



"BRANCHING OUT For January, 2017

AAUW PENOBSCOT VALLEY BRANCH



You all received an email last week cordially inviting you to our annual

"STRICTLY SOCIAL" POT LUCK BRUNCH

*Saturday, January 14, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dirigo Pines Inn, The Penobscot Media Room
On the second floor*

Please bring a small brunch item ready to serve and share and a utensil to serve it with.

Remember that guests are invited.

LET'S FILL THAT MEDIA ROOM!!!!!!

One addition to this popular Brunch -that this editor is delighted with -is a snow date. If the weather doesn't cooperate for the 14th, we will try again on January 21st-same format, place and

time. Many of us were disappointed when the 2016 Brunch was cancelled due to the weather. So, The Leadership Team agreed and "voila" we have a snow day!

Our hosts: Susan Wishkoski, Sharon Ashworth

Call or email Susan with any questions

wishkoskisusan@gmail.com or 866-4494

...and as Susan said, "Please come and share food and fellowship and celebrate the accomplishments of our marvelous group!"



**YES, our fabulous Book Sale is coming in April-the 8th to be exact!
We are again using The Church of Universal Fellowship.**

This Book Sale-as we all realize- is the major source of income that funds our scholarships and our Branch. All members should be proud of their commitment to this sale. Again, this spring, there is time to show this commitment once again.

The work of putting on our Book Sale can be strenuous though. Boxes of books can be very heavy especially if you must lift a lot.

Susan Wishkoski is the main chair of the Book Sale along with Sharon Barker who has offered to be available the week of the Sale with trucks, pickup, Kiwanis, etc.

At a special Leadership Meeting in December, Susan conducted a pros and cons exercise. Some of the comments discussed were:

1. Find a way to move books only once.
2. Find another storage space, where some of the sale could take place in advance.
3. Need to have fewer books to deal with at and after the sale.
4. Perhaps give a free book to children and to the workers.

No decisions were made, and these ideas will be further discussed at the Brunch.

Susan has come up with a plan and she would like your opinion on it. Please call or email her. Thank you. Your editor is going to quote Susan.

"Two concerns emerged from that December Book Sale meeting: We are no longer able to lift heavy books; Too many books we receive are not saleable. I recommend that we only accept books two days ahead of the sale. The books would be delivered to the church and would save on the labor of collecting and then having to move them from other locations. We can check in the donations at the church and turn back those that are not saleable. We could organize some sort of pick-up service at this time. Finally, I recommend that we only sort books into 4 large categories-fiction, non-fiction, children's and special books of unique value. Let our customers browse. They will enjoy the treasure hunt and may buy more. One other change-on Saturday, the 8th, vendors will be allowed in at 7:30 a.m. And the

sale will open to the public at 8:a.m. Since we will not be using shelves this year, we will be displaying books in cardboard boxes. Please save your boxes. We will need volunteers:

1. To set up on Tuesday.
2. To receive and sort donations on Wednesday and Thursday and Friday.
3. To run the sale on Saturday.
4. To donate baked goods-cookies, muffins, etc. for the day of the sale as we are planning to serve coffee, hot tea, with the baked goods."

Susan said that she hoped her ideas would simplify the Book Sale but she wants members' opinions. Her number again is 866-4494 It is the hope that all members will be contacted.

IN OTHER NEWS:

\$46.00 INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR 2016!

Janice Osgood wants to remind those of you who have paid - \$49.00 in National dues in 2016, that \$46.00 is tax deductible. Don't forget to take credit for this if you use itemized deductions.

LEE DAVIS- HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Lee Davis will be presented the Honorary Life Member Certificate at our January Brunch. In recognition of her 50 years as an AAUW member, she will no longer pay dues to

National, State or Branch. Lee joins our current Honorary Life Members: Cindy Dunlap; Margaret Radke; Brenna Thornton.
CONGRATULATIONS LEE!

BASKETS FOR AAUW OF MAINE RAFFLE

Susan Landry would really like suggestions from us for our branch basket (s) donated to AAUW of Maine at the state convention in May. Please help her out. Thank you.

**A REMINDER THAT OUR NEXT BRANCH MEETING IS MARCH 8TH.
THE PROGRAM IS: "ISSUES IN DIVERSITY" TIME AND PLACE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.**

OUR TRIAD IS JANICE OSGOOD, FRAN HAINES, AND JUDY COBURN-HARRIS