



BRANCHING OUT



MARCH 2018

MARCH 24 MEETING

In collaboration with University of Maine Women in Academia, the Penobscot Valley Chapter of AAUW is pleased to present a program on March 24, 2018 entitled *Making a Difference in Challenging Times*. Are you looking for a way to get involved? Tired of all the talk? Join us to learn about the work of five activist groups and how you too can make a difference. The groups presenting are: Maine League of Women Voters; Maine People's Alliance; The Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine; Food AND Medicine; and Literacy Volunteers of Bangor.

The meeting will be at 11am, March 24th in the Kenduskeag Gathering Place at the Dirigo Pines Inn, Orono. Hope you can come. Bring your friends and colleagues! For more information call 852-2137.

BOOK SALE CANCELLATION AND FUND-RAISING NEWS

The Leadership Team met on Valentine's Day to discuss the challenges of the book sale. There are quite a few, not the least of which is staffing the event. Because of the physical demands of the book sale, the leadership team came to the conclusion that we need other means of raising scholarship funds. The book sale has been cancelled this year. You will be receiving a letter explaining these changes and asking for your help. If you have ideas for fundraising please let us know.

EMILY CAIN: AAUW OF MAINE ACHIEVEMENT CITATION AWARD

Emily Cain, the Penobscot Valley Chapter nominee for the Achievement Citation Award, has been selected as the award winner. She will speak at the luncheon at the AAUW state convention in Brunswick on April 28, 2018. Details of the convention will appear in the next *Dawnbreaker*. Let's have a full Penobscot Valley Chapter table at the luncheon in support of Emily!

Emily will also be giving a public talk entitled "EMILY's List and the Women who will Win in 2018." This is one of many Women's History Month events at the University of Maine and elsewhere in the area during March. Her talk will be on March 26th at 1:00 pm in Room 57, Stodder Hall, University of Maine, Orono. It's free and open to the public.



MARYANN HARTMAN AWARD

The Maryann Hartman and Young Women's Social Justice awards recognize Maine women whose achievements in the arts, politics, business, education, health care, and community service provide inspiration for women. The awards honor the legacy of the late Maryann Hartman, UMaine associate professor of speech communication, who was a distinguished educator, feminist, scholar, and humanitarian. The recipients of this year's award are author and chaplain Kate Braestrup of Lincolnville; community organizer and activist JoAnne Dauphinee of Bangor; and state legislator Peggy Rotundo of Lewiston. The Hartman awards event will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 6-8 pm, at Buchanan Alumni House on the Orono campus. Donna Loring, a former recipient of the award, will be the opening speaker. Refreshments will be served after the award ceremony. Members of the community are welcome to attend. RSVP by calling (207) 581-1228 or email risingtide@maine.edu

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Penobscot Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women has named the recipients of the non-traditional women scholarships given annually to three women students who fit the award criteria. These include having at least a four-year break in their education; enrolled as a degree student at UMaine, or other colleges in the area; and be in good academic standing with at least 20 completed credit hours. The branch also looks for those who demonstrate perseverance in pursuing their academic goals, whether overcoming personal barriers or balancing family and work with their studies. This year three women in the Bachelor of University Studies (BUS) are recipients.

Nancy DesJardin of Winterport returned to school after raising her son and running her own beautician studio. She says that she was thrilled to be accepted in the BUS program and after graduation hopes to do humanitarian work. One possibility is as a health coach or teaching nutritious food preparation, which reflects her commitment to community volunteering and her "love of feeding people."

Natascia LaVerde is in her final semester and in her letter of application wrote that the award would help her as she balances working and studying hard with needed family time. She is currently an administrative aide at the UMaine Hutchinson Center in Belfast. Natascia's focus in the BUS program is history, which she hopes will lead to work in historic preservation, a special interest for her. She has applied for an internship with Portland (Maine) Landmarks and then intends to do graduate work.

Anna Caballero wrote that she has served as a sign language interpreter for many years while raising her three children, who have all chosen careers in education themselves. Before returning to college, she worked for adult education programs in the Orono area. Anna's BUS concentration emphasizes leadership skills since she wants to open her own practice training group home staff and others in social service fields. Going on for a Master's degree is part of her future plans.

Barbara Howard, Director of Bachelor of University Studies, was once herself a recipient of an AAUW award and she wrote that she looks back with appreciation for the encouragement which this award gave her.



AAUW MARGE ERHARDT HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Following the untimely passing of our active AAUW member Marge Erhardt, her daughter and son have given our branch \$500 each year to be used with our high school scholarship money for that year. This money is always received from them, and with our \$300 (has changed over time) is given to Orono High School in May. The high school scholarship committee chooses the student to receive the money. For June 2017, we were asked to approve dividing it to make two \$400 scholarships since they felt there were two equally deserving recipients. It was approved.

Scholarships are presented at the awards ceremony in June. Orono High School sends the appropriate money following completion of the first semester by the student awardee.

DUES INCREASE

National AAUW has increased dues to \$59 making our total dues for next year \$84 (\$59 national, \$15 state, \$10 branch).

BUDGET REPORT 2/18/18

Carry forward from prior year \$6,422.06

Revenues

FY'18 collected in FY'18	232.00
Book sale	20.00
Other income	<u>.50</u>
Total revenues	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
Newsletter postage	9.75
Non-traditional scholarships	1,500.00
Special projects	100.00
Refund	<u>10.00</u>

Total expenses \$3,289.15

Balance \$3,385.41

