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DAWNBREAKER

April 1979

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE 1979 SPRING CONVENTION

AT THE SAMOSET RESORT INN

ROCKPORT, MAINE, MAY 11 AND 12

Schedule of Events:

Friday: 3:30 - 5:30 Registration
5:30 - 6:30 Social Hour
6:30 Dinner - Presentation of Achievement Citation Award
Introduction of New Topics

Saturday: 8:00 - 9:00 Counterpart Meetings over Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00 Registration
9:00 - 10:20 "Managing Our Resources For Tomorrow"
Speaker: Dr. Mary (Punch) Grow
Maine Division Representative to the Natural Resources
Council of Maine

10:20-10:40 Coffee Break

10:40-12:00 Dr. Elizabeth S. Marks "Families Facing Change"
Associate Professor of Home Economic Education
University of Maine at Farmington.
Areas of concentration include family and child,
parenting and inter-personal living.

12:00- 1:00 Buffet Luncheon
Mini-fashion show: "How to Dress for Success"
by members of the Waterville Branch, AAUW

1:00 - 3:00 Business Meeting
Installation of New Officers

Available Housing:

The Samoset Resort Inn
Rockport, Maine 04856 phone 594-2511
Single - \$35.00; Double - \$38.00
(Mention AAUW for these reduced rates - a block of rooms will be held for
us only until April 11. After that, you can take your chances.)

Camden Harbor Inn
Bayview Street phone 236-4200
Two beds and bath - \$28.00; one bed, share bath - \$14.00

Tradewinds Motel
Main Street, Rockland phone 596-6661
Single - \$18.00, Double - \$22.00

Home of AAUW member - \$3.00 contribution to Midcoast Branch Fellowship Fund
(Registration form at the back)

ACHIEVEMENT CITATION AWARD WINNER 1979

NANCY BOOTH

Newcastle/Damariscotta

Nancy Booth has given outstanding help to education and the arts in Lincoln County. She was a founder of the Federal Project "Treasure Hunt" in Lincoln County which tapped the expertise of many local residents to help in the schools. After the Federal funds ran out, this became the Teacher Resource Center in which Miss Booth gave unstintingly of her time and energy. In addition she helped to found the Group Home of Lincoln County which houses and counsels girls who have troubles at home or who need assistance both physical and psychological. She has helped in the Damariscotta children's library summer program and organized a Christmas Puppet Making Party for all community children. Other projects that she has worked with are the Natural Resources Program (she organized a three day convention in Damariscotta), the Bail Fund for prison visits, and assistance to Vietnamese settlers in Maine.

Nominees for Office

First Vice President Program - RACHAEL DUTCH, member and past president of the Bath-Brunswick Branch.

Second Vice President - IRIS (BURLEIGH) BURNELL, charter member and past president of the Caribou Branch and presently ingoing president of Franklin County Branch.

Treasurer - DIANE SANDERS of York, Maine, member and past president of Cape Neddick Branch.

New Topic Chairmen

FAMILIES FACING CHANGE - Judy Adams, Franklin County Branch
Topic goals are to understand patterns of families, to recognize effects of change on families and to develop ways of supporting ourselves and each other.

MANAGING RESOURCES FOR TOMORROW - Mary (Punch) Grow, AAUW Representative of the Natural Resources Council of Maine. The topic goal is the management of Natural resources to meet present and future needs of society. This topic could be approached from a viewpoint of social, economic and political objectives.

The Achievement Citation Award Nominating Committee would like to thank all branches that did submit nominations. Houlton, Orono, Mid-Coast, Cape Neddick, and Presque Isle all submitted worthy candidates for the award.

Cape Neddick celebrated their 10th anniversary this fall with a branch dinner meeting. They have also compiled and sold a cookbook. For copies contact: Gladys Ulan, new branch president, Agamenticus Avenue, Cape Neddick, Maine 03902.

CORPORATE DELEGATES

With Women going to college in ever increasing numbers, AAUW is emphasizing the importance of each branch establishing liaison with the corporate delegate of any colleges and universities in the branch's area. At the present time, Colby College, The University of Maine at Orono, The University of Maine at Farmington, The University of Maine at Portland-Gorham, and Westbrook College have corporate delegates. This list leaves several colleges without AAUW representation, and I urge those of you in the appropriate areas to talk with the president of each college or university.

Dr. Marjorie Bell Chambers, our president and now chairman of President Carter's Womens Advisory Commission, has appointed a Blue Ribbon Task Force to set up guidelines to implement positive change on campuses. Among the Task Force recommendations already out are that you:

1. Discuss with the college or university president and other high level administrators and campus leaders what areas concerning women students and faculty need attention.
2. Urge the appointments of highly qualified women to Boards of Trustees and submit names of women for consideration. Governors and university presidents influence the majority of trustee appointments.
3. Have the branch Education Representative work with the corporate delegate to organize discussions about the current status of women in higher education; also invite discussion on what branch members can do to assist the corporate delegate on campus.
4. Discuss with the president the book But We Will Persist by Dr. Suzanne Howard which is available from the AAUW sales office at \$8.50 per copy. The president whose college has a corporate delegate has been sent a complimentary copy of that book. Dr. Howard is Assistant Director of Program for Education of AAUW.

As your first state division corporate representative, I know that both the branches and I along with the other corporate delegates have much to learn. I am convinced that with AAUW taking a strong advocacy position for women in higher education, either as students or professionals, we can accomplish some positive steps in education for Maine women.

Constance H. Carlson, Ph.D.,
State and University of Maine
at Orono Corporate Delegate

LOBBY WEEK STARTS WED., APRIL 25th

(in lieu of Legislative Day)

Since so many of us AAUW members have so many activities keeping us busy both in and out of our homes, let's try to have a real grass roots lobbying effort. This will be something in which we can all participate either by attending some public hearings in Augusta or by telephoning or writing to our legislators.

There are two issues in particular that have been part of AAUW'S legislative program for many years.

Legislation Cont'd

1. One issue has been the constitutional amendment to give the District of Columbia full voting representation in Congress. AAUW has supported this concept for a long time. On Wednesday, April 25th, at 1:30 p.m., the State Government committee will hold a public hearing on this amendment. Please try to attend this hearing. Let your legislators know of your support. Members of the State Senate need a special boost. The prediction is that the Senate will not support the amendment.
2. Much legislation has been introduced to limit "the right to individual choice is the determination of one's reproductive life." (The words in quotes are AAUW's position.) Our goal is to discourage the passage of this legislation. Again, members of the legislature need to hear from us about this.

Legislative Chairmen and Branch Presidents will have detailed information about these two issues and other issues. Contact them to learn more.

Louise Smith

Division Legislative Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Great Decisions '79 - An Idea For a Study Group

Great Decisions '79 is a national program, now in its 25th year, which can give individual members or study groups the chance to learn and understand major foreign policy issues facing the U.S. The program book, Great Decisions '79, prepared by the editors of the nongovernmental Foreign Policy Association, presents a nonpartisan examination of eight key international issues on the U.S. agenda. The book costs \$4.00, is published this January, and contains: 1) in depth background on each topic, 2) an impartial analysis of each issue with pros and cons of alternative courses of action open to the U.S., 3) discussion questions, 4) bibliography and 5) opinion ballots, which are tabulated nationally and the results sent to top government officials and the national media.

The topics for 1979 are:

1. The Technology Explosion: How to Harness It for Peaceful Change?
2. Trade and the Dollar: Coping with Interdependence.
3. NATO and the Russians: Will the East-West Balance Hold?
4. Dealing with China: What's at Stake - in Asia and the World?
5. The U.S. and Latin America: Facing New Facts of Power.
6. Black Africa: More Weight in U.S. Policy Scales?
7. World Law of the Oceans: Narrowing Options for the U.S.
8. International Terrorism: "Do Something!" - But What?

I have not had personal experience with this program, but the brochure which National AAUW sent me looks excellent. If you would like a copy of the brochure, giving details and ordering information, write to: Foreign Policy Association, 345 East 46th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Helen P. Bunker

Area Representative for
International Relations

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

Bangor AAUW is investigating the possibility of helping St. Joseph's Hospital set up a Hospice program. Hospice of Maine trains volunteers and sends them into the homes of terminally ill patients to help them and their families deal with the physical hardships and emotional upheaval engendered by the dying process. Hospice was begun in London, but is now becoming a worldwide movement.

Dexter area AAUW Branch is enjoying an extremely successful second year with investigation into the areas of school nutrition, basic competency, school budget, creative arts for adults and promotion of local academic excellence.

A Sept. meeting featuring Gertrude Griney, Director of the School Nutrition Program for the Maine Dept. of Education, resulted in a policy change in SAD 46 elementary schools snacking. Also, AAUW spearheaded community wide participation in the Global Papers TV series "The Fight for Food."

In an attempt to emphasize academic excellence, College bound high school senior girls from three school districts were entertained at a Christmas Tea, a well documented presentation was given by one member at a fall School Directors Meeting requesting positive changes in school methods and curriculum, and a study was made of a pilot basic competency program with Walter Macdougall, Coordinator of a Milo Maine Project under a Title IV State Grant.

President Imogene Tillson attended "Backstage at the UN" fall seminar in New York City, November 17.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Branch _____

- _____ \$1.50 - Registration Fee
- _____ 7.50 - Chicken Dinner Friday, May 11
- _____ 7.25 - Buffet Luncheon Saturday, May 12
- _____ 1.00 - Coffee/Tea/Doughnuts Saturday, May 12
- _____ 3.00 - Accomodations in AAUW Member's Home
- _____ Total

Registrations must be made by May 4, 1979. Please make checks payable to Midcoast Branch, AAUW, and send with the registration form to:

Virginia Dalrymple
14 Pearl Street
Camden, Maine 04843