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March Branch Meeting

It is our pleasure to have one of our branch members speak at our March meeting. Elisabeth Doucett is Director of Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick, ME. Previously, she was the Assistant Director



of the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library in Wakefield, MA. Liz holds a MLS from Simmons College; an MBA in marketing from the J.L. Kellogg School of Management

at Northwestern University; and an undergraduate degree from Smith College in art history and classical Greek.

Prior to her library career, Liz specialized in consumer marketing, working at Kraft Foods, Dunkin' Donuts and Quaker Oats. She then consulted in the same field to multiple Fortune 500 companies. Before getting her MBA, Liz worked as a fundraiser in the development departments at Harvard and Boston University.

Liz is the author of *Creating Your Library Brand* published by the American Library Association (ALA) in 2008 and

What They Don't Teach You at Library School, published in 2010. She has done presentations on marketing and branding to many different library groups including the Massachusetts Library Association, the Ohionet library consortium and the Maine Public Library Directors' Institute.

Liz is sure that she has the best job in the world and loves going to work. Every day brings a new challenge and ensures that boredom is never a problem! She believes that libraries have a vital role in today's communities as focal points of community life, creativity, and learning.

Liz and her husband have three dogs (they rescue older dogs). To relax she loves to read (of course!), enjoying mysteries, thrillers, science fiction and history. She also recently started rug hooking and particularly enjoys the process of designing a rug and picking the colors to make it come alive.

Please plan to join us at Thornton Oaks for a lovely continental breakfast and socializing prior to Liz's talk. She will speak on *The Changing Face of Feminism - How women's perspective of equality has changed in the past 35 years...*

March Branch Meeting

Guest Speaker: Elisabeth Doucette

Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m.

Thornton Oaks

Merrymeeting Room

Brunswick

Continental Breakfast

Donation \$5

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

Editor's Note

Debbie Schall

While preparing this month's newsletter, I received an email from National that AAUW had just launched their new website and logo. I have added the new logo to our letterhead and am using the new AAUW signature colors of blue and green throughout the newsletter. Take a look at the new national site with its crisp, clean look at www.aauw.org.

Growstown School

Linda Clement

The Growstown School Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 12, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Anne Pierce, 59 Federal Street, Brunswick, to plan for the opening of the spring term. If you're interested in learning more about our one-room schoolhouse living history program, please plan to join us. We'd be delighted to see you!

Questions? Contact Linda Clement at 729-8563 or wdlhclem@gwi.net

Interest Groups

Out to Lunch Bunch

The OTLB will meet and greet at a new restaurant in Brunswick, which is receiving rave reviews from branch members.

On Friday, March 22nd, at 11:30 a.m. we will enjoy sampling fine, small plate selections, at TAO, 22 Pleasant Street, Brunswick. It is located next to the Brunswick Post Office and across the street from the library.

Please let Betty Fitzjarrald know if you will be joining the OTLB this month.

E-mail, bfitz831@gmail.com or call her at 442-9780

Knitting Group

March 15 will be the day the knitters gather at Debbie Schall's home, 251 Woodside Road, Brunswick at 1 p.m.

FMI - dmschall@comcast.net

Calendar

- March 9 **Branch Meeting and Continental Breakfast**, Thornton Oaks, 9 a.m.
- March 12 **Growstown School Committee**, Home of Anne Pierce, 3 p.m.
- March 13 **Book Group**, Thornton Oaks Library, 2 p.m., Discussion of *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks led by Charlotte Price
- March 15 **Knitting Group**, Home of Debbie Schall, 1 p.m.
- March 22 **Out to Lunch Bunch**, Tao Restaurant, 22 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, 11:30 a.m.
- March 26 **Board Meeting**, Thornton Oaks Activity Room, 4 p.m.
- April 10 **Book Group**, *Maine* by J. Courtney Sullivan
- April 17 **Branch Annual Meeting**, Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick, 7 p.m.
- June 9-12 **National AAUW Convention**, New Orleans

Mystery Members...

#1) "I grew up on a western Maine dairy farm that continues in operation and has been in the family for eight generations now. In 4-H and showing cattle at Maine fairs until college, I went to a two-room school through eighth grade. It was there I decided I wanted to be a teacher when I became the substitute teacher in the "little room" (k-3) as an eighth grader. I have always loved teaching. Currently I volunteer in Portland helping Central African asylum seekers to improve their English. I find that very rewarding. My husband passed away several years ago; I have two adult daughters."

#2) "I was first generation born in the Bronx in 1936 into a working class family, attending public schools. Afternoons I went to Secular Jewish school to learn Jewish culture and the language. I went on to NY Technical College. After graduating, I worked in the pathology department at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in NYC. For pleasure I participated in International Folk Dancing then met my future husband in 1958. I marched three times for Pro-Choice in Washington, DC."

#3 was expelled from kindergarten in Edinburgh, Scotland for refusing to wear part of the uniform: the black bloomers. She won a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for graduate work in Geneva, Switzerland, then taught freshman history at the Woman's College of UNC (now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro). She also served as a United Nations guide but her true claim to fame is that she appeared as a contestant on the 1950's TV show, Name That Tune, winning \$200!

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for the 2013-2014 year:

Co-Program VPs: Charlotte Price
Deborah Cravey
Membership VP: Betty Hartley
Treasurer: Martha McBride

Respectfully submitted: Frances Caswell,
Betsy Schmidt, Deidre Steiner, Joanne Bollinger (ex-officio)

Branch Meeting and Continental Breakfast

Charlotte Price

This year our Saturday morning breakfast meeting will be a Continental Breakfast. It will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Merrymeeting Room (previously multi-purpose room) at Thornton Oaks, 25 Thornton Way, with a delicious menu offered by Thornton Oaks Dining Services, including some of our perennial favorites: cinnamon rolls and chocolate dipped strawberries. The cost is \$5.00 per person and baskets will be available to leave your donation for the repast. It will be helpful if you bring small bills for that. We are very fortunate to have as our speaker Elisabeth Doucett, Director of the Curtis Memorial Library and our branch Historian. Her talk will begin at about 9:30. See notes elsewhere on the talk and the planned menu.

So that we have enough food, please email or telephone Joanne Bollinger, joannebollinger@yahoo.com or 725-6236 if you are planning to attend. Guests are welcome and should be included in the count.



Co-Presidents' Letter

Joanne Bollinger

Hello all,

Last month's letter was missing due to my mother's final illness and passing. I include this because she was an amazing woman, not only a long-time member of the Mid-Coast Branch of AAUW, but the inspiration for my love of reading as well as my model for living a moral life. I often need to remind myself that one of her important lessons was the value of humor in dealing with adversity.

Our luncheon meeting at Henry and Marty was very well-attended with excellent food and an enjoyable presentation by book reviewer, Bill Bushnell. Thanks to Linda Clement for engaging Bill and to Deborah Cravey for her gracious, careful attention to reservation duties.

I recently attended an AAUW State Board meeting, finally meeting the women whose names we see in the *Dawn Breaker*, our State Board newsletter. These are enthusiastic, talented women who carry AAUW's message and mission to our members statewide under Betty-Jane Meader's dynamic leadership as President; I was impressed. Plans were well underway for the State Convention, scheduled for April 26th-27th at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast, hosted by the Mid-Coast Branch. I plan to be there and hope many of you will also. Watch for details in the spring *Dawn Breaker*.

That brings me to the exciting news that four of our members will be going to the National Convention in New Orleans in June. There's still time to sign up if you want to be part of



this extraordinary, stimulating experience; find details on the AAUW national website: convention.aauw.org. If you go, Kristin Sweeney says that you can't miss the beignets at the original French Market on Decatur St.

Our gratitude must go to the Nominating Committee (Frances Caswell, Betsy Schmidt, and Deirdre Steiner) for their diligence and persuasive powers in coming up with a slate of officers for the positions opening on the Board. Of course, we're thrilled with their candidates -- look for the Committee's report elsewhere in this letter.

Lastly, to Liz Doucett, Branch member and Director of Curtis Memorial Library, for agreeing to speak at our March meeting when we lost our previously scheduled presenter: a huge thank you! I trust all will attend to support Liz -- you won't be sorry -- and indulge in the Continental Breakfast.

Identity of "Mystery Members" ...

#1--Betty Hartley

#2--Eileen Kleinkopf

#3--Marilyn Dwyer