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events~

HOLLY KEARL SPECIAL ON SEPTEMBER 12

POTLUCK ON SEPTEMBER 28

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE ON OCTOBER 19

DIANE SMITH CPTV at THE BOOK-AUTHOR EVENT NOVEMBER 5



SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS ALIVE!---Hear Holly Kearl, AAUW's National Program Manager, Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF), September 12 at 7PM

Come to a provocative meeting in the Faulkner Room, Guilford Community Center, 32 Church Street. Holly will give us an update on contemporary courtroom battles for gender equality in the workplace. She'll walk us through high-profile cases like *Dukes v. Wal-Mart* and *Sun v. UMass-Dartmouth* as well as upcoming cases in which LAF has supported the plaintiffs. And we'll hear about a summit on workplace harassment, to be co-sponsored by AAUW, featuring Anita Hill as keynote speaker.

Holly, founder of the website stopstreetharassment.com, is nationally recognized for her work on harassment concerns. She has been cited by the United Nations, BBC, New York Times, CNN, Washington Post, ABC News, Guardian and MS Magazine. In addition to authoring numerous articles in national magazines, her book, *Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women*, (Praeger Publishers 2010) has crystallized her reputation as an expert on women's issues in the 21st century.

This is one of the core concerns of AAUW. Be sure to come and bring friends. For further information, call Elaine Quayle at 203-453-1870.

Dear AAUW Friends—

Welcome to the new AAUW Season. Our boards and committees have been hard at work planning many great events. So get those calendars ready.

General Branch Meetings are usually the third Wednesday of the month but there are several important changes to that, so stay tuned. Board Meetings, open to all members, are the first Wednesday of the month at 7PM.

September 12 is an opportunity to hear the Legal Advocacy Fund's National Program Manager Holly Kearl speaking at the Guilford Community Center. It will be a great opportunity to meet state members who are expected to attend the event. A special thank you to Barbara Dunham and Elaine Quayle for arranging the evening.....

September 28 will be our Fall Rally Potluck Supper. We'll get a preview of 2011-12 events and we'll hear from the scholars we sponsored at the 2011 National Conference for College Women Students. A special raffle will help support key projects in 2012. Invite friends, family and neighbors I have invitations printed for you to send out.

Another word on students: How about giving a new college graduate a free membership to AAUW. Contact www.aauw.org for details' on the "Give a Grad a Gift" program.

On October 19, Emma Palzere-Rae will present an evening with Harriet Beecher Stowe, a most appropriate way to remember the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War. (Have you seen the Lee Academy exhibit in Madison?)

It is time to start thinking about assembling a table for the Annual Book-Author Lunch on November 5. First details on the year's major fund raiser are in this newsletter..

This is just the beginning of the 2011-12 agenda. You'll hear more in the weeks ahead. Meanwhile, mark your calendars and think of friends who would like to join the Shoreline Branch and share the pleasure.....See you in September!

Vicki Littel, President

BOARD MEETING: September 7, 7PM, Henry Carter Hull Library, Rte. 81, Clinton

SHORELINE BRANCH OFFICERS: President--Vicki Littel; 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 Filby; 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.

POTLUCK KICK-OFF—THE FALL RALLY

.....Bring your favorite salad, casserole or desert to our Potluck Supper at the Lutheran Church, off the Madison Green, September 28, 5:30PM. By all means invite a friend. (As usual, there is a \$3 door fee and you will need to bring place settings for yourself and your guest.)

Come and learn about upcoming events from our 2011-12 Officers and Interest Group Leaders.....Guest speakers Ebony McCleese and Tiara Willie, Southern Connecticut State University students, will describe their experiences at the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). The Conference, held this past June at The University of Maryland, was the scene of numerous workshops and presentations designed to build leadership skills in young women who will be shaping our society during the coming decades.

A Temptation for Art Collectors: There will be an original watercolor painting for sale by local artist JoAnn McCarty. The proceeds will go toward supporting the NCCWSL program.

MEET HARRIET BEECHER STOWE AT AUNT HATTIE'S HOUSE October 19---7pm---Henry Carter Hull Library, Rte. 81, Clinton

Find out what compelled Harriet Beecher Stowe, 19th century working mother to pen *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, a book which made her the best known writer and slavery critic of her generation. This will be your chance to interview Mrs. Stowe (portrayed by Emma Palzere-Rae) as she constructs her new family home, 'Oakholm'. You'll be meeting her shortly after her return to Hartford, an international celebrity searching for a simpler life.



Emma Palzere-Rae, a veteran of the professional theater, has turned her talents toward this forty-five minute play which gives audiences an up-close view of the times and thinking of Stowe.Given her credentials, Emma is an ideal person to portray Stowe.. As an Artistic Director she has brought her vision to *Plays for Living*, a 60 year-old not-for-profit theater company that uses drama as a tool for social change. As a writer-performer she has taken critically acclaimed one-woman productions to cities and rural stages, to schools, libraries, senior communities, civic organizations and professional theaters . As a producer she is the founder of *Be Well Productions* which is committed to the healing power of the theater. As an actress she has

.appeared Off-Broadway, at regional and stock theaters and in various films and commercials. She now serves as the Director of Development for the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut
(For further information call Marilyn Kennedy 203-421-8490)

**THE HOLIDAY SEASON BEGINS NOVEMBER 5 WITH OUR
ANNUAL BOOK-AUTHOR LUNCHEON AT THE CLINTON COUNTRY
CLUB**

Arrive at 11:30AM ready for fine dining with good company in a lovely environment. Then listen to Connecticut authors Diane Smith, Carlos Eire and Katie Davis tell us about their remarkable books---available for purchase at the event..



Diane Smith, an Emmy Award winning news anchor, producer, reporter, and radio talk show host, is currently seen in "All Things Connecticut" a weekly magazine series for Connecticut Public TV.. Her newest book, *Seasons of Connecticut*, is a four star celebration of the people and places that give the Nutmeg State its character, heart and tradition. Diane takes readers through the seasonal offerings and fascinating stories of people and places that will make us all feel good about living in Connecticut.

Carlos M. N. Eire fled his native Havana in 1962 as one of 14,000 unaccompanied children airlifted to the U.S. by Operation Pan Pedro. He is now the T. Lawson Riggs Professor of Religious Studies at Yale University. His memoir of the Cuban revolution, *Waiting for Snow in Havana*, non-fiction winner of the 2003 National Book Award, has been translated into thirteen languages.....but banned in Cuba where he is considered an enemy of the state. At our Book-Author Luncheon, he'll talk about *Learning to Die in Havana* (published 2010), a sequel to his earlier memoir.

Author-illustrator Katie Davis has written nine books for children and one for adults. She appears monthly on the ABC affiliate show, "Good Morning Connecticut" recommending great books for kids. She also produces "Brain Burps About Books", a podcast about kid lit, a blog and a monthly newsletter. Katie's latest book, *Little Chicken's Big Day*, has a message for all. Little chicken learns that help is always just a "cluck" away.

Tickets are \$40 and include entrée and dessert. Call (203) 245-5825 or (203) 245-2258 for reservations/menu info or download a registration form at www.aauwshorelinect.org .

Your business can receive significant exposure at this event. Put an ad in the Book-Author Program by sending your business card

and \$40 check (payable to Shoreline AAUW) to Marsha Brunelle, 68 Flintlock Rd, Madison 06443.

HONORS FOR CONNECTICUT AAUW AND NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

From Loretta James: This summer, as president of AAUW of Connecticut, I received two congratulatory letters from Linda Hallman, Executive Director of the National Headquarters of AAUW. In the first, she said that AAUW of Connecticut was honored at the National Convention for achieving Fifth Place among the Top Ten Fundraisers through State Per Capita Giving to AAUW Funds. In the second, she said AAUW of Connecticut was honored for achieving Sixth Place among the top ten through Total State Giving to AAUW Funds. ("AAUW Funds" is the name of the combined Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Funds accounts.)

More From Loretta: The title of this year's AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION was "Breaking Through Barriers – Advocating for Change." The meeting took place from June 16 – 19 in Washington DC. Eleven members from Connecticut attended. Some highlights were hearing Lily Ledbetter of Supreme Court fame along with an array of women government officials such as the Chief of Staff to Michelle Obama and executive director of the White House Council on Women and Girls, Tina Tchen. Attendees also visited the offices of Senators Blumenthal and Lieberman and Congressman Himes.

Clearly, the AAUW Lobby Corp volunteers on Capital Hill are well respected, and keep AAUW issues in front of Congress. Three topics lobbyists covered with members of Congress were: 1. Maintaining social security 2. Increasing legislative protection on issues related to campus violence, and 3. requesting permission to establish a women's history museum in the District of Columbia with private funds

The Next National Convention Will Be 2013 In New Orleans!

Go to www.aauw.org for further details.

RENNER IS WINNER OF OUR 2011-12 SCHOLARSHIP

The Shoreline Branch selected Katherine Renner of Guilford as scholarship winner. Katherine, a senior at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire studies history with a minor in education. She plans to attend Vanderbilt University in Tennessee to earn a Master of Education degree in Learning, Diversity and Urban Studies. Her goal is to teach underprivileged students in an inner-city school..... This is one of our education support programs. We award a yearly \$2000 scholarship to a woman from a Shoreline town. Applicants must have completed 60 college credits and show evidence of financial need, academic excellence and personal qualifications such as leadership

Note: AAUW's Educational Foundation (established 1888) grants scholarships to women pursuing graduate degrees. To support the Foundation, the Shoreline annually honors members who have contributed special services to our Branch. Five hundred dollars is donated to EF for each honoree. Alice Reitz and Marcia

Myhre were selected in 2011. They will be named in State records as major contributors to AAUW's mission.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR LORETTA JAMES!



The Source, a Madison-Killingworth newspaper, named Loretta “Person of the Week” in their July 7 issue. “An Ardent Activist” was the apt title of the item and a quote “If you’re as lucky as we are, you have to do something.” can serve as a mantra for Loretta’s philosophy. It also captures the reason that AAUW has existed for 130 years. No Activists=No AAUW.

Loretta has been a member of AAUW since the 1970’s when she joined the organization because she “liked the idea that it would look at society from the point of view of women and girls. AAUW’s mission is equity for women and girls through advocacy, action, learning and research.” Thank you for reminding us of that “We’ve got to put our energy where we think we can make a difference.”. And thank you, Loretta, for bringing honor to all of the members of the Shoreline Branch.

Great Adventures – Tuesday, October 25, Shoreline members and guests who would like to visit a beautiful Islamic Mosque in Berlin, Ct. will meet at Exit 57 off I-95 at 9:30AM.They will carpool to an exotic spiritual center where Aida Mansoor, an Islamic woman, will lead a tour through the temple and talk about Islam and life as a Muslim woman in America. This is an important adventure for anyone who wants insights into a religion and culture with global significance yet poorly understood by many Westerners. On the way home, the group will stop for lunch at the nearby Hawthorne Inn. Members are encouraged to invite friends. Make reservations and send a \$10 fee to Gene St. Paul, 54 Long Hill Farm, Guilford 06437

International Interest Group - September. 12, 10AM - The season will begin with a discussion of “Arab Spring, Conflict in the Middle East”. Janet Holmes will host the meeting in her home in Guilford. Kay Conover, in Old Lyme, will host the second meeting on October 3, 10AM. The topic will be “Middle Eastern Problems”

Literature Group - September 19, 1PM –The group will launch their meetings with a discussion of “Cutting for Stone” by Abraham Verghese. Loretta Heller will be the host. “Wuthering Heights” by Emily Bronte will be the focus of discussion on October 17. Pat Rutlin will host the group..

**NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE
OF "SOUND WAVES" IS OCTOBER 15. SEND ITEMS TO
jeanettejones2001@yahoo.com**

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fiscal year
Proposed Budget
- Operating Fund**

Revenues:	<u>Budget</u>	
<i>Dues:</i>		Based on 110 members
National Dues	\$ 5,390	
State Dues	\$ 550	
Branch Dues	\$ 1,485	
<i>Operating/Scholarship:</i>		
Advertising	\$ 300	
Hospitality	\$ 200	
Postage	\$ 50	
Scholar/Donations	\$ 200	
Book Author/books-Scholar	\$ 2,000	
Bk Author/raffle,flowers- HS Award	\$ 900	
Book Author/advert-Scholar	\$ 200	
NCCWSL grant	\$ 500	
LAF raffle	\$ 250	
EF/LAF donations	\$ 200	
Fund Raiser	\$ 100	
Transfer of EF \$	\$ 875	
Carry-Over funds	\$ 900	
Book Author Luncheon	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>\$ 19,100</u>
Expenditures:		
<i>Dues:</i>		
Dues-National	\$ 5,390	
Dues-State	\$ 550	
<i>Officers:</i>		
Directory	\$ 350	
Membership	\$ 150	
Newsletter	\$ 100	
Postage	\$ 50	
Facility Rental/Program Honorarium	\$ 400	
Hospitality	\$ 200	
President Fund	\$ 200	
<i>Sponsorships:</i>		
Scholarship	\$ 2,050	

	HS Book Awards	\$	1,200	
	NCCWSL	\$	1,000	
	EF/LAF Contribution	\$	2,500	
	Convention/Delegate Exp	\$	200	
	Book Author/Luncheon	\$	2,600	
	Book Author/Books,flowers	\$	1,300	
<i>Administrative:</i>	Administration	\$	60	
	Insurance	\$	400	
	Web site development/administration	\$	200	
	Remembrances/Honor	\$	100	
	Marketing	\$	<u>100</u>	
	TOTAL			
	EXPENDITURES			<u>\$ 19,100</u>

Please Note: This Budget will be voted on at the September Potluck Meeting.

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