



# BRANCHING OUT

## January 2021



We hope you are well during these challenging political and pandemic times.

### **JANUARY 16, 2021**

#### **BRUNCH ZOOM MEETING:**

**Time:** 10 AM to 12 Noon.

**Place:** ZOOM. You will be emailed a link to this meeting.

**Program:** 2020 Non Traditional Scholarship winners.

Joanne Boynton will introduce scholarship winners who plan to share their backgrounds and/or research studies. We can share our lunch, companionship, ideas and questions electronically.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Leadership Team is continuing until spring. You will be notified of meeting dates and other information.

### **PIZZA AND POLITICS** Susan Wishkoski

Thurs., Jan. 20th at 4:00 pm. On Dec. 18, Susan D'Angelo emailed a reminder and link. Susan Wishkoski writes, "This fall our intrepid Pizza and Politics group continued to meet via zoom with help from Susan D'Angelo. I must say that it was a comfort to see and to connect with old friends. We averaged eight members per meeting and occasionally more. I always learn something from this astute group. Our next meeting is on January 20, Inauguration Day. Please join us to toast our new president."

### **FUNDRAISERS** Fran Haines

Thanks to very generous contributions of members, we have been able to award 3 scholarships to deserving nontraditional women students and will award the Erhardt scholarship to a high school woman student. As you know, the support of this fund is an important part of our mission. Because of the pandemic and because other fund raisers are difficult, you will be receiving a fundraising letter this January. Thank you again for your past support.

Also, don't forget to take your deposit bottles and cans to **Burby and Bates** in Orono. Let them know to deposit the refunds into the Penobscot Valley Branch account. So far this year, donations total \$122.55. Thank you.

### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS** Janice Osgood

**New Member:** Our new member is **Rosemary Buetens, 9 Alumni Drive, Apt. 128 P, Orono ME 04473**, Tel: 201-264-4461, email [Rosemarybuetens@comcast.com](mailto:Rosemarybuetens@comcast.com). Rosemary grew up in Boston and earned her BA in Art and Music from Montclair State University in New Jersey. Her Master's degree in Counseling was from Farleigh Dickinson, New Jersey. She lived in Manhattan for 15 years. She and her husband moved to N.J. to raise two daughters and one son. She came to Dirigo Pines to be near her M.D. son and his family. Rosemary is very interested in Art and has taken 3 courses at UM, free for anyone over age 65. She highly recommends anyone taking advantage of this program.

**New Addresses:** **Betty Calkins** - 89 Dirigo Dr., Orono, ME 04473. **Cindy Dunlap** - 9 Alumni Dr., Apt. 180M Orono, ME 04473. **Moriah Geer** - 4 Bodwell St., Old Town, ME 04468. **Susan Wishkoski** - 40 Juniper St., Bangor, ME 04401. **Fran Haines**- new email: [fahaines1@gmail.com](mailto:fahaines1@gmail.com). Add these changes to your "old" 2019-2020 Membership Directory.

## MARYANNE HARTMAN AWARD CEREMONY

This ceremony has been postponed. However, you will receive more information by mail when it will occur. Sharon Barker, a very active past member of our branch, will receive this well deserved award.

## TREASURER NEWS Fran Haines

### Dues increase notice from National:

“At its Oct. 16, 2020 meeting, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to increase individual Member dues for the next three years. The dues will rise by \$3 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, \$5 for FY 2023 and \$5 for FY 2024, making the total National dues for those years \$62, \$67 and \$72 respectively. All but \$3 of your annual dues remains tax deductible.” “This decision wasn’t made lightly ...” “Current life members will not be affected by this change ...” “College and university membership will remain unchanged.” Because we are now in FY 2021, for us, this means an increase of \$3 the next time we pay dues to a total of \$87 (\$62 National; \$15 State, \$10 Branch).

### Budget Report:

#### Budget ('20-'21) FY'21 1-8- 21

Carry forward from prior year \$2,101.63

#### Resources

FY'21 dues collected in FY '21	712.00
Scholarship fundraising	0.00
Fundraising (Burby and Bates)	122.55
Interest	0.53
Total income	<u>\$835.08</u>
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>\$2,936.71</b>

#### Expenses

Dues FY21 National	472.00
Dues FY21 State	120.00
Non traditional scholarships (3@500)	1,500.00
Marge Erhardt Scholarship \$800) (\$300 -PVB) *	0.00
AAUW funds \$10/member (19 members)	0.00
Maine New Leadership (\$300)	0.00
Maine Women's Lobby (\$50)	0.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>\$2,092.00</u></b>

**Balance \$844.71**

\*\$500 Marge Erhardt donation