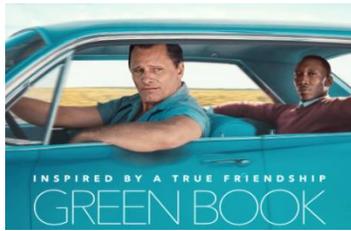
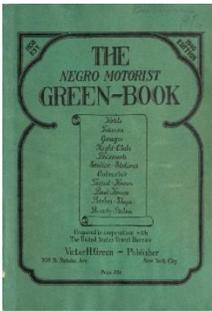


**February 2021**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021**  
**Place: Online ZOOM**  
**Time: 12:00 pm**  
**Speaker: Tom Schuch - “Connecticut’s Version of the Green Book”**



Douglass in New London, Sadie Dillon Harrison, Sarah Harris Fayerweather, the Slave Trade in New London, and Southeastern Connecticut’s Green Book sites.

This last topic will be Tom’s focus for his presentation to us. It will be a fascinating subject for Black History Month. Please plan to join us!

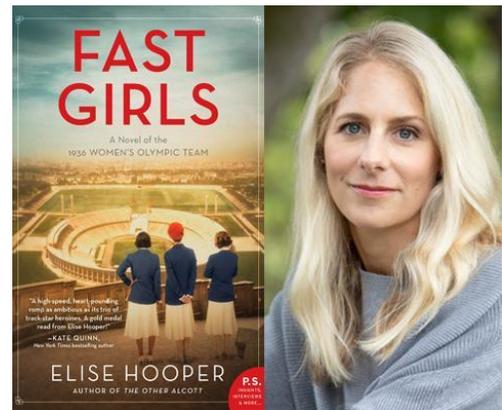
Gerri, Program Chair



**LIVE BOOK AUTHOR DISCUSSION**  
**ALL MEMBERS INVITED!**

Since we cannot gather for our annual February Valentine Luncheon, please join us online for a virtual luncheon. Enjoy your sandwich/salad as we welcome local historian, Tom Schuch.

Tom is a New London native and graduate of Georgetown University, with a longstanding interest in social justice issues. He retired after 38 years as executive director of a local residential facility for troubled adolescent males, Tom has an avid interest in history, particularly John Brown and the Civil War, but as a lifelong Sherlock Holmes fan, his area of special interest has become unknown, hidden, forgotten or suppressed local history. This interest is what led him to the discovery of previously unknown or forgotten stories of New London history, including Ichabod Pease, Frederick



**All members of the LCV AAUW chapter are invited to join the Afternoon Book Group on Wednesday, February 3rd at 1 p.m. via Zoom**

**and meet Elise Hooper, author of Fast Girls.**

The novel explores the women who are members of the 1936 U.S. Olympic track and field team and follows the experiences of three real-life women athletes who meet at the Nazi-sponsored Berlin Olympics. Combining historical background and compelling characters, Fast Girls is a memorable tribute to these women heroines.

This novel will make for an interesting and informative discussion with Elise Hooper, who has also written The Other Alcott about Louisa May Alcott’s sister May, and Learning to See about Dorothea Lange, the pioneering photographer. We are so fortunate that Elise Hooper is willing to join our book discussion of Fast Girls. We hope that you can join us too!

**If you wish to receive a Zoom invitation to attend, please email Mary Jane by Feb. 1, 2021.**



**FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

- Feb. 3 Wed 1PM** Afternoon Book Club
- ALL INVITED! Author of Fast Girls**
- Feb. 10 Wed. 12PM Meeting/Speaker
- Feb. 17 Wed. 7PM Great Decisions
- Feb. 26 Tues. 7PM Evening Book Group
- Feb. TBD Cultural Trip: Pop-Up Hike

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Dot and I were delighted to see so many members participate in “Tea and Trivia” on a chilly Saturday afternoon. We discovered how much we don’t know, but three met the challenge very well and ended up with prizes. Congratulations to Mary, Gerri, and Kelsey! It was a real pleasure to meet our scholarship recipients, Kelsey, Juliette, and Tabitha. Kelsey also shined as one of our trivia winners! Many thanks to Dot for her work on the trivia and for her excellent presentation of the game.

We also said goodbye to our Scholarship chair, Rose with a tribute from Sue, co-chair of the

Scholarship Committee. In her remarks, Sue pointed out that, under Rose’s leadership, the AAUW LCV has provided \$47,000 to 25 women in grant assistance to more than 25 women. Thank you, Rose!

I hope you are all looking forward to our February program, “Connecticut’s Version of the Green Book”. Remember that in February we meet at 12 pm, as the meeting is usually a luncheon. The Nominating Committee is in full swing. Please contact VP Deb if you are interested in an office or board position. It is a great way to get involved and we are always looking for new talent!

AAUW National will be asking members to vote on a bylaws change in April and early May. The comment period is open until February 5. A message regarding this change is posted below from the President of AAUW CT. We will address the topic in greater detail at a future meeting.

The Interest Groups are going strong. We are excited to welcome back our 2021 version of Great Decisions this month. Thanks to Margie for initiating two pop-up hiking trips, which were a lot of fun! Please join in any activity that interests you.

“See” you on February 10, if not sooner!

Mary Jane, President

**Message from the President of AAUW CT: Bylaw change comment period**

This spring, AAUW members will vote on proposed changes recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee that would eliminate the degree requirement for membership. Now through February 5, 2021, you can comment on the proposed changes. All submitted comments of proposed changes will be reviewed by AAUW’s staff and the AAUW Governance Committee.

Debate on open membership will take place in national town halls and state and branch meetings this spring.

Here's how to comment or propose a change:

Read the current AAUW bylaws and review the proposed changes below. Submit any comments or proposed changes by 5 pm ET on February 5, 2021.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2021-comment-bylaws/>

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

This year's Nominating Committee for LCV Board officers includes VP Deb DeHertogh, Deb Rhie and Margie Rice. Our task is to nominate a strong slate of candidates to fill the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary for 2021-2022. The membership will vote for officers at our Business meeting in May 2021. If you would like to nominate someone whom you feel would be a good fit for any of these positions, please call or email Deb DeHertogh at [debdehertogh@comcast.net](mailto:debdehertogh@comcast.net).

We would also like to hear from anyone interested in serving in the future as one of the appointed Board officers for Scholarship, Public Policy/AAUW Funds, Programs Membership, Fundraising, Communications or Hospitality. We also need members who might like to lead one of the Interest Groups (Bridge, Gourmet, Cultural Trips, Book Group, Great Decisions, Mah Jongg). We have been very fortunate to have had such a successful branch for many years, but this depends on the participation of all our talented members!

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Please contact Margie or Sharon for the latest (3) Members' change of addresses so you can enter these updates into your Membership Directory.

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scholarship Committee has awarded the educational grants for the spring semester to Kelsey, a junior at Purdue University, majoring in veterinary medicine, and to Juliette, a junior at Seton Hall University, majoring in elementary education and speech pathology. Both students joined our membership at the January virtual meeting. Tabitha, the fall semester educational grant recipient, who recently completed the University of Connecticut nursing program, also joined us.

The NCCWSL conference will be held virtually on May 25th and 26th. At least three students will be sponsored by our AAUW branch.

The Scholarship Committee is meeting to plan for the application process for next year's educational grants. We are discussing ways to publicize the educational grants and to identify students who would benefit from the grants.

Olga and Sue, Co-Chairs

### **BOOK AUTHOR LUNCHEON**

**The Book Author Luncheon has been rescheduled to April 2, 2022**, due to concerns about health and safety. It will still be held at Saybrook Point Inn.

Our Treasurer, Linda, will contact you soon if you purchased tickets for the 2020 event.

The Book Author Luncheon Committee is continuing to meet and plan for this event.

We are looking forward to holding the Book Author Luncheon when we can all gather together.

Penny and Sue, Co-Chairs



## **INTEREST GROUPS**

### **AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP**

**Feb 3rd is an invite to all members, planned by Sue Aberbach, for a live discussion with author Elise Hooper and her book, Fast Girls: A Novel of the 1936 Women's Olympic Team.**

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

For any questions and/or to join anytime, please contact Sara.

### **GOURMET GROUP**

(Not meeting due to Covid.)

Beth and Sharon, Co-Chairs

### **MAH JONGG**

If you are interested in playing virtual Mah Jongg, please contact Margie.

### **EVENING BOOK GROUP**

Thank you to Jackie for leading a very interesting January discussion of Caste, by Isabel Wilkerson.

On February 23, with Mary Ann as our leader, we will consider Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family by Robert Kolker. The meeting will begin at 7 pm on Zoom.

If you are not ordinarily a member of the group and wish to participate, please email Mary Jane.

### **AFTERNOON BRIDGE**

Bridge is on hold until it is safe for all to meet.

If anyone would like to play online via Bridge Base, please contact Marcia.

## **GREAT DECISIONS**

**IMPORTANT:** We are not following the order in the book.

We will be meeting via Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday, February 17. Sara will lead the discussion on "The World Health Organization's response to Covid-19".

The 2021 schedule:

Feb 17 – 7pm The WHO's response to Covid-19  
Mar 17 – 7pm: The future of Persian Gulf security  
Apr 21 – 7pm: Brexit: taking stock & looking ahead  
May 19 – 7pm: The Coldest War – the Arctic  
Jun 16 – 7pm: The two Koreas  
Sep 15 – 7pm: China and Africa  
Oct 20 – 7pm: Global supply chains & US national security  
Nov 17 – 7pm: The end of Globalization?

Contact Carol with any questions/concerns.

## **CULTURAL TRIPS**

Due to Co-Vid, we will continue to have outdoor activities, at least through March.

Our trip in February will be a hike at Bluff Point State Park in Groton. This walk affords lovely views of Long Island Sound and is an easy walk of about 3.5 miles roundtrip. Our target timeframe is a morning during the week of Feb 22nd. I will notify members of the exact date when we know the weather forecast.

In March, we plan to tour the historic Grove Street Cemetery near Yale University in New Haven. Covering more than 18 acres, Grove Street Cemetery is a National Historic Landmark where many eminent people buried are buried including Eli Whitney, Noah Webster, Roger Sherman, and Charles Goodyear, to name a few. The target date for this tour is the week of March 22nd, but again, this will be finalized when we know what the weather will be like that week.

Interested members should contact Deb.

## **Pop-Up Hikes**

We were able to do nice hikes in The Preserve and Town Park (Old Saybrook) in January. We will continue these throughout the winter.

If you are interested in joining our group, please email Marcia. She will send you an email several days in advance of the hike, after checking weather conditions.



## **AAUW MONTHLY MEETINGS 2021**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – 7pm**

AARP Fraud Watch Network Program:  
“The Con Artist’s Playbook”

