



Penobscot Valley
AAUW Newsletter
Nov - Dec 2022



Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy your turkey, friends and family.
Here is some branch news to inform and enlighten you.

Money First

The good news is that we have a budget with enough money to get us through another year. Thank you for your generous support of our branch and its projects. We have a balance of \$1,833.73 at this time.

Meet Our New Member

Mackenzie Roeder has joined our branch. She is an integrative conservation geneticist, meaning that she uses ideas and tools from different fields (genetics, ecology, physiology etc.) to understand the complicated relationships between organisms and their environment. Most of her research has focused on birds. She is a member of two research collaboratives: the Salt Marsh Habitat and Avian Research Program (SHARP) and the National Science Foundation funded Genomic Ecology of Coastal Organisms (GECO) working group. Her dissertation research is part of a broader effort to understand regions of the genome underlying traits associated with adaptation. She also

joined us for our November Pizza and Politics discussion group we enjoyed her contribution to the wide ranging discussion. Welcome Mackenzie. We look forward to hearing more from you.

Tune into our December 7 Program - Welcoming Immigrant Women and Their Families (ZOOM)

On December 7 at 7pm, Sondra Siegel will discuss how the Maine Multicultural Center/Welcoming Immigrant Neighbors (MMC/WIN) program assists immigrant women and their families transition from horrific circumstances to day to day life here in central Maine.

Sondra has been on the faculty in the School of Physical Therapy at Husson University for more than twenty years and currently serves as the volunteer coordinator for the WIN organization which entails pairing support teams with immigrant families as well as providing training for support teams. She has also worked closely with two immigrant families from Guatemala. Hope you will tune in to learn more about this compelling work.

Zoom link to be sent by Susan D'Angelo
Triad: Cathleen Bauschautz, Pat Burnes, Susan Wishkoski

Pizza and Politics

Our post-mid-term Pizza and Politics discussion was lively as we welcomed Mackenzie to our group of nine. We analyzed the results of the election and the failed red wave among other things and as always we enjoyed a laugh or two along the way.

We will not be meeting in December but will resume our discussion on January 18 at 4:00 pm. Enjoy your holidays pass the gravy and save your political discussions for our next meeting



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News from Our National Organization

Probably the best news from AAUW National is that their budget is in the black. In addition, over six million dollars have been awarded to 320 grantees. Over 700 girls from diverse backgrounds currently participate in STEM. The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will meet in person in May and finally, the National AAUW Convention will be held in a hybrid format.