



BRANCHING OUT



WELCOME BACK

Welcome to another exciting year for the Penobscot branch of AAUW. Our first meeting will be on September 13th at 7pm at the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center.

September 13th Topic: Dora McCarthy, president of AAUW of Maine, will discuss her recent experience at the National AAUW Convention in Washington D.C. Also on the program is University of Maine graduate student, Andrea Mercado, who attended the national Conference for College Women Student Leaders sponsored by AAUW

We hope you'll be able to attend this and later meetings, and participate as much as possible in branch activities. Guests are always welcome, so spread the word and bring your friends.

2017-18 MEETING SCHEDULE

We are pleased to announce that in the interests of accommodating night time winter driving, our October, January, and March meetings are scheduled for Saturday mornings.

Wednesday, September 13, 7pm

Saturday, October 14, 10am-noon, Women and Healthcare

Saturday, January 13, with January 20 as snow date, 10am, Mid-winter brunch.

Saturday, March 24, 10am-noon, "How to Make a Difference"

Saturday, April 7, Annual Book Sale, Church of Universal Fellowship, Orono

Wednesday, May 16, 6-9pm, Annual Meeting and Recognition.

October 24th Meeting

Topic: "Women and Health Care." This is planned as a panel discussion, with several invited speakers to be confirmed. Discussion will include the November 7 Maine referendum on Medicaid expansion and potential implications for women's health.

This meeting will be on a Saturday, 10am-12 noon, at Dirigo Pines.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Maine Women's Summit on Economic Security

"Forging Our Future Together" is the theme for the Maine Women's Summit on Economic Security. The Summit will be held on October 11 at the Augusta Civic Center and features Alicia Garza as keynote speaker. She is the co-creator of #BlackLivesMatter and Special Projects Director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance. Registration fee is \$35 or \$20 for seniors and students and includes breakfast and lunch. To register go to

mainewomenspolicycenter.org or call 207-622-0851 x 3. If you are interested in car pooling, call Susan Wishkoski at 852-2137 or e-mail her at wishkoskisusan@gmail.com

Pizza and Politics at the Bear Brew

Susan Wishkoski is hosting a new informal discussion group. All are welcome to attend the first “Pizza and Politics” discussion group on October 19 at 6:00 pm at the Bear Brew in Orono. We will discuss our current political situation; formulate action plans; and share pizza and local brews. Hope to see you there.

MEMBERSHIP

AAUW is always looking for new members to join us. College students, both undergraduate and graduate, are eligible to join and have breaks on membership fees. Please spread the word to any college women you know.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS are eligible for free e-student membership by going on-line to: www.aauw.org/student-member-join-renew. Undergraduates are not state or branch members though are welcome to attend our programs. Following graduation, a one-year national membership is given for free. For those not going to graduate school, state and branch dues are \$25.

GRADUATE STUDENTS may join national the first year for \$18.81. Branch and state dues are waived. Sharon Ashworth or Janice Osgood will be glad to answer any questions and provide an application for any interested graduate student.

TREASURER’S REPORT, 8/30/17:

Carry forward from prior year	\$6,422.06
Total revenue (FY’18)	0.00
Total resources	\$6,422.06
Expenses:	
Dues (FY’18) Nat’l and State	1,453.00
Total expenses	\$1,453.00
Ending balance	\$4,969.06

Program book/Membership Directory

- The 2017-2018 directory will be available at our September 13 meeting. If you are unable to attend, you will receive it by mail or by way of a friend.
- Dues paying members only are listed in the directory
- If you haven’t previously notified me of a change of address, telephone, email, or another correction, please do so at: fahaines@msn.com or 866-3486

BOOK SALE

It’s not too early to start planning for the April book sale. Susan Wishkoski has kindly agreed to be one of the sale coordinators, but we need another volunteer to serve with her.

**PENOBSCOT VALLEY
BRANCH, AAUW LEADERSHIP
TEAM 2017-2018**

President: Shared by Leadership
Team Members

Liaison to National AAUW: Janet
Givens

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Janice Osgood

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Member at Large: Susan Landry

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Acheson (Peggy Hallee,
consultant)

MARGE EHRHARDT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year there were two recipients of the AAUW Marge Ehrhardt scholarship: Lydia Chase and Daphne Murphy, both from Orono H.S.

Lydia will be attending Connecticut College and Daphne will be attending Lasell College in Massachusetts. Both are very appreciative of their awards and have sent nice notes thanking us. Also, Orono H.S. has thanked us for our continuing support.

**MAINE NATIONAL EDUCATION FOR WOMEN
(NEW) LEADERSHIP (May 31-June 5, 2018)**

Maine NEW Leadership is a free residential training program for undergraduate students throughout Maine, designed to educate, empower, and encourage participants to take on leadership roles. Students attending college in Maine and Maine residents attending college out of state are eligible to apply. The program is sponsored by the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, and is based at the University of Maine in Orono. Application deadline is February 18, 2018.

For application materials or more information:

<https://mcpolicycenter.umaine.edu/for-students/maine-new-leadership/>

or contact Susan D'Angelo, (207) 581-1648

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