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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012



STAR STUDDED BOOK-AUTHOR LUNCHEON-2011

Ninety-three members and guests wined and dined at the Clinton Country Club on November 5 in the company of famous authors and a surprise speaker. Contributing to the good cheer, a record number of auction items and business sponsors assured funding of next year's scholarship. TV personality Diane Smith shared some of her adventures and spoke of her publication *Seasons of Connecticut*. 2003 National Book Award Winner Carlos Eire captivated listeners with memories of starting life in this country, a tale beautifully told in *Learning to Die in Miami*. And Katie Davis' comical presentation made it clear why she is such a successful speaker and children's author.

The surprise at the podium was Anne Kubitsky, recipient of our 2008 scholarship award, an annual grant given to deserving Shoreline women who are completing their college educations. Anne, a Guilford resident, is now graduated from Smith College with a degree in biology and philosophy. She attended Paier College of Art and the Masters Program in Art Education at Manhattanville College. Her credentials were recently topped off with receipt of the 2011 Tassy Walden Award for her picture book manuscript, *Graycie's Catch*.



Anne's current undertaking, **LOOK FOR THE GOOD**, is a community art project aimed at promoting positive thinking – in a world short of positive images. She's asking, "What are you grateful for? Get out your markers and write, paint or draw a glimmer of gladness on a blank postcard." Many guests at the event did exactly that. They began drawing their own "glimmers of gladness" before leaving the Clinton Country Club.....They are not the only people interested in **LOOKING FOR THE GOOD**.. The project has gained press attention. Thus far, Anne has been interviewed by NPR's Faith Middleton and has chatted on New London's WCNI "Grandma's Attic" She's also been featured in local newspaper articles and

Smith's alumna blog. Meanwhile, post cards keep coming in from around the world.

The post cards will be exhibited in a traveling art show opening January 28 at the Custom House Maritime Museum in New London. Check out www.lookforthegoodproject.org to get the latest news on the project.

Dear Friends,

During this spirited time of the year Loretta and I wish you all a wonderful holiday season filled with warmth, good health and wise decisions.

We are grateful for the many hands which work to accomplish the many successes this year. Especially Marcia Myhre and Carolyn Dugan and the merry band of helpers that gave us another successful Book & Author Luncheon. We will let them give you the details.

Also to Marilyn Kennedy and the afternoon literature group for a successful Harriet Beecher Stowe presentation and to Great Adventures for the Mark Twain trip which followed.

Thank you Loretta, Joan Filbey, Jane West, Marcia Brunelle and Patricia Snyder for putting on a very successful and well attended Membership Tea on November 30th.

Also to Patricia Snyder for opening her beautiful home, and bringing in her accompanist for singing at the Gourmet Group roaring 20's evening Sunday evening Dec. 4th, and to all the other Interest Group members expanding our horizons in one way or another.

Thank you to the International Relations group for bringing us Dr. Robert Harms and his interesting lecture on the French Slave Trade, as well as the elegant Café Allegre Luncheon, and to everyone who brought nonperishables for the Shoreline Soup Kitchens.

We are looking forward to Archeology on January 18th at Foe in Branford, hosted by the Wed. bridge group. See the flier. And then Bears in your Backyard in February at EC Scranton Library in Madison.

We are proud to be part of this enthusiastic, interested, lively and diverse group of intelligent women. In the Spring we will look forward to an outreach initiative for women and girls as well as even more interesting programs. If you are interested go to the AAUW website and check out the latest research, Crossing the Line, about middle school girls. This is easy and informative.

Loretta and I are always available to you if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns. You are always welcome at Board Meetings, next being Jan 4th 6:30 at the Clinton Library.

Best Wishes to you all for a Happy Holiday Season Vicki Littell, Co-President

SHORELINE BRANCH OFFICERS: President--Vicki Littell; Co-President—Loretta James; Programs—Ann Gordon and Connie Fusco; Secretaries—Elizabeth Goss and Jeanette Olchowski; Corresponding Secretary—Marge Johnson; Education Foundation—Marilyn Kennedy; Historian—Gwen Waldo; Newsletter—Jan Jones; Reporter—Patricia Snyder; Public Policy—Jeanette Olchowski; Rides Coordinator—Kay Conover; Ads—Marsha Brunelle; Hospitality—Sonja Gibbs and Jane West; Membership—Carolyn Johns and Joan Filbey; Treasurer—Melissa Lamoreaux and Carol Geiser; Book-Author Luncheon—Marcia Myhre and Carolyn Dugan; Directory—Cathy Briggs and Janet Holmes; Legal Advocacy Foundation—Elaine Quayle and Barbara Dunham; Scholarships—Lois Stauffer, Marilyn Halloran, Mary Lienhard and Briane Horner; Parliamentarian—Carol Geiser; Publicity—Helen Greene,

Patricia Snyder and Elaine Quayle; E-Mail Communicator—Gene St. Paul; Web Site Manager—Marie Morch; High School Book Awards—Denise Bryan and Ginny Triola.

FEBUARY BRANCH MEETING

Hosted by The Wednesday Bridge Group

Women In Archaeology and Finds In Connecticut
The speaker is Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, CT State Archaeologist
Wednesday , January 18,

11:30 am ,cash bar... ..noon, lunch and speaker
Foe Restaurant, 1114 Main St in Branford, CT



Reservations

Name _____ Phone _____

Guests _____

_____ Mediterranean Chicken Salad/Fries _____ Shrimp Wrap Salad

_____ Grilled Portabello/Fries

Sorbet, Coffee, Tea and Soda are included with all choices

Please make your check----\$23/per person--- payable to:

Eloise Brady, 83 Shore Dr, Old Lyme, CT 06371 860-4334-3293

Mark your menu choice(s) on the check----Deadline January 13, 2012

As State Archaeologist, working with the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History and Archaeology Center at the University of Connecticut, Dr. Bellantoni has been a reigning authority on Connecticut excavations for more than thirty years. Thanks to his oversight, our State's archaeological sites are being preserved. Given his unique perspective, he will be able to tell luncheon guests about Connecticut in 2000BC and he'll update us on women in the excavating game along with insights on current digs..

“Closet Archaeologists” might be particularly interested in hearing about
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:IPA_for_English
Gungywamp, a site in Groton where Native American and Colonial artifacts (2000-770 BC) include a stone chamber featuring an astronomical alignment during the equinoxes. Besides containing beehive chambers and petroglyphs, the 100-acre Gungywamp site includes remains of houses and potential cloth and iron processing sites. This is Connecticut history as we haven't seen it before.In addition to excavating ancient sites, Dr. Bellantoni. teaches in the

Department of Anthropology at UConn and serves as a State Commissioner for Culture and Tourism. He sits on the State Historic Preservation Council and is President of the National Association of State Archeologists. His research background includes the analysis of skeletal remains from eastern North America.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER TEA

Thirteen members and guests, hosted by six branch officers gathered in the Madison home of Loretta James on November 30. This was an opportunity for prospective members to hear about the mission of AAUW and the activities of the Shoreline Branch. Guests learned about Interest Groups, monthly branch meetings featuring notable speakers and special tours set up to educate and entertain participants. A social hour encouraged questions and answers and added to a pleasurable afternoon.



Denny Pierce-Grove, Vicki Littell, Sally Geisler

Our recent new members include: Rita Ellen Creane (Guilford) BA San Francisco State University..... Mary C. (Sandy) Dowley (Guilford) BA: English, Rosemont College.....Virginia Friese (Guilford) BS: Education, Virginia Intermont College and MS: Psychology, University of Bridgeport..... Ann Gilligan (Madison) BA: English, Mt. St. Vincent and MA: English, Hunter College.... .Barbara Smart Letts (Guilford) BA: History, Wellesley College and MS Ed: Education, Hunter College..... Holly Van Marx (North Branford) Associate Bradford Junior College and BS University of Connecticut..... Catherine M. Jackson (Essex) BS: Accounting, Brooklyn College, CUNY and MBA: Finance, New York University Graduate School of Business..... Marilyn R. Kramar (Guilford) BA: Mathematics, Clark UniversityMS: and Computer Information Science, University of New Haven..... Dr. Bethanie Wilkinson(Clinton) MS: University of Cincinnati and PhD: Molecular Biology, Wesleyan University..... Nancy Dale

Davis Day (Guilford) BA: English Literature, University of Pennsylvania.... Patricia Melady (Madison) BSN: Nursing, D'Youville College, MPS: Health Administration, Quinnipiac University and Ed D: Education, Graduate Theological Foundation.....Georgia Whitney (Guilford) BA Vassar College

DR. HARMS AT THE CAFÉ ALLEGRA -A FIRST CLASS EVENT-

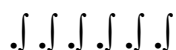
The International Interest and Friday Morning Book Groups, which hosted the December 7 Branch Meeting, delivered an outstanding guest speaker and topic.

Robert Harms, H. J. Heinz Professor of History and African Studies at Yale captured his audience with a remarkable presentation about the “The Diligent” an 18th century French slave ship. A thank you note from one audience member said, “I have never heard such a lucid and vivid history lesson! His use of one ship's journey to explain so much about the slave trade made the complexity so easy to understand... I will always remember the Diligent and Duran.” She closes her note with a line suggesting that he should make the presentation to every high school in the area during this Civil War sesquicentennial.”.



VISITING AUNT HATTIE'S HOUSE

Thank you to the Monday afternoon Book Group for giving us a special hour with one of our country's best known abolitionists. On November 13, the Guilford Library Meeting Room became Harriett Beecher Stowe's parlor. The staging served to bring reality to Emma Palzere-Rae's prize performance as the author of “Uncle Tom's Cabin”. Given the number of Stowe fans in the Shoreline Branch, Palzere-Rae's dramatization was followed up by lunch and a trip to Harriet (Hattie's) Beecher Stowe's actual home in Hartford. The Great Adventures Group doubled the pleasure of the trip by also visiting Aunt Hattie's next door neighbor Mark Twain



SAVE THE DATE--FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012

**COMMITTEE ON TEACHING ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS
INVITES YOU TO
THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
TOPIC: EDUCATION IS A HUMAN RIGHT**

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS – UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, N.Y.

REGISTRATION \$65—STUDENT FEE \$40

CHECK WWW.TEACHUN.ORG FOR DETAILS.

SPECIAL NOTES

A note from Elyssa Shildneck, AAUW Fellowships and Grants Intern, honoring AAUW members, in particular Shoreline member Barbara (Bobbie Shildneck, her grandmother.

“This November, we’re celebrating our 130th Anniversary and the first annual [National AAUW Month](#). This milestone has given me the opportunity to explore my personal connection to AAUW. Even though I’m a member of the millennial generation, I learned the value of education and women’s empowerment from my grandmother, a longtime AAUW member who attended college and graduate school when society expected much less from her. As a Fellowships and Grants intern and current graduate student, I look to stories of past fellows and strong women like my grandmother for inspiration in my own academic path. In the wake of celebrating the 130th birthday of an organization that has empowered women from my grandmother’s generation to mine, we would like to honor the rich careers of AAUW’s fellows.”

A great big thank you to all of you who contributed to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantry at our December Branch Meeting. Would you believe we donated 419 pounds of non-perishable food and \$22 in cash. This will be a great help to those in need in our area.

*Enjoy a Very Happy Holiday Season
Ann Gorden*

EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY - SEXUAL HARASSMENT

This is not a new topic but it is worth repeating, particularly at a time when harassment in all its forms is nightly news. Keep in mind that AAUW’s efforts to end sexual harassment start in the middle and high school years and goes beyond threats to girls. The Educational Foundation’s report “Crossing the Line- Sexual Harassment at School” addresses the grief experienced by young gay males as well. Currently, AAUW is advocating for the passage of the Safe School Improvement Act which would

significantly strengthen schools' ability and responsibility to combat both sexual harassment and bullying. To see the full report go to www.aauw.org
Annotation from note submitted by AAUW Member