

# **“BRANCHING OUT”**

## **AAUW-PENOBSCOT VALLEY BRANCH**

**NOVEMBER, 2015**



**Thursday!! NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center**

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE CAMPUS**

**“Toward Reproductive Justice: Connecting Women’s Economic Security to Abortion Access in Maine”**

**Andrea Irwin, Executive Director of Mabel Wadsworth Women’s Health Center**

Mabel Wadsworth Women’s Health Center is the only feminist, free-standing independent women’s health center in the state of Maine. Prior to joining the center, Andrea was the Legal and Policy Director at Consumers for Affordable Health Care in Augusta where she worked for 5 years to defend and promote the Affordable Care Act and to help people access health care coverage. Prior to returning to Maine, she worked for NARAL Pro-choice America to fight against judicial nominees to the federal courts who opposed women’s health and rights, and the National Women’s Law center to improve women’s access to reproductive health care. Andrea attended Bates College and earned her law degree at American University Washington College of Law (info from Ruth Lockhart). Andrea will be a passionate speaker!!

**Triad: Ruth Lockhart, Sharon Barker, Mazie Hough**



## **OUR PAGE**

... from **OUR TREASURER, JOCELYN RUNNEBAUM**: 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, SHARON ASHWORTH**: On October 20, 2015 the Penobscot Valley Branch Leadership Team approved to establish a branch scholarship to cover National, State, and Branch dues for members with limited resources. To apply for this financial support please submit a letter of request to membership liaison Sharon Ashworth at [sashworth2003@yahoo.com](mailto:sashworth2003@yahoo.com). The Branch will also be accepting donations to support this new scholarship specifically.

...from **OUR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR, MELBA WALLACE**: The 2015 recipient of the AAUW Marge Erhardt Scholarship was awarded to: Diana Tyutyunnyk who will be attending Carleton College in Minnesota to study Biological Engineering. A note was received from Diana thanking us for believing in her as a worthy candidate.

...from Fran Haines: The branch 2015-2016 Program Book and Membership Directory will be available at the Nov. 12 meeting. If you are unable to attend, it will be mailed to you.

...from Susan Landry: The Leadership Team is thinking of putting together a state convention raffle basket literally "from our branch" this year. Be thinking of what you can make to contribute: it can be from your kitchen, from your knitting needles or crochet hook, from your sewing machine, from your pottery wheel, from your woodworking shop, from your palette/easel, etc. More about this in the months to come!

Tuesday, Nov.3 is Election Day-- as appropriate, help your neighbors and/or other branch members get to the polls! Let's remain engaged and participate in the democratic process.

## **DID YA' KNOW?**

Quick facts about our Own, our Branch, our State, our National AAUW Check out our website: [penobscotvalley-me.aauw.net](http://penobscotvalley-me.aauw.net) for updated information about programs, scholarships, AAUW links and the latest "Branching Out" newsletters.

Check out our Facebook Page: Penobscot Valley ME AAUW Branch for information and pictures.

Our October meeting in Augusta: The Maine Women's Economic Summit Highlights: keynote speech "Under the Bus;" public relations - pair the heart with the pocketbook; planning finances throughout the lifespan; identifying caregivers and asking for help. AAUW had a table. On Oct. 23, Lee Davis sent members an email, "standing together to make a better world," with more details of the day. Members who were able to attend agreed it was a good idea and would go again.



## **APRIL 9, 2016 IS OUR BOOKSALE CHURCH OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP**

It's never too early to start thinking about the AAUW 2016 Book Sale. I hope everyone is saving their used books and asking friends if they would donate their used books for the spring sale. Last year the book sale was a great success because everyone helped make it happen!! Please let me know if you are interested in helping. Right now we need someone to plan the "dirty" book party, and create the children's book room. If you are interested, please contact me at [sharon.ashworth@umit.maine.edu](mailto:sharon.ashworth@umit.maine.edu) to volunteer.



## **WOMEN OF THE WORLD (WOW)**

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

**Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - Germany**

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Valician Feast**



**OUR JANUARY BRUNCH**

**JANUARY 16, 2016**

**DIRIGO PINES INN, 10:00 A.M.**

The Inn will provide coffee. We will need to RSVP. Members are asked to bring a "brunch" dish and serving utensil for the potluck.

Triad: Susan Wishkoski, Melba Wallace, Phyllis Borns.

**IN EARLY JANUARY, A REMIDNER AND MORE INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED OR MAILED TO YOU.**