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President's Message
From Betty-Jane Meader

As the new year approaches, let's reflect on the progress of AAUW of Maine in the past six months. At the July board meeting, members agreed upon three action plans: (1) to collaborate with other organizations with similar goals, (2) to prepare a comparative analysis of competitive organizations and (3) to create awareness of AAUW among young women leaders.

First, AAUW of Maine and the Coalition of Maine Women co-sponsored (\$250 contribution) a forum featuring Maine's U.S. Senatorial candidates, minus Charles Summers, at the University of Southern Maine (USM) on October 4. Prior to the forum, we set up a table displaying AAUW materials. We talked to prospective members, USM students and students from Coastal Studies for Girls, a science and leadership school in Freeport. AAUW members who attended the event included: Bets Brown, Sue Cook, Mary Ellen Dennis, Judy Dinmore, Charlene Goehring-Fox, Ruth Lockhart, Betty-Jane Meader and Kristin Sweeney.

Secondly, at the fall board meeting on September 29, Carolyn MacRae distributed a chart comparing the mission of AAUW, BPW International, League of Women Voters and Rotary International. She plans to gather additional information in the new year.

Thirdly, young women leaders have become aware of AAUW through various activities. For example, I sent congratulatory email letters to graduates of the 2012 Maine NEW Leadership summer institute and introduced them to AAUW. The message encouraged them to become national student affiliates (\$17). If the college they attend is an AAUW college/university partner (Bates, Colby, SMCC, Thomas and UM), they may receive FREE national e-student affiliation.

At the last board meeting, members added a fourth action plan: to inform the six active branches of the activities of AAUW of Maine. At the September 12 meeting of the Penobscot Valley Branch, I served as the featured speaker and discussed the action plans of AAUW of Maine. The Mid-coast Branch invited me to join them at a winter meeting. In the summer of 2013, I plan to visit the Caribou Branch. Please contact me at meaderb@gmail.com or 872-7895 to arrange a date and time to meet with your branch, if your branch wasn't mentioned above.

At the next AAUW of Maine board meeting on February 2, we will meet at the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center at the University of Maine to discuss additional action plans and the spring convention at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast on April 26-27, 2013. You are welcome to join us at the board meeting!

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Update on the Coalition for Maine Women
From Bets Brown

The Coalition for Maine Women met on November 19, 2012 as it almost always does on the third Monday of the month. Two main agenda items were discussed: priorities for the next legislative session and the upcoming Coalition's Day at the State House.

A variety of ideas for the next legislative session were put on the table. Examples of issues suggested, but were not decided upon, were restoration of the funding taken from the Fund for Healthy Maine, state data keeping by gender, the state budget as it affects women, and forms of discrimination in the health arena. The Coalition will decide in December on which issues to focus. As action is needed in the form of AAUW members writing legislators or making calls, I will let you know.

On January 15, the Coalition will be holding its Day at the State House and Press Conference. Betty-Jane Meader, our AAUW of Maine President, will be taking the lead on this event, which will take place in the Hall of Flags in the morning. AAUW members are needed to help Betty-Jane, to be present at the press conference, and to talk to their legislators about issues relating to women and girls. We will have more information after the December meeting of the Coalition for Maine Women. Please contact Betty-Jane (meaderb@gmail.com, 207-872-7895) and let her know you are going to attend.

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**Spelman College to Replace Athletic Program with
Campus-Wide Wellness Programs**

Spelman College, a historically black women's college in Atlanta, announced that it will end its athletic program to focus on wellness programs at the school. Currently, Spelman spends about \$1 million on sports, but only 4 percent of students participate in the athletics programs. The college will now spend that money on new health and fitness initiatives, such as improving fitness facilities on campus, that it says will benefit all 2,100 students attending the school.

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Achievement Citation Award Update

From Kristen Sweeney



Kristin Sweeney, Chair of the Achievement Citation Award Committee, reports that (as of 12/31/12) there have been two nominations this year. They are from the Penobscot Valley and Waterville Branches. Thank you so much for these nominations.

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2013 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

AAUW and NASPA are proud to announce Donna Shalala, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as a 2013 Women of Distinction awardee at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders! Shalala is currently the president of the University of Miami and the director of Mednax, a national health care delivery group.

Encourage women students to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders and help support them in this amazing opportunity:

- *Give to the NCCWSL Scholarship Fund.
- *Give to the NCCWSL General Fund.
- *Pay directly for a student to attend the conference.

May 30-June 1, 2013 *University of Maryland, College Park

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President Meader Participates in Science & Technology Stakeholder Call

From Betty-Jane Meader

On Dec. 5, 2012, Betty-Jane Meader participated in a science and technology stakeholder conference call on the fiscal cliff and sequestration. Dr. John P. Holdren, assistant to President Obama for science and technology, and Mr. Jon Carson, director of the Office of Public Engagement, updated participants.

Holdren indicated sequestration can't happen. He said, "The fight isn't over. We must continue to make our voices heard." To ensure that people understand the impact of budget cuts in science, technology and innovation, Carson encouraged us "to make examples local." For example, if you know of research and development in Maine that's being supported by the government, please let others know about it.

Following their remarks, they entertained questions. Seven participants inquired about proposed cuts, funding levels and strategies being pursued.

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Amy Sylvester Featured on Glamour Blog Post

When Amy Sylvester decided to run for a political office, she didn't realize the publicity she would receive. Glamour.com featured her and 15 other women on a blog post titled, "Meet the Female Candidates! 16 Races, 16 Stories, and One Record-Breaking Election Year." To view the blog, go to <http://www.glamour.com/inspired/blogs/the-conversation/2012/10/-name-tulsi-gabbard-democrat.html>.

Sylvester was the first Maine NEW Leadership participant to be nominated for the House of Representatives. She is a senior at Thomas College and a national student member of AAUW.

When Kathryn (Kat) Braeman, AAUW director-at-large, interviewed Betty-Jane Meader on the telephone this fall, President Meader mentioned how we introduced AAUW to graduates of Maine NEW Leadership. After Meader shared Sylvester's story with her, Braeman contacted Susannah Wellfore Skakow, president of Running Start. Skakow, who rents space in the AAUW building in Washington, D.C., assists women campus leaders and women running for a political office. She alerted Glamour about Sylvester.

Then, the *Glamour magazine* staff invited Sylvester to their annual Women-of-the-Year Awards in New York City on Nov. 12. They honored female legislative and Congressional candidates from around the country. Sylvester commented, "It was an incredible experience to be in the company of so many accomplished women and to represent Maine." Before attending the evening gala, they visited the magazine's headquarters. Chelsea Clinton, who addressed the group at the ceremony, spoke about the progress being made in electing women to leadership positions, as well as how far we need to go. A picture of the group of honorees is posted on the Glamour blog at <http://www.glamour.com/inspired/blogs/the-conversation/2012/11/reasons-to-run-for-office--in.html>. Sylvester is the second woman pictured on the left.



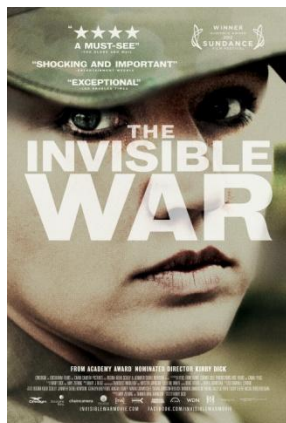
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Update on the Maine Choice Coalition From Bets Brown

1. The celebration of the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade will be held on January 23, 2013. The theme is “Moving Choice Forward for Maine.” It will occur from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Hall of Flags at the State House in Augusta. **BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS EVENT.** Betty-Jane Meader will be leading the AAUW effort and needs help in running a table with interactive goings-on. A 40th anniversary is a ruby anniversary, so be sure to wear red. AAUW members should plan to attend and bring friends who also appreciate the Roe v. Wade decision. Let Betty-Jane know your plans for attending (meaderb@gmail.com, 207-872-7895).

2. At the November 2012 meeting of the Maine Choice Coalition, all members of the Coalition (that includes YOU) were asked to contact Senator Collins. She is a member of the Committee on Armed Services working on the National Defense Act authorization. Specifically, we are to ask her to keep the Shaheen Amendment in the authorization in the final version of the Act. This amendment would allow military women to get abortions in military facilities. Currently, military women are not allowed this access to the facilities. Even if the amendment passes, these women will still have to pay for the abortions themselves.

This is vital especially as rape is three times more common in the military than in the general U.S. populace. Imagine being in Iraq or Afghanistan, becoming pregnant, and not being able to get an abortion. If you want to learn more about the problem, get the movie “The Invisible War” – available from Netflix – and see how often women in the military are disgracefully treated.



So, AAUW members, **ACT NOW** and write, call or email Senator Collins to ask her to keep the Shaheen Amendment in the final version of the Act. Make your voice count!!

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Abortion Rate Reaches Lowest Point in History

According to new data released by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the abortion rate in the United States has reached the lowest rate since the CDC began collecting this data. Between 2008 and 2009, the latest year for which data is available, the abortion rate dropped 5 percent, after years of holding steady. While some suggested that the drop could be attributed to the recession, the CDC and other analysts point out that the use of more effective methods of birth control, such as intrauterine devices (IUDs), also increased over this time period, which suggests that increased use of the most effective forms of contraception is correlated with a decrease in the abortion rate.

AAUW supports the right of every woman to safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services.

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CBO: Benefits Expansion for Domestic Partners Would Minimally Impact Costs

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released an analysis Monday that found that granting the full range of benefits to same-sex domestic partners of federal employees would have a minimal fiscal impact on those benefit programs. In the cost estimate, CBO found that expanding Federal Employees Health Benefits Program coverage to same-sex partners would increase government cost by only \$133 million over 10 years. In calculating this estimate, the CBO assumed that about 300 federal retirees would add survivor benefits for domestic partners per year, resulting in a \$22 million net saving over the 10 years because adding survivor benefits reduces the amount of the retiree's benefit.

AAUW supports the expansion of full-range benefits to same-sex domestic partners and spouses, as well as the addition of provisions to the Family and Medical Leave Act to provide job protection, important family responsibilities, and coverage for caregiving for same-sex partners and spouses.

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AAUW Releases Updated Pay Equity Resource Kit

It is never too early to start preparing for Equal Pay Day, scheduled for April 9, 2013. Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day where women's earnings “catch up” to men's earnings from the year before. It takes almost four extra months each year, thanks to the wage gap. This year's Equal Pay Day will be especially important, as 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act (originally passed in 1963). As usual, AAUW will host special events and distribute resources to help celebrate the work that has been done and that still needs to be done to ensure women receive equal pay for equal work.

What will your branch do to observe Equal Pay Day 2013?

Download the updated AAUW Pay Equity Resource Kit for background information, ideas for action, and step-by-step instructions for planning three specific events!

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Facebook Anyone?

AAUW of Maine has a Facebook site, administrators Jean Lotz, Charlene Goehring-Fox, and Bets Brown. Please send contributions to Charlene (charminme@yahoo.com) or Bets (wilbro@fairpoint.net) for publication. Please visit the site and let everyone know you like it.

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AAUW Milestones

Birthdays:

This past August, AAUW members **Louise Sause** of Michigan and **Jane Grindel** of Maryland turned 100, and **Martha Ann Miller** of Virginia turned 101.

Ruth Griffin of Missouri celebrated her 75th birthday in September.

Honors:

Former Student Advisory Council member **Ola Ojewumi** was named one of *Glamour* magazine's Top 10 College Women. Ola's participation on the Student Advisory Council was sponsored by **Janet and Theodore Crampton**.

Yvonne Condell was named the 2012 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year by the Minnesota Credit Union Network.

The Indiana Fever women's professional basketball team named **Mitzi Witchger** a Title IX Hero for her work to increase athletic opportunities for women in Indiana.

In Memory:

Mildred Hart of California passed away at 103 years old. A Legacy Circle member who championed and supported educational opportunities for women throughout her life, Mildred left AAUW more than \$100,000 to start the Mildred Hart American Fellowship. Her daughter, **Liz Bathgate** of the AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley (CA) Branch, intends to complete the funding of this endowment this year.

Dorothy Scott, a lifetime member of AAUW Tyler (TX) Branch, passed away at the age of 91.

AAUW-ME has a new website: <http://aauw-me.aauw.net/>
Check it out!

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AAUW Funds and LAF Updates

By: Susan Landry

The AAUW Action Fund made an unprecedented investment in getting out the women's vote for the 2012 elections. Through the nonpartisan "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard" voter education and turnout campaign, members and volunteers ran registration drives and held education sessions including presentations on the Action Fund's priority issues. Many topics were close to the hearts of LAF supporters: pay equity, protection from domestic and workplace violence, and ensuring that students are treated fairly. The campaign targeted "millennial" women, ages 18-31, who haven't yet established a consistent history of voting. By stressing the importance of their votes and encouraging participation in this election, the campaign hoped to engage these women sufficiently that they become lifelong voters.

If you're looking ahead to tax season and considering making any end-of-year donations, consider a gift to LAF to help in continuing to break through barriers for women and girls. During 2012, more than \$100,000 in case support was made possible by contributions, as well as funding for 15 campus outreach grants. Woo-hoo!

Speeches from last year's NYC summit on workplace sexual harassment have been published along with additional materials in the book *I Still Believe Anita Hill*. (Ms. Hill was featured at the conference.) Because AAUW co-sponsored the event, members can receive a special 50% discount when ordering the book from the Feminist Press; use discount code ISBAAH50212.

The military sexual assault documentary *The Invisible War* is now available to rent from Netflix and to purchase from Amazon. Recently listed as the tenth movie and the only documentary on *Time Magazine's* top 100 movies of 2012, it's rumored to be on the short list for an Academy Award nomination.

Start working on your baskets! We will hold our annual basket raffle this spring, and we will continue with the format instituted last year: rather than one ginormous basket per branch, we request that you put together two or three smaller (more physically manageable) collections. You can explore different facets of one major theme, or you can put together totally different assortments. The more baskets, the merrier! More winners, and potentially more funds to send to AAUW Funds.

Thanks to AAUW-Maine, I was able to attend the workshop "Boards on Fire! Inspiring Leaders to Raise Money Joyfully." Several other AAUW members were in attendance representing their employers, and I hope to engage in discussion with them to see if there are ways we can put the information to use within our organization. Primarily the focus was on cultivating and sustaining donors, so it wasn't immediately applicable for us. However, we may want to

think about ways in which we could do this—develop an ongoing source of income from non-members who believe in the mission and want to support it monetarily. I haven't yet had time to read through the workshop facilitator's book to reinforce the day's activities and learn more, but I do hope to garner ideas and inspiration from it. Stay tuned!

Go to <http://www.aauw.org/about/deadlines.cfm> to look for available grants and scholarships and determine when applications are due. Some programs with upcoming due dates are as follows.

Half-Year Dues

Branches can offer half the national dues rate of \$24.50 for new memberships. January 1–March 15

AAUW Art Contest

Submit your art work to be included in the annual AAUW Art Contest. January 4–February 4

Selected Professions Grants

Selected Professions Fellowships provide opportunities for women to pursue graduate and first-professional degrees in designated fields where women traditionally have been underrepresented and where the employment outlook and earnings potential are strong. January 10

Community Action Grants

Community Action Grants provide seed money to women, AAUW branches, AAUW state organizations, and local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. January 15

NCCWSL

Attend the only conference that brings together college women to address important and contemporary leadership issues. Registration opens February 1

Art Contest Voting

Vote for your favorite submissions to be included on the note cards that are sent to members! February 8–March 8

Call for Candidates: Board of Directors

Submit an application for appointment to the 2013-2015 AAUW Board of Directors. March 1

NCCWSL Scholarships

Apply for financial support to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. February 1–March 15

And as always, remember that without our financial support, AAUW cannot carry out its mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Our donations put some teeth into the idea that we belong to AAUW because it's a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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Laissez les bons temps rouler!!!

The AAUW National Convention will be held in New Orleans, LA this year.

June 9-12, 2013
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
Extend your stay with a pre- or post-convention tour.

Visit convention.aauw.org or call 1.800.326.2289 for registration information.

Join us as we explore Leading across Generations. AAUW's 2013 convention will offer engaging speakers and panels, skill-building sessions, networking opportunities, and much more.

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Maine NEW Leadership Institute Seeks Financial Support from AAUW of Maine
From Betty-Jane Meader

Last year, AAUW of Maine contributed \$400 to the Maine NEW Leadership Institute. Co-directors Mary Cathcart, an AAUW member from the Penobscot Valley Branch, and Rebekah Smith are seeking financial support for the fifth institute in the summer of 2013.

This program is free to Maine undergraduate women. The six-day, residential, non-partisan training program educates and empowers women to become civic and political leaders. In the past four years, 106 students from 27 colleges/universities have participated in the institute.

Because AAUW of Maine doesn't have a line item for this program included in the budget, funds would have to come from elsewhere. Board members will discuss this issue at the next board meeting. If you are unable to attend the February 2 meeting, please send your suggestions to Betty-Jane Meader at meaderb@gmail.com or 872-7895.

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A Message from the AAUW President

It was a rainy day in Georgia, but as I stood in the long line to vote, I thought about the *It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard* campaign and all the work that's been put into it. It amazes me how much we've all done – how many women we've educated, how many voters we've registered, how many people we've inspired. And I want to thank each of you for your hard work and commitment to this important campaign.

Thank you to the states and branches that made voter education and mobilization a priority. Thank you to the AAUW leadership who advocated for state ballot initiatives and won protections for marriage equality, reproductive rights, and education for all. Thank you to the phone bank volunteers who chatted throughout the night with strangers, and to the tabling volunteers who showed people how to register to vote. Thank you to the AAUW member who faced her fear of public speaking to talk to college students about voting. Thank you to the AAUW members and branches that got creative and inspired everyone around them with their passion. Thank you all so very, very much.

Although our work to advance education and equity for women and girls is far from over, today we can sit back and give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. Analysis of yesterday's vote showed that women were 53 percent of the electorate and voters under the age of 29 were 19 percent. I know the *It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard* campaign can claim a part of that.

With your work and commitment, we challenged millennial women to make their voices heard. And they were.

Yours in AAUW,
Carolyn Garfein
AAUW President

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YOUR HELP NEEDED: AAUW of Maine Letter-to-the-Editor Writing Campaign

From Bets Brown

AAUW of Maine is a member of the Maine Choice Coalition. The Coalition is planning a celebration for the 40th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, which made abortion legal in the United States. The date of the decision was January 22, 1973. The celebration is called, "Moving Choice Forward in Maine."

Part of the celebration is a letter-to-the-editor writing campaign. We need all of you to write a letter-to-the-editor of your local newspaper extolling a woman's right to choose, the celebration, why you're celebrating, and what having choice means to you.

Letters-to-the-editor are short, so you won't have to write much. They usually range between 300 and 350 words. Every newspaper has a website where, in the opinion page area, there

are instructions for submitting a letter to the editor. These letters are now submitted electronically. I tend to write my letter using the software Word on my computer. Word provides word counts under the "Tools" menu. When I am satisfied with my letter, I copy and paste it into the newspapers website.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO WRITE A LETTER-TO-THE-EDITOR!! Your support is critical to this. It won't take much time. You'll be representing AAUW and simultaneously fighting for the rights of women. If you have questions or need ideas for your text, you can contact Bets Brown (207-445-4967, wilbro@fairpoint.net).

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VOICES OF AAUW OF MAINE From Bets Brown, Public Policy Chair

When I learned that the state legislature cut \$400,000 from the Family Planning Association of Maine, I knew they had made a misstep. Because only 15% of op eds are written by women, I have participated in AAUW's Voices Project, through which members around the country have been writing op eds on topics germane to AAUW's mission. I wrote one on the injustice and silliness of the \$400,000 cut. You can go to this website to read the article for yourself: <http://bit.ly/UD8K94>

If you have an idea that you think would be a good op ed, try your hand at it. Op eds are about twice as long as letters-to-the-editor. Let your voice be heard. Here are a few possible topics: equal pay day (coming up in April), the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade (coming up in January), women's history month (coming up in March), the high incidence of rape in the military, or women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Give it a whirl and let me know if you have questions (wilbro@fairpoint.net).

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Maine's new freedom to marry law took effect on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012.

Before the end of 2012, loving, committed same-sex couples were able to marry. It's the culmination of years of hard work by thousands upon thousands of people in Maine. City Halls around Maine were open at 12:01am to provide marriage licenses to some of these couples. Portland, Hallowell, Augusta, Brunswick, and Gardiner were some of the towns that opened their doors to provide these long-awaited marriage licenses.

It's a time for joy and celebration!

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Branching Out: News from Our Branches

Bath-Brunswick Branch

By: Joanne Bollinger

Debbie Schall, our talented Newsletter editor, covered branch upcoming fall activities in the last Dawnbreaker. I can now report that members found the presentations on Title IX by Janet Judge and on SHE (Sustainable Health Enterprises, in Rwanda) by CeCe Comacho fascinating and very worthwhile. Both presenters were impressed with the women of AAUW, finding us engaged, enthusiastic, and possessed of “inquiring minds” -- a pat on the back for the AAUW “woman”. The Open House/Bake Sale at Growstown School was again a success, gaining friends – and funds -- for our living history program.

We are in the midst of final preparations for the major fundraiser of the year, our *Greens Event* in December, at which members support our scholarships and AAUW Funds with their “green”, while enjoying the elegant cocktail buffet provided by the Board. January 30 will find us at *Henry and Marty*, a Brunswick dining establishment, for the annual winter luncheon with book reviewer Bill Bushnell. Nationally syndicated columnist Sarah Smiley is our much anticipated March speaker, while Dawn McAndrews, producing artistic director of the Theater at Monmouth will join us in April.

Over the past several months, members have sewn pinafores for Growstown School, made purple baby hats for the hospital abuse prevention program, and continue to knit for Afghanistan folks in need. Book Group is always well attended and Out-to-Lunch Bunch allows members to enjoy the cuisine of local restaurants in good company. Our scholarship program will begin receiving applications later in the winter and we plan to meet the recipient(s) at our May meeting.

The branch continues to thrive with 67 members, not all of whom are able to be active and contributing, but who nevertheless find their connection to the group and AAUW’s mission meaningful and fulfilling.

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Mid-Coast Branch

By: Judy Dinmore

Our Branch awarded two lift-off scholarships to students at University College at Rockland this Fall. Two of our members plan to attend a luncheon at University of Maine's Hutchinson Center honoring scholarship recipients and donors on Dec 13th.

Three book groups are active. One is reading Dickens, another non-fiction titles, such as, The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court by Jeffrey Toobin and The Presidents Club. A third is reading a variety of books, such as, The Sound Of The Wild Snail Eating by Elizabeth Toba Bailey and When We Were the Kennedys by Monica Wood.

For our next meeting, a lunch is planned at a restaurant in April.

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Penobscot Valley Branch

By: Janet Givens

A strictly social pot luck brunch will be enjoyed by branch members on January 19, 2012 at the home of member Jean MacRae in Orono. All members are encouraged to attend and invite friends interested in joining AAUW.

The March 20, 2013 meeting will be held on the University of Maine campus. The program will be The Women's Peace and Security Act of 2012. Arrangements are being made by Lee Davis, Joanne Boynton and Katherine Musgrave...

Thanks to member Sharon Barker, books are being collected and stored for our book sale on April 6, 2013. Our annual book sale enables us to give a high school scholarship, two college scholarships and a long time University of Maine scholarship, as well as membership in the Maine Women's Lobby. Currently there are 39 members.

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Waterville Branch

By: Marilyn Leimbach

The Waterville Branch annual Holiday auction was scheduled to be held on December 19. State AAUW president, Betty-Jane Meader, has been the auctioneer for several years. This is the branch's primary fundraiser for donation to the Educational Foundation.

The next two meetings are scheduled for the following dates.

January 16, 2013, 7:00 pm, Colby College: Student Leadership – Amy Sylvester and Jami Childress

Amy and Jami will discuss how they became involved with **NEW Leadership**, the highlights of their experiences there and the big lessons they took away from the week. Amy will also discuss her run for the Maine House and the support she received from the women at **NEWL** since graduating from the program. Jami will also discuss how **NEWL** has impacted her life since graduation.

February 20, 2013, 7:00 pm, Colby College: Education – Lisa Ericson . Please join us if you can.

The Waterville Branch has been quite successful this year, having new members join us!! We appreciate them and hope that we can continue the trend!!

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Jan. 3	80th Anniversary of Minnie D. Craig being elected Speaker of the North Dakota House of Representatives becoming the first female Speaker in the U.S.	Feb. 20	World Day of Social Justice
		March	Women's History Month
		March 8	International Women's Day
Jan. 4	World Braille Day	April 17	Equal Pay Day
Jan. 29	5th Anniversary of Signing of Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act	June 9-12	National AAUW Convention, New Orleans