



# Sound Waves

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Mission Statement: The purpose of American Association of University Women is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research." Diversity Statement: In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Connecticut Shoreline Branch • Branford, Guilford, Madison, Clinton, Killingworth, Westbrook & more

## December 16 Branch Meeting Wednesday, Noon, Clinton



The next branch meeting will be on Wed., December 16, at Taste of China Restaurant, 233 Boston Post Rd., Clinton. The program will be "Culture and Change in China." Our speaker, Weijun Zhang, visiting scholar at Yale, has chosen the menu for our family style Chinese dinner at Taste of China in Clinton.

Attached please find a reservations flier with more information. Note the deadline is December 7. The cost is \$28. Please return reservation with check.

Questions? Contact G. St. Paul, [GeneSTP@sbcglobal.net](mailto:GeneSTP@sbcglobal.net).

The Morning & Evening International Interest Groups and the Morning Literature Group are hosting.

Nonperishable foods are being collected at that meeting as a holiday donation to the Clinton Food Bank.

## Shoreline Branch Website Up and Running

The AAUW Shoreline Branch's website is complete. Our Branch website is <http://aauwshorelinect.org/index.html> or paste into your browser.

Please communicate the information and items that you would like to have posted. Include the name, date, time, place and any pertinent information about the event, as well as, contact person and email address. Your input is important to me and I welcome your comments, edits, and suggestions.

-M. Morch, [mmorch@choate.edu](mailto:mmorch@choate.edu)

## January 20 Branch Meeting Wednesday, 7 p.m., Guilford Library



A long  
time ago  
in a galaxy  
far, far away...

1/20/2010  
Guilford Library  
expert speaking...

It's "high" time for us to Dr. Megan Urry, Director of the Yale University Center for Astronomy & Astrophysics. She will be speaking on her current research & gender issues in science. Our Monday Afternoon Literature group is sponsoring the program. See speaker close-up in this newsletter.

Contact person:  
G. Passero, [vpassero@snet.net](mailto:vpassero@snet.net)

## National Girls Collaborative Project In Connecticut

The Connecticut Girls Collaborative e-newsletter seeks to support efforts in gender- and diversity-related issues surrounding STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Members of the Connecticut Girls Collaborative listserv receive information about the National Girls Collaborative Project and the Connecticut Girls Collaborative Project, as well as information from other resources that may be valuable for STEM-related programs, including funding opportunities, resources and upcoming events.

<http://www.psctlt.org/ngcp/connecticut/newsletter.cfm>

AAUW proudly supports the



Learn more about it

# On Your Mark



Book/Author speakers and Ann Gordon

## President's Message

On the national scene: An overwhelming number of Americans were thrilled when they learned that our President Obama would receive the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, on December 10. There are skeptics, however, who have asked, "Why?" and "What has he done?" On my recent trip to Italy, I learned that the Europeans are so pleased with his style of leadership and what he is doing and plans to do in the future, that those are reasons enough for them to present him with this award. His very presence as President of the United States has changed his image around the world.

On the local scene: Our recent Book/Author Luncheon was a huge success. The authors (Michael White, Patricia Klindienst and John Himmelman) each gave excellent, informative talks. Many of the 110 guests must have agreed because the sales of their books were vigorous. The raffle raised \$950, which was great news. Not only that, but the chicken mushroom crepes were delicious and all in all it was a wonderful afternoon. This event could not have been possible without the hard work of the luncheon committee headed by Loma Corcoran and Vicki Littell. Thank you, ladies, for a job well done!

The next branch meeting will be on December 16th at Taste of China Restaurant, Clinton.

I hope that you all enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season.

-A. Gordon, co-president, gordonann@att.net

## Board Meetings

All branch members are welcome to attend. These next board meetings will be held on the first Saturday of each month, at 10 a.m.

January 2 - L. James  
February 6- M. Lamoreaux  
March 6- C. Dugan

## Carpooling

Carpooling to meetings is encouraged. We all benefit from high branch meeting attendance and enjoy traveling together. Some members really need to travel with another. Be aware of those that live near you or are on your way. Wouldn't it be amazing to have all our members and friends together? Who can you bring?

-N. Chalker, rides coordinator

## Legal Advocacy Fund

Brava! We did it again. With the help of our sponsors and patrons - branch members and guests who participated in the LAF raffle, we raised a nice amount. AAUW recommends branches raise \$5 per member for LAF. With your help we are well on our way to reaching our goal. Thank you to all sponsors who so generously contributed to our annual raffle and to all of those who participated!

A note of appreciation has been sent to our sponsors:

**Lulu's  
Details  
Vicki Littell  
Star Fish Market  
Donahue, Durham & Noonan, P.C.  
Martha Link Walsh Gallery  
Sachem Card and Party Shop  
Lenny and Joe's Fishtale  
Flowers on the Green**

and **Cook's Kitchen** raised a generous donation, toward our **local scholarship**.

If you have an opportunity I am sure our sponsors would appreciate extra thanks from our members.

It was great fun! Thanks to all!

Respectfully submitted,

B. Dunham, LAF chairperson

## AAUW Requests Completion of Mandatory Changes to Branch Bylaws

The branch Co-President and Parliamentarian have completed the AAUW Mandatory Changes to the Shoreline Branch AAUW Bylaws, and have sent an updated copy to the State Bylaws person as requested. These changes should be made to your copy of the Bylaws:

**PURPOSE-** "the purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research "

**NAME-** "wherever the words Association or Foundation appear they should be replaced with AAUW."

**DELETE** "the word Charter and any reference to Region, Regional Directors, and any reference to Delegates for AAUW convention ."

AAUW suggests to the AAUW BRANCHES "there is no longer a separate entity known as the Foundation. So you may need to adjust for that (titles such as EF CHAIR can be AAUW Fundraising chair )" -Educational Fund

-G. Waldo, parliamentarian

## "Historical Trivia"

In January of 1995, 1996 and 1997, the speakers were (in order) two gentlemen from the Children's Home in Cromwell, the Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at St Raphael's (also founder of Mother Care project), and Ann Nyberg of WTNH. Our meeting place of choice was the Steak Loft in Branford and the menu choices were chicken, shrimp or sirloin, with appropriate vegetable accompaniment, plus a salad, dessert and coffee - all for just \$13! (from our Branch archives....)

AAUW SHORELINE BRANCH  
AM and PM INTERNATIONAL INTEREST GROUPS  
& the FRIDAY LITERATURE GROUP

Present

**“CULTURE AND CHANGE IN CHINA”**

AND

**A FAMILY-STYLE CHINESE DINNER**

5 appetizers & 8 entrees

ON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009 at 12 noon

At

**TASTE OF CHINA** 233 BOSTON POST RD., CLINTON (Between Stop & Shop & Shaws)

*SPEAKER: WEIJUN ZHANG, VISITING SCHOLAR, YALE UNIVERSITY*

For reservations please complete the following and send **BEFORE DECEMBER 7TH**

To: J. Holmes Questions? Contact G. St. Paul, GeneSTP@sbcglobal.net.

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Guest? \_\_\_\_\_

Menu: Family style Chinese: many choices

Reservation for one: \$28.00 For more than one: \_\_\_\_\_ Please make check payable to:

JANET HOLMES (NOT TO AAUW)

SEND TO: Janet Holmes

## AAUW Issues -From aauw.org website. Read more, do more.

[http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/index.cfm)

Issue advocacy isn't just about AAUW lending its name to an issue, or speaking up on Capitol Hill. Issue advocacy is about AAUW members and all citizens concerned with equity being knowledgeable and aware of the current status of important issues.

AAUW provides central issue pages that offer the freshest information, resources, and most effective avenues for action on issues important to you. Access these pages by clicking on any of the issues below.

For more information on our advocacy efforts, see **AAUW's Federal Policy Agenda** (PDF).

For further information on how you can influence the debate, visit [AAUW's Action Network](#).

### **CIVIL RIGHTS**

AAUW advocates equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society.

- Affirmative Action
- Federal Judicial Nominations
- Hate Crimes Prevention
- Reproductive Rights

### **ECONOMIC SECURITY**

AAUW advocates for all women to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

- Work/Life Balance
- Pay Equity
- Social Security
- Health Care

### **EDUCATION**

AAUW supports a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity.

- Career and Technical Education
- Charter Schools
- Disabilities
- Education and Training in Welfare/TANF\*
- Higher Education
- No Child Left Behind Act
- School Vouchers
- Single-Sex Education
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education
- Title IX (see entry right)

### **TITLE IX**

AAUW supports vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.

- Title IX
- Equity in School Athletics
- Sexual Harassment
- Single-Sex Education

\*TANF - Temporary Assistance For Needy Families Replaces Welfare



AAUW is part of the Stop Stupak Coalition, a broad group of advocacy organizations working for final passage of a health care reform bill that provides comprehensive reproductive health care, including abortion. Toward that end, the Stop Stupak Coalition will host DC Lobby Day on Capitol Hill, as well as activities in local communities across the country. Tell Congress that health care reform should not come at the cost of women's reproductive health. National Week of Action, Monday November 30-Sunday, December 6

## Senior Poets Win Laureate Awards

Gloria D. Pond, 70, Professor Emeritus from Naugatuck Valley Community College, has won the 2009 Connecticut Senior Poet Laureate Award for her poem, "Spinnaker", in the 17th annual national Senior Poets Laureate Poetry Competition for American poets age 50 and older, sponsored by Amy Kitchener's Angels Without Wings Fdn. of Monterey, Calif.

Carol Leavitt Altieri, 72, retired science and language arts teacher from Madison, received the Honor Scroll Award for her poem, "Alicia, to My Daughter", which won in the 1st round but did not advance to finals.

Patricia Frolander, 66, rancher from Sundance, Wyo., won the National Senior Poet Laureate Award for her poem, "Father when You call."

Details about the contest, which is open to all Americans, and all winners' poems appear in the online anthology, GOLDEN WORDS, currently on the sponsor's website [www.amykitchenerfdn.org](http://www.amykitchenerfdn.org), sponsor National Annual Senior Poets Laureate (SPL) Poetry Competition. -Editor GOLDEN WORDS anthology of winning SPL poems

## Ciao da Roma

Last month my husband Ted received an e-mail from a professor at the University of Rome asking him if he would come there and give 3 talks. After accepting the invitation, another e-mail arrived which said that if his wife came and gave one talk, all her expenses would be paid. Ted said "great-do it." I said "no way." To cut to the core, he talked me into it (and it was hard to turn down an all-expense-paid trip to Rome).

I wrote a power point presentation on the topic of Gender Inequity. The subjects I included were: education, job opportunities, health, violence and sexually transmitted diseases. My audience consisted of faculty and graduate students- mostly from the School of Sociology and Statistics. In discussing education, I told them how the AAUW is helping girls and women by giving scholarships to help further their education. They had never heard of such an organization. In all modesty, I think the talk went quite well although I'm not quite ready for the Broadway stage- not yet anyway. Arrivederci!

-Ann Gordon

## TRAVELING?

Be an ambassador for the USA and take a Kids to Kids International kit with you the next time you travel. The kits contain books made by elementary school children in the United States, plus a world map, crayons, scissors and other schoolroom supplies. The new kits I've received are upgraded and full of things that would interest any child and thrill kids from developing countries.

Your gift will be greeted with pleasure and you will have the opportunity to connect with youngsters from another culture. KTKI administrators ask that you return an enclosed questionnaire telling them where you donated your kit. This information allows them to obtain funding from UNESCO and other sources.

Kits are available by calling G. St. Paul.

## Welcome New Members

### Five New Members! You know who you are.

The membership year is July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Dues for the year are \$71, which includes \$47 national dues, \$8.50 Connecticut state dues, and \$13.50 for Shoreline branch dues. National MAL's may join our branch for the cost of local and state dues.

Member fees: Make checks payable to AAUW Shoreline Branch. Send form and check to: Jan Jones, Membership Co-chair. Give the "gift" of membership through Jan or Ginny, online or call 800/326-2289.

-Jan Jones, [jeanettejones2001@yahoo](mailto:jeanettejones2001@yahoo)

-Ginny Passero, [vpassero@snet.net](mailto:vpassero@snet.net)

## Nominating Committee

Remember... our nominating committee will form soon to begin tapping our members on the shoulder to take their turn as officers for two-year terms which begin in the Summer of 2010. If you volunteer early, it makes the job easier for the committee. The membership directories have listings of the officers. Take a look and see what might suit you. It is a rewarding experience and a chance to try new things and gain leadership experience. We all learn on the job and work to support each other. Most offices are done with a co-officer to make the jobs lighter. We have monthly evening board meetings, with carpooling. Please feel welcome to join us at the board meetings to get a feel for the jobs, if you would like. Our branch is growing and has a great number of active and involved leaders. Every member counts.

-Ann Gordon, co-president, [gordonann@att.net](mailto:gordonann@att.net)

## Sound Waves- Newsletter

Send items and pictures, with name and date to C.Baldwin, editor, e-mail to:

[caroba2000@comcast.net](mailto:caroba2000@comcast.net)

The Deadline for *Sound Waves* is **January 8, 2010**, the Friday after the board meeting. Items may be edited for length or style. Thank you to C. Briggs for proof-reading, S. Baldwin, technical support, S. and M.Gibbs, mailing, and contributors.

## Publicity

Publicity chairpersons, H. Greene and A. Hyde, request that anyone who sees articles about AAUW Shoreline events, clip them and send them. They don't personally subscribe to all the newspapers to which they send publicity.

Co- Publicity Chairs,

-H. Greene, [hjgreene@cshore.com](mailto:hjgreene@cshore.com)

-A. Hyde, [annehyde@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annehyde@sbcglobal.net)

## Get Set



AAUW Director's  
Learn & Explore Series  
Vietnam and Cambodia:  
"Women and Their Worlds"  
Host: Carolyn Garfein  
AAUW President  
February 19-March 7, 2010  
RESERVATIONS BY 12/19/09  
[www.travelsmartpartners.com/aauw](http://www.travelsmartpartners.com/aauw)  
OR  
Toni or Allie at: 800.670.6984

### “Learn & Explore” Travel Program

AAUW member and owner of one of AAUW's newest partners, Ann Hite of Trav-

elSmart Partners, has created a new international travel program for fellow AAUW members. The Director's "Learn & Explore" travel series was designed to expand knowledge and understanding of women in other areas of the world and the issues that are important to them. Each tour is developed to complement our mission of equity for women and will include an AAUW host.

The first tour in this travel series, Vietnam & Cambodia, will be hosted by AAUW President Carolyn Garfein. These tours will focus on exploring the customs and culture of the region, with an emphasis on current and historical barriers faced by women and the creative ways women have broken through those barriers.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202/785-7735 should you have any questions or require additional information. Cordy Galligan, Director of Corporate Relationships, AAUW - 1111 Sixteenth Street, NW - Washington, DC 22036 - (ph) 800/326-2289

### BRANCH PROGRAM 1/20/2010 Guilford Library

Now, it is time for us to meet Dr. Megan Urry, Director of the Yale University Center for Astronomy & Astrophysics, at our January 20, 7 pm AAUW meeting.

Meg Urry is the Israel Munson Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Yale University, Director of the Yale Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics, and Chair of the Physics Department at Yale. Professor Urry received her Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University in 1984 and her B.S. in Physics and Mathematics summa cum laude from Tufts University in 1977. Her scientific research focuses on active galaxies, which host accreting supermassive black holes in their centers. She has published over 165 refereed articles in scientific journals, on unification, host galaxies, relativistic jets, and the demographics of supermassive black holes. Her current interests include the interplay of black hole growth and star formation as galaxies form and evolve. Prof. Urry is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Physical Society and American Women in Science, and a recipient of the Annie Jump Cannon prize of the American Astronomical Society. Prior to moving to Yale in 2001, Prof. Urry was a senior scientist at the Space Telescope Science Institute, which runs the Hubble Space Telescope for NASA. Professor Urry is also known for her efforts to increase the number of women in the physical sciences.

## AAUW Provides Policy Recommendations for a True “Woman’s Nation”

AAUW Applauds Maria Shriver, Center for American Progress on Report Release  
Read The Shriver Report – A Woman’s Nation Changes Everything at <http://awomansnation.com>

WASHINGTON, D.C. – AAUW has provided detailed policy recommendations that will help society's institutions catch up with the women's progress detailed in The Shriver Report—A Woman's Nation Changes Everything. AAUW's recommendations on a variety of subject areas, including pay equity, work-life balance, and education, can be found at [www.aauw.org/womansnation](http://www.aauw.org/womansnation).

A Woman's Nation emphasizes one of the most remarkable changes of the past half century: the movement of millions of women into paid employment. Women now make up half of all workers in the United States, a stunning shift from just a few generations ago.

“There hasn't been a comprehensive account of the status of women in more than 45 years,” said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. “Given the nation's rather complicated economic situation, this report could not have come at a better time. AAUW is taking the lead on providing policy recommendations and grassroots action items for our members and others who are interested in issues affecting working women. These recommendations are aimed at continuing to improve women's status and strengthening the economic security of their families.”

The report highlights the rise of women in the workforce while emphasizing that working women and their families lack critical supports. An opinion poll linked to the report found that women and men both want to change social norms to improve family and economic security, particularly on issues of balancing work and life.

“Women have broken through many barriers in the last 45 years, but there is still much to be done to adequately respond to women's—and men's—changing roles. We only need to look at the stark reality for working women who are simultaneously caring for children or parents to know this is true,” said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. “Even though there are laws on the books to promote equity in education and income, it does not necessarily mean that those laws are enforced and that women are being given a fair chance. CAP's timely report and AAUW's policy recommendations help bring those subjects to the forefront as women move forward in true, equal partnership with men.”

The report is divided into various chapters, each focusing on its own topic area. AAUW is providing policy recommendations for five chapters, including education and pay equity, because we believe that the laws and regulations about work must be updated to meet the needs of today's workers. In the area of education, AAUW is advocating to strengthen the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), to improve access to higher education, and to ensure educational equity through Title IX. To advance pay equity, AAUW is focusing on building on the successful passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act by enacting the Paycheck Fairness Act, advancing pay equity within the federal government, and improving and advancing equal opportunity in the workplace. For a detailed listing of policy recommendations, visit [www.aauw.org/womansnation](http://www.aauw.org/womansnation).

AAUW is especially pleased to note that one of the co-editors of the report, Heather Boushey, is a former AAUW Fellow. “It's immensely gratifying to AAUW members, who have been supporting our fellowships and grants for more than 121 years, to see their support of women scholars come to such amazing fruition,” said Hallman. “Boushey is a senior economist at the Center for American Progress and a well-known expert on women and the economy.” In addition, AAUW Senior Researcher Catherine Hill provided peer review support for the chapter on education.

To schedule an interview with an AAUW spokesperson, please contact Katherine Broendel at 202/728-7607 or [broendelk@aauw.org](mailto:broendelk@aauw.org), or Katharine Burnham at 202/466-9633 or [Katharine@turnerstrategies.com](mailto:Katharine@turnerstrategies.com).

## *December 2009 & January 2010 Calendar*

Dec	7 or 8	Gourmet Group Russian theme		
Dec	11	Friday Morning Literature Group		
<b>Dec</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Branch Luncheon Meeting,</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Wed.</b>
		Taste of China Restaurant, Clinton \$28		
		Reserve to: "J. Holmes"		
		Speaker: Weijun Zhang, "Culture and Change in China"		
		Hosts- International Relations Groups & Morning Literature		
		G. St. Paul, GeneSTP@sbcglobal.net		
Dec	31	Recruit new members for National branch membership count		
<b>Jan</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Sat</b>
		L. James, All Members Welcome		
Jan	4	International Relations Group I	Energy & Global Economy	
Jan	4	Eclectic Literature, J.H.	2 p.m.	Mon
Jan	6	Bridge 1		
Jan	6	Bridge 2		
Jan	8	Friday Morning Literature Group		
Jan	11	Monday literature Group		
Jan	16	Great Adventures	Branford Theatre Opera- Carmen	
Jan	20	International Relations Group II, Arctic Age		
<b>Jan</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Branch Meeting</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>
		Guilford Public Library		
		Professor C. Megan Urry, Yale Department of Physics		
		Hosted by Monday Afternoon Literature Group		
		Contact G. Passero, vpassero@snet.net		
Jan	22	Gourmet Group	Comfort Food in Slow Cookers	
Feb	3	Bridge 1		
Feb	3	Bridge 2		
<b>Feb</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Sat</b>
		M. Lamoreaux, All Members Welcome		
Feb`	1	International Relations I		
Feb	-	Great Adventures	Lunch and Movie	
		N. Porter		
Feb	12	Friday Morning Literature Group		
Feb	15	Monday literature Group		
<b>Feb</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Branch Luncheon Meeting,</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Wed</b>
		Maritime Grill, Guilford (Reservations form in next issue)		
		Women in the Military Hosted by Bridge Group		
		Contact E. B., eloiseb@juno.com		
Various --		Financial Matters Group		
Various --		Art Appreciation Group		
Nov-Mar		Hiking Group meets for Two Hour Hikes	Every Tues, Fri, Sat	

