

Mission Statement: The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. 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

March 17 Branch Meeting

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Scranton Library, Madison
"Fresh Food on the Shoreline, Past and Present"



We welcome our speaker Sarah Bishop Della Ventura, sixth generation of the Bishop family in the area. She will relate family farm history and challenges of the past and present. Come, hear about the issues and

insights about supplying nutritious and safe food products to the Shoreline. Sarah received her Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Northeastern and is the Marketing Director for Bishops Orchards.

Light refreshments. Hosted by the Gourmet Group. Open to the public. Please call, if attending (for seating count.)

- b.annward@gmail.com.

Seeing Stars

We greate attendance for our "Women in Science" program, including quite a large number of youngsters. A smart publicity outreach to schools was successful. Dr. Megan Urry, Director of the Yale University Center for Astronomy & Astrophysics, spoke about gender issues in science. At the following board meeting it was suggested to invite Dr. Urry to return to discuss her current research. Congratulations on the success of this and all our great programs this year.

As we all know, science programs for girls are of interest today. In years past, our Shoreline branch had terrific "Girls' Science Programs," arranged by Sonja Gibbs. Many girls attended these hands on, fun events. Topics were varied from year to year. Members of our branch helped out to make memorable and smooth running events. (Remember blending and juicing 30 heads of cabbage for the acids and bases experiments in "Kitchen Chemistry?") The Girls' Science Programs were great programs and could be done again. Our members could reinvent and design them, anew.

April 21 Joint Branch Meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday, Educational Foundation Program with Lower CT Valley AAUW at Hull Library, Clinton

Our April meeting will be a joint meeting of the Shoreline and Lower-Connecticut Valley Branch and will be held on April 21 at 7 p.m. at the Clinton Library. Our two speakers are recipients of AAUW fellowships who are studying at Yale.

Rebecca Young has an EF American Fellowship and is doing postdoctoral research in biology. Her current research focuses on the evolution of gene regulation with the goal of identifying the gene regulatory changes that underlie digit evolution in the avian hand.

Akriti Singh has an EF International Fellowship and is from Nepal.

Her studies are focused on maternal and child health issues. After earning her Master's degree in Public Health, she intends to work toward improving access to and care for women and children in her home country.



Membership Matters

To accomplish our goal of 100% member retention and growth of our branch, please provide names of potential members, as soon as possible, to membership chairs and help new members become involved. Keep in mind that "every member is on the membership committee." We invite potential members, new members and seasoned members to several membership coffees during the year.

Our branch dues for next year will be the same as last year, \$71. New members joining after March 15 will pay the full dues of \$71. (National \$49, State \$8.50, Branch \$13.50). Those dues will cover next year thru June 30, 2011. Make checks payable to AAUW Shoreline Branch. Send form and check to:

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2010 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

Leadership for Today and Tomorrow

June 3-5, 2010 • University of Maryland, College Park

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders is a two-and-a-half day conference to help students hone leadership skills for their work on campus and in their communities. nccwsl@aauw.org

President's Message

The League of Women Voters is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. In January, there was an opening celebration exhibit at the Connecticut State Capitol. Dr. Tracy Wilson, Historian of West Hartford, described the battle for suffrage in Connecticut. Her detailed talk was filled with stories of amazing women like Katherine Houghton Hepburn (Kate's mother), who worked tirelessly and fiercely for the cause. It is interesting to note that CT, and all states in the NE for that matter, never did ratify the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. The concourse between the Capitol and Legislative Office Building was lined with pictures and montages of the decades. Unfortunately, the exhibit ended on January 29 but there are plans to share the materials in other venues.

On the local scene, we are proud to announce that arrangements are underway for Southern Connecticut State University to select 2 female students whose attendance at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be sponsored by our branch. This conference will be held at a Washington, DC area university in June. It is our hope that these students will speak at a branch meeting and share some of their experiences with us.

-Ann Gordon, co-president

Plan Now for Equal Pay Day

Equal Pay Day is quickly approaching on Tuesday, April 20, and AAUW members and supporters across the country are already planning events to mark this symbolic day when women's wages catch up to men's wages from the year before. If you haven't started yet organizing educational and promotional events for your community, it's not too late!

More than 46 years after passage of the Equal Pay Act, women continue to earn only 77 cents on the dollar to their male counterparts. Minority women face an even larger wage gap. Pay disparities affect women of all ages, races and education levels- regardless of their family decisions. Equal Pay Day is a great time to organize events and actions to engage and inform your community about wage discrimination and the work being done to end it. SeeVoterEd@aauw.org

Updated Board Meeting Dates

All branch members are welcome

March 6 Sat. 10:00AM M. Brunelle

April 1 Thurs. 7:00PM A. Gordon

May 6 Thurs. 7:00PM M. Morch

June 3 Thurs. 7:00PM J. Holmes



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month world-wide
Loretta James, Former Co-President

AAUW itself has an impressive history starting with its founding in 1881. This was a time of the Suffragettes and growing political activism by women. Interest in the intelligence and ability of women was a trend growing in society. In 1881, fifteen women alumnae met in Boston to establish the Association of Collegiate Women, formally organized in 1882 with 65 graduates and 8 colleges and universities. (Wesleyan University was one of the charter members.)

These women intended to help other women obtain a college education, and to find broader ways for women to use their own education. Their objectives were very much like our own Branch's interest as we initiate a local scholarship program to assist women to finish their college degrees.

The early members actively worked to improve education and provide information about the economic lives of women. In Washington, DC, branch members inspected the sanitary conditions of local schools and presented their findings to Congress. In Boston, the first research study surveying women's health and physical education was published in the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor. One of their conclusions -- higher education does not adversely affect the health of women college graduates!! In 1890 branches set up Bureaus of Occupation to provide information for women to broaden their employment scope beyond the teaching field. For perhaps the first time, these Bureaus focused on the inequities of pay differentials between men and women.

We should think of these women as role models as we look at the needs of our society today. As AAUW members, we can all take pride in being part of this positive continuum.

All Over the Map- A Rare Site

On a recent business trip to Italy, my husband and I were driven from the University of Pescara to Rome (a 2 1/2 hour drive east). Our drivers/hosts included a young professor from the university and his girlfriend who had recently completed her PhD in archeology. During the drive they asked us if we would like to make a slight detour to the town of Tivoli. They said that within the town there was the 3,000+-year old city of Hadrian. We quickly accepted the invitation. Not many tourists visit this out of the way site.

The wall around the city is still in fairly good condition but Dora (the girlfriend with the degree in archeology) explained that originally the wall was covered with marble. There were different colors, with each color representing different geographical areas that had been conquered by the Roman Empire. The site was enormous with rooms set aside for meetings, theatre, bathing, sleeping. Most of the floors were made of bits of inlaid marble, others were formed in the herringbone pattern. Thousands of slaves worked on the city and it was a joy to walk through this magnificent site. -A. Gordon

AAUW CT Shoreline Branch Scholarship

Kristen Haskins of Northford has been selected as the winner of the 2009-10 scholarship to be given by the Shoreline Branch of the American Association of University Women. A graduate of the University of Connecticut, she is currently a renal dietitian and is studying in the graduate Physicians' Assistant program at Stony Brook University; her professional goal is to increase the level of care and counseling that she is able to offer her patients suffering from chronic disease.

The Shoreline Branch of AAUW, an organization which promotes the education of women, offers a yearly \$2000 scholarship to a woman from a shoreline town. Applicants must have completed 60 semesters of study and show evidence of financial need, academic excellence, and personal qualifications such as leadership.

AAUW Fellowships, Grants, and Awards for U.S. and International Women Scholars

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3 million in funding for more than 200 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2009-10 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women in the United States and around the globe. View complete list of AAUW applications and deadlines by keying in <http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/>

Let's Read Math!

<http://letsreadmath.com/>

Read good children's books with math themes, then do fun math activities related to each book. Get free information, advice, training, support materials and small mini-grants to start a program in your branch.

AAUW LinkedIn Group

For those members who participate in LinkedIn, the social network for professionals, there is an AAUW group. Members are using it to share information and articles or ask questions such as "What are you doing for Equal Pay Day?" or if anyone knows a good speaker on STEM in the Chicago area. It's informative—and interactive.

To join, click on the Groups tab on LinkedIn or go to:
<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=46108>

Branch Founding Member Chary Demarest Nash

Chary Demarest Nash, 98, of Killingworth, wife of the late Harold Franklin Nash, passed away on November 22, 2009 at her home. Chary Nash was the mother of branch member Betsy Nash Stevens. Our condolences to the entire family.

Born November 13, 1911 in Bridgeport, she was the daughter of the late Richard G. Demarest and Mary Esther Smith Demarest. Mrs. Nash was a graduate of Northfield Seminary Class of 1930; she earned her Associate Degree in 1932 from University of Bridgeport and her BA Degree from Wellesley College in 1934. She was a founder and charter member of the American Association of University Women, Clinton Branch and had been a member for over 50 years.

Ride Sharing *Together, Wherever We Go*



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. Who can you bring?

Contact N. Chalker

Read Two-Minute Activist

<http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/>

Sign-up at: <http://capwiz.com/aauw/mlm/-signup/?emc=lm&m=38758&l=95&v=533432>

"I am astounded at the breadth and depth of the information which I receive and I love the Two-Minute Activist! Sitting at my computer at all hours of the day or night I have the opportunity to join the other 100,000 women of AAUW who are doing the same thing."

-Mary Chapin, AAUW member

"Two-Minute Activist is worth the dues. It ... allows me to have a voice when I might not have the time ... to follow all the legislation and draft letters and responses."

-Theresa Merkel, Former State President, AAUW of VA.

Sound Waves- Newsletter

Send items and pictures, with name and date.

Email to: Carol Baldwin, editor

caroba2000@comcast.net

The Deadline for *Sound Waves* is **April 9, 2010**, Friday. The issue covers May, June and Summer. Items may be edited for length or style. Thank you to C. Briggs for proofreading, S. Baldwin, technical support and A. Osburne, e-mailing. All members may contribute items that relate to AAUW and our mission.

AAUW Mission & Action Has Great Coverage- Why Not Sign Up?

We welcome your comments on **AAUW Mission & Action**. Please send feedback to editor@aauw.org.

Mission & Action, a bimonthly bulletin that brings AAUW news and updates directly to your e-mail box, is mailed to all AAUW members who have provided an e-mail address with their membership information. If you would like to update your membership information or e-mail address, please do so online or by e-mail to records@aauw.org. Members can read previous editions of Mission & Action online.

(selected sample excerpts)

Welcome to the AAUW Action Network, where you can **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN CONGRESS!** First, take one minute to read about the latest issue in Congress. Then, take one more minute to personalize a message and e-mail it to your member of Congress.

From January/February 2010

AAUW on Campus
AAUW's Social Media Resources
AAUW News and Notes
AAUW's Global Connections
Public Policy News
Science and Technology Updates
AAUW Member Benefits
AAUW on Campus

E-Student Affiliate Opportunity

Use AAUW's FREE e-student affiliate initiative to recruit undergraduate students who do not already have a bachelor's degree and who currently attend an AAUW college/university partner institution. Branches and states can use the Member Services Database to encourage local e-student affiliates to become branch and state members. State and branch college/university relations officers, membership vice presidents, and presidents now have access to the information they need to offer students the opportunity to join AAUW.

AAUW's Social Media Resources

AAUW Bloggers Participate in Work-Life Blog Carnival
AAUW advocates for policies that support workers and their needs. Work-life balance issues affect not just women but everyone. To raise awareness of these issues, AAUW is participating in Fem2.0's Work-Life Blog Carnival on February 6–13. This week of blogging will be devoted to changing the way we talk about work-life balance to be more inclusive and enact change. To learn more and join us, visit the AAUW Dialog blog.

Chapter Leaders Playground — New Leadership Partner

The Chapter Leaders Playground is an online community for volunteer leaders from across organizations. Your AAUW membership gives you access to more than 40 30-minute leadership webinars a year to help you achieve even greater success as a state or branch leader. AAUW has officially launched a partnership with Cynthia D'Amour, author of *The Lazy Leader's Guide to Outrageous Results*, who specializes in helping associations get members involved. Cynthia and the Chapter Leaders Playground are valuable resources to help you grow your branches and be more successful as leaders. Join today!

AAUW News and Notes

2010 AAUW Art Contest Voting Begins February 12!

Starting February 12, you can cast your vote for your favorite artwork. The winning entries will be used in the upcoming 2010–11 AAUW calendar. For more information and to see this year's gallery, visit the AAUW website.

March Is Women's History Month

AAUW will be celebrating National Women's History Month in March. Check the AAUW website, our blog, or AAUW's Facebook page during March to see what activities we have planned. We'll also be tweeting about women's accomplishments throughout history, so be sure to follow AAUW if you have a Twitter account, and join us for our weekly Twitter event, #wmmhist, on Wednesdays.

AAUW Public Policy Fund Pins — and a Bonus!

For the first time at AAUW, you can show your support for advocacy for women and girls — and get a tax deduction. Contribute \$100 or more to the AAUW Public Policy Fund and receive the fund's first annual pin. As a special bonus, we will mail you a copy of the book *Secrets of Powerful Women* (a \$14.99 value) personally signed by Lisa Maatz, AAUW's director of public policy and government relations. Lisa is among the women — members of Congress, journalists, actors, CEOs, and activists — who each wrote a chapter of the book, and she will ask one of the other authors to sign your book as well. Please support this crucial work with a tax-deductible contribution through our secure website.

AAUW Leadership Corps Offers Support at All Levels

The AAUW Leadership Corps is a member involvement opportunity created to support branches, states, and members at large. These volunteer member leaders seek to develop new branches, maximize member awareness and engagement, and improve communication among all levels of AAUW. AAUW state presidents recently participated in two conference calls with the Leadership Corps grassroots liaisons, AAUW President Carolyn Garfein, AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman, and staff. If you would like assistance with branch programming or administration, please complete the online form.

Global Reproductive Health Conference

On January 8, AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman attended an event with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton marking the 15th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICDP). Clinton spoke about U.S. support of the ICPD goals of universal access to reproductive health care around the globe by 2015. AAUW's 2009–11 Public Policy Program declares our support for international family planning programs and increased access to health care.

AAUW Mission & Action

(more excerpts)

Public Policy News

AAUW Prepares for Equal Pay Day

AAUW continues preparations to mark Equal Pay Day on Tuesday, April 20. State public policy chairs from across the country participated in conference calls led by AAUW public policy and government relations staff focused on advancing the Paycheck Fairness Act, planning for Equal Pay Day, and including pay equity programming in state conventions and branch activities. Find out how to get involved, download our Pay Equity Resource Kit and Equal Pay Day Program in a Box, and order AAUW "Women at a Discount" posters and stickers for use at AAUW events, meetings, programs, and protests.

AAUW Releases Congressional Voting Record and First-Year Report on Obama

AAUW recently released a comprehensive analysis of President Barack Obama's first year in office and the AAUW Action Fund scorecard of congressional votes. The Obama Administration's First Year: A Progress Report on AAUW Priority Issues and the Congressional Voting Record for the first session of the 111th Congress outline the AAUW priority issues that became law in 2009 and demonstrate that real progress is being made on the issues that matter most to women and their families. See how your members of Congress voted and then encourage them to support our issues.

Lobby Corps Preps for New Congressional Session

The AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps hosted a training in January to welcome new members and to begin preparing for the new congressional session. Members in the D.C. area, or those visiting D.C., are invited to join the Lobby Corps volunteers on Thursday mornings as they give AAUW a voice and a face on Capitol Hill. To join or to learn more, contact VoterEd@aauw.org.

New Programs in a Box Now Available

New public policy Programs in a Box are now available online to help members consider and choose programs for their branches. The Programs in a Box, which contain downloadable resources and steps for program implementation, focus on hosting an issue-specific women's summit or public policy brunch, taking action on Equal Pay Day, meeting with a public official, ensuring Title IX compliance, and more.

Members Take Action on Health Care Debate

As a member of the Stop Stupak Coalition, AAUW participated in national action days in December and January. AAUW members from neighboring states came to D.C. to lobby and attend a Capitol Hill rally, while other members participated in events in their local communities. Contact your senators now and urge them to end the practice of gender rating and protect women's access to complete reproductive health care coverage as the health care debate continues.

AAUW Executive Director at White House Events on STEM Education

AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman attended several White House events in December and January with President Barack Obama, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, and other administration, business, university, and foundation officials to discuss the administration's Educate to Innovate campaign. The campaign aims to prepare more than 10,000 new math and science teachers over five years and provide training and development for more than 100,000 current teachers in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields.

National Girls Collaborative Project

Last year the National Girls Collaborative Project network provided collaboration opportunities to more than 2,500 programs in 28 states. Check out the latest NGCP newsletter highlighting recent and upcoming activities for girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Does your AAUW state or branch have a STEM program? Don't forget to include it in the NGCP program directory and share your success and ideas with others.

National Lab Day Offers Role Model Opportunities

In November, President Barack Obama announced the establishment of National Lab Day, an effort supported by AAUW, NGCP, and more than 200 other organizations to bring hands-on learning to 10 million students. Are you a teacher, scientist, engineer, or professor? Sign up as a volunteer or mentor.

AAUW Member Benefits

New AAUW Partner: Paperwork, Etc.

Just in time for state conventions, this new AAUW partner can create customized products for your convention or for branch giveaways, speakers' gifts, and recruitment incentives. Visit Paperwork, Etc. today for your state and branch needs.

Branch Fundraisers

Looking for creative ways to raise funds for your branch? AAUW partners Better World Books, The Princeton Review, VirtuArte, and World Medical Card all include fundraising programming for your branch. Contact Cordy Galligan, AAUW director of corporate relationships, today to learn more.

World Medical Card

Protect yourself, those closest to you, and your entire community from medical error! Now, every AAUW member receives a FREE World Medical Card, and friends and family get a significant discount. Visit World Medical Card today and learn how you can use this benefit to raise funds for your branch programming as well!

ShopAAUW

Leave your state convention with AAUW memorabilia you won't find elsewhere! ShopAAUW is offering a limited selection of discontinued merchandise at remarkable prices in addition to must-have items under Branch Necessities. Visit ShopAAUW today or call 866/225-9998 to order.

Sign-up for AAUW on-line newsletter

<http://capwiz.com/aauw/mlm/signup/?emc=lm&m=38758&l=95&v=533432>

Calendar for March /April 2010

March	2	International Relations
	3	Bridge 1, Bridge 2
March	6	Board Meeting 10 a.m. Sat M. Brunelle
	7	Gourmet Group Cruising the Mississippi
	11	Great Adventures, C. Marshall Quinnipiac Club/Lunch, New Haven
	12	Morning Literature, Fri.
	15	Monday literature Group
March	17	Branch Program 7:30 p.m. Wed Scranton Library, Madison "Fresh Food on the Shoreline, Past and Present" b.annward@gmail.com
	24	International Relations II, Immigration
April	1	Board Meeting 7 p.m. Thurs A. Gordon
	1	Art Appreciation- Possible rain date for Feb. 24
	5	International Relations
	?	Great Adventures
		Tenement Museum- New York
	9	Morning Literature, Fri.
	19	Monday literature Group
	20	Equal Pay Day
April	21	EF Branch Meeting 7 p.m. Wed Educational Foundation Program with Lower CT Valley AAUW Henry Carter Hull Library, Clinton, CT
	28	International Relations II
April	30	Gourmet Group, Famous People Dinner
May	?	Great Adventures Planning Session
May	3	International Relations
May	6	Board Meeting 7 p.m. Thurs M. Morch

Member Interest Groups

Interest groups, please begin branch program planning for next year.
2010-2011 Theme is "Women and Girls in Action"

Art Appreciation:	
Times vary	M. McAvoy
Bridge: 1st Wednesdays -	Two Groups
1 p.m.	E. Brady
7 p.m.	C. Johns
Financial Matters: 1st Tuesdays,	
4 p.m.	S. Pelletier
Gourmet: Times vary	A. Ward
	M.Lamoreaux
Great Adventures:	N. Chalker
	H. Heath
Hiking: Tues, Fri, Sat	B. Shildneck
International Interest Group I:	1st Mondays
10 a.m.	G. St. Paul
International Interest Group II:	4th Wednesdays,
7 p.m.	M. Duff
Eclectic Literature: 2nd Mondays	
2 p.m.	J. Hirschhorn
Morning Literature:, 2nd Fridays	
10 a.m.	J. Miller
Afternoon Literature:, 3rd Mondays	
1 p.m.	V.Passero

Refer to our Branch website for updates, information and links. <http://aauwshoreline.org/index.html>

