



BRANCHING OUT



SEPTEMBER 2018

SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING

The first meeting of the year will be **Wednesday, September 19th at 7 pm**, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, large conference room, York Village-UMaine. Carly McCarthy, State AAUW president, will speak on goals for 2018-2019. These include financial aid and student loans, diversity, and equity. Please invite potential new members to this meeting: it will be a good chance to get to know what AAUW is, who is involved, etc.

OTHER MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR

Saturday, October 13, 2018, 10am-12 noon, Dirigo Pines: *Election 2018: What you need to know about national, state and local issues and how you can help get out the vote.* *Speakers:* Amy Fried is a frequent contributor to the BDN editorial page and a political science professor at UMaine. Her areas of expertise include election politics. She will speak on the critical issues involved in this mid-term election. Matt Dunlap, Maine Secretary of State, will be addressing local and state issues. The League of Women Voters will discuss how attendees can volunteer to get out the vote.

Saturday, January 12, 2019, January 19 as snow date. Brunch, 10am-12 noon, Dirigo Pines: We hope to honor the life members, at the brunch. We would like to ask each of them to talk about how the organization has changed

Saturday, March 16, 2019 10am-12 noon, Dirigo Pines: General topic of diversity and immigration, focusing on issues related to women. Speakers TBD.

Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, 2019: AAUW State Convention will be held in Orono, at Dirigo Pines. The State Board plans the program.

Wednesday, May 8, 2019: Dinner, 6pm, Dirigo Pines: We will invite the scholarship winners to speak.

REPORT ON STATE AAUW BOARD MEETING AUGUST 18 (ANDREA MERCADO)

The AAUW State Convention will be in Orono, on May 3rd and 4th, at Dirigo Pines. We may want to have a social event Friday evening, at a different location, such as the Black Bear Inn, if some attendees are staying there. Andrea will be putting the program together for the State AAUW. She is hoping that the format will allow for more activity – breaking down into groups, etc. Emphasis on what we will do next, after the convention.



NON-TRADITIONAL WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Leadership Team voted to change the deadline for applications to Oct. 31, 2018, since the scholarships usually are designed to help with tuition and books for the spring semester. We also would like to keep the field open, to find the best candidates, regardless of specialization. Joanne Boynton will provide the revised application forms.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

Moriah Greer: Moriah is 38 years old and graduated from the University of Maine in 2016 with a double degree in psychology and anthropology. Moriah says, "I chose to go back to school late in life after unexpectedly becoming a single mom in my early 30s. I knew that I wanted to create a better life for my children and I believed that education was the best way to achieve that goal. After graduation I went right into a Master's program in Social Work and I will be graduating in May 2019. I have two sons at home and a wonderful partner who helps and supports me in all of my endeavors. I am also very passionate about policy and advocacy work and one of my goals after graduation is to run for state office. I am excited to be a part of AAUW and I look forward to working with you all and learning from you in the future."

Susan D'Angelo: Susan joined the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center at UMaine in 2015. In her capacity as Research Assistant, she works on many programs which include the Distinguished Maine Policy Fellows and Faculty Fellows program. She also serves as Program Coordinator for the Maine NEW (National Education of Women) Leadership Institute, a leadership training program for undergraduate college women. Susan, a Maine native and first generation college graduate earned her B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Maine and currently lives in Bradley with her two teenage boys.

MEMBER NEWS

Member Andrea Mercado has exciting news to report: "I wanted to share with my fellow AAUW members my acceptance to be part of the Emerge Class of 2019! The Emerge program trains women to run for Democratic office. It is advertised as a 'Premier Six-Month Training Program' whose goal is to 'increase the number of Democratic women in public office.' I also want to extend my appreciation to Mary Cathcart for being an inspiration and supporter of my endeavors in applying to be accepted into this program. Thanks to the network and support of the women in my AAUW chapter, I feel encouraged and empowered to make broad impacts in the lives of others."

Andrea Mercado is a Ph.D. student in educational leadership at the University of Maine. Her focus is on English learners, immigrant populations, and culturally and linguistically diverse populations in rural communities of Maine. She is an advocate for the preservation of ethnic and cultural identities of historically marginalized populations.

Congratulations Andrea! We are looking forward to more great things from you in the future.



NATIONAL NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN WOMEN IN POLITICS (CAWP)

CAWP reported that as of August 8th for the first time, 11 women have been nominated for gubernatorial races in a single election year, while at least 185 women have won nominations in U.S. House races, with some races yet to be decided. The previous record of women nominees for governor nationwide, first set in 1994, was 10 nominations. The number of women who filed as gubernatorial candidates in 2018 is almost double the previous record, while the number who filed for the U.S House is 60% greater than the previous record (2012). A record number of women are nominees for the U.S. Senate after the August 14th primaries. Five women, including all three (3D) incumbents, won U.S. Senate nominations in three contests. There are now five all-female U.S. Senate contests already slated for November's general election.

FROM THE TREASURER (FRAN HAINES)

Penobscot Valley AAUW Budget ('18-'19) FY'19, 8/27/18

<i>Carry forward from prior year</i>	\$3,331.49
<i>Resources</i>	
FY19 dues	\$ 420.00
FY20 dues paid in FY19	
Scholarship Donation (Erhardt)	
Scholarship fundraising	
Other donations	
Annual dinner	
<i>Total income</i>	\$ 420.00
<i>Total resources</i>	\$3,751.49
<i>Expenses</i>	
Dues FY19 nat'l	\$ 118.00
Dues FY19 state	15.00
<i>Total expenses</i>	\$ 133.00
<i>Balance</i>	\$3,618.49

Fundraising: Thank you to all members who were so generous with your scholarship fund donations! Because we will not have a book sale again this year or a formal campaign, donations are always welcome. Checks may be made out to AAUW Penobscot Valley with scholarship in the memo line and sent to Fran Haines, 24 Page Place, Orono, ME 04473. Thank you.

Burby and Bates account: Drop off your bottles and cans at Burby and Bates in Orono and specify you want the proceeds designated to AAUW. They will give you a receipt for tax purposes at your request.

Fundraising ideas: Do you have ideas for raising money or know of successful fundraisers? Please let us know. Our local scholarships are an important part of our mission.

