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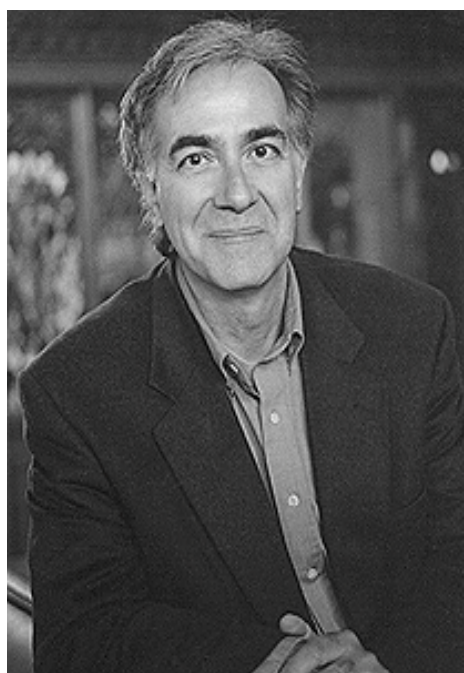


DIANE SMITH



KATIE DAVIS

LUNCH WITH THE  
AUTHORS - **NOV. 5**



CARLOS EIRE

Hear three remarkable authors. **Diane Smith**, celebrated journalist, anchor and reporter, produces programs for Connecticut Public TV, based on her series "Positively Connecticut". In 2010 Ms. Smith received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Culture and Tourism and an Emmy for directing and producing her documentary "Living Modern in Connecticut". She will talk about her recent book, "Seasons of Connecticut".....**Carlos Eire**, The Lawrason Riggs Professor of History and Religious Studies at Yale, authored "Waiting for Snow in Havana", a memoir on coming of age during the Cuban Revolution. It won the 2003 National Book Award for Non-fiction. His current work, "Learning to Die in Miami" continues the story, beginning at age eleven, when he arrives alone in Miami and begins life in the U.S.....**Katie Davis** is author/illustrator of children's books with nine publications to her credit.. Her dedication to "kidlit" has taken her to prisons, schools and conferences where she coaches aspiring writers. Ms. Davis is a judge on several book award panels and serves on the Honorary Advisory Board of the Brooke-Jackman Foundation.. Her recent book, "Little Chicken's Big Day" is another great "kid pleaser".

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WELCOME AUTUMN!

Our September branch meeting was a great success. Over 60 members and guests attended. Wasn't it exciting to hear our guest speaker, Ebony McCleave, telling us how impressed, inspired and appreciative she was being able to go to the annual National Conference of College Women Student Leaders Conference at the University of Maryland? Our financial support allowed two promising student leaders to attend this conference. ....Thank you Ann Gordon for kindly arranging for an artist to donate a painting to raffle. This was won for \$65. This amount will go towards sending a student to the Conference next year.

The Legal Advocacy Fund raffle that evening earned \$280 towards our national Legal Advocacy Fund contribution. Thank you Barbara Dunham for your efforts to arrange this activity. Thanks also to Barbara's law firm, Donahue, Durham and Noonan PC, of Guilford for their generous contribution towards our raffle prizes.

Next up is the Book and Author Luncheon on November 5th at the Clinton Country Club. More details elsewhere in this Newsletter. Invite your friends and neighbors! This fund raiser supports the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund, plus our Shoreline Branch scholarship.

On November 30 from 4 - 6 pm we will give a tea for new and prospective members. This is a chance to invite prospects to learn more about our dynamic branch and our enjoyable activities. It will be held at my home 18 Waterbury Avenue, Madison. Membership Co-Chairs Carolyn Johns (203-453-3325) and Joan Filbey (203-779-5835) will take reservations.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Loretta James, Co-president

SHORELINE BRANCH OFFICERS: President--Vicki Littell; 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 Filbey; 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.

# BOOK-AUTHOR LUNCH

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011, 11:30AM  
CLINTON COUNTRY CLUB**

(Route 145 South—Exit 64 off I-95)

Bring your friends to this Annual Gala.

Enjoy fine dining in a lovely setting and listen to our honored guests talk about their recent publications:

**Diane Smith**, Emmy Award Winning TV Personality  
*Seasons of Connecticut*

**Carlos Eire**, 2003 National Book Award Non-fiction  
*Learning to Die in Miami*

**Katie Davis**, renowned author-illustrator of 'kidlit'  
*Little Chicken's Big Day*

Take advantage of an opportunity to purchase signed books-- before and after lunch. This is your chance to benefit AAUW's Educational Foundation and our local scholarship. (*Donations are also accepted and much appreciated.*)

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Reservation Form--(Deadline October 30)

*Dining begins with crudités and cheeses along with mesclun salad.*

*Italian pastries will be served for desert.*

Entrée Choices: #Chicken Florentine\_\_\_\_\_ or # Fish Florentine \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Your guests' names\_\_\_\_\_

Tickets \$40/ person-includes gratuity. Make check payable to AAUW/Shoreline Branch.  
Send check and this form to: Mary Lou Burke, 19 Evarts Lane, Madison 06443

Note: Tables seat 8—please list names if you have seating preferences  
If you have questions, call 203-245-5825 or 203-245-4458

THE MORNING LITERAURE GROUP  
and  
THE INTERNATIONAL INTEREST GROUP  
invite you to lunch on December 7 at noon  
The Café Allegre, Boston Post Road, Madison



**ROBERT HARMS, Yale Professor of History and African Studies, will talk about his award winning book "The Diligent - A VOYAGE THROUGH THE WORLDS OF THE SLAVE TRADE"**

**With the aid of slides, Historian Harms will take us inside the shocking story of 'The Diligent' a French slave ship that sailed along the African coast trading goods for human cargo. This is an unparalleled opportunity to learn about the role of slave trading in 18<sup>th</sup> century European commerce.**

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Reservation Form—(reserve by Nov. 30)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. of People \_\_\_\_\_

*Choose your entrée from the following:*

*Sole Florentine \_\_\_\_\_ Veal Marsala \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta Primavera \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken San Marzano with sun-dried tomatoes, artichokes, olives  
in wine sauce \_\_\_\_\_*

Please make check for \$32 (per person) payable to Janet Holmes.  
Send check and form to: Janet Holmes, 19 Long Hill Farm, Guilford. 06437

**YOUR INVITATION  
NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER TEA  
NOVEMBER 30**

**To All Members:** Please encourage friends to come to the home of Co-President Loretta James where they can learn about the Shoreline Branch of the American Association of University Women--- its mission, its accomplishments and its dynamic interest groups.

**Place:** 18 Waterbury Avenue, Madison.

**Time:** 4 to 6PM

**Reservations:** Membership Co-Chairs Carolyn Johns (203-453-3325) and Joan Filbey (203-779-5835) .

**A NEW INTEREST GROUP—A CLASSIC SUBJECT  
“ETHICS”**

Are you concerned about the ethical standards of government , sports, journalism, medicine, religion and the arts? Then join this group which will explore the effects of ethical choices on society in general and upon individual lives specifically. News, periodicals and journal articles will provide the platform for discussions of contemporary issues.

Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month, 10AM to noon, beginning November 1. The meeting place will be St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 232 Durham Road (Route 79) in Madison, about a mile north from its intersection with Boston Post Road.

For further information or to express interest call Linda Smith-Criddle at 203-245- 0663 or contact her at [smithcriddle@snet.net](mailto:smithcriddle@snet.net).

## **SUCCESSFUL SEASON KICK-OFF**

More than sixty people gathered for the Pot Luck Supper held September 28 at the Lutheran Church in Madison..

Looking back in time, the evening began with a nod to more than ten past presidents, each honored with a long-stemmed rose as a thank you token for their services to the Shoreline Branch.. Moving forward in time, the featured speaker was Ebony McCleave, a 'future leader'. Ebony, a Southern Connecticut State University student, was one of two young women\* whose attendance at the 2011 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) was sponsored by the Shoreline Branch. She described many events at the June conference but focused on one particularly meaningful workshop held for women of color. Ebony said that these women face a double handicap-- being female and black—. She assured us that progress is being made.

The evening ended with a lottery and the silent auction of an original painting by local artist Joanne McCarty. It sold for \$65.... seed money for the next NCCWSL program. The lottery netted \$280 which will go to the Legal Advocacy Fund.

*\*Tiara Willie, the second student was unable to attend this meeting.*

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## **AAUW Joins White House Office of Science and Technology and the National Science Foundation in STEM Initiatives**

At a White House meeting, September 26, NSF announced a ten-year plan for strengthening the position of women in STEM professions (science, technology, engineering and math). In support of that plan, AAUW, along with several other independent organizations, announced their individual campaigns to add momentum to the nationwide effort. AAUW's national organization expects to increase the number of girls studying STEM subjects by focusing its efforts on regional programs.

Included in NSF's ten-year "Career-Life Balance Initiative" will be provisions that allow grant recipients to delay or suspend their grants for up to one year in order to care for a newborn or newly adopted child or fulfill other family obligations. In addition, NSF will provide supplements covering the cost of research technicians needed to maintain labs while principal investigators are on family leave.

First Lady Michele Obama, who attended the East Room event, said, "If we're going to out-innovate and out-educate the rest of the world, we've got to open doors for everyone. We need all hands on deck and that means clearing hurdles for women and girls as they navigate careers in science, technology, engineering and math."

## SHORELINE MEETING FEATURED HOLLY KEARL , NATIONAL PROGRAM MANAGER, LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND



B. Dunham, H. Kearl, E. Quayle

The special September 12 event, featuring Holly Kearl, was arranged by Elaine Quayle and Barbara Dunham, branch LAF co-chairs. The program was part the 130th anniversary celebration of AAUW.

Speaking to Shoreline and Lower Connecticut Valley Branches, members of the proposed New Haven Branch, and the League of Women Voters, Holly put a human face to contributions made to LAF through AAUW dues. While members may think LAF money only goes to legal fees, Holly explained that in the recent *Wal-Mart v. Dukes* case, the largest certified class action lawsuit in U.S. history, LAF funds paid for plaintiffs to attend the Supreme Court oral hearings. (In this case the Court reversed the case on a technicality. However, LAF will continue to be involved with forthcoming cases of gender discrimination against Wal-Mart.)

Holly explained that when LAF started in 1981 as a pilot program at Cornell University's AAUW branch, its focus was gender equality on campuses. Now, it includes workplace discrimination and harassment cases and has contributed \$1.5 million in support of more than 100 legal actions. (Supporters can earmark their LAF donation for specific cases if desired.) The audience heard about five recent cases that proceeded because of LAF support and learned that LAF helps file 10 to 12 amicus briefs each year.....For more information, go to <http://www.aauw.org/act/laf/library/index.cfm>. The site provides links to the weekly *Washington Update* and the monthly *LAF Express*, as well as the LAF blog, (Special Note: Holly Kearl is the author of *Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women*, and founder of the website: <http://www.stopstreetharassment.org>.)

## NAMESAKE OF LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY ACT, HAS WRITTEN A



book due to be published in February 2012. Titled *Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond*, tells of Lucy's struggle for justice after years of pay discrimination. Through the Legal Advocacy Fund, AAUW gave financial support to Lilly's Supreme Court case as well as the legislation that closed the loophole used by Goodyear. LAF carried its campaign to AAUW members encouraging them to call their senators and representatives to support the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

"I had to stand up for what was right, but I wasn't alone," Ledbetter said. "Thanks to the hard work of AAUW and the ordinary Americans who called their legislators to support pay equity legislation, we are on our way to winning the fight to close the wage gap. AAUW is a key leader of these continuing efforts."

Lilly is a significant supporter of AAUW through her appearances at national conventions and at branch events across the country.

**NEXT “SOUND WAVES” DEADLINE  
DECEMBER 10**

Do you have an event coming up in January or February? Let me know about it by 12/10.

Please include....Name of the sponsoring group..... Details about the event.... Time.... Place....Travel arrangements and people to contact for reservations where applicable..

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**