



BRANCHING OUT

March 2021



NEXT MEETING:

Sat. March 13, 2021

BRANCH ZOOM MEETING:

Time: 10 AM to 12 Noon.

Place: ZOOM. Susan D'Angelo will send you a link to this meeting.

Program: Diverse Women in Maine. **Speaker:** Francine Umutoni, a runner up for this year's branch scholarship. Francine is from Kigali, Rwanda, and is pursuing a Master of Arts in Global Policy at UMaine's school of Policy and International Affairs (SPIA). She earned her bachelor's degree in her native country with the intent to pursue her dream of graduate education in the United States. Her interest is in international development with a focus on African communities. Having lost relatives in the genocide, Francine is passionate about doing what she can to make the world a better place for all.



Before the meeting, please send any questions for Francine to Sarah Clark: clark.sarahm@gmail.com

Thanks to Sarah Clark and Susan Wishkoski, for their contributions to this meeting, and Susan D'Angelo for e-mailing the Zoom Link.

FUTURE PIZZA AND POLITICS MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Join us On Zoom!
Susan D'Angelo will send the link.

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 4:00 pm again on Zoom!
Susan D'Angelo will send the link.



P&P - Mary Cathcart photo

FUNDRAISING:

Our branch members are continuing to contribute generously to our Scholarship Fund. We are still accepting donations and thank you very much for your 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.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

 Janice Osgood

New Address:

Andrea Mercado: 111 Webster Street, Apt. 202, Lewiston, ME 04240
Please Add this change to your "old" 2019-2020 Membership Directory.

Congratulations to **Jean MacRae** who was the 2020 University of Maine Presidential Award Recipient. Jean is the founding faculty adviser to the UMaine chapter of Engineers Without Borders USA (EWB-USA) which is dedicated to building a better world through engineering projects that empower communities to meet basic human needs and equip leaders to solve the worlds most pressing challenges. Prior to implementation, successful EWB -UMaine projects require relationship building, planning and fundraising over multiple years. “MacRea is the constant that makes this happen,” one nominator noted. (From UMAINE Engineering 2020/2021)

OTHER MEMBER INFORMATION:

Maine Women’s Hall of Fame Virtual Celebration (Honoring 2020 and 2021 Honorees)

Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 1pm on YouTube

2020 Honorees:

Joanne D’Arcangelo, feminist activist and political strategist, and **Betty-Jane Stanhope Meader**, retired retail management and marketing Professor at Thomas College and former state president of the American Association of University Women of Maine

2021 Honorees:

Joyce Gibson , associate Professor of Leadership and Organizational Studies at USM, and Leigh Saufley, dean of the University School of Law.

All Penobscot Valley Branch members received a printed invitation via the Treasurer and Membership chairman. Everyone, please **RSVP by March 12, 2021** at uma.edu/mwhof or you may contact renee.sherman@maine.edu or 621-3041 with any questions.

2020 Maryann Hartman Awards Celebration

The 2020 Maryann Hartman Awards Celebration, postponed because of the pandemic, will take place as a Virtual Celebration on Thursday, March 25, 2021, 5:00 pm. Please register at.

<http://our.umaine.edu/mahawards> or call 207.581.1146. Registration is required to participate.

Maine New Leadership: (from the web page)

Dear NEWL friends, supporters and alums,

I write with an update regarding our plans for Maine NEW Leadership’s 2021 program. As you might know, our 2020 residential program was canceled due to the pandemic. When we made the difficult decision to cancel, we offered those who had been admitted to the 2020 cohort the opportunity to participate in 2021. I’m pleased to share that most of these students have confirmed that they will participate this year. While we are delighted that so many who faced the disappointment of last year’s cancellation will join us this year, it means that we are not accepting new applications for the 2021 cohort.

We truly wish we could offer our program to every Maine student who expresses interest. Please know that we are grateful for your support of our program and that we look with hope and optimism to a year of recovery from the pandemic so that we may return to normal operations in anticipation of our 2022 program. To stay up to date on all things NEWL, please visit us at the following sites:

- Web: <https://mcspolicycenter.umaine.edu/for-students/maine-new-leadership/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MaineNEWLeadership>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MaineNEWLI>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mainenewl>

Our very best,

Amy Blackstone, NEWL Director

Susan D’Angelo, NEWL Program Coordinator

TREASURER NEWS Fran Haines

Dues increase notice from National (review)

The AAUW Board of Directors voted to increase individual member dues for the next three years. National 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 our annual dues remains tax deductible. **Our Branch dues** will total \$87 (\$62 National; \$15 State, \$10 Branch) paid in the spring.

Budget Report:

Penobscot Valley AAUW

Budget ('20-'21) FY'21 2-27-21

Carry forward from prior year 2,101.63

Resources

FY'21 dues collected in FY '21 712.00

FY'22 dues paid in FY'21 112.00

Scholarship fundraising (Includes Burby@Bates) 1,342.55

Other donations 50.00

Interest 0.56

Total income 2,217.11

Total resources \$4,318.74

Expenses

Dues FY21 Nat'l 472.00

Dues FY21 state 120.00

Newsletter/fundraising postage 22.00

AAUW funds \$10/member 210.00

Non traditional scholarships (3@500) 1,500.00

Maine New Leadership 300.00

Maine Women's Lobby 50.00

Total expenses \$2,674.00

Balance \$1,644.74