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SPRING SUPPLEMENT (Amended)

Branching Out: News from Our Branches

News from Aroostook County (Caribou Branch)

Carol Pierson

Since the last issue of the *Dawnbreaker* our group met once for a post Christmas Yankee Swap consisting of books we already had that we had read and enjoyed.

For the 2016 year, we will have seven meetings from April through October. Below are tentative programs we are scheduling for this year.

- April 7th: MSSM information on funding and programs and a tour of the facility by Luke Shorty.
- May 12th: We will discuss the book *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawanda.
- June 2nd: Annual meeting – election of officers – pay dues.
- July 7th: Honey Bee and/or Bats Research
- August 4th: The program will be information on medical marijuana – what does the research show?
- September 1st: Pot Luck – planning the programs for next year. We will choose our candidates running for public office to research for our October meeting.
- October 6th: Research the Candidate Profiles - We will each have chosen a candidate and will discuss how they feel about women's issues.

Our group invites women from our communities to attend programs that may be of interest to them. It is a good way to increase membership and to meet other interesting women.

We all look forward to receiving the next *Dawnbreaker* and seeing what other branches in our state have planned for programs.

Penobscot Valley Branch

Sharon Ashworth, Chair, Book Sale

The Penobscot Valley AAUW Branch hosted its 65th Annual Book Sale on Saturday, April 9th from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the basement of the Church of Universal Fellowship on Main Street in Orono, Maine. The day began at 7 a.m. when Book Sellers arrived, wanting to be first in line for the first hour of our sale. Each Book Seller paid an admission price of \$10.00 for the opportunity to have the chance to buy the best books before we opened the sale to the general public at 9 a.m. We had eleven Book Sellers and many left the sale with several boxes filled with excellent books. The rest of the sale brought a steady flow of customers scouting for and buying used books. Our Snack Shack was open from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., offering numerous delicious snacks from fruit kabobs to mini-sandwiches for a donation. This year a separate Children's Room was filled with children's books, in addition to a tent and beanbags, so the children could relax while perusing a potential book buy. We also had a table for books about Maine or written by Maine authors, in addition to a Special Book table that boasted more valuable old books and coffee table books.



Penobscot Valley AAUW members at the Book Sale: Peggy Hallee, Ruth Lockhart, Sharon Ashworth, and Jocelyn Runnebaum.

Our 65th Book Sale was very successful, earning scholarship funds over \$2,600.00. But, the book sale is not only about one day a year and earning scholarship funds. Collection of used books continues all year long, involving the commitment of many of our branch members, University of Maine students and employees, and community volunteers. The best part of these combined efforts to make the Book Sale happen is the building of community interactions. For 65 years our members have worked together during the year and, especially, every day of the week before the sale, sorting and organizing many thousands of books into genres. Several positive aspects of the book sale include time for branch members to bond, to form new and stronger friendships, and to propose new ideas for our branch meetings and missions. These important behind the scenes interactions are so very crucial to our membership and fundraising efforts.

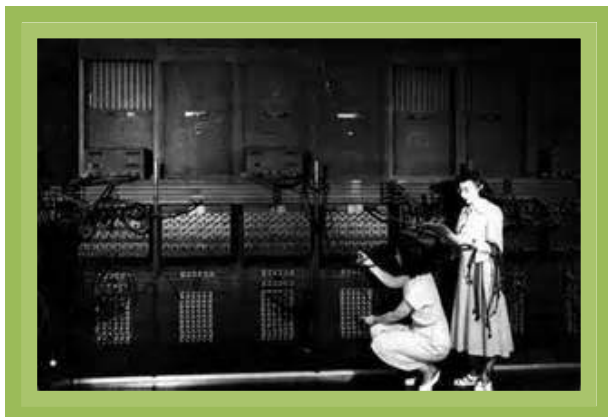
**I NEED YOUR HELP!!!
WOMEN OF STEM!!!**

Dora McCarthy, President-Elect

I am looking for **AAUW members who have or had a career in STEM fields.** We want to showcase these women within our own organization and acknowledge their work in STEM at the convention.

If you are a woman who worked and/or taught in a STEM field please email me at dora.mccarthy@yahoo.com. If you know of an AAUW member who worked/taught in STEM, please get me their information so I can call or email them. Please go through your membership list and verify so I don't miss anyone!!

At convention I will ask the women in attendance to stand and also name the women who are not present. I will be reading their name, branch, and the area of STEM they worked/taught in. **All I need is your name, email, and your career.** Thank you for your help!!



Open House & Fly In for Women Interested in Aviation Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport

Have you ever had a dream of flying? Wondered what the world looks like from high above, soaring like a bird? When you see an aircraft do you wonder how it stays up in the air? Or do you just love airplanes? Here's a chance to experience our beautiful landscape from that perspective, learn a new skill and explore the opportunities that aviation has to offer. Join the Katahdin Wings Chapter 99s (The International Organization of Women Pilots, Inc.) as they invite women and girls to the Auburn Lewiston Municipal Airport on Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a day of hands-on learning about aviation, women in aviation history, careers in aviation, EAA Young Eagles Rides (free airplane rides, for age 8 to 17, first come, first served, weather permitting, as well as free intro flights for girls and women), open cockpits and aircraft displays, women aviation professionals, how aviation fits into our world today, and more!

The Katahdin Wings Chapter of The 99s wants to especially invite women and girls interested in aviation to come to the airport and explore women's' contribution to the betterment of the air and space industry. During the airport open house, exhibits will focus on the accomplishments of past and present women in aviation while welcoming the future women of aviation.

The 99s is the nickname of The International Organization of Women Pilots and today they carry on their first president Amelia Earhart's original mission to encourage women to pursue aviation either as a career or exciting hobby. For more information about The 99s go to www.ninety-nines.org and to learn about the local chapter visit www.orgsites.com/me/katahdinwings/.

This event is co-sponsored by the Katahdin Wings Chapter of The 99 with the management of the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport, EAA, and Civil Air Patrol.

For questions or additional information, please contact Lori Plourd piperpilot2003@yahoo.com or Auburn-Lewiston Airport Manager Rick Lanman at manager@flytome.com



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April 12, 2016

Equal Pay Day at Bowdoin College

Judy Dinmore

Equal Pay Day was marked at Bowdoin College with an active response to AAUW’s tabling event at Smith Union. Two students from the Bowdoin Women’s Association (BWA) encouraged interest. Students’ eyes widened when they were made aware of the significance of the date. It takes women working until April 12th to earn what men earned for the same work during 2015. Male students expressed support for pay equity for women, as well. Staff and faculty who stopped by our table were encouraged to join AAUW and given a brochure with an application. Twelve students signed up for e-affiliation and 10 signed up to join the Action Network. We found approaching students as they passed by and handing them information and stickers, along with inviting them to our table to sign up worked well for us. Sharon Merrill and Judy Dinmore, members of the Bath-Brunswick Branch, were pleased with the positive comments our AAUW initiative received at Bowdoin. It was fun to interact with the students and other members of the Bowdoin community.



Bowdoin students (both ‘16), Megan Freiberger and Lucy Knowlton, assist Sharon Merrill, Bath-Brunswick Branch member.

Equal Pay Day in Waterville

Betty-Jane Meader

The Waterville Branch made a profit of \$57.75 from donations and sales of approximately 100 Jen-gerbread cookies (to women for \$.79 and to men for \$1.00) at Shaw's in Waterville. More importantly, the tabling event and cookie sale made people aware of the gender pay gap! And Jen Olsen, the baker, joined AAUW that day!



Pat Lyford and Donna Sawyer are two of the ten Waterville Branch members who volunteered.

Equal Pay Day at SMCC – Midcoast Campus

Sharon Merrill

Bath-Brunswick members Sharon Merrill and Kristin Sweeney were at the L.L. Bean Learning Center at the Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) campus in Brunswick for a morning (8:30 – 10:30 a.m.) tabling event, which had limited attendance.

Sharon was invited to come back to a Diversity Fair at noon the next day, which continued to be an opportunity to give more students information about Equal Pay and AAUW. It was also an opportunity to talk more about the programs and work that AAUW does for young women. The Diversity Fair also attracted faculty and parents. I felt that the information was well received and that the women students, in particular, were interested to know about the AAUW organization and that its focus included women college students. It was a relaxed and enjoyable event.

Equal Pay Day at The University of Maine at Augusta

Kristin Sweeney

Joan Sanzenbacher, Waterville Branch, joined Kristin, Bath-Brunswick Branch, for a tabling event in the Fireplace Lounge in the Richard J. Randall Student Center after Kristin gave her noontime Lunch 'n' Learn presentation on the Gender Pay Gap.



Rose Pelletier (far left), C/U representative for University of Maine at Augusta, and Joan Sanzenbacher (second from right), Waterville Branch, assist in online Two-Minute Activist enrollment.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION INFORMATION

Kristin Sweeney

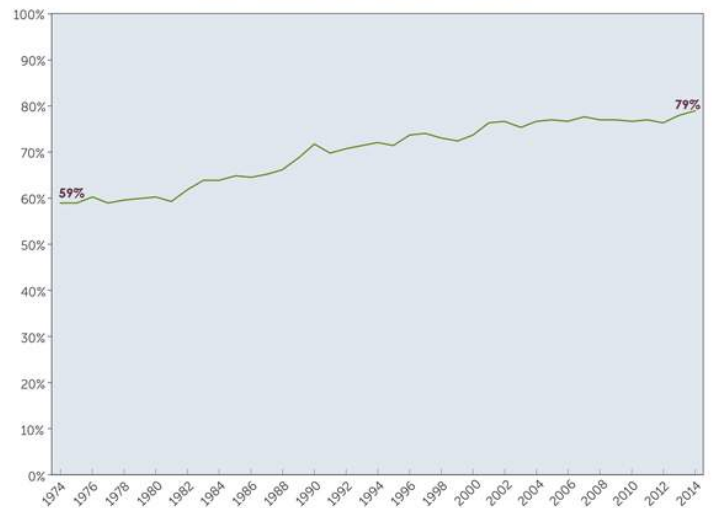
Per my telephone discussion with Rachael Iannoli, Maine Maritime Academy Convention Coordinator:

- **Check-in time** at the front desk of your residence hall is after 2 p.m.
- **Check-out time** is before 10 a.m.
- You can stay more than one night if you are so inclined.

See also the updated Convention Program at the end of this supplement. Note the Friday events and Saturday lunch, in particular.

Any additional program updates and bios of our speakers and panelists will be posted on the AAUW of Maine website (<http://aauw-me.aauw.net/state-convention/>).

Women's Median Annual Earnings as a Percentage of Men's Median Annual Earnings for Full-time, Year-round Workers, 1974–2014



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**AAUW of Maine State Convention
May 20-21, 2016
Maine Maritime Academy, Castine, ME
*STEM to Stern: Making Waves into the Future***

Friday, May 20

- All Day** **Optional self-guided walking tour** – copies of the Castine map will be available at the reception desk in Leavitt Hall
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** **Board Meeting** – Holmes Heritage Room, Alford Student Center, lower level
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.** **Optional tour of the Wilson Museum** (www.wilsonmuseum.org)
E-mail Kristin Sweeney (sweeneykg@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the tour.

No passes required for parking

Campus map: <http://mainemaritime.edu/about-mma/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2014/09/2015-Map-FINAL.pdf>
Parking map: <http://mainemaritime.edu/campus-safety/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2015/09/2015-Parking-Map.pdf>

**Alford Student Center
DINING ROOM**

- 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.** **Registration**
- 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.** **Welcome Reception**
- 6:15 – 8:00 p.m.** **Dinner** (Program will begin during dessert)
- 7:00 – 7:20 p.m.** Welcome and presentation of **Achievement Citation Award**
by Kristin Sweeney, President, AAUW of Maine
Introduction of awardee by Ruth Lockhart, Penobscot Valley Branch
- 7:20 – 7:40 p.m.** **Remarks by Abbie Strout,**
2016 Achievement Citation Award Winner
- 7:40 – 8:00 p.m.** Presentation of **Branch Members of the Year Awards**
by Kristin Sweeney

Saturday, May 21
Alfond Student Center
DINING ROOM

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.** **Registration**
- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.** **Breakfast and Business Meeting** (AAUW members only)
National AAUW Legacy Circle Team – Bets Brown
Elections
Voting on proposed bylaws changes
Voting on proposed dues increase

Alfond Student Center
1954 LECTURE HALL

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.** **National Update and AAUW STEM Initiatives**
Dot McLane, National Board of Directors and longtime leader of AAUW
- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.** **Recognizing our AAUW members in STEM careers**
Dora McCarthy, President-Elect, AAUW of Maine
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.** **Women in Fisheries**
Jocelyn Runnebaum, Ph.D. candidate, School of Marine Sciences,
University of Maine
- 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.** **Technology is Everywhere, but Where are the Women?**
Anne Applin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Southern
Maine Community College
- 11:45 – 12:45 p.m.** **Break and lunch** with STEM exploration students (**DINING ROOM**)
12:15 – 12:25 p.m. Introducing **Paige Brown**, Bangor High School ('16), winner of the 2016 First Place Medal of
Distinction for Global Good in the national Intel Science Talent Search
- 12:45 – 1:30 p.m.** **Outreach Education Opportunities in STEM**
Moderator: **Cathy Bevier**, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology at Colby College and
AAUW State Chair of STEM
Panelists: **Marie Beckum**, B.S., Summer Programs Director for the Maine School of
Science and Mathematics (MSSM)
 Jan Mokros, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, and **Veronica Young**,
STEM Guide at Blue Hill Teen Science Café, Maine Mathematics and Science
Alliance (MMSA)
 Kerry Whittaker, Ph.D., Visiting Professor of Marine Ecology at Bates College
and Marine Science faculty at Coastal Studies for Girls
- 1:30 – 1:45 p.m.** **Break**
- 1:45 – 2:15 p.m.** **Raffle**

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

The Future of STEM, Featuring Maine Young Women Engaged in STEM Careers

(attended by STEM exploration students)

Moderator: **Elizabeth True**, Ed.D., Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and Title IX Coordinator, Maine Maritime Academy

Panelists: **Rebecca Bell**, B.A., Biology, Research Assistant, Jackson Laboratory
Sadie Alley Ferreira, B.S., Power Engineering Technology, Sundog Solar
Sarah Frisk, B.A., Computer Science and English, Senior Software Developer at Vets First Choice
Angélique Harbert, B.S., M.B.A. and Systems Engineering Certificate, Senior Manager of Configuration Management, Propulsion Systems, Orbital ATK

3:15 p.m.

Closing remarks: Kristin Sweeney

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hosted by the Hancock County Branch!**

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