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Breaking Through Barriers for 130 Years



SARA ROCKWELL – SCIENTIST



Marie Curie would not have gained popular recognition during her tour of this country had it not been for AAUW,” Sara Rockwell tells me. “AAUW is a powerful organization that’s served women on the legal and educational fronts for more than a century. I joined the national association many years before becoming a local member.”

It was only right that Sara would cite another scientist to make a case for AAUW. Women in science and her own experiences were the thrust of our conversation on a wet afternoon in May. We sipped coffee, laughed and talked in front of a fireplace which she fed with wood from her seven acres in a remote corner of Madison. Now and again, two cats checked me for alien smells---neither one had spent so much as an hour outside. That was the domain of wild turkeys, deer, rabbits, coyotes and birds who agreed to share the acreage and a small pond with a human..

In early June, Sara will be one of seven recipients of Penn State's *Distinguished Alumni Award*, the University's most prestigious honor. She will be the only woman---not unusual for her. In 1965, Sara was one of Penn State's three women out of almost a thousand physics majors who were awarded a Bachelor of Science ... Following graduation she headed for Palo Alto where she shifted her attention to radiation and biophysics, the focus of her doctoral studies at Stanford University.

Sara moved back East, joining Yale's faculty in 1974. She is a Professor in the Departments of Therapeutic Radiology and Pharmacology and Associate Dean for Scientific Affairs in the School of Medicine. Her research has earned numerous awards and given her international renown in studies of solid tumors and cancer treatments. Thanks to her contributions and those of her colleagues, new cancer regimens make the diseases treatable with high success rates.

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LOOKING BACK....

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During the year, the Board and I have worked to keep the Shoreline Connecticut Branch running well in the present and viable in the future. Our discussions about mission, membership, interest groups, and growth frequently return to one question, **“Why are you actively involved with AAUW?”**

For me, one big reason, but certainly not the only reason, is that I learn something new every time I attend an AAUW meeting. This information may come from the substantive program, from a casual conversation with a member, or from watching the great skill with which Board and committee members execute their responsibilities.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have been a member of the 2010-2011 leadership team and thank all for your expertise, help and support..

Alice Reitz

BOARD MEETING (Open to all members)

June 2—6:30PM-- Clinton Public Library.
Please RSVP to Alice Reitz (203) 245-9208..

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Rockwell papers have been published in over 200 scientific journals and have been presented at over 250 national and international conferences..

The breadth and depth of Sara's achievements include mentoring women who are following her lead and being mother of two accomplished women (a veterinarian and an immunobiologist). It follows that she is a role model for teens whose ambitions lead to laboratories not offices. As childhood playthings (logo building blocks for boys; pots and pans for girls) and old-time high school studies (shop for boys; home economics for girls) get further away from gender stereotypes, increasing numbers of girls are taking front row seats in math, physics, chemistry and engineering classrooms. In the years ahead, more of them will enter the sciences. They'll change a landscape where women, specifically in physics and engineering, are vastly outnumbered by Asian counterparts and male colleagues.. According to Sara, the world is waiting for them. *Today, our women can do it all. The growth of services in childcare and eldercare helps make it possible for women to achieve greatness in their professional lives while finding fulfillment in their personal lives.* She adds with a twinkle: *Yale provides babysitting services so that women can attend conferences.* Yes, times are changing and women can do it all. If anyone can speak from experience, it is Sara.

**REITZ AND DeARMITT ARE CONNECTICUT'S NEW AAUW
CO-PRESIDENTS---JAMES FINISHES TERM AS PRESIDENT
PRO-TEM---HEINRICH IS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SHORELINE CHAPTER MEMBERS ONE AND ALL**



Loretta James----Chantal DeArmitt-----Alice Reitz

Come September, Alice Reitz will continue in her presidential role albeit for AAUW Connecticut not the Shoreline Chapter.*

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Likewise, Chantal DeArmitt, who holds dual membership in the Middletown and the Shoreline Branches, will finish her term as President of the Greater Middletown Branch before stepping into her new AAUW State role. Together, they will apply superb business skills to the ongoing transition challenges in giving Connecticut's AAUW a smaller and highly effective operating structure. Look for Alice and Chantal to be a dynamic duo in the next phase of AAUW's leadership for women in Connecticut..

Evidence of the Shoreline's influence in Connecticut leadership continued in the person of Deb Heinrich, member of Governor Malloy's Cabinet, who was the luncheon speaker. Deb (featured in last month's "Sound Waves") aroused philanthropic buzz in audience members where more than fifty listeners heard her describe ways in which day-to-day philanthropists change the public scene..

*Shoreline's Officers, 2011-12 will be announced in the September issue of "Sound Waves".

"HIGH HOPES" FULFILLED AT ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 18

Following a business session, members who attended the Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper on May 18 were treated to a very special guest.



Kitty Stalsburg, the energetic executive director of High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, captured everyone's attention when she described the organization's history and mission. High Hopes has been accredited by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) since 1979. Starting as a very small operation, working on borrowed land with borrowed horses, it has grown into a premier establishment, certified in the field of equine assisted therapies...

Aided by film, Kitty explained how horseback riding can help people with cognitive, physical, and emotional disabilities.. Video close-ups showed grinning youngsters and teens gaining skills and achieving breakthroughs during their guided riding experiences. Mathew, age 8, said, "I really like riding. It has helped me with my balance. Riding a horse helps me watch where I am going and gives

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me steering practice for my power chair.” According to parents Jennifer and Peter Scotella, “High Hopes is one of the greatest things we have ever done for our children, our family and ourselves.”

Director Stalsburg added her own comments on the impact of High Hopes and its sister organizations. “Operations throughout the country find that autistic children, in particular, are great beneficiaries of rider-horse relationships. In some instances, individuals maintain their relationships with horses for decades.”



TIME FOR OUR PICNIC
JUNE 15 AT NOON
HAMMONASSET STATE PARK
EAST PAVILLION -



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SUPPLY DRINKS AND DESERTS)~~~  
~~~BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS~~~



Do you have a Charter Oak Pass? No? If you are 65+, now is the time to pick one up at the office by the toll booths. You'll get into Hammonasset free---forevermore. The pass will also get you into all other state parks gratis. Add to your summer fun! Get a pass!

(If you are not 65, you can hitch a ride with "a senior" by calling Nancy Chalker, our Rides Coordinator. Her number is 203-245-4486)

DUES ARE DUE

A copy of this invoice was sent to members via U.S. Post in mid-May. If you have not yet mailed your check, please take the time now. .

Notice of Annual Dues for 2011- 2012

American Association of University Women Connecticut Shoreline Branch

Due Date: June 15, 2011

Renewing Branch member.....\$49 national dues, \$5.00 CT dues, \$13.50 branch dues: **\$67.50**

New Life member...National dues(\$49 x 20=\$980), \$5.00 CT dues, \$13.50 branch dues: **\$998.50**

Renewing Life member.....\$5.00 CT, \$13.50 branch dues: **\$18.50**

Member-at-Large..... Dues paid to National; not paid to Shoreline Branch **\$13.50**

Add'l contributions: Local Scholarship Fund \$_____ Educational Foundation \$_____

Legal Advocacy Fund \$_____ Printing & Postage \$_____

Check payable to: AAUW Shoreline Branch TOTAL enclosed: \$_____ (\$46 of national dues is tax deductible).

Mail form and check to: Joan Filbey, Membership AAUW, 6 Runnymede Lane, Madison, CT 06443

Renewing Members **fill in changes** to Directory information---Please Print Clearly.

Name _____ Date _____

Address: _____ City/zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____ E-mail (please print clearly) _____ Career/field _____

College/University _____ Year _____

Degree _____ Major(s) _____

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

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a great
summer!