

**AAUW Storrs/Willimantic**  
**April 1, 2009**  
**Regular Meeting**

**I. Welcome**

Lesley Kirschenbaum welcomed members and guests. She introduced Pamela Thompson, who introduced the speaker Stacie Taranto.

**II. Speakers AAUW Educational Foundation Fellowship Recipient, Stacie Taranto**

Pamela Thompson said the Educational Foundation gives a scholarship to women pursuing higher education. Stacie Taranto is a PHD student at Brown University. She is getting a degree in Women's Political History. She said that the first Women Historians are retiring. Fewer universities are hiring replacements. Her topic is Debating Family Values in Women in Politics, and the extent to which there is a reaction to the Modern Women's Movement. She combined archival with oral research.

**III. Dinner-Intro guests**

**IV. Election-Treasurer and Membership VP Co-Chairs**

Sally Madeiros agreed to a second term as Treasurer. Kay McNabb and Ann Lojzim agreed to continue as Membership VP Co-Chairs. Lesley Kirschenbaum opened the floor for nominations. Denise Bachand made a motion that the slate of officers be accepted as presented. Seconded by Loretta Wrobel. Motion passed unanimous.

**V. Announcements**

**a. Volunteers for Program Committee**

Lesley said if anyone interested let her know.

**b. QVCC to Nominate Students for NCCWSL**

Two scholarships have been offered to students at QVCC to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders in June 2009. The women need to give a brief statement of intention and have to have at least 30 credits and plan to continue in the Fall.

**c. Looking for Members to manage Website in September**

Lesley needs someone to do the website. Francine Hodovan will do the website.

**d. US to fund UNFPA (\$50 million)**

For several years, since Clinton, this was not funded.

**e. LAF-Karin Randolph**

Karin Randolph asked each member to consider donating to the Legal Advocacy Fund. She said the goal is at least \$5.00 per member. LAF is branching out to help women, who are discriminated against in the work place. In the past, most cases were in the Educational field. If anyone wants more information, the website is

AAUW.org/LAF. **f. Let Lesley know if you would like to receive Equity in the News**

**g. Check Washington Updates**

Lesley said there is funding available for campus outreach programs in the community. Forms can be filled out online. Lesley said that Marie Curie received \$150,000 from AAUW members. Lesley said the Give a Grad a Gift Program is online. A one year free membership is offered from National. The form can be filled out online.

**h. Other**

Lesley said that Ann Chute sponsors Artists in the Country Event in the Spring on Sundays. It is held on her property in Woodstock, Ct. Money raised benefits autistic children. March was Women's History month. The Secretary General of the United Nations plans to run a campaign to stop violence against women. He encouraged people to unite on International Women's Day.

Pamela Thompson did the drawing to raise money for the Book Award. She raised \$43. 30. The winners were Mollie Irouak, Shelia Siegal, Sue Harkness , Sally Madeiros and Amy Barlow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty G. Urban

Dates to Remember:

**April 2** Spanish Harlem Orchestra-ECSU Shafer Auditorium 7p;m

**April 13** Movie 7pm "It Was a Beautiful Life" See Lesley for more information

**April 24-25** State AAUW conference in Danbury. Leslie and Sue Harkness will attend.

**April 28** Equal Pay Day

**May 6** Branch Meeting: Reaching out to Women on College Campuses-Speaker Kathleen Holgerson, Director of Women's Center at UCONN and Raja Staggers-Hakim, Coordinator of Women's Programming at ECSU.

**May 8** Women's and Girls Fund breakfast-grants to be awarded

**May 11** Next Board Meeting at Karin Randolph's house. Everyone welcome.

Contact Lesley

**June 3** Potluck and Plant Auction at Del Anne Carey's home in South Windham to benefit the AAUW Educational Foundation

**Sept 26** Book Author Event at Pamela Thompson's house