

“BRANCHING OUT”

AAUW-PENOBSCOT VALLEY BRANCH

NOVEMBER, 2014



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2014

PAGE FARM AND HOME MUSEUM, 7:00 P.M.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE CAMPUS

“Women in Agriculture in Maine Today”

Gail Chase, Director of WAgN

Women's Agricultural Network of Maine

Women are more prominent than ever in the agricultural community. Single women, in particular, are beginning to enter non-traditional workforce areas such as farming. Women are now managing their own farms and are being recognized for work some of them have been doing for years.

WAgN is an educational network connecting underserved farmers with resources to meet their educational needs. WAgN especially enables women to successfully own, operate, and support agricultural related enterprises.

In addition, if you haven't been to the Page Farm and Home Museum you are in for a real treat! Even if you have been there is always something else to experience. “Brownie's Kitchen” is a recreation of her kitchen with all her cooking, baking and decorating utensils. She left it all to the Museum. You can almost see her making those famous gingerbread cookies! The Museum is filled with old farm implements and machines...and let's hope the one room school house which is next to the Museum is open for viewing

Triad: Cathleen Bauschatz, Sharon Ashworth, Nancy MacKnight

OUR PAGE



...from **OUR TREASURER, FRAN HAINES**: Our budget will be voted on at our November meeting. If you are receiving this newsletter by email, our budget is being sent with it as another file. If you are getting a hard copy of this newsletter, then the budget is also included as a hard copy.

...from **OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, JANICE OSGOOD**: WELCOME to our newest member Susan Wishkoski who lives in a Dirigo Pines Cottage. Phyllis Borns had given her an application and she joined in time to be listed in our 2014-15 Program Book

Please invite interested friends to our November 12 program at the Page Farm and Home Museum. I will be glad to provide applications to any of you for perspective members. Or I can mail one if you provide information to me.

...from **OUR SECRETARY, CATHLEEN BAUSCHATZ**: Janice Osgood and Sharon Ashworth put together a power point presentation of memories as the main feature of our 90th Birthday Party and the pictures and commentary did bring back many memories and made those who were there very much aware of all we had accomplished while having fun doing it. Phyllis Borns had arranged for a bus from Dirigo Pines so older members could attend. Deep thanks to Janice and Sharon who worked long hours and went through "tons" of material to produce such a succinct look at 90 years in about a half an hour! Past Presidents able to attend were: Imogene Brightman, Peggy Hallee, Evelyn Dearborn, Diane Erb, Phyllis Borns, Janet Osgood, Sue Owen. Sarah Clark and Jane Ann Cooper sent their regrets. OH, AND BY THE WAY, THE CAKE WAS DELICIOUS!



DID YA' KNOW?

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

--90th BIRTHDAY SLIDE PRESENTATION Fran Haines has added the slide presentation to the Penobscot Valley Website! There is a link on the Welcome Page. Members have emailed her about wanting to see it as they were not able to attend the party. Fran asks that we also check out our website: Penobscotvalley-me.aauw.net for updated information about programs, scholarships, AAUW links and the latest "Branching Out" newsletters.

--ONE OF THE SLIDES SHOWN AT THE PARTY had the names of those members who have been honored by naming a \$500. Award to the Educational Foundation. Peggy Hallee was inadvertently left off that list. She was honored for her branch and state work in 1992.

--MARY CATHCART'S FIRST "ELECT HER" WORKSHOP ON September 27th was a HIT according to the 26 students from several Maine campuses who attended. "Elect Her" is a collaboration of AAUW and Running Start which trains and encourages college women to run for student government. AAUW's manager of campus programs Jessica Kelly was the facilitator. State Senator Emily Cain gave the inspiring luncheon talk and two students who have served in student government spoke about their experiences and urged attendees to run for student senate. AAUW members, Betty Jane Meader, Susan Landry, Dora McCarthy, Sharon Barker, Ruth Lockhart, Mazie Hough and state board members, Bets Brown, Molly Bogart and Cathy Bevier also were involved. Mary plans to hold this again in 2015.

--SOME DIRECTORY CHANGES:

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BA-Women's Studies, M.Ed.-Counselor Education, CAS-Counselor Education (almost done) and all from U. Maine. Email: lindseylachanceaauw@gmail.com

--AAUW "CHEER OF THE WEEK!" Washington D.C. government began offering employees up to 8 weeks of paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child or to care for a family member with a serious health problem. The United States is the only developed nation that was not doing this.

--AAUW "JEER OF THE WEEK!" The Federal Government hires more men than women-a drop from 43% in 2000 to 37% now. As to why, many factors come into play, but emphasis on hiring veterans who are mostly men is a top one.

--AAUW'S "OUTLOOK" MAGAZINE CAME THIS WEEK and on page 26 is a picture of Girls at the Maine State House.....check it out.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: November 28 is the 133rd Birthday of AAUW
(thanks to Janet Givens)



APRIL 18, 2015 IS OUR BOOKSALE CHURCH OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP

THE CHURCH FACILITIES ARE RESERVED FROM APRIL 14 ON...

We all know that no member can do this alone. It has to be a group effort. And as of this week this group effort comes into play. Books need to be picked up from the UM library and the Philip Strickland House in Bangor. An email went out for help with transportation and student help. Fran got the truck. Susan made arrangements. Dora has contacts with a fraternity who she thinks would be willing to help. Sarah Clark emailed that she has books. Sharon A. contacted Lisa Morin at the Bodwell Center and she is putting out a call to student volunteers. Fernald Hall staff agreed to let us store books in their basement. We can do this if we all do even a little part. How can each of us add to this group effort which has started this week?



WOMEN OF THE WORLD (WOW)

Meets on the second Monday of the month at 12:00 at The Church of Universal Fellowship

Monday, November 10th- Hawaii

Monday, December 8th – Holiday Dishes Around the World



OUR JANUARY BRUNCH

JANUARY 17, 2015

DIRIGO PINES INN, 10:00 A.M.

The Inn will provide coffee and plastic ware at the cost of \$1.00 / person. We will need to RSVP. Members are asked to bring a "brunch" dish and serving utensil for the potluck. The hostesses are AAUW Dirigo women. IN EARLY JANUARY, A REMIDNER WILL BE EMAILED OR MAILED TO YOU AS A REMINDER.

I just received this from Cathleen about our November speaker, Gail Chase:

Gail was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, came to Maine to attend Colby College, and never left. She has participated in the business and cultural life in Maine as one of the founders of Railroad Square Cinema, Shadow Distribution and the Maine International Film Festival. She participated in government as the State Representative for the towns of Albion, Benton and China, and as Maine's first female State Auditor. She participates in agricultural activities as the Director of Maine WAgN, as the Treasurer of the Unity Barn Raisers, as an instructor for seven out of ten sessions of a beginning women farmers course, as a member of the Steering Committee of The Kennebec Valley Community College's Sustainable Agricultural program and as a member of Waldo Organic Growers. She has served as KVCOG's Community Development Manager for almost eight years.

Gail lives in Unity with her husband Stevan Gressitt, and an assortment of domestic and barnyard animals. She spins like there's no tomorrow, and dreams of sheep.