see old friends and welcome new.

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Your Board has been working hard at developing interesting speakers, trips and activities for this year. Thank you all.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 9th.

Dawn B.
President

BRANCH WEBSITE

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During this past month, our website had **231** visitors, of these, 98% were new.

LATEST PRESS RELEASE

AAUW Holds Prospective Member Event

The Lower Connecticut Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is inviting prospective members to a wine and cheese get-together on Tuesday, September 15, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at a

members home in Deep River.

This Branch's membership of 100 college-educated women supports AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Included in the branch activities are monthly meetings with speakers as well as current events, bridge and Mah Jong. Cultural activities include regular trips to interesting sites.

The branch also raises funds for its educational grants for adult women and to support the AAUW mission.

Prospective members are invited to learn about the Branch from its members and enjoy an evening of wine and cheese.



LOWER CONNECTICUT VALLEY BRANCH

Membership Renewal for 2015 - 2016

Branch dues for the coming year are due by **June 30th**.

Please use this new form when submitting your renewal dues.

- a) Print or copy this form
- b) Indicate membership type
- c) Complete and **update** the information section (important for our membership directory)
- d) Mail this entire form with your check made payable to: Lower CT Valley Branch AAUW to **Nancy Fairchild, 164 Hammock Road N, #25, Westbrook, CT 06498**
- e) OR...bring the completed form and your renewal check to a meeting

Type of Membership

Association Member:	National	\$49.00	
	State	\$10.00	
	Branch	\$21.00	\$80.00 _____
Dual Member:	Branch	\$21.00	\$21.00 _____

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NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____
(Indicate cell or home)

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

COLLEGE(S) Attended / Degree(s) received: _____

Thank you for your early response!