

Hi all,

We're back for our 7th year, and we're starting out with an outdoor picnic for all (welcome to bring family or friends) at Beavertail over in Jamestown @ 5 pm, Tuesday September 3rd. Charlestown chapter members are also welcome. This is being planned as a FUN event, with no particular agenda.....continuing, always our work for gender equality. Let's share what we've been up to this summer or aspirations for the fall/winter. We will gather on the far side of the circle (after passing by the lighthouse-) and you will see us gathered on the lawn. Bring a chair, if you care to sit, and anything you'd care to eat and share with others. The sun will start to go down by around 7, getting chillier, so, come early and dress warm.

We know we can find the particulars of grantees at our www.togetherwomenrise.org website. For September, we have Mind Leaps, in Mauritania, Uganda, and Moving the Goalposts Kilifi in Kenya, both receiving \$50,000 grants to support gender equality in their home countries. With all members' donations, we are able to make such contributions - which are proving effective, but the task is HUGE! I'm proud to say our Peacedale chapter has donated a total of over \$61,000 through the years.

Our RISE book club will be meeting Thursday, Sept 12 @ 8 pm, discussing "Last to Eat, Last to Learn: My Life in Afghanistan Fighting to Educate Women", with the author, Pashtana Durrani. You must register on our web page to participate - well worth your while.

Hope to see you there. If there is someone new, you think may be interested, bring them along.

Sincerely,

Gail Burchard - Chapter leader for Peacedale