

# *“BRANCHING OUT”*

**AAUW-Penobscot Valley Branch**

**October, 2014**



*“It’s our 90<sup>th</sup>! BIRTHDAY” -  
and We Intend to PARTY!!*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014, 7:00P.M.**

**MARGARET CHASE SMITH CENTER, UM CAMPUS**

The triad of Janice Osgood, Sharon Ashworth and Fran Haines have been working very hard going thru the Archives gathering materials of past years to put into a power point presentation. Plus there will be ample material to look at and see how young we were. 12 invitations were sent out to past branch presidents and a good number will be attending. Sharon is making new AAUW logo name tags. Fran plans to complete the new program and membership book and have it ready for the party. There will also be some surprises!

THE LEADERSHIP TEAM HOPES MANY OF US CAN JOIN IN THE FUN AND FACTS OF 90 YEARS OF OUR BRANCH. BESIDES, WHO IS GOING TO EAT ALL THAT CAKE? SEE YOU THERE!

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER 12, 7:00 P.M. -OUR NEXT  
BRANCH MEETING AT THE PAGE FARM AND HOME MUSEUM**

The meeting will focus on Maine women in farming today, with Gail Chase as our speaker. Gail is President of WAN, the Women’s Agricultural Network of Maine. The initial mission of the museum is to collect, document, preserve, interpret and disseminate knowledge of Maine history relating to farms and farming communities from 1865-on, providing an educational and cultural experience for the public and a resource for researchers of this period. It is a fascinating museum even if our meeting was not going to be there.



## **DID YA' KNOW?**

**Quick facts about our Own, our Branch, our State, our National AAUW, for busy women like us..on the GO!**

**THE UPCOMING ELECTION WAS IN OUR EMAILS THIS MONTH: Lee Davis sent us 2 emails: 1 on encouraging all we know to vote in November; and 1 on the GUBERNATIONAL CANDIDATES FORUM-which if you have listened lately to the newscasts-, should be an interesting Forum as to whom is finally going to debate whom. The Forum will be on Wednesday, October 9 at Hannaford Hall at the University of Southern Maine in Portland starting at 6:00 p.m. AAUW of Maine will have a table and is a co-sponsor of the debate. Again, our attendance is encouraged. Car pools?**

**ALL MY EMAILS FROM NATIONAL THIS MONTH HAD THE THEME OF THE WAGE GAP and the failure of the Senate to move on it. Lisa Maatz, National's Advocacy Director, pointed out in one email that earlier this month, for the first time ever, 73 senators from both parties voted to have a debate on the Paycheck Fairness Act, a much needed bill that would help finally close the gender pay gap. According to the latest figures released, that gap is still a woman making 78 cents for every dollar a man makes. Then, a couple of days later, 20 of those 73 turned right around and blocked the bill from moving out of the debate phase and onto a final up-or down vote! Lisa pointed out that this was no last-minute change of heart. "It's the same partisan bickering and abuse of procedural rules that we've seen time and time again." What really gets her is that we've got a gender pay gap that hasn't budged in more than 10 years, and a Senate that refuses to vote on legislation that could make a real difference in finally shrinking that number. "It's déjà vu all over again!"**

**...and a thought for today: IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW SLOW YOU GO...AS LONG AS YOU DO NOT STOP.**



# OUR APRIL BOOKSALE (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED)

There has been a lot of discussion about our annual book sale. To not have our book sale would mean no scholarships after this year. Our book sale usually nets around \$1,500. Our Leadership Team is looking at ways to facilitate our book sale by sharing the various organizational parts of it with more than one or two members. Duties involved with holding the book sale by spreading the organizational aspect of it among more members, are being reviewed to be presented to us at the October business meeting. For example, our editor has called all members to solicit money and /or schedule book sale volunteer shifts during the week and on the sale day. She would gladly volunteer to continue doing that organizational part next March/April.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

For October: Tuesday, 12:15 Bangor Room, Memorial Union

"How the Maine Legislature Matters for Women"

Danna Hayes is Director of Public Policy for the Maine Women's Lobby.

Co-Sponsor: She Talks, a Bangor-area project for the Maine Women's Lobby

### WOMEN OF THE WORLD'S LUNCHEON



OCTOBER 13, Monday, 12:00, Church of Universal Fellowship

THEME: "An American Tailgate Party" - A new idea this fall especially for those who have never been to one.

