



BRANCHING OUT

DECEMBER 2019



JANUARY 11 MEETING

A strictly social potluck brunch !! 10am-12pm, Dirigo Pines Inn, Kenduskaeg Room, in Orono.

Please bring a dish to share and a friend. This is a good chance to bring potential new members.

Snow date: January 18th Please inform Janice Osgood if you plan to come.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

Saturday, March 7, 2020 (tentative). **Supporting diverse women of Maine.** Speakers TBD.

Friday-Saturday, May 1-2, 2020 AAUW State Convention, Waterville

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 Annual Dinner, 6pm, Dirigo Pines Inn We will invite the scholarship winners to speak.

Penobscot Valley Branch 95th Birthday Meeting **September 24, 2019**

Our 95th birthday celebration was lively and interesting. Emily Cain briefly visited after her Honors College talk, Bonnie Newsom, AAUW fellowship winner, spoke on her archeological research on a WWII German prisoner of war camp in Passamaquoddy tribal territory, and Janice Osgood had some interesting highlights about early days of our branch. Thanks to Lee Davis, Marlene Charron, and Janice Osgood for a lovely meeting and good cake.



PIZZA AND POLITICS

Please join us for Pizza and Politics. We meet at Pat's the third Thursday of the month at 5:30, enjoy pizza and beer and exchange insights about our current political situation. We all leave the discussion feeling better about the world. Please consider attending our next meeting on January 16.

FUND RAISING

Take your deposit bottles and cans to Burby and Bates in Orono where the refunds may be deposited in the Penobscot Valley Branch account.

PROGRAM AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Please notify Fran Haines if you did not receive your yellow covered 2019- 2020 directory or if there are any changes to your address. fahaines@msn.com or 866-3486

MEMBER NEWS

Branch member and vocalist, Emily Cain, was a soloist at the Church of Universal Fellowship's diversity service, where she sang "Come from Away" from the Broadway musical "Me and the Sky". This song is about Beverly Bass, the first female captain for American Airlines, who was forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland during the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks .

AAUW NATIONAL NEWS

November 28, 2019 was the 138th Anniversary of AAUW. For the 2019-2020 year, national AAUW is awarding \$4 million in scholarships and grants to 259 women and community projects. More than 102,000 women have been trained to negotiate higher salaries through AAUW's Work Smart.

MAINE WOMEN'S LOBBY

This year the Maine Women's Lobby Education Fund engaged over 100 girls at its annual Girls Day at the State House, where girls learned that changing society is not an unmanageable task.

NOVEMBER 2019 MAINE ELECTION!!

At least 2 Maine NEW Leadership alumnae were elected to their City Councils on November 5: Flavia Debrito Oliviera, Waterville; and Alicia Rea, re-elected in Lewiston.

Angela Okafor, who spoke at the branch's forum and again at state convention in 2019, was elected to the Bangor City Council, which now has a majority of women and the new Mayor Clare Davitt is the second Emerge Maine graduate to serve in that position.

Lewiston elected its first Muslim City Councilor, Safiya Khalid, also an Emerge Maine graduate.

CAWP (CENTER FOR AMERICAN WOMEN AND POLITICS) NEWS AND NOTES



Results from the 2019 Election

Elections were held last week for statewide executive and state legislative offices in Kentucky, Mississippi, New Jersey, and Virginia. The big news of the night was the partisan shift in both chambers of the Virginia General Assembly. The flipping of the House of Delegates and a Democratic caucus vote over the weekend means that current Minority Leader Eileen Fisher-Corn will become the first woman Speaker of the House of Delegates. Virginia is now also poised to become the 38th, and final required, state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. If they do so, the U.S. Congress would have to approve an extension in the state ratification deadline in order for the amendment to gain final passage

Among the other results: Mississippi elected Republican Lynn Fitch as its first woman attorney general, Republican Allison Ball won re-election as Kentucky State Treasurer, and Virginia elected its first Muslim woman to the state senate. The New Jersey General Assembly election still has a number of undecided races, likely due to the state's new mail-in and provisional ballot rules. Meanwhile, Louisiana will hold run-offs this coming Saturday, following the first stage of their 2019 elections in October.

**PENOBSCOT VALLEY AAUW
PROPOSED BUDGET ('19-'20) FY '20**

	Proposed FY'20	Actual FY'19
Carry forward from prior year	\$2,664.69	\$3,331.49
Revenues		
FY'20 dues collected in FY20(6@84)	504.00	835.00
FY'21 dues collected in FY'20(15@\$84)	1,260.00	890.00
Scholarship Donations (Erhardt donation)	500.00	500.00
Scholarship fundraising	500.00	1,510.00
Other	50.00	89.00
Annual dinner	120.00	120.00
State newsletter	25.00	21.08
Total	<u>\$2,959.00</u>	<u>\$3,965.08</u>
Total resources	\$5,623.69	\$7,296.57
Expenses:		
Dues (FY'20)Nat'l (6@\$59)	354.00	354.00
Dues(FY'20) State (6@\$15)	90.00	90.00
Dues(FY'21) Nat'l (15@\$59)	885.00	590.00
Dues(FY'21) State(15@15)	225.00	180.00
Newsletter, Directory Printing	25.00	18.99
Newsletter, Directory Postage	35.00	50.38
Leadership Team Exp	25.00	0.00
Membership	25.00	8.75
AAUW funds (22 members@\$10/member)	220.00	280.00
Scholarships (\$800 Marge Erhardt at Orono HS)*	800.00	800.00
Maine New Leadership	300.00	500.00
Non traditional scholarships (3@\$500)	1,500.00	1,500.00
Program Costs	75.00	15.00
Project Costs (including raffle basket- \$35)	50.00	27.98
Special Projects	0.00	0.00
Maine Women's Lobby	0.00	60.00
State newsletter	25.00	12.78
Annual dinner	120.00	144.00
Total expenses	<u>4,754.00</u>	<u>\$4,631.88</u>
Balance	869.69	\$2,664.69

*\$500 Erhardt donation +\$300 AAUW donation

