



President's Message

As co-presidents of our Storrs-Willimantic AAUW Branch, Jean and I were invited to participate in the Fall Leadership Conference on October 4th.

To continue with the goal "Breaking Barriers", we were encouraged to expand our connections with the State and other local Branches.

It has become evident that we can only succeed in our goal by building and expanding links with other branches.

To this end, we shall open up our activities and invite other Branches to participate. We shall share our newsletters and web site with these Branches and ask that they do the same.

We shall also make an attempt to collaborate with other branches so that we might increase our outreach to our and other communities of women.

We can only achieve these goals with your help, support and most importantly your ideas.

Catherine & Jean

Branch News



Ling-chuan Chu, advisor and professor at QVCC, Liu Lu Lamb, Representative Susan Johnson and Caroline Switchenko at October 4, 2012 meeting.

The National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) - Referred to as nickwhistle: NCCWSL is an annual leadership conference for college students. It is organized and run by our National AAUW and held at the University of Maryland. The conference features awe-inspiring women as speakers and it is hoped that the college students will carry the enthusiasm of the speakers back to their own campuses and use it to further their leadership endeavors. This year's attendees were Liu Lu Lamb and Caroline Switchenko.

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AAUW CT College/University Representative Conference attendees our branch - Catherine Sampson, Ling-chaun Chu, Jean McCarthy, Laura Tordenti and Starsheemar Byrum



As part of our efforts to support AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund, my aunt has donated a beautiful shadow box quilt. Donors to LAF will be provided with an opportunity to receive this quilt.

It is called a shadow box quilt because when seen from a distance, the panels appear to have a shadow behind them. The quilt is 68 inches wide by 82 inches long. It is machine pieced and machine quilted. The primary colors of the quilt are gold, turquoise, and brown. The backing is gold lines on a white background.

Donations can be made by sending a check (made out to AAUW with "LAF" in on the bottom memo line) to Susan Meisler, 4 Farmstead Rd., Storrs, CT 06268. I will write your name on a ticket(s) for each donation that you make, once for \$5, 3 times for \$12 and 5 times for \$20. **I must receive your donation by Dec. 1 if you can not make the meeting!** We hope to have enough donations to draw the name of a winner at the end of the meeting. **If you plan to attend the meeting, just make your donations at that time.**

Thanks in advance for your generosity. I'll do a quick update of LAF's activities and send it out after the holiday! A winning ticket will be drawn at Leslie Kirschenbaum's house during our December meeting. Our goal is at least \$250 for the Legal Advocacy Fund.

Aunt Ann is particularly pleased to donate this quilt to fight the inequality of pay for women. Her background demonstrates a personal reason for her support

"Despite my own MBA, I was made very aware at least twice in my career in Hospital Administration that I was not paid equitably with my male counterparts. In my last job, I was told there would be a sizable bonus available in addition to the salary to which I had agreed. Since I had always previously been able to obtain any bonuses offered, I considered this a part of my expected salary.

After a year it became clear that the bonus was impossible to obtain as all the hospitals in the chain had to meet the criteria. At the very least it was clear I could not obtain the bonus by myself. I went to my boss and told him I thought he had overstated on hiring me and that I wanted a salary increase. He asked how much and

I named a figure \$20,000 higher than what I was getting. He agreed with no hesitation.

The next day the Personnel Manager came and asked how I got the increase. I told him I had asked for it. He said, "Good for you. You should have been getting that from day one!"



National News and Links

AAUW Action Fund - <http://aauwaction.org/>

AAUW

BLOG -<http://blog-aauw.org/>

AAUW on Twitter - <http://twitter.com/#!/aauw>



Congressional Voting Record



If you would like to see something on the web, contact **Denise Bachand.**

AAUW Storrs Willimantic **website:** <http://storrswillimantic-ct.aauw.net/>

Our branch e-mail address is aauwstorrswilli@gmail.com.

Our state website is www.aauwct.org

AAUW National web site is www.aauw.org



Other News of Interest

Friday, Nov. 30, 2012, 4 - 5:30 pm: **Gloria Steinem**, guest speaker for the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of UConn's Women's Center at the Jorgensen Auditorium, UConn, Storrs CT

November 26 – December 14, 2012

<http://www.cwhf.org/exhibits/we-fight-for-roses>

Homer Babbidge Library, UConn, Storrs

Hours during the display:

Monday – Thursday	07:30 AM – 02:00 AM
Friday	07:30 AM – 10:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Sunday	10:00 AM – 02:00 AM

This exhibit is dedicated to the stories, struggles and achievements of our Inductees, women who have shaped the culture and society of Connecticut and the nation. Rather than focus solely on the photographs of each of the inductees, this exhibit showcases images that highlight the struggle of each woman's actions as a means of further reminding audiences that the quest for women's equality has not been an easy battle.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETING - PRESIDENT'S DINING ROOM ECSU

5:15 PM NOVEMBER 7

Shannon Sullivan, Connecticut Girl Scouts. 2012 is the Year of the Girl. Girl Scouts are 100 years old!

HOLIDAY SOCIAL AT ARTIE & LESLEY KIRSCHENBAUM'S HOME

5:15 PM DECEMBER 5

Annual food drive and holiday pot luck.

MONTHLY MEETING - PRESIDENT'S DINING ROOM ECSU

5:15 PM FEBRUARY 6

Deborah Pacik, a Nationally Board Certified Acupuncturist on pain and women's health. She began practicing acupuncture in 1996, after graduating from the New England School of Acupuncture. Since then, her training has continued through apprenticeships with senior acupuncturists and additional certifications, including an advanced certificate in herbs for women's health. Her clients benefit from over a decade of experience.

MONTHLY MEETING - PRESIDENT'S DINING ROOM ECSU

5:15 PM MARCH 6

Kathleen McGrory, PH.D former Dean of Academic Affairs at ECSU and president of Hartford College for Women, will speak about AAUW's relevance and importance in society today.

MONTHLY MEETING - PRESIDENT'S DINING ROOM ECSU

5:15 PM APRIL 3

Starsheemar Byrum, Coordinator of the ECSU Women's Center and Intercultural Center, and Mala Maticin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology at University of Hartford, discuss the Shape and Taste of Feminism in 2012.

MONTHLY MEETING - PRESIDENT'S DINING ROOM ECSU

5:15 PM MAY 1

Huazhen "Molly" Guam, AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund International Fellow, Harvard University's J. F. Kennedy School of Government, Masters in Public Policy.

POT LUCK AND PLANT AUCTION AT DEL ANNE CAREY'S HOME

5:15 PM JUNE 5

Fundraiser for the Educational Foundation – bring a something from your garden, a dish to share and prepare to bid on something new for your garden.

Did you ever wonder why we pass the basket around at our dinner meetings?

Well, the reason is to collect funds to support our annual **Sue Harkness Book Award**.

A check in the amount of \$200 is given to a deserving student from UCONN, Eastern or QVCC.



The **AAUW women's film series** focuses on interesting women and/or women's issues.

Our branch has a movie group that meets monthly on the fourth Monday of the month at 7pm. We meet at different members homes.

At our October AAUW Movie night at Karin Randolph's house, we saw the documentary, "The Invisible War". It was about rapes on women in the Armed Forces. The various branches claimed to keep things quiet so the reputation of the branch would not be tarnished. The women were blamed and in most cases, the perpetrator became the victim. Since the complaints had to follow within the branch, the perpetrators were often involved with the decision to prosecute. It is about time this horrendous situation is exposed. You can find out more about this situation by going to notinvisible.org.

Men are also victims of rape in the military. The number of male rapes is even higher for men than women.

There are now spaces for Vet student groups at the UCONN Student Union. Kathy Labadorf tells us that the Vets are very interested in this issue.



Educational Foundation Report

by Pamela Thompson

On Sat. Oct. 20th many members of our branch along with several guests attended the 15th Annual Book Author Brunch Event fundraiser for the Educational Opportunities Fund held at Pamela Thompson's home in East Killingly. Author and Nutritional Kinesiologist Linda Wojcik gave an interesting, thought provoking and at times challenging talk about connecting our physical symptoms to our emotional pains. That is the topic of her book *Joshua's Lessons - Raising a Healthy Child in a Toxic World*, which is based on her experiences and lessons learned from raising her chemically sensitive son. This and her second book *A Taste of Sunflowers - The Natural Way to Healing Cookbook* were available for participants to buy, and many did. For more information about Linda and her books, visit her website at www.healingyou.com.

Thank you to all who attended the event and brought such wonderful foods to share, and to all who contributed financially. Your generosity equals \$775 collected so far for the Educational Opportunities Fund, and an anticipation of receiving additional funds from 3 more members who promised to send in donations. To date, members of our branch have given a total of \$1188 to the Educational Opportunities Fund, so we are close to this year's goal of \$1500.

Anyone wishing to contribute, please make out your checks to **AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund** and mail them to:

Pamela Thompson
P.O. Box 156
East Killingly, CT 06243

Dinner is at the President's Dining Room ECSU

Please make your reservations early, **before the deadline**, which is the Thursday before the first Wednesday of the month. Please contact Ellen at **rogellepel** insert at sign **aol.com**

The cost of dinner is \$19 which includes **appetizers, entrée, dessert, tax and gratuity.**

Payment by check is preferred. Checks should be made out to the AAUW Storrs/Willimantic Branch.

Please remember that once we call in the reservations we are obligated for that number of dinners, therefore, if you make a reservation for dinner, you will be expected to pay for it unless you cancel before 9 pm on Sunday.

Hope to see you there.



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FUND NEWS

AAUW is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, and through its Educational Opportunities Fund, provides 278 fellowships and grants yearly to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the United States and around the world.

During the academic 2012-2013 year, more than \$4.3 million is going to a broader community of women in order for them 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. Through them, AAUW is fulfilling its mission of lifelong education, improving the quality of life for all and tackling the educational and social barriers facing women around the globe. Funding comes directly from contributions made by branches and individual members.

The Legal Advocacy Fund, which is a program of the AAUW Education Opportunities Foundation, supports men and women in the workplace who are faced with discrimination issues, expands campus outreach regarding discrimination, and conducts gender based research projects. It is suggested that each local board donate, an amount that would represent at least \$5 per member, to the LAF. Our contribution came close to meeting the LAF goal.



New Member Profile

Carole McCarthy

I have lived in Ashford for 42 years. Before moving here I lived and taught in Oakland California for three years. I returned to Ct and taught in Tolland for 36 years. I have taught in grades 1-8 and was a Language Arts Consultant for 21 years for grades 5-8. My last 7 years were spent teaching in grade four. I belong to the NEA (National Education Assoc and the CEA (CT Education Assoc.)

Because I had my summers free, my husband Sean and I (and our three daughters) were able to spend our summers in our home in Nova Scotia. Sean passed away three years ago, but I still spend my summers there.

I love to garden, play tennis and read in my spare time. I have 6 grandchildren and spend a great deal of time with two of them (ages 8 & 11) who live locally.

I retired from teaching in 2003 and have had no trouble filling my days between Friends of the Library, the Ashford Garden Club, the Commission on Aging, and my hobbies and grandchildren. I enjoy taking classes at QVCC in the Learning in Retirement Program.



Welcome to our New Members

Claire Gates
Margaret McKleroy
Jan McCulloch
Carole McCarthy-this month's spotlight



Girls' State 2012 recipients

Windham High School
Windham Tech
Coventry High School
EO Smith High School

Jen Woodcock
Jasmine Baker
name in next issue
Melissa Higley
Gemilaph Mama

AAUW STORRS-WILLIMANTIC BRANCH REGISTRATION FORM 2012-2013

It would be greatly appreciated if this form/payment could be returned by June 30, 2012 or before. Mail or give your annual membership dues of \$65.00 to our Treasurer. Feel free to share a registration form with a friend. The \$65 covers membership through June 2013. Send your check to: Eugenie Bagley, 54 Ashford Drive, Ashford CT 06278. If you have any questions, contact Eugenie at 860-487-0305 or email to: eb need an at sign here bagleytax.com

NAME _____

Fill in the following only if you are a new member or have changes to the info in our membership booklet.

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

(for new members only)

College/University attended _____ Date(s) graduated _____

Degree (last) _____

Please list the amount of any optional donations you wish to make. Make checks payable to AAUW Storrs/Willimantic. This year there is no increase in dues. The \$65 includes \$49 that we pay to the Association in DC. \$46 of the \$49 is now tax deductible. We send \$8.50 dues to the State AAUW and keep \$7.50 for our local chapter dues. Neither the state nor local dues are tax deductible.

Annual Dues \$ 65.00

I would like to contribute the following:

* Add to the Elizabeth Jordan Scholarship fund	\$ _____
Contribute an additional amount	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

* If you would like to send in a contribution to the Educational Opportunities Foundation or the Legal Advocacy Fund, make your check(s) out to: AAUW Educational Opportunities Foundation and send it to Pamela Thompson at 659 Bailey Hill Road, East Killingly, CT 06243. Checks to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund should be sent to Karin Randolph, PO Box 438, Mansfield Center, CT 06250. Either of these funds are tax deductible. Your donations will be sent to the National AAUW for you. For more information call Pam at 860-774-5048 or Karen at 860-456-7116.

Give a Grad a Gift-Go to the Member Center at aauw.org to sign up a graduate for a free membership to the national AAUW organization. This will entitle the new member to access the areas of the site that are only open to members. They will receive the AAUW magazine and other info and can also join on line groups. They can also access a branch wherever they live and become a member by paying the state and local dues only.