



BRIDGEPORT BRANCH NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2020

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Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

From the President's Desk...

When was the last time you visited your college or university – a reunion? or special function? The University of Bridgeport has a new President – **Dr. Laura Skandera Trombley**, and we have been given the opportunity to meet with her during a special meeting of our branch on **Thursday, March 26 at 1 p.m.** at her residence on the UB campus at 409 Waldemere Avenue (parking behind her home on Ingleside Place.) Following the meeting, we'll be given a special tour of The Bridgeport Plan.

Housed in the Heckman Center on the second floor of the Wahlstrom Library, The Bridgeport Plan is intended as a one-stop designation for services that feed into student success. It offers academic advising and tutoring, help with internships and study abroad programs and serves as a career development center and a place to sign up for civic engagement and volunteer opportunities, It is where seniors will present capstone projects and first- year seminars will be evaluated, all in a user-friendly environment.

So, I hope you will take this opportunity to get back on a college campus and learn about some of the innovative ways universities are evolving to meet the needs of today's students. And it will be a special afternoon with AAUW members and friends. **Please RSVP to me by March 19, at 203-375-1284.**

Please be sure you are also saving **Saturday, May 16 for our annual meeting and scholarship presentations** at the Blue Good Restaurant in Stratford. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and our special guest will be our newly elected **CT State AAUW President Nana Amos**. The cost is \$20, and a reservation form with menu choices accompanies this newsletter.

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2020-21 academic year. The application form is available on our AAUW Bridgeport website at: www.aauw-bpt.org/scholarship. The **deadline to apply is March 27**. For more information, please contact **Holly Franquet** or **Lorraine Conway**.

We have a new AAUW Directory, with special thanks to **Chris Bonosky** for spearheading this project just in time for our 90th anniversary in 2021. New in this edition is a list of all our past presidents, and the inclusion of

member college/university and degree programs. A big job, and well done Chris! If you haven't received your copy, or have any questions, please contact Chris at: cbonosky@gmail.com or (203) 261-1241.

Speaking of 1931 (the year we were founded), we are looking for a special way to celebrate our 90th year in 2021. This is a major accomplishment and I ask you to send me your ideas and suggestions for a good way to celebrate and observe the occasion.

Looking ahead, at the January Bridgeport AAUW Board meeting we decided to forgo a 2020 Book and Author Luncheon and replace it with something different. We realize that many groups have similar programs as fundraisers or hold monthly book discussions and our participation numbers have been declining lately. Instead, please save **Saturday, Sept. 26**, starting at 11 a.m., for a **tour of Boothe Memorial Park and Museum, in Stratford**, followed by lunch. This estate, located on Main Street Putney, was owned by the Boothe Family for many generations and was willed to the town of Stratford by David and Stephen Boothe.

I'm also pleased to report that once again our Branch will be supporting the **Connecticut AAUW Tech Savvy Conference** with a donation of \$250. Tech Savvy is a one-day science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) conference for 6th–9th grade girls and their guardians. This year it is taking place Saturday, March 7 at Trinity College in Hartford. In addition, later this year we will be sending three young women to **NCCWSL 2020** -- the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland.

And finally, I would like to extend a special thank you to **Louise MacCormack** and company for another festive and successful Holiday Social, held December 7 at the Stratford Library.



So, as we look ahead to the upcoming season of informative and social AAUW events, stay warm and think spring! See you on **March 26th at U.B.** If you need transportation to this meeting, or to any of our events, please be sure to call me at 203-375-1284.

Best regards,
Carole

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AAUW Member News



We send good wishes to **Claire Shumofsky** who is relocating out of state to live closer to family members. Her new address is:

Claire Shumofsky
161S-C Picard Drive, Apt. 1307
Rockville, MD 20850

Reminder: If you need to update your phone number, mailing or email address, please send the information to Laurel Anderson (laurel@toast.net).

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Bridgeport Branch Study and Discussion Group Meetings

Any Bridgeport Area Branch member is eligible to join a study group. Come to a meeting as a visitor, perhaps you'll like the experience and decide to join us.

The **Contemporary Global Issues** study group meets in Monroe's Edith Wheeler Memorial Library the second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. The library is easy to reach off Route 111 at the Monroe Green.

We have become much more understanding of events around the world after reading about and discussing background material provided in short readings from the Foreign Policy Association. Upcoming meetings and topics are:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>FACILITATOR</u>
March 10	The Philippines	Marta Ulane
April 14	Artificial Intelligence and Data	Cindy Sullivan

We have lost three members to moves and are seeking new members. If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Merrilyn Decker** at merrdeck@aol.com.

AAUW Morning Book Club meets the fourth Tuesday of *most* months from September through May, at 10 a.m., at the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library, 733 Monroe Tpke. (CT Rt. 111) in Monroe, CT (203)-452-2850. Any Bridgeport Area Branch member is eligible to join. For more information, please contact **Nathalie Taranto**, nstaranto@att.net. Morning Book Club discussion programs and leaders for Spring 2020 are:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOK(S)</u>	<u>LEADER(S)</u>
Mar. 24	<u>Where the Crawdads Sing</u> , by Delia Owens	Nathalie Taranto
Apr. 28	<u>Killers of the Flower Moon</u> , by David Grann	Vanessa Marshall
May 26	Selection of books for the 2020-2021 program	

AAUW Evening Book Group

Co-chairs: **Gretchen Goethner** (203) 254-8481 and **Mary Misevich** (203) 255-3804. Please call the hostess if you are coming.

Thurs. March 12 (4 p.m.) The Island of the Sea Women by Lisa See
Discussion leader: **Louise MacCormack**, 415 Asbury Ridge Road, Shelton (203) 451-2841

April/May **TBA**

June (date TBA) Dinner/Planning Meeting; Home of **Mary Misevich**, Fairfield

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AAUW Bridgeport Branch Calendar 2020 (2/24/20)

**Reminder: school supply donations will be collected at all our General Meetings for students at Wilbur Cross School—except for the December Holiday Social when we request donations of mittens, hats and scarves for the students.*

3/5/20 (Th)	Finance Committee Meeting, Gloria Francesconi's, Trumbull, 6:30 pm
3/7/20 (Sa)	Tech Savvy, Trinity College in Hartford, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
3/10/20 (Tu)	Contemporary Global Issues – Edith Wheeler Memorial Library, Monroe, 10 am
3/12/20 (Th)	Evening Book Group, home of Louise MacCormack, Shelton, (203) 451-2841, 4 pm
3/24/20 (Tu)	Morning Book Group – Edith Wheeler Memorial Library, Monroe, 10 am
3/26/20 (Th)	*Meeting at Univ. of Bridgeport, President's residence. Meet Dr. Laura Skandera Trombley, U.B. President; tour the Bridgeport Plan, a new student services center, 1 p.m.
3/27/20 (Fri.)	Deadline for AAUW Bridgeport Scholarship applications
4/13/20 (Mon)	Board Meeting – Home of Gretchen Goethner, 7 pm
4/14/20 (Tu)	Contemporary Global Issues – Edith Wheeler Memorial Library, Monroe, 10 am
4/28/20 (Tu)	Morning Book Group – Edith Wheeler Memorial Library, Monroe, 10 am
5/16/20 (Sa)	*ANNUAL MEETING & Scholarship Luncheon, Blue Goose, Stratford, Noon-3pm
5/26/20 (Tu)	Morning Book Group – Edith Wheeler Memorial Library, Monroe, 10 am
6/1/20 (Mon)	Board Meeting, home of Gerry Dunbar, Stratford, 7 pm
9/26/20 (Sa)	*General Meeting - Tour of Boothe Memorial Park & Museum + lunch. Stratford, 11 a.m.

We can always help with transportation to our events and activities. If you ever need a ride to one of our programs or gatherings, please call Carole Fanslow at 203-375-1284.

The next AAUW Bridgeport Branch newsletter in 2020 will be published in the spring. If you have news to share, including member news or updates, events or articles on topics of interest, please send to **Liza Hickey** at lshickey@aol.com, or call 203-381-0071 with any questions.

