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Lower Connecticut Valley Newsletter

DECEMBER 2022

DECEMBER 2022 CALENDAR

- Dec. 7 Wed – 1pm Afternoon Book Club (via Zoom)
- Dec. 7 Wed - 7pm Holiday Party & Chance Auction**
- Dec. 13 Tue – 7pm Evening Book Club
- Dec. 14 Wed– 11:30 am Lunch/ 2pm**
- “Winter Wonderettes” - Ivoryton Playhouse**

(Contact Sharon for Maj Jongg meeting info.)
(NO Great Decisions, Hiking, Gourmet Groups this month.)

A Message from Co-Chairs Gloria & Lucy

RE: November Program

The November program by US Coast Guard Captain Eva Vancamp was successful with over 40 members present and much positive feedback. Thanks to Lucy Duddy and Deb Dehertogh for stepping in to announce that speaker. Info and photos are posted on the LCV Facebook page.



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The holidays are both wonderful and stressful, especially for women! Nonetheless, you all donated so generously to Safe Futures Women’s Shelter in November. We collected a RECORD amount this year----\$820 in gift cards and 14 large shopping bags of gifts!!

I hope you can all attend the Holiday Party on December 7th and the January Tea on January 7th. We have such incredibly diverse and vibrant members----please come out and celebrate each other!

Invite friends and family members to join AAUW. Our organization really does help educate, nurture and promote women at all stages of our lives.

---Deb, President



Holiday Party!
Wednesday, December 7, 2022
Saybrook Point Pavilion
7:00 p.m.

Bring...

A special Holiday Appetizer or Dessert to share...

A “treasure” to support the Chance Auction!

\$\$\$ Cash for tickets for the chance auction!
(\$5 for 5 and \$10 for 15 tickets! \$\$\$)

FESTIVE HOLIDAY DRESS ENCOURAGED!

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member, Jacqueline.

We currently have 83 members in our LCV Branch. We currently have two (2) free national memberships available through our successful Shape the Future campaign. The two new members taking advantage of this will only have to pay \$31 for State and Branch dues.

If you have a qualified friend, neighbor, or family member who would like to join our LCV AAUW branch at this discounted rate, please have them send a check for \$31 made out to "LCV AAUW" to MaryAnn, along with a completed membership application which can be found on our website (lowerctvalley-ctAAUW.net).

One can also bring a check to our December 7th meeting and join then. (Only 2 new members will be eligible for this \$67 discount.)

----Margie and Deb, Co-chairs

AAUW LCV FACEBOOK PAGE

Please check out and join our AAUW Lower Connecticut Valley Branch Facebook Page!
Invite your friends to join too!



SAVE THE DATE!!

BOOK AUTHORS LUNCHEON Saturday, March 25, 2023



After 2+ years, our Book Author Luncheon and Fundraiser is returning to the Saybrook Point Inn, featuring two very popular authors --- **Heather Webb** and **Amy Poeppel**

AND our fabulous raffle, our lovely silent auction, and a most delightful lunch!

(More event information will be forthcoming)

Committee Update: Book Author Luncheon

The 2023 Book Author Luncheon Committee met for the first time on October 19th. We have divided into teams to begin the monumental task of creating a successful and fun event in March 2023.

If you are interested in helping on any of the teams, please contact Linda or Kathy. We would love to have you participate. The teams are:

Chance, Silent Auctions and Ad Team

Book Authors Management Team

Saybrook Point Inn and Event Management Team

Publishing Program and Booklet Team

Publicity Team : Distribute flyers and Social Media

--- Linda, Co-Chair



SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee met on October 24th to discuss several topics:

- We are editing the Educational Grant application to put on the branch website and our Facebook page for the 2023 applicants;
- We are locating Facebook community groups to contact for publicity of the Educational Grant program;
- Gloria is assisting in establishing our Committee Facebook page and community contacts;
- We are making plans for identifying students for the NCCWSL conference when registration opens.

The Scholarship Committee will meet again in December.

--- Olga & Sue, Co-Chairs



LCV Hiking Group members on a recent local hike.

INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

The Afternoon Book Group met this past Wednesday, November 2nd, to discuss *The Chancellor: The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel*, by Kati Marton.

Judith led our discussion about Angela Merkel's youth in East Germany, her education as a scientist, her working relationships with world leaders including several American presidents and Vladimir Putin, her reputation as a calm and persistent negotiator, and her legacy in Germany and across the world.

We were all impressed with Merkel's accomplishments in her sixteen years as German Chancellor.

Many thanks to Judith for her revealing presentation of the book's critical reception, interesting facts about the biographer's life, and differing reviews of the book. Judith's questions spurred our discussion, leading to a fascinating meeting.

Our next Afternoon Book Group meeting will be Wednesday, December 7th, at 1 p.m. on Zoom. We will discuss *Euphoria*, by Lily King, a novel inspired by the life of the anthropologist Margaret Mead and her work in New Guinea. Gayle will lead our discussion.

-- Sue & Elaine, Co-Chairs



EVENING BOOK GROUP

We had a great turnout for Kate Seaver's engaging presentation of the editor's role in preparing The Personal Librarian for publication.

In addition to describing the authors and their writing processes, Kate entertained us with interesting tidbits of the lives of the two main characters, Belle da Costa Greene and JP Morgan. Kate also revealed that the two authors of The Personal Librarian will be collaborating on a new book about the desegregation of the military. A special thanks to Dawn for bringing Kate to our group and thank you to all who attended.

The Evening Book Group will meet again on December 13th to discuss Erich Remarque's All Quiet on the Western Front acknowledged as one of the most outstanding war novels. We will meet at 7 pm in the home of Liz. Mary Jane will lead the discussion. Please call or email Liz if you plan to attend.

For January 24, the Evening Book Group will be reading The Marriage Portrait, by Maggie O'Farrell.

---Mary Jane, Chair

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the documentary film series and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.

Our 2023 discussion group will meet monthly on Wednesdays at 3 pm. Dates are March 15th, April 26th, May 17th, September 20th, October 18th, and November 15th. Topics are: Global Famine, Climate Migration, Energy Geopolitics, Economic Warfare, Iran at a Crossroads, and China and the U.S.

The cost for the program is \$40 and includes the briefing book. Send a check made out to AAUW-LCV to Mary Ann, by December 10th. Barbara is Chair of this group, contact her for further information.

--- Barbara, Chair

HIKING GROUP

No hike in December due to the Holiday. Contact Margie if you'd like to join and be added to the email list.

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For information or to join, please contact Chair Sharon.

GOURMET

The Gourmet Group will have their next event in February. Please contact me if you would like to be on the group's email list.

--- Beth, Chair



CULTURAL TRIP: DECEMBER

Event: “Winter Wonderettes” Holiday Play

Date: Wednesday, December 14th

Location: Ivoryton Theatre, Ivoryton, CT

Time: 11:30am Lunch/ 2pm Matinee Play

Fee: \$45 ticket/ per person + Lunch



Don't miss our December Cultural Arts program! We will attend the **Ivoryton Playhouse holiday matinee, “The Winter Wonderettes”, on December 14.** This seasonal presentation will feature many versions of holiday classic songs, performed by the Wonderettes.

Join us for the fun by attending lunch at 11:30 AM at Scotch Plains Tavern, Essex, followed by the play at 2 pm. The discounted cost for the Ivoryton Playhouse **ticket is \$45.** Send your check, made out to AAUW – LCV, by Wednesday, November 30, to: **Mary Jane, or drop it off at her home** so the reservations can be finalized. Also, please confirm whether or not you will attend the lunch.

---Mary Jane & Sharon, Co-Chairs

CULTURAL TRIP: JANUARY

Event: Florence Griswold Museum Tour

Date: Tuesday, January 18th

Location: 96 Lyme St., Old Lyme, CT

Time: 11am Tour / Lunch

Fee: \$15 Tour/per person + Lunch

The first Cultural Arts program of 2023 will be a docent led tour of the Florence Griswold Museum by our own Sue. Please arrive promptly at 11 AM to tour the exhibition, “Dreams and Memories”.

UPCOMING JANUARY 2023 MEETING:

Afterwards, join us for lunch at the Hangry Goose restaurant. Admission for the tour is \$15. **Kindly bring cash, as there must be one payment for the entire group.**

If you plan to attend, contact Sharon no later than January 8th. Also, indicate if you will join us for lunch.

---Mary Jane & Sharon, Co-Chairs



A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON
and
NEW YEAR 2023
TO ALL!

**Tea Party and Trivial Pursuit
Competition**

**Saturday, January 7, 2023
1:00 to 3PM**

Saybrook Point Pavilion



**Bring your favorite Teapot and Tea AND
Tea sandwiches, finger food, appetizers
or dessert to share!**

Join a Trivia Team to compete for a Prize!

**Bring a friend to introduce to AAUW and
join in the fun!**

**On a high note, the three women awarded
LCV scholarships have been invited
to join us.**

**NOTE: The November 2022 Meeting Minutes will
be emailed to all LCV members separately.**