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Lower Connecticut Valley Newsletter  
**JUNE 2023**

**LCV JUNE CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, June 7**

4:00pm Joint Book Club & Potluck Dinner  
**(RSVP Mary Ann by 6/5 IF attending)**

**Tuesday, June 13**

12:30pm - Mahjong

**Thursday, June 15**

6:00pm – Social Event (Westbrooks Elks Club)

**Thursday, June 22**

9:00am - Scholarship Committee (via Zoom)  
Hiking Group (Hammonasset)  
(Email coming with time/details)

**Monday, June 26**

1:00pm – Board Meeting

**Groups NOT meeting in June:**

- NO Cultural Trip
- NO Great Decisions
- NO Gourmet Group



**LCV Social  
Thursday, June 15th.**

**6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Westbrook Elks Club**

**(Limit of 50 members/guests)  
ONLY 6 spots remain!**



**Two (2) hours of:  
Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar  
\$35 per person**

**Email/Call Gloria ASAP to reserve!**

**Checks payable to: LCV – AAUW**

**Mail to: Gloria Gery**



**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Many thanks to those members at the Annual Meeting in May, who spoke of the value of the LCV Branch in their lives and of the many wonderful activities we offer. An increase in our LCV annual dues to \$28 was approved at this meeting.

We are continuing to work on our 501(c)(3) application and, last week, filed for incorporation with the State of CT. A subcommittee is hard at work on updating our LCV website to make it more convenient and useful to members. Others are already at work on the selection of author(s) for next spring’s Book Author Luncheon fundraiser.

Don’t forget to attend our End-of-Year Social on June 15th at the Elk’s Club in Westbrook.

Have a great, relaxing summer, everyone!

--- Deb, President



LCV May Meeting: Speaker Dick Shriver talks to members about the history of the CT river.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The Lower Connecticut Valley Branch members of AAUW should now renew their memberships for 2023-24. **Dues will be \$110** (\$72 for National Dues of which \$69 is tax deductible, \$10 for State Dues, and \$28 for Branch Dues) which you will pay all at once. **Membership dues are due by June 30th!** You will be able to renew by mail with a check or online with a credit card.

**\*\*New members that joined at our Book Author Luncheon or later are already paid through 2023-24 and DO NOT need to renew.**

**To renew by mail:**

**Send a check made out to LCV AAUW for \$110 to:**  
LCV AAUW  
PO Box 379  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

**To renew online:**

1.) Click on the blue “AAUW Login page” link in the email that you will be, or already have received from AAUW or go directly to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). If you have visited the Community Hub before and remember your password you can log into your Personal Snapshot. If you have not, click **Forgot Your Password** located below the blue login button at the bottom of the page. Enter your email address then click Reset Your Password to receive a login email from [infost@aauw.org](mailto:infost@aauw.org). **PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT!** After you receive the login email, enter your email address and “Create and Confirm your Password” to access your Personal Snapshot.

2.) Within your **Personal Snapshot**, click the blue **RENEW** button at the bottom of the screen to update your profile and renew your national, branch CT-1022 Lower Conn Valley, and CT State memberships. (Dual members should self-renew ALL memberships at once.) You can pay using your credit card.

**To renew in person:**

If you are paying by check, you can give us your check at our June Social, at the Elks Club, on June 15th.

**Feel free to contact us with any questions.**

----Margie and Deb, Co-chairs

## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Cindy, one of our new members, passed away unexpectedly on May 1st. She joined our LCV branch this winter, and was excited about the wonderful programs AAUW offers, and meeting other women in the area. Cindy will be missed!

---Deb, Membership Co-Chair

## SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee met recently to discuss publicity for the Educational Grants and NCCWSL.

We have identified two student to attend NCCWSL, AAUW's conference for college student leaders, which will be held from June 1 -2 at the campus of the University of Maryland.

We are accepting applications for the LCV branch's Educational Grants using the application on our website and Facebook page. We are publicizing the Educational Grant in local newspapers, colleges, and community organizations. **The deadline for Educational Grants is June 12, 2023**

---Sue and Olga, 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!



## INTEREST GROUPS

### AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Date: **Wednesday, June 7**

Time: **4:00pm**

Location: **Mary Ann's home**

Book: **The Sweet Spot** by Amy Poeppel

Notes (3):

1) **Mary Ann needs an accurate count- please call or email her if you will attend.**

2) **Mary Ann requests we carpool if possible. Please meet at 3:15 pm at exit 70 / I-95 to carpool. Mary Jane, Dot, and Deb will be available to drive. Contact them if you are meeting for a ride.**

3) **Bring a dish to share for the potluck dinner.**

Just a reminder about our June 7th joint meeting with the Evening Book Group at 4 p.m. We will discuss *The Sweet Spot* by Amy Poeppel, one of the authors who spoke at our recent Book Author Luncheon. The novel is about a cast of characters whose lives intersect at a Greenwich Village brownstone-- an entertaining read!

Mary Ann has graciously invited us to her home. Please RSVP Mary Ann via a call or email if you are planning to attend. She also asks that we carpool from the I-95/exit 70 carpool lot, so meet there at 3:15pm. After our book discussion, we will have a potluck dinner. Bring whatever you'd like to share!

Looking forward to seeing you on June 7th! Happy reading!

--- Sue and Elaine, Co-Chairs

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Thank you to Penny for reviewing Afterlives by Gurnah at our May meeting. Many members were not previously familiar with the subject of this fictional novel - Germany's colonization of Africa before World War I. We all enjoyed the discussion on Jane's lovely porch. Thanks, Jane, for hosting.

The Evening Book Group has chosen Demon Copperhead by **Barbara Kingsolver**, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, as our September selection. It's lengthy, but we have the whole summer to read it!

---Mary Jane, Chair



## HIKING GROUP

Date: **Thursday, June 22**

Time: **TBD (email to be sent with details)**

Location: **Hammonasset Beach, Clinton**

Note: **Email Margie to be added to the email list.**



We had a beautiful day for our May hike at the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge's Salt Meadow Unit in Westbrook. As a bonus, Shakira, from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, treated us to a tour of the home of feminist leaders Elizabeth Fisher Read and Esther Lape, who moved here from New York in 1927. Among its features are wrought iron balcony railings salvaged from New York's Waldorf Astoria. We were even allowed to go out on the balcony!

Eleanor Roosevelt was a frequent visitor here. A plaque outside the building includes a quote from a "My Day" newspaper column. It was written in 1945 by Eleanor, a few months after the death of her husband, President Franklin D. Roosevelt: "...in the evening we stood on an upstairs porch and saw the moon shine on the fields, with the background of Long Island Sound in the distance."



--- Margie, Chair



### GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is taking a break in June, July, and August. Next meeting:

Date: **Wednesday, September 20**  
Time: **3:00pm**  
Location: **Acton Library, Old Saybrook**  
Topic: **“Economic Warfare”**  
Notes: **Email Barb** if you are interested in joining this group.

--- Barbara, Chair

### MAHJONG

Date: **Tuesday, June 13**  
Time: **12:30pm**  
Location: **Carole’s home**  
Notes: **Email Carole IF attending.**

Come and join the fun!  
Please email me to let me know you will be attending; also if you have any questions.

---Carole, Chair



### GOURMET

Date: **August (day TBD)**  
Time: **TBD**  
Location: **TBD**  
Notes: **Call Beth Brewer for details.**

--- Beth Brewer, Chair

**NOTE: The next LCV Newsletter will be emailed by September 1, 2023.**



**HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!**