

**AAUW Storrs Willimantic
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2011**

Catherine Sampson called the meeting to order at 6:08PM. She welcomed everyone and thanked Carol Kraus for the use of her home. She invited everyone to give their name and some information about themselves and their education.

Joan Goba gave a talk on the accomplishments of Kay Roan, who died at the age of 97. Kay was a member of our branch of AAUW for many years. She worked to promote women throughout her lifetime.

Lesley Kirschenbaum, working with Pamela Thompson, has been working to get girls to Girls State for many years. Girls State is held at ECSU at this time. Girls, who are juniors or seniors in High School, are eligible to attend. This year four girls attended. They were: two from EO Smith, one from Windham High and one from Coventry. Two girls who attended are at this meeting.

Simone McCarthy from Windham High School said the experience was very rewarding. She made a lot of friends. Skits of real life situations were very interesting, and were used to teach problem solving and team work.

Liz from EO Smith said there were a lot of speakers who hold political positions in our state.

Catherine Sampson said that our Branch has been recognized by National for our achievements and fundraising activities. Our branch received second place in the top ten fundraisers at the National Convention.

Pamela Thompson said the Fashion Show was very successful. Thirty Five attended, which included 14 AAUW members. The amount raised so far was \$680.00. This money goes for scholarships and grants.

Most of the programs have been scheduled for this year. In October Jane Roberts, the author of 34 Million Friends of the Women of the World, will be our speaker.

Member forms for Give a Grad a Gift are available.

Donations in the amount of \$25.00 per member for the Educational Opportunities Fund and \$5.00 per member for the Legal Advocacy Fund are asked for each year. Also, our Branch supports NCCWSL and sends two women from UCONN, ECSU or QVCC to the conference in June each year. Drawings at each meeting are held to support the Book Award.

Catherine Sampson thanked Carol Kraus for the use of her home again.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty G. Urban