



# BRANCHING OUT

## January 2022



To our Members: We continue to hope you are well and find some peace of mind during these challenging political and pandemic times. We have some news.

### **BRANCH MEETING:**

**Saturday, JANUARY 29, 2022**

**ZOOM MEETING!!!**

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

**Place:** Susan D'Angelo will email members the Zoom link to this meeting.

**Program:** Please join us for an update on the status of Roe v. Wade, possible Supreme Court outcomes and what we can do to support Choice now and in the future. Our presenter is Aspen Ruhlin, Client and Community Advocate at the Mabel Wadsworth Center. In their role, they often focus on trans healthcare, abortion access and the intersection of the two.

Aspen's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. See you soon!

Susan Wishkoski, Moderator

### **FUTURE BRANCH MEETINGS**

Susan Landry and Mary Cathcart will organize a spring program on the women's rights movement and the efforts to pass the Equal Rights Amendment in Maine.

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

Pizza and Politics continues to meet via Zoom every third Wednesday at 4:30. There are usually seven or eight people in attendance and more than enough political topics to mull over. So, if you have a burning issue you would like to discuss, please join us. Link sent by Susan D.

### **NONTRADITIONAL WOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS – Joanne Boynton**

Kelly Grindle, Heidi Toner, and Leslie Tibbetts, students at the University of Maine at Augusta Bangor Campus, are very deserving recipients of our three \$500 scholarships. Their respective fields are in Legal Studies, Community Health/Social Work, and Veterinary Technician. These students are very grateful for the support of our branch.

### **MEMBERSHIP – Janice Osgood, Fran Haines**

Our branch has 25 members, the same as last year. In the spring, we will recognize new Honorary Life Member, Joanne Boynton.

**New Dual Member:** Charlene Goehring, a past AAUW Maine President and now very active in AAUW and Special Education in Sacramento, CA, has joined us this year.

### **MAINE NEW LEADERSHIP – from the website**

We are pleased to announce our 2022 NEW Leadership Program. This year we are able to offer an in-person program at Schoodic Institute located in Winter Harbor, ME. Please know that we are grateful for your support of our program and we look forward to seeing you in person soon! Cheers to a Happy 2022!!!

Amy Blackstone, NEWL Director, Susan D'Angelo, NEWL Program Coordinator

## AAUW MAINE

1. Save the date! The state convention will be on May 18 via Zoom (6:45 PM log in, 7 PM program start). We will have the pleasure of hearing from Lisa Maatz, formerly of national AAUW, on advocacy strategies.

2. Call for Nominations! We will be voting on two officers in the spring election: President and Membership Vice President. We also have two appointed positions that are vacant (Public Policy Chair and Diversity Chair). Please send nominations to Martha Arterberry ([Arterberry47@gmail.com](mailto:Arterberry47@gmail.com)) by March 1.

3. Free Salary Negotiation Workshop for Women! The Waterville Branch is offering a salary negotiation workshop to highlight and combat the need for Equal Pay Day. We are especially interested in reaching young women, so please share this announcement with contacts you have in the community.

Date: Wednesday March 30, 2022

Time: 4 PM (EST)

Facilitator: Wendi Richards, Thomas College

Location: Zoom

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://colby.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpcuivpjtHNa-45P6Mm0\\_hPSHn5DTNuTF](https://colby.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpcuivpjtHNa-45P6Mm0_hPSHn5DTNuTF)

## AAUW NATIONAL

Did you know that, as an AAUW member, you have the right to comment on any proposed changes to our organization's bylaws before they are put up for a member vote? As we prepare for AAUW's national election in the spring, now is the time to share your thoughts! **The comment period is open, and we invite members to weigh in through February 2, 2022, at 5 p.m. ET.**

The changes recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee this year would streamline two important organizational functions: nominations for the board and timing for those eligible to vote in AAUW elections.

To learn more about the proposed changes and submit your feedback, please visit the [election page on the AAUW website](#). We encourage your participation and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Best regards,  
Julia T. Brown, Esq.  
Board Chair

## TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET REPORT – Fran Haines

With your contributions, we have awarded three Non-traditional college scholarships, and will award our Marge Erhardt scholarship to a deserving high school woman student. Our branch also supports the Maine Women's Lobby and Maine NEW (National Education for Women) Leadership program. Thank you 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 AAUW Penobscot Valley Branch account.

The **budget report** follows on the next page:

**Penobscot Valley AAUW FY '22 (7/1/21-6/30/22)**

**Budget status 1/18/22**

**Carry forward from prior year** 1927.82

**Resources**

FY '22 dues paid FY '22	229.00
FY '23 dues paid FY '22	0.00
Scholarship Donation (Erhardt )	0.00
Scholarship fundraising	100.00
Burby and Bates	0.00
Donations	400.50
Interest	0.54

**Total income** 730.04

**Total resources** **2,657.86**

**Expenses**

Dues FY '22 Nat'l	328.81
Dues FY '22 State	93.00
Dues FY '23 Nat'l pd.in FY '22	0.00
Dues FY '23 State pd. In FY '22	0.00
Newsletter/directory/ letter printing	0.00
Newsletter postage	0.00
Leadership team expenses	0.00
Membership expenses	0.00
AAUW funds \$10/member	210.00
Scholarship Marge Erhardt \$500 donation, \$300 PVB	0.00
Non traditional scholarships (3@500)	1,500.00
Maine NEW Leadership	300.00
Program costs	0.00
Project costs (including raffle basket	0.00
Special projects (member scholarship)	0.00
Maine Women's Lobby	50.00

**Total expenses** **2,481.81**

**Balance** **\$176.05**