



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

BRATTLEBORO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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

FALL 2010

COMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY GATHERING & SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, Dec. 5 2 - 4 p.m.

The Parlor of Centre Congregational Church
Main St., Brattleboro

Bring an item for the silent auction table. Something that will be useful to another as a seasonal decoration, holiday gift, edible goodie, etc.

SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH

Saturday, Jan. 8 10:30 a.m.

163 Oak Grove Ave., Brattleboro

Meet the recipients of this year's scholarship awards, those for whom you worked so hard on the Welcome Center fundraiser, Newfane yard sale and book sale. Learn why it's worth the hassle, hauling and heaving.

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Dr. Karen Gross, President of Southern Vermont College in Bennington, has agreed to be the speaker at our 85th annual meeting, Tuesday, May 10 at 6 p.m. at the Putney Inn.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

We raised the following at our three fundraisers this summer:

Book Sale - \$1,418.55

Welcome Center coffee stop - \$1,318.45

July 3 Newfane Yard Sale - \$307.05

Total: \$3,044.05

We will be able to award four scholarships next spring.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

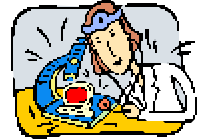
Former member Barbara Madden will celebrate her 90th birthday at a surprise party at Wake Robin November 27. Cards can be sent to Barbara c/o Bonnie Heslip, 521 Mt. Philo Rd., Charlotte, VT 05445 and will be presented to Barbara at the party. Anyone is welcome to attend.

WHY SO FEW? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

Tuesday, Nov. 9 7:30 p.m.
Windham Regional Career Center
80 Atwood St.

(behind Brattleboro Union H.S.)

Business meeting: 7 p.m.



How do social factors such as stereotypes, learning environments, and bias diminish girls' and women's achievements and interests in STEM fields? How can girls be encouraged to prepare for these satisfying, high-paying professions?

We will examine this question with three educators who are working with local high school girls to direct them on satisfying, self-sustaining and successful career paths.

- Diane Heileman is director of IT support and project manager at the Windham Regional Career Center at Brattleboro Union High School. She directs the Rosie's Girls program for 11- to 13-year-old girls.
- Amy Anthony is the Machine Design instructor and Project Lead the Way coordinator at the WRCC.
- Rhonda Winegarner is a guidance counselor at BUHS.

To prepare for the meeting, it is suggested you read the attached Executive Summary from the AAUW research report "Why So Few?" The full report is available online at www.aauw.org/learn/research/whysofew.cfm It's long, but you can pick and choose what interests you. Chapter 10 *Recommendations* is especially relevant to our discussion.

This meeting is open to the public and will be videotaped for later showing on local access television.

News from AAUW VERMONT - Bridges to College, Young Women's Stories

Based on the model of the successful Tutorial Center in Bennington (<http://tutoringvermont.org/>) and the national recognition it has received, the State of Vermont is thinking of setting up similar centers around the state.

The Vermont AAUW board at its October 23 meeting at Middlebury College decided to take on the project of finding out what programs exist in our communities to help women bridge to college.

(What programs exist in Windham County? Vermont Adult Learning? tutoring programs?)

Jenifer Ambler, Louise Luring and Mary Hawkes attended the meeting, where they heard from two Middlebury students who were awarded scholarships by AAUW Vermont to attend the National Conference of

College Women Student Leaders(NCCWSL) in Washington, D.C.

Kelly Suralik of Wisconsin is one of only two female chemistry majors. Tabasum Wolawat of Afghanistan, a women's studies and gender major, told a heartwarming story of her father's insistence that his daughters be educated. Both had high praise for the inspiration and skills they acquired at the conference.

As a result of their stories, the board decided to have a statewide luncheon meeting in early April to hear more such stories. This would replace the annual state meeting. Stay tuned for details.

These young women are what our AAUW work is all about.

¡Adiós!

We bid goodbye and thank you to our member Patricia de Naranjo as she and her husband head back to their former home in New Mexico. We wish them well and hope they'll stay in touch.

LOAVES AND FISHES BENEFIT

Jerry Levy in a performance of
Wallace Shawn's *The Fever*
Sunday, Dec. 12 Time and location to be announced.
In support of the hot meal site.

¡Forward!

The ¡Adelante! book group will meet Thursday, Nov. 18 at 1:15 p.m. at Florence Storey's to discuss *I'll Go and Do More: Annie Dodge Wauneka, Navajo Leader and Activist* by Carolyn Niethammer.

Next book: *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas D. Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn. Thursday, Dec. 15. Location TBA.

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Because equity is still an issue.

