



Lower Connecticut Valley Newsletter

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December 2017

CALENDAR

Dec 6 Wed	Cultural trip
Dec 7 Thu 1 to 3 pm	Afternoon Book Grp
Dec 12 Tue 12:30 pm	Mah Jongg
Dec 13 Wed 7:00 pm	Holiday gathering
Dec 14 Thu 1 to 3 pm	Artist/Handcrafts
Dec 19 Tue 7 pm	Evening Book Grp

GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2017
Place: St. Ann's Episcopal Church
85 Shore Rd. in Old Lyme
Time: 7:00 PM

*Winter came down to our home one night quietly
pirouetting in on silvery-toed slippers of snow.
And we were children once again.*

Bill Morgan Jr.

Come join us as we celebrate this Holiday
Season at our
Annual Holiday gathering, on Dec. 13th,
at St. Ann's Episcopal Church
at 85 Shore Rd. in Old Lyme at 7:00 P.M.

This year we will be honored to welcome our
special guest vocalist and 2016-2017
LCV AAUW Scholarship
recipient, the multi-talented, Viktoria Chiappa.
Again this year, we will be hosting our exciting
"Chinese Auction." So if you would like to
contribute an item for this event, please bring it
with you,

The proceeds from this auction will be donated
to
National's LAF fund (The Legal Advocacy
Fund).
So bring an appetizer to share and come join us
for a festive
celebration of this Holiday Season.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful program and speaker last month! We want to thank all members who brought items that night for the New London Women's Shelter! Dot and Olga delivered our donations and thanks was given for our generous support. The Holiday season is upon us! As I reflect on the season, I have come to the conclusion that it is not all about the business and buying of presents but the way we approach our days with gratitude and treatment of our fellow man. As we go about our errands we know a smile in a long line or food donation brings joy to someone else at this time of year.

Our AAUW meeting December 13, 2017-7pm at St Ann's Church Old Lyme will bring us together for a social fun filled evening. Come relax and enjoy!

Happy Holidays to all!

Audrey

FUNDRAISING

Beginning the new year, the planning for the Book Author Luncheon will start in earnest. With another successful event, we will be able to continue providing scholarships and grants to local women. This is our affiliate mission and joins with AAUW national in helping to promote better futures for women.

The committee will meet January 8 and 22, 1-3 pm in the conference room at Acton Library. Please contact Sara K if you are interested in joining the effort.

This is an all hands on deck to support our major fundraiser! We all have the ability and responsibility to participate in meaningful ways. As the committee plans for the April 14th 2018 luncheon, you will be updated on ways to be involved and help out.

Happy Holidays to One and All!
Sara

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Our current education grant recipients, Mary M. and Francesca M., are away at college and will be contacted at the end of the month regarding disbursement of the second half of their grants. Each student has already received \$1000 of their total \$2000 grant and, based on satisfactory grades for the fall semester, is eligible to receive another \$1000. We anticipate that the students will be available to attend our annual tea on January 6th to meet our membership.

The Scholarship Committee will meet in December to continue planning for the 2018-2019 academic year. Once again, we anticipate awarding education grants and NCCWSL scholarships to deserving young women, and, if you have suggestions for our committee, we'd like to hear from you. Committee members are Nancy F., Linda F., Barbara H., Mary M., Rose P., and Suzanne T..

Rose P.
Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We welcome our new member, Elisabeth.

DINNER GROUP

Gourmet group - save the date! Sunday, February 11, 2018 for brunch. Following our first successful dinners we are ready for the next get together, a festive pre-valentine's day brunch. We do need two more hostesses so contact Mary Ann. or Elaine if you would like to hostess. For all who are interested in attending the brunch we must hear from you no later than January 24 in order to plan menus and assign houses.

bon appetit

ARTIST STUDY & HANDCRAFTING GROUP

Dec 14, 1-3pm - Artist/Mary Oliver, poet - Bring one of her poems and a fact about the poet to share with the group.

Hands-on/Calligraphy and brush script tutorial. Paper, pens, ink and markers will be provided. Small fee for supplies unless you bring your own.

Contact Amanda t with any questions
amerritt01@gmail.com

EVENING BOOK GROUP

Many thanks to Sharon for hosting and to Betsy for leading our lively November discussion of Ordinary Grace.

Deb D has offered to host our December 19 meeting when we will discuss The One Man by Andrew Gross.

Please email or call Deb at if you plan to attend the 7 pm gathering.
All are invited to attend.

Mary Jane

AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Afternoon bridge is scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month. Please contact Bonnie for time and place.

EVENING BRIDGE

Evening bridge is scheduled for the 1st Thursday of the month. Please contact Marcia for time and place.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

The **December Meeting of the Afternoon Book Club** will be on **Thursday, December 7th from 1-3 pm** at the **Acton Library in Old Saybrook**.

The book for discussion is Climate of Hope: How Cities, Businesses and Citizens Can Save the Planet by Michael Bloomberg and Carl Pope.

No need to rsvp, all are welcome even if you have not read the book.

Please note that the December meeting is on Thursday instead of our usual Wednesday because there is a Cultural Trip planned for that Wednesday. All other meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month through May.

MAH JONGG

Next Mah Jongg will be on Tuesday, December 12 at 12:30 pm at the home of Margie R.. Please contact Margie if you plan to attend. If you are interested in learning or just watching to see what it is all about, please feel free to come.

AFFILIATE WEBSITE

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During this past month, our website had **45** visitors, of these, 84% were new.

MONTHLY MEETING DATES

Wednesdays:

December 13, 2017- 7pm St Ann's Church
Old Lyme-

Holiday social –

Please bring a munchie or dessert to share

January 6, 2018- Saturday – Annual tea -
1pm – 3pm Old Saybrook Pavilion

February 14, 2018- 12noon Acton Library
-Old Saybrook-

Valentine luncheon-

Bring a sandwich for yourself and a munchie to share
Dessert and beverages provided

March 14, 2018-6:45- Essex Public Library

April 18, 2018 – 6:45- joint meeting with
Shoreline Affiliate- location TBA

May 9, 2018-6:45- Essex Public Library

June 13, 2018- 6:30pm – Ivoryton Playhouse end
of year social/play