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January/February Branch Meeting

Linda Clement

Our January speaker, Bill Bushnell, is a professional book reviewer with more than 2100 book reviews published in 35 magazines and newspapers.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, California,



he served for twentyeight years as an officer in the United States Marine Corps, and began writing for professional military journals towards the end of that career.

After retiring from the Marine Corps in 1994, he became a full-time book reviewer, writing reviews for numerous publications like Library Journal, Maine Times, Brunswick Times Record, Civil War Magazine, Military History Magazine, Maine Sunday Telegram, and the Sun newspapers.

He reviews fiction and non-fiction, everything from history, biographies, historical fiction, westerns, and mysteries to children's books, science, nature, and current issues.

Presently, he writes regular review columns for three Maine newspapers (Kennebec

January Branch Meeting Guest Speaker: Bill Bushnell Monday, January 28, 11:30 a.m. Henry and Marty Restaurant 61 Maine Street Brunswick Luncheon \$20 Journal, Central Maine Morning Sentinel, and New Maine Times) and two national magazines (Publishers Weekly and Military Officer), publishing 100 reviews a year.

He is a long-time member of the National Book Critics Circle and the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance. He taught a class on book reviewing at the University of Southern Maine for eleven years, and now teaches that class for the MWPA.

He lives on Great Island in Harpswell, and still can't believe people actually pay him to read books and write about them.

January Luncheon

Charlotte Price

The annual AAUW luncheon, January 28, 2013 at 11:30 a.m., will be at Henry and Marty's Restaurant, Maine Street near Mason Street in downtown Brunswick. We have three menu choices (see menu on page 2 for detailed descriptions) and require that you make a reservation with Deborah Cravey as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday, January 23. Be sure to call (207) 373-1749 or email Deborah Cravey at gmcdbc18@comcast.net with your reservation and menu choice. She will acknowledge your call or email if you do not talk with her directly. The luncheon will cost \$20 and you will help our Treasurer, Sonia Lofgren, (and avoid a line at the restaurant) if you make out your check before you leave home. Checks should be made payable to AAUW of Bath-Brunswick

Please try to car pool with your friends or neighbors as parking is limited in that part of town.

Out to Lunch Bunch

Betty Fitzjarrald

A post Valentine treat for the Out To Lunch Bunch when we will meet at Scarlet Begonia's, Station Ave., Brunswick for lunch on Friday, February 15th, 11:30 a.m.

Please call or e-mail Betty Fitzjarrald 442-9780 or bfitz831@gmail.com if you plan to meet, greet and eat so that enough space will be reserved for the group.

Calendar

January 25	Knitting Group, Home of Debbie Schall, 1 p.m.
January 25	The Arts, Wynton Marsalis, Merrill Auditorium, 8 p.m.
January 28	Branch Meeting, Henry and Marty Restaurant, Brunswick, 11:30 a.m.
February 13	Book Group , Thornton Oaks Library, 2 p.m., Discussion of <i>Strength in What Remains</i> by Tracy Kidder, led by Betty Hartley
February 15	Out to Lunch Bunch, Scarlet Begonia's, Brunswick, 11:30 a.m.
February 19	Board Meeting, Thornton Hall Activity Room, 4 p.m.
March 9	Branch Meeting and Continental Breakfast, Thornton Oaks, 9 a.m.
March 13	Book Group, People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

Memory Study Update

Pat Forsyth

Remember Dr. Jennifer Coane's presentation on memory and false memory? Afterwards many of us took part in a memory study. Here are the results:

"We are writing to let you know about some of the results found in the memory study you were kind enough to participate in for us.

One focus of the study was on different types of memory abilities and how a delay affects those abilities. One of the tasks we asked you to do was to remember to mail us a postcard on a specified date. Different participants were given different amounts of time to wait before sending back the postcard. Some were asked to mail the card back after 1,2, or 5 days while others were asked to mail the card after 2 or 4 weeks. The different delays allowed us to determine how much the delay affects people's ability to remember to send the card (similar to remembering to mail a bill in on time). Our results showed that postcards were mailed back at a very high rate (about 85% overall) and this rate was above 90% for shorter delays with a slight decline after 5 days. This rate was high both for people who reported using memory aids and those who did not. A comparison group of college students showed lower mail back rates, indicating that older adults may be better at this task than younger adults.

We thank you again for your participation in our study and your contribution to knowledge in psychology. If you have any further questions about the study, please feel free to contact us."

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Henry and Marty Luncheon

Monday, January 28, 11:30 a.m.

Entree Selections

Bowl of Seafood Chowder with lobster, salmon, and scallops

Thin Crust Pizza Pesto, Gorgonzola, Kalamata olives, Parmesan, and fresh arugula

Crepes stuffed with Local Brussel Sprouts and Smoked Salmon Lemon-scented cream sauce, served with a demi-salad

> Dessert Warm Apple and Cranberry Cobbler with fresh local whipped cream

Moses Dyer Coffee or Twinings Tea

Art Show

Branch member Sandra Jeanne Barry is the January artist at Gallery Framing in Brunswick at 12 Pleasant Street, Brunswick.

Message to Members

Joanne Bollinger, Co-president and Debbie Schall, Newsletter Editor

Due to unforseen family situations and/or travels, your Message from the President column will not appear in this issue, but will return in March. Also, the newsletter, which is later than usual, will be abbreviated.

Our apologies, and we look forward to seeing you soon.