



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN BRATTLEBORO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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DIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS 84th ANNUAL MEETING



Kenneth Williams, Ed.D.

Kenneth Williams, Ed.D., will bring a message of diversity to our 84th annual dinner meeting Tuesday, May 11.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a social time at the Putney Inn.

Dr. Williams teaches Social Identity, Organizational Behavior, and Practitioner Inquiry at the School for

International Living (S.I.T.) Graduate Institute. His interests include leadership theory and practice, issues of social identity, organizational behavior and the “learning organization,” small business development, and educational administration and restructuring.

He has taught and lived in the U.K., Bermuda, Bangladesh, Thailand, Bermuda, Jamaica, and the United States, as well as in Barbados, where he founded a number of small- and medium-sized enterprises. A consultant to NGOs in Bermuda, Thailand, the United States, and Barbados, Professor Williams is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the American Educational Research Association and the Academy of Human Resource Development.

He is a graduate of the University of The West Indies, Jamaica, earned a master of science degree from the London School Of Economics, and holds master’s and doctoral degrees in education from Columbia University.

HONOREE TO BE ANNOUNCED -- This year’s Educational Foundation honoree will be announced at the annual dinner.

THE MENU -- Entrée choices and cost will be e-mailed and snail mailed closer to the date. Reservations should be made by May 4 with Alice Carrier. Significant others and friends are welcome.

DUES DUE -- July 1 is the deadline for payment of dues (\$62, of which \$46 is tax deductible). Members are encouraged to bring their dues to the annual meeting. Otherwise, they should be sent to Jenifer Ambler.

SEMESTER AT SEA SCHOLAR: MY LIFE AFLOAT

Semester at Sea scholar and Brattleboro AAUW scholarship awardee Kelsey Field will share her adventures on the *MV Explorer* at the April 13 branch meeting.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Putney Public Library on Main Street in Putney.

Operated by the nonprofit Institute for Shipboard Education, Semester at Sea’s worldwide itineraries offer rigorous coursework coupled with field assignments, service learning in 8-12 international destinations, and the skills necessary to compete in today’s rapidly globalizing world. Credit earned is fully transferable by the University of Virginia.

Kelsey is a graduate of Brattleboro Union High School and received an AAUW scholarship in 2006. In 2009, she was awarded another AAUW scholarship specifically for her Semester at Sea. She is a student at Western New England College, with a major in international business and languages.

The Putney Library is located directly across from the Chittenden Bank. If the library parking lot is full, there are additional spaces in the bank parking lot. The library is on one level and is handicapped accessible.



MV Explorer



Kelsey Field plays field hockey for the WNEC Golden Bears

BOOK SALE UPDATE - See over.



THE STREAMLINED BOOK SALE

- Book Sale Co-Chairs: Vivian Prunier and Jenifer Ambler.
- Sale dates: Thursday, Aug. 5, through Saturday, Aug. 7.
- Set-up: Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 3 and 4.
- Location: Memorial Hall, Centre Congregational Church, Main Street, Brattleboro.
- Drop-off dates: Sunday afternoon, Aug. 1 and Tues., Aug. 3.
- Books will be priced as follows:
 - Mass market paperbacks 25 cents each
 - Hard covers and better paperbacks \$1 each
 - Children's books 25 cents each
 - Selective special books will be individually priced

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR:

- Books will be sorted by fiction and non-fiction, hardcovers, paperbacks. No alphabetizing.
- All sorting will take place August 3 and 4.
- Books will not be individually priced except for specials.
- Members will be asked to sort books at home (fiction, non-fiction, hardcover, paperback) before bringing them in.

HER PASSION WAS EDUCATION

We mourn the loss of our long-time member Nancy Chard, a woman of multiple accomplishments and an extraordinary dedication to education at the local and state levels.

A tribute consistent with her interests and passions will be determined by the board.

BREAKING BARRIERS

We're 90!

Vermont AAUW will celebrate its 90th birthday with a statewide meeting Sat., April 24 at St. Michael's College in Winooski.

Breaking Barriers for Women in Advocacy, Education and Research is the theme, with several special events, including a talk by New York *Times* columnist Gail Collins, author of *When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present*, and a panel on breaking barriers, looking forward 25 years. Linda Tozier, AAUW Director at Large, will lead a discussion on the latest AAUW report, *Why So Few? Women and Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*.

Look for more information and registration details (deadline April 14) in the Green Mountain newsletter. Let's carpool.

TID BITS

- We have applied for another Coffee Break fundraiser date at the Welcome Center in Guilford and have requested the dates of July 9, August 20 and September 24.
- Adelante book group meets at Vivian Prunier's Thursday, May 20 at 1:15 p.m. to discuss *Peony in Love* by Lisa See. Next book: *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers* by Lillian Faderman Thursday, June 17.

HEALTH CARE IN VERMONT: Where We Are, Where We Are Going
A community forum & panel discussion
Monday April 12 7 p.m.
Brattleboro Savings & Loan
Updates on the latest developments and prospects for the future.
Sponsored by the Southeastern Unit, League of Women Voters
Sponsored by Brattleboro AAUW, Council on Aging of Southeastern Vermont,
Vermont Workers' Center, and Brattleboro AARP.
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