



BRANCHING OUT



DECEMBER 2017

OCTOBER 14 MEETING

Our branch hosted an informative and timely panel discussion on “Healthcare Opportunities and Challenges for Maine” at its October meeting held at Dirigo Pines. Panelists were Sen. Geoff Gratwick, MD, District 9 (Bangor and Herman); Andrea Irwin, JD, Executive Director, Mabel Wadsworth Center; Ann Woloson, policy analyst, Maine Equal Justice Partners; and Mary Walker, Ph.D., Director, School of Nursing, University of Maine. Although part of the focus was the Nov. 7th referendum on Medicaid expansion in Maine, panelists also covered a lot of other important topics related to healthcare and healthcare coverage. Those in attendance agreed it was a very great group of presenters, and a very interesting meeting

ANNUAL POTLUCK BRUNCH

Our annual branch potluck will be on Saturday, January 13 (snow date of January 20) from 10am-12 at Dirigo Pines, Kenduskeag Gathering Place. Please come and bring a dish to share. We also encourage you to bring a friend (or two). This is a great event for catching up with each other and sharing some good food. Hope to see you there. For more information call Susan Wishkoski at 852-2137.

MABEL WADSWORTH CENTER, ROE v. WADE ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Penobscot Valley Branch and AAUW Maine are co-sponsors of the Mabel Wadsworth Center's Roe vs Wade anniversary event on January 18, 2018 at Minsky Auditorium at the University of Maine from 6-8pm. Contact Dora McCarthy for more details.

BOOK SALE

The annual book sale is April 7, 2018, at the Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono. We are still looking for a co-chair for the event. If you are interested, please call Susan Wishkoski at 852-2137.

NEW MEMBER

Pat Burnes is delighted to be joining AAUW, an organization whose work she has admired for many years. She retired from the University of Maine on September 1, 2017 after 45 years coordinating the First-Year Writing Program. She says she is still adjusting to retirement, finding herself more and more grateful to be living in a community with so many intellectual and cultural opportunities.



PIZZA AND POLITICS

The most recent “pizza and politics” informal get-together was held December 6th at Pat’s Pizza. Attendees at this and earlier get-togethers have really enjoyed the chance to chat and discuss current issues of importance, of which there are all too many! We hope to continue with more such gatherings in 2018.

AAUW SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The University of Maine Office of Student Financial Aid announced the winner of the AAUW scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year. This year the fund provided \$997 in scholarship assistance. The winner is Kiana Burke-Monsanto, a junior majoring in child development and family relations at UMaine. Kiana is from Nahant, MA.

MAINE NATIONAL EDUCATION FOR WOMEN (NEW) LEADERSHIP (5/31-6/5/ 2018)

Maine NEW Leadership is a free residential training program for undergraduate women students, 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. The co-directors are Hon. Mary Cathcart, mary.cathcart@maine.edu and Dr. Amy Blackstone, amy.blackstone@maine.edu

Applications are now open, with a deadline of February 18, 2018. For application materials or more information: <https://mcspolicycenter.umaine.edu/for-students/maine-new-leadership/> or contact Susan D’Angelo, (207) 581-1648 susan.dangelo@maine.edu

PENOBSCOT VALLEY AAUW BUDGET (’17-’18). FY ’18, as of 11/12/17

Carry forward from prior year	\$6,422.06
Revenues	
FY’ 18 collected in FY’ 18	232.00
Book sale	20.00
Other income	.50
Total	252.50
Total resources	\$6,674.56
Expenses	
Dues (FY’ 18) Nat’l)	\$1,225.00
Dues (FY’ 18) State	420.00
Newsletter, directory printing	24.40
Refund	10.00
Total	1,679.40
Balance	\$4,995.16

Please check your “junk” or “spam” email files for messages from our AAUW branch. We’re finding that members are missing notices about meetings and other AAUW information.

