



Lower Connecticut Valley Newsletter

lowerctvalley-ct.aauw.net

June 2018

CALENDAR

Jun 7	Thu	7:00 PM	Evening Bridge
Jun 9	Sat		BBQ Gourmet Group
Jun 12	Tue	12:30 PM	Mah Jongg
Jun 13	Wed	6:15 PM	Theater Party
Jun 14	Thu	7:00 PM	Great Decisions
Jun 18	Mon	6:00 PM	Joint Book Group

ELECTED OFFICERS 2018 2019

President	Olga S.
Vice President	Mary Jane P.
Treasurer	Linda F.
Secretary	Deborah D.

END OF YEAR THEATER PARTY

Date: Wednesday June 13th

Place: Ivoryton Playhouse

Time: Reception and hors d'oeuvres 6:15 PM

Curtain time is 7:30 PM

Play: "A Night with Janis Joplin "

Our last monthly meeting before the summer break:

The **June Social at the Ivoryton Playhouse is on Wednesday, June 13**. There will be a **cocktail party starting at 6:15pm** with hors d'oeuvres and non alcoholic beverages as well as a cash bar followed by the musical *A Night with Janis Joplin*.

As well as songs by Janis Joplin, the story incorporates music from women who influenced her life including Etta James, Aretha Franklin and Nina Simone. There are 22 songs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that I have just finished 2 years serving as your Branch President! It has been a pleasure to serve and guide our local affiliate . Our local affiliate has many dedicated and caring women who make a difference every day. We play an active role in participating in our communities and have cared for one another in time of need. On a National level, our affiliate has supported women through our LAF and Fellowship scholarship funds. On a local level many young women are fulfilling their dreams of obtaining a college education.

Most of all I want to thank each and everyone of you for helping me grow as a person in heart, mind and soul! We have cried, laughed and shared joy within our community that will be with me always!

Thanks for the memories,

Audrey

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee continues advertising for education grants for academic year 2018-2019. Applications must be received by June 11 and awards will be announced by July 15. We anticipate awarding \$2000 grants to two or more students who qualify academically and financially, and, in addition, have a clear set of career goals. Relatives of AAUW members are eligible. So, we'd like to hear from you if you have a student to recommend.

Francesca M. attended our branch meeting in May and was pleased to meet many of you whose greathearted fundraising efforts helped support her college expenses. She is graduating from Bryant University this spring and will work at National Grid in Boston, MA, as she awaits acceptance to graduate school in Amsterdam. She anticipates earning a Master's degree in Sustainable Finance.

Likewise, Mary M. is graduating this spring. She will earn a BS in Biology from Marist College and will attend graduate school to become a Physician's Assistant.

Mary M. and Alexa D., a sophomore at UCONN, are ready to attend this year's annual NCCWSL conference on May 30-June 2 at the University of Maryland. We anticipate inviting them to one of our branch meetings in the fall, as we would like to get their feedback.

Rose P.
Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

It is time to renew your AAUW membership. Dues for 2018-2019 are due by **June 30th**. Please download the attached renewal form and send it with your check to Sharon H.. Only fill out the information on the form if there are changes.

The New Member Night will be on Wednesday, August 22 at Deb D's home. If anyone knows of any possible new members, please let Sharon or Margie know.

GREAT DECISIONS

The last Great Decisions meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14.

Email Donna with any questions.

JOINT DAY AND EVENING BOOK GROUPS

The joint meeting of the Afternoon and Evening Book Groups will be held on **Monday, June 18th at 6:00pm** at the home of **Mary Ann K.** The book we will be discussing is **The Widow of Wall Street** by Randy Susan Meyers. There will be a pot luck dinner followed by the discussion of the book.

Please bring either an appetizer, main dish, side dish, salad or dessert.

It is important to rsvp to **Mary Ann** so she can plan on seating and setup for everyone coming.

For those who want to carpool, we will meet at **Exit 70 off 95 at 5:30pm** and drive to Mary Ann's because there is limited parking at her home.

Mary Jane and Olga

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg will be on Tuesday, June 12th at 12:30 pm. Venue to be determined. If you are interested in joining us or have questions, please contact Sharon.

GOURMET GROUP

And so another year comes to a successful close for the gourmet group. We enjoyed a cocktail party, a brunch, two dinners, and will be holding our BBQ on June 9. Many thanks to the hostesses who generously provided their homes. We are looking forward to another year of sociability and good eating.

Your organizers,

Mary Ann
Elaine

EVENING BRIDGE

Jane K. is hosting Evening Bridge on Thursday, June 7 at 7 pm.

AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Please email Bonnie for date and location.