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THANK YOU, CAROL

Carol Baldwin was editor of *Sound Waves* for ten years. She produced a sophisticated newsletter that educated us on the goals and happenings of the national and state organizations in addition to keeping us informed of what was happening in AAUW's Shoreline Branch. Carol brought enthusiasm to every page, an enthusiasm which helped weave together our local membership.. We have been the lucky beneficiaries of her endless ideas for making this branch the best it can be. Thank You, Carol.

~~~~~SIXTY YEARS AGO~~~~~

In 1950 Harry Truman was President, hydrogen bombs went into production, and U.S. troops headed for South Korea where they stayed for three years. "Your Show of Shows" a black and white, ninety- minute variety event dominated Saturday night television for four years. "Peanuts" hit the comic strips and stayed around for fifty years. And a group of women got together and formed the Connecticut Shoreline Branch of AAUW. That organization is now in its sixtieth year and still going strong. Who were those women? What prompted them to get together? What was the early organization like? Let's hear from some current members who can tell us about the early years of the Shoreline Branch . Where and how did we begin?

HELLO!

Carol Baldwin did a masterful job of producing *Sound Waves*. I hope to carry her newsletter forward with few changes. It will be a challenge, to say the least. I'm looking for advice. Tell me what makes *Sound Waves* useful to you. Can it be made even more useful? How? What would you add? Change? Everyone will not agree on everything but a general consensus will affect future issues. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jan Jones, Editor, *Sound Waves* (jeanettejones2001@yahoo.com)

 AAUW Mission Statement: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.....Diversity Statement: AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There will be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new year. We are no longer in school but the first leafy notes of Autumn still herald a new year. There is excitement ahead.

Our 2010-11 theme is *Women and Girls in Action*. It will be repeated again and again as the new season unfolds. 'Action' will be the motif at November's Book-Author luncheon being held at the Clinton Country Club. "Action" will continue to be the motto at the teacup raffle Legal Advocacy Fundraiser, at multiple academic scholarship awards, at high school student book awards and in every community education outreach event.

Our newest Branch initiative, largely established through the extraordinary skill, advocacy and effort of our Past President, Ann Gordon, is the NCCWSL scholarship. It is truly an example of *Women and Girls in Action*. These funds enabled Alison Regan and Michelle Opalenik, exemplary students from Southern Connecticut State University, to attend AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leadership. At our September 22 meeting (Clinton Town Hall), we will have the opportunity to hear these young leaders describe the experience. I look forward to seeing you there.

Alice Reitz

BOARD MEETINGS (Open to all members)

September. 9 – 7PM

October 7 – 7PM

November 4 – 7PM

--All meetings will be held at Henry Carter Hull Library, 10 Killingworth Tpke., Clinton. For additional information: call Alice Reitz (203) 245-9208

BOARD-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pres: Alice Reitz
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BRANCH MEETINGS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FALL FESTIVAL

September 22, 5:30PM, Clinton Town Hall

Tomorrow's leaders are shaped by today's schools and organizations. We expect Michelle Opalenik and Alison Regan, students at Southern Connecticut State University, to be among those leaders. They will be the featured speakers at this event. We'll find out what they learned and what they thought about the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders held at the University of Maryland in June. How will the increasing numbers of women in leadership roles affect the future? As a first time sponsor in this leadership program, let us ask the question and take special note of what they have to say. Come along; invite a friend.

This is a Pot Luck Event. Bring your favorite casserole, salad or desert and a place setting. Contact Sonja Gibbs (sbgibbs1@yahoo.com or 860-669-9077) or Jane West (jwaauw@aol.com or 860526-3461) Let them know what you will bring. There will be a \$3 charge at the door to cover expenses--- see you September 22

WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

October 20, 7PM, Nathaniel Greene Community Center, Guilford

Thanks to the Bridge Group, Lieutenant Kristen Kraemer, Equal Opportunity Advisor for the Coast Guard Civil Rights Directorate, will speak at the Branch program in October. Lt. Kraemer, who delivers civil rights and human relations training in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, will give us an inside look at faces of women in the military. Her own career, which has included service as a Vessel Inspector and Marine Casualty Investigator prior to her current role, gives her a breadth of experience to draw upon.

Plan to join the audience at Guilford's Community Center, 32 Church Street, in the Faulkner Room and learn about one woman's life in the Coast Guard.

Shoreline Branch Book/Author Luncheon

Saturday, November 6, 2010, 11:30 am

Clinton Country Club (Route 145, South of I-95 Exit 64)

Tickets \$40 per person

(gratuity included)

Featuring our authors:

Diane Meier

The Season of Second Chances

Leslie Connor

Waiting for Normal, CRUNCH

Nancy Goldstone

Four Queens, Provencal Sisters Who Ruled Europe;

The Lady Queen: The Notorious Reign of Joann I,

Queen of Naples, Jerusalem, and Sicily

Book signing/purchase of books before and after luncheon—bring some friends! All proceeds benefit the AAUW Educational Foundation and our local scholarship fund. Donations also accepted.

Menu

Crudités and cheeses; choice of chicken/mushroom or vegetarian
crêpes;

mesclun/cranberry salad; Linzer tarts, lemon squares, brownies,
cookies; coffee & tea

RESERVE NOW!

THE ANNUAL BOOK AND AUTHOR LUNCHEON

November 6, 11:30AM, Clinton Country Club-Rte. 145

Enjoy a delectable lunch and listen to three outstanding writers. Award-winning children's author, Leslie Connor, returns to our podium and takes us on delightful journeys through two books, "Waiting for Normal" and "CRUNCH". Diane Meier, founder and president of MEIER, a luxury marketing firm in Manhattan, leads us along a path most people would like to explore with her first work of fiction, "The Season of Second Chances". And, historical author, Nancy Goldstone, gives us a scholarly and action-packed fictional account of "The Lady Queen: The Notorious Reign of Joann 1, Queen of Naples, Jerusalem and Sicily". The medley combines fantasy with sass and a taste of history.

You can get further information by calling Jane at (203)421-3061 or Ellie Cleaver at (203)421-3053 or Marcia Myhre at (203)453-5116.

SPECIAL NOTE

The Annual Book Author Luncheon is the primary fund raising event of the year. Consider placing a business card ad in the program - \$35 (for deadline information, call Marsha Brunelle 203-318-0177)
Or make a patron contribution---\$25-Bronze--- \$50-Sterling--- \$100-Platinum
Make patron checks payable to AAUW Education Foundation and mail to:
Marsha Brunelle, 68 Flintlock Rd., Madison, CT 06443

Book/Author Luncheon Reservations

-Tickets \$40----Reserve by **October 30, 2010-**

Send checks to Jane Ann Miller, 337 Race Hill Road, Madison, CT 0644
Luncheon checks payable to AAUW/Shoreline Branch

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing address: _____

Guests: _____

#Chicken/mushroom crepes _____ #Vegetarian crepes: _____

Note: Tables seat 8—indicate those with whom you wish to be seated other than guests above

INTEREST GROUPS

FOR WOMEN ONLY - FOLK ART BY WOMEN'S HANDS

September 2, Folk Art Museum, NYC

Catch the 8:10AM train in Madison and join the Art Appreciation Group's first excursion of the season. The museum is located at 45 West 53rd Street, next to MOMA, a pleasant walk from Grand Central. Come and find out if folk art is gender specific. Does folk art by women's hands differ from male folk art?The admission fee is \$12 regular, \$8 senior. For people who wish to lunch together after the visit, several nearby spots are under consideration. They range from casual bistro to three-star attractions---MOMA's restaurant, Osteria al Doge at 142 W. 44th St., Benoit at 60W. 55th St. and Piano Duo are some of the options---a decision will be made enroute. (Restaurant details can be found on line.)

Please call Barbara Fazzone (203-245-2952) by August 29 if you plan to join the group.

BIRDCRAFT MUSEUM AND SANCTUARY

September 16, Fairfield, CT

The Great Adventures Group is launching their new season with a trip to the first private bird museum and sanctuary in the nation, a six-acre site located at 314 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, Ct The operation, a National Historic Landmark, was established in 1914 by Mabel Osgood Wright, founder of the Connecticut Audubon Society and an early leader of the American conservation movement. A guided tour, should be particularly appealing anyone fascinated by local bird life.....The fee is \$5.00, payable at the Sanctuary. Current plans call for lunch at Centro's, a restaurant with outdoor dining, located in the center of Fairfield.

Please call Lois Stauffer (203-453-9793) by September 10 and let her know if you will join the group. Ride sharing will be coordinated at 9AM, off the Guilford exit from I-95--Route 77 parking lot. The lot is on the same side of the road as the police station.

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June 7, 2010—Our Shoreline Branch awarded Certificates of Achievement to Sarah Tischbein (Haddam Killingworth High School), Alexia Scaros (Daniel Hand High School, Madison), Kaitlyn O'Brien (The Morgan School, Clinton), and Monica Ague (Branford High School). Each young woman received \$200 towards the purchase of textbooks. Additionally, a book was donated to each of their school libraries with bookplates honoring them.

May 19, 2010---At the Annual Meeting , three young women, participants in the ABC program of our Shoreline Branch, graduated from Guilford High School. Imani Louden, Tyasha Robertson and Lori-Ann Clementson each received cash and book awards to mark their achievements..

## BRANCH MEETING CALENDAR

**Fall Festival** – September 22, 5:30PM – Clinton Town Hall – Speakers: student attendees at National Conference for College Women Student Leaders--sponsored by Shoreline Chapter. Pot Luck event – contact Sonja Gibbs, [sbgibbs1@yahoo.com](mailto:sbgibbs1@yahoo.com) (860-669-9077) or Jane West, [jwaauw@aol.com](mailto:jwaauw@aol.com) (860-526-3461)

**Women in the Military** – October 20, 7PM – Community Center Guildford – sponsored by the Bridge Group. Speaker: Lt. Kristen Kraemer, Equal Opportunity Advisor for Coast Guard Civil Rights Directorate – contact Carol Geiser [docsplace@aol.co](mailto:docsplace@aol.co) (860-669-0115)

**Annual Book and Author Luncheon** – November 6, 11:30AM – Clinton Country Club – Three authors will speak at this luncheon, the largest fund raising event of the year. Reservations required by October 30 – tickets \$40 – call Jane Ann Miller, 203-421-3061 for additional information.

## INTEREST GROUP CALENDARS

- Art Appreciation Group** contact Barbara Fazzone (203-245-2952)  
September 2 Folk Art Museum, 45 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, NYC  
(meet Madison RR – 8:10AM train)
- International Group** (Mondays, 10AM) – contact Gene St. Paul, 203-453-3054  
September 13 “The Global Financial Crisis and Its Effects”  
October 4 “Europe’s Far East: The Uncertain Frontier”  
November 1 “Transnational Crime: Globalization’s Shadowy Stepchild”
- International Group** (Wednesdays, 7PM) – contact Mary Lee Duff, 203-453-0097  
September 22 “The Global Financial Crisis and Its Effects”  
October 27 “The U.S. and the Persian Gulf”  
November 26 “Enhancing Security Through Peacebuilding”
- Literature Group** (Mondays, 1PM) – contact Ginny Passero, 203-421-8614  
September 20 “Howard’s End” E.M. Forster  
October 18 “Blood Secrets: Chronicles of a Crime Scene Reconstructionist”  
Rod Englert  
November 15 “Let the Great World Spin” Colum McCann
- Great Adventure** (times vary) – Nancy Chalker, 203-245-4485 or Helena Heath, 860-399-0136  
September 16 Bird Craft Museum-Sanctuary, Fairfield  
October 23 Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven

*Note to Interest Groups: If you wish to publicize your activity schedules, please send information to Jan Jones, [jeanettejones2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanettejones2001@yahoo.com)*