



# *Branching Out*

*May, 2017*

**AAUW PENOBSCOT VALLEY BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017, 7:00 P.M. DIRIGO PINES INN, KENDUSKEAG GATHERING PLACE, SECOND FLOOR (There is an elevator)**

AND.....



**FABULOUS DESSERT BUFFETT!!!!**

**ARRANGED BY OUR TRIAD: SUSAN WISHKOSKY, CATHLEEN BAUSCHATZ, FRAN HAINES**

*Join us for a delicious selection of desserts (created for us by the Dirigo Pines' chef) and coffee as well as social time to visit with other branch members and guests. Donations requested: \$5 - \$10.*

*University of Maine Valedictorian and 2015 Maine New Leadership student, Allyson Eslin, will speak! We'll also honor our Outstanding Branch Members: Susan Wishkosky and Fran Haines*

## *Dues Dues!*

**You may pay your dues of \$74 (\$49 national, \$15 state, and \$10 branch) at our annual meeting or make payments to Janice Osgood, 180 Forest Ave., Orono, ME 04473.**

## *Slate of Officers*

**The 2017-2018 Leadership Team slate of officers will be introduced and voted upon. The new Leadership Team slate is: Liaison to National: Janet Givens; Secretary: Cathleen Bauschetz; Treasurer: Fran Haines; Membership: Sharon Ashworth and Janice Osgood as co-chairs; Public Policy: Susan Wishkoski; AAUW Funds: (volunteer!!); Scholarship Advisors: Joanne Boynton and Melba Wallace; University of Maine Representative: Mary Cathcart; Diversity: Judi Coburn-Harris; Web Page Editor: Fran Haines; Social Media Editor: Dora McCarthy; Historian: Janet Givens, Member at Large: Susan Landry, Branching Out consultant: Peggy Hallee; Branching Out Editor: (volunteer!).**

## *Book Sale Susan Wishkosky*

The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Penobscot Valley Branch of the AAUW Book Sale was held on April 8. Doors opened to vendors at 7:30 am and to the general public at 8. Sales were steady throughout the day. The end result was \$2100 to support women and girls. Many people worked diligently to make the sale a success – among them Fran Haines, Janice Osgood, Cathleen Bauschatz, Janet Givens and Sharon Barker. University folks were also very helpful including Kathleen Brown at the Fogler Library, Laurie Cartier at Fernald Hall and Susan Pinette at the Franco American Center.

### What worked:

- Accepting only gently used, saleable books;
- Asking people to drop donations off at the Church during the week of the sale;
- Great publicity and the name recognition of the event;
- Pre-sorting books donated by the University

### What caused problems;

- Some confusion on my part about who had volunteered to do what;
- Some contradictory instructions given to volunteers

### Recommendations:

- Continue to pre-sort books;
- Simplify or eliminate refreshments served during the event;
- Book the Church for fewer set-up days;
- Recruit more members to help with the entire event;
- Examine the timing of the event. This year there were many events scheduled on the same day.

The Kiwanis Club was very efficient helping with clean-up.

Note: Books can no longer be stored or dropped off at Fernald Hall.

## *AAUW National News*

### National Election Voting !!

Members have received information about voting in the AAUW National Election. Your spring Outlook and e-mail from National have what you need to know. Besides voting for candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors, members are voting for amendments to the AAUW Bylaws. One important bylaw proposal would delete degree requirements and add “who pays annual dues to AAUW should be eligible to be an individual member.”

### Other voting information:

- For those who receive mailed copies of our Branching Out, you will receive a paper ballot in the mail.
- If you're voting electronically, your member ID and voter pin is on the back of your Outlook.
- For further questions you can email [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or call 800.326-2289

Did you know that only 1 out of 8 eligible members voted in the last AAUW National Election? Your vote is important!

## *National Dues Increase Proposal*

The AAUW Board of Directors is considering a motion to increase membership dues from \$49- \$59. The vote will take place on June 13, 2017 and will go into effect July 1, 2018.