



# **“BRANCHING OUT”**

**AAUW-PENOBSCOT VALLEY BRANCH  
MARCH MEETING, MARCH 11, 2015, 7:00  
Margaret Chase Smith Conference Room  
York Village #4, University of Maine**

**“Delivering Health Care to Women Affected by War”  
Will be presented by**

**Linda Robinson-Nurse-Midwife at  
Mount Desert Island Women’s Center**

**Triad: Sharon Ashworth, Susan Landry, Jocelyn Runnebaum**

Sharon was very excited about Linda’s program and sent this as background:

When your life’s work is focused on providing the best possible healthcare for women and children, how might you react to being placed in a country where war has raged for a decade?.....and having lived within such a community, how does one return to a former way of life?

Linda Robinson, a nurse-midwife, spent 2007-08 working in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with “Doctors Without Borders”. She will share insights about foreign aid and foreign policy; how our actions contribute to the world stage; and how women and children are affected differently from men. Her presentation will include: a brief history of what led to the conflict; efforts to bring medical care to affected people; and what the experience meant to a humanitarian worker.

Her letters home each Sunday morning, written to make sense of the overwhelming challenges she was facing, provide a loving picture of the people who both inspired and depended on her. Her book, *Sunday Morning, Shamwana: A Midwife's Letters from the Field*, was written from a compilation of these letters. It provides an eye-opening account of the day-to-day reality of a fieldworker in the African bush, and the trials and triumphs of working with an international aid organization.

Linda's international work has taken her to Malawi Africa as a Peace Corp volunteer; to American Samoa, where she started the first midwifery practice; and to the Democratic Republic of the Congo with "Doctors Without Borders". She has co-authored two other books: *Being Pregnant, A Woman's Answer Book*; and *Women's Sexual Health*. Linda is the mother of five children and practices nurse-midwifery in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Sounds like a fabulous program. Let us hope that the weather holds up so many of us can get to hear Linda.

**12:00 p.m. Church of Universal Fellowship**



**WOMEN OF THE WORLD**

**LUNCHEON SERIES**

**MARCH 9- CELEBRATING THE PERSIAN NEW YEAR**

**APRIL 13-MARVELOUS MEATLESS MEALS**

**MAY 11- "STONE" SOUP?**



# OUR PAGE

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DORA MCCARTHY Our President-elect for AAUW.Maine

We are very proud to have one of our members accept this invitation to lead our State AAUW. She begins her new adventure in 2016.

FROM OUR TREASURER- Fran Haines- HER REPORT, February, 2015

Carry forward into FY15 (Checking \$2,219.48)

<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Actual revenue to date</u>
FY15 dues collected in FY15	934.62
Other (Donations, Dawnbreaker)	26.67
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$961.29</b>

  

<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>Actual expenses to date</u>
Dues (FY15) National & State	942.62
Newsletter, Directory Printing	64.12
Newsletter Postage	96.27
Maine Women's Lobby	60.00
State Newsletter	9.39
Refund (Dues overpayment)	118.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,290.40</b>
Cash Balance (Includes Carry Forward)	\$2,090.37



# OUR 64<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOOKSALE

## SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 9-2

### CHURCH OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP

The leadership Team Meeting led by Sharon Ashworth on February 18<sup>th</sup> had much discussion for our upcoming Booksale. Components and persons responsible included:

ADVERTISEMENT-Fran Haines-book dealers, calendars for UM, TV channels 2, 5, and 7 and others (MPBN)

Cathleen Bauschatz - local newspapers etc.

Sharon Ashworth -flyers to be posted by members

BOOK COLLECTION, STORAGE, TRANSPORT TO CHURCH-

Sharon Ashworth

REFRESHMENTS-Peggy Hallee and Joanne Boynton and friends

BOOK ORGANIZATION AND SHELVES-Cindy Dunlap

SALE COVERAGE-Peggy Hallee-I will call all members to organize workers, sellers and book packers on Saturday, and for donations.

UNSOLD BOOK PICKUP-Janice Osgood will contact Kiwanis and Boardwalk

Sale person Jim Bird and Jerry Longcore

SECURE CHURCH FOR SALE AND WORK- Janice Osgood

Any members who are donating or collecting books are asked if they can hold them until the week of the sale and bring them to the church Wed, Thurs. or Fri. April 15, 16, and 17, between 9-4. This would be greatly appreciated. If help is needed, call Sharon to arrange pick-up.

# A COUPLE OF POINTS ABOUT OUR BOOKSALE AND MY CALLING

-For those of you who are new members, the Booksale is FREE for all from 9-2. We charge \$10.00 to get in for first pick from 8-9:00 am.

-Janice was wondering if we needed to keep the church open at night, say 4:30-7:00 or 8:00 for those who cannot volunteer easily during the day, so when I call I will ask that question.

-Joanne and I have decided to serve little finger-type sandwiches as well as desserts. Like last year, we are going to put out a basket with a donation sign. We did very well with that last year. That eliminates having to have another money box and handling money and food together. WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO WORK WITH US IN THE KITCHEN WHO KNOWS HOW TO RUN THE DISHWASHER.

-Kimberly Hayes Pollard, our Regional Field Representative emailed Lee Davis about more help with publicity RE: State Facebook page and Tweets. Plus a salsa (?) alert to everyone within a 50 mile radius of the church.

-I plan to start calling the last two weeks of March and into April. I will have a schedule from Tuesday until Saturday. I will ask you where you can plug into that schedule. If you cannot physically help, you can make a dessert, or I will ask you to give a donation as your volunteer contribution. Donations can be sent to Janice Osgood, 180 Forest Avenue, Orono 04473

Thank you all in advance. I will enjoy talking to you. Our little saying for this month is: *"Volunteering doesn't have to be just a job! Infuse energy into it and make it fun! We can be a team! ...and as a team we can make our Scholarship Money.*