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## North Shore Area Branch Annual Dinner

by Liz and Yvette

It's June! Time for our favorite event of the year: our Annual Branch Dinner. We will again convene at the historic Hawthorne Hotel in Salem on Thursday night, June 12 at 6pm.

Our very own branch member, Inga Schowengerdt, PhD, will be our speaker at the annual dinner!!! She will be talking to us about the link between her research *A comparative study of girls recruited from single-sex extracurricular math and engineering programs and boys and girls recruited from high schools: Implications for using extracurriculars to close the STEM gender gap* and a new AAUW report coming out this summer on women in computer science/IT and engineering, titled "Moving the needle." She will discuss her data through the lens of its implications for girls' interest in these domains and how participation and persistence in them might be encouraged. Be there! We look forward to seeing you.

Our dinner choices include:

*Garden Green Salad, Raspberry Vinaigrette Fresh Rolls with Butter*

( ) *Baked Scrod with Corn Bread Crumbs and Lemon Herb*

*Butter*

( ) *Grilled Breast of Chicken, Cranberry Wine Glaze*

*Chef's Seasonal Vegetable and Potato*

*Homemade Warm Apple Crisp with Whipped Cream*

*Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea and Milk (vegetarian meal available upon request)*

Please indicate your choice of entrée when responding to Mary Ann. Cost is **\$25** per person. Please RSVP to Mary Ann Walsh, mawalsh28@verizon.net and send your check made out to AAUW NSAB to Mary Ann at 27 Catherine Drive, Peabody, MA 01960 by June 6.

Pay your dues in full by June 12 and attend the dinner for a chance to be entered into a drawing for a special AAUW gift basket. We look forward to seeing you there!



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## Message from the Presidents

Hello North Shore AAUW,

Happy Spring! We've had an excellent year so far with exciting and intriguing AAUW events. In March, a few of us were able to attend the AAUW Massachusetts state meeting at Cape Cod Community College titled, "**Access to Success: Women in Community Colleges.**" We were educated and informed on the challenges today's women face while trying to pursue a higher education. We heard from various experts who spoke from experience and shared their young motherhood stories and later obtained a higher education – against all odds. Our speakers included professors, an AAUW fellow, a State Representative, AAUW national employees, our very own Patricia Ho as the AAUW national president elect, Navajo and Wampanoag Tribe leaders and educators, the Cape Cod Community College Director of Public Safety and more. It was an inspiring and truly informative conference to learn about the evolving needs and challenges women of today's day and age are up against. They need our support more than ever.



**This May and June, we have 3 opportunities for you to get involved.** On Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 11AM-1PM, branch members have been invited to attend the Open House for Keys to Degrees at Endicott College. This program is for single mothers who are looking to obtain a Bachelor's Degree. Please see separate invite on following page with more details. This is your chance to support and encourage young women to pursue their goals, simply by your attendance. I (Yvette) will be there with my two little ones and I hope you will be too. Please rsvp to me by May 25, 2014 at [yvilla78@hotmail.com](mailto:yvilla78@hotmail.com) or call me at 617-272-0157 if you have any questions.

Coffee with the Author: Hank Phillip Ryan June 7<sup>th</sup> 10AM-noon at the Georgetown Peabody Library on Maple St. See following page for more details on how to make reservations.

North Shore Area Branch Annual Dinner, Thursday, June 12 at 6PM at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, MA. One of our newest members, Dr. Inga Schowengerdt, will share with us her experience and research of psychology and gender equity issues. One of her publications is titled "Stepping beyond high school mathematics: A case study of high school women." Join us for this exciting presentation and social event! To reserve your seat, send a \$25 check to Mary Ann at 27 Catherine Drive, Peabody, MA, 01960.

Best,

Yvette Villa-Barry and Liz Fragola

Co-Presidents

## 2014 AAUW-MA State Conference and Annual Meeting

Our 2014 AAUW-MA Annual Meeting was held at the lovely home of Cape Cod Branch president, Marsha Fredricks. We enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner and the easy ambiance of gathering with fellow AAUW members from across the state. The opportunity to socialize was welcomed by all. The Annual Meeting was a bit truncated by dinner but the basic items were presented and discussed. Most importantly our incoming state co-presidents, Margaret Chalupowski and Ruth Ladd (Bed-Lex Branch), were installed by our national president, Patricia Ho. Several state issues were ones that all members should be aware: the Attleboro Branch is finalizing its disbandment, our current administrative coordinator, Tamara Gaydos is resigning her position effective June 30. The finance chair, Robin DeMott gave her report. The state finances are in good order. Liz reported on College/University Relations, citing the need for a state-wide committee to work on expanding our college connections.

The incoming state board is as follows: Margaret Chalupowski and Ruth Ladd, co-Presidents, Robin DeMott, Finance Chair, Lynne O'Brien, AAUW Funds Chair, Karen Bragaw, Board Member-at-Large. There are openings for Membership Chair, C/U Relations Chair, Board Member at Large, and Administrative Coordinator. The AC position has been a part-time paid position. If you have an interest in any of the above openings, please contact Margaret, [mdphjd@gmail.com](mailto:mdphjd@gmail.com), or Ruth [wetlandmom@aol.com](mailto:wetlandmom@aol.com).



## Keys to Degrees

### AN INVITATION TO AAUW MEMBERS

On Saturday May 31st a group of young single parents from throughout New England will be visiting the Endicott College campus as part of the Keys to Degrees annual summer retreat. This is an opportunity for them to learn more about programs throughout New England that are supportive of students with children and to convey the message that college is a possibility for them.

Unfortunately, many young single-parents have been told that because of their child college is not in the cards, or that college aspirations must come after getting a job in order to support their child. This leaves young single-parents without the education and training that they need in order to move into living wage careers rather than low-wage jobs.

During the Keys to Degrees retreat we will have a series of speakers, tour the Keys to Degrees program at Endicott College, and share information with young parents about the college process.

Speakers will including a panel of current single-parents in the Keys to Degrees program, Dr. Autumn Green, director of the Center for Residential Student Parent Programs and Keys to Degrees National Program (and AAUW alumna), as well as Stephanie Everett, esq. Dr. Annalyssa Gypsy Murphy, and Dr. Kristin Hutton-Fey. Both Ms. Everett and Dr. Murphy are career professionals who were single-parents in college. Dr. Hutton-Fey is a parent educator and Director of Integrated Preschools for the Peabody Public School District.

As we share in the mission of expanding college opportunity to young single parents (the vast majority of whom are women), we welcome interested AAUW members to attend in order to learn more about the Keys to Degrees program and to see our work in action.

AAUW MEMBERS: email Yvette at [yvilla78@hotmail.com](mailto:yvilla78@hotmail.com) if you would like to attend by May 20, 2014. Feel free to call her with questions at 617-272-0157. Please attend to support these young women and offer your encouraging words. Flyer is on the next page.

Our branch member, Nancy Moore, suffered a stroke several weeks ago. She is recovering at Brooksby Village where she resides. A plant and our best wishes for her recovery have been sent to her from all of us. Please send her a get well card if you can at: 303 Brooksby Village Drive #321, Peabody, MA 01960. Nancy is making progress and we hope she will soon be fully recovered. We're all thinking of you, Nancy!



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THE NINTH ANNUAL

# KEYS RETREAT

for single parents (ages 16–24) and their children\*

SATURDAY

## MAY 31, 2014

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
on the Endicott College Campus

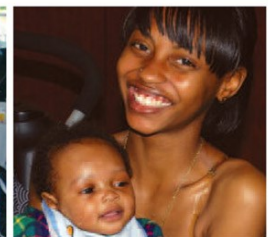
LUNCH, CHILD CARE &  
CLOSING BBQ PROVIDED



Join staff members and students in our Keys to Degrees program and meet other single parents. Tour the Endicott campus and explore educational opportunities. Enjoy presentations by financial and parenting experts. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Annalysa Gypsy Murphy – Take Your Kids to College -GED to Ph.D.

**THE RETREAT IS FREE BUT REQUIRES A RESERVATION BY MAY 21.**

\*Limit one child per parent.



Kindly RSVP by May 21 to Pam Miles, Director of the Keys to Degrees Program, [pmiles@endicott.edu](mailto:pmiles@endicott.edu) or 978-232-2011.

## Pay Your 2014-15 AAUW Dues Now

Now is the time to renew your membership to the North Shore Area Branch AAUW for the 2014-15 year. The dues *have not been raised* in at least six years. The total to be remitted is **\$74**, to continue all your services and publications from the organization.

The dues are comprised of three components. The national dues are \$49, state \$15, and branch \$10. Please bring your check for **\$74** to the Branch Annual Dinner and Meeting on June 12, made payable to **North Shore Area Branch AAUW**. If you are unable to attend the dinner, please mail your check to Branch Finance Chair, Mary Ann Walsh, 27 Catherine Drive, Peabody, MA 01960.

All of the dues income and accompanying membership reports will be remitted to national and state AAUW before the end of June. Be sure to be included, for another mission oriented year with our forward moving, action based organization.

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## Coffee with the Author: Hank Phillipi Ryan

The Friends of the Georgetown Peabody Library and the North Shore and Newburyport Branches, American Association of University Women (AAUW) invite you to join them for “Coffee with the Author”, featuring mystery writer and investigative reporter Hank Phillipi Ryan, on Saturday, June 7th, from 10:00 am - noon, at the Georgetown Peabody Library on Maple Street.

Reservations are \$15. There will be discussion, Q&A, and book signing, as well as the author’s latest book will be for sale. Complimentary coffee, tea, and pastries will be served.

Hank Phillipi Ryan is the on-air investigative reporter for Boston’s NBC affiliate. She has won 30 EMMYs, 12 Edward R. Murrow awards and dozens of other honors for her ground-breaking journalism. A bestselling author of six mystery novels, Ryan has won multiple prestigious awards for her crime fiction: the Agatha, Anthony, Macavity, and most recently, the coveted Mary Higgins Clark Award. National reviews have called her a “master at crafting suspenseful mysteries” and “a superb and gifted storyteller.” Her newest thriller, *The Wrong Girl*, is a Boston Globe bestseller and was dubbed “Another winner” in a Booklist starred review. She’s on the national board of Mystery Writers of America and 2013 president of national Sisters in Crime. Visit her online at [HankPhillippiRyan.com](http://HankPhillippiRyan.com), on Twitter [@hank\\_phillippi](https://twitter.com/hank_phillippi) and Facebook at [HankPhillippiRyanAuthorPage](https://www.facebook.com/HankPhillippiRyanAuthorPage).

Proceeds from the event benefit the Friends of the Georgetown Peabody Library and the local branches, of the AAUW. Funds raised by the Friends support library children’s programs, the museum pass program, and the purchase of books and other resources for the library. The North Shore Area and Newburyport Branches of AAUW use its funds to provide fellowships to women from around the world for higher education, via the Educational Foundation of AAUW.

To make a reservation for you and your friends, send a check to Mary Ann, 27 Catherine Drive, Peabody, MA 01960. [mawalsh28@verizon.net](mailto:mawalsh28@verizon.net) or 978-535-5680.

## AAUW Mission and Action, May 2014

### AAUW News

#### Tour Marie Curie's Hometown with AAUW

We all revere Marie Curie. And now you can [tour Poland, November 1–9](#) (with an optional extension to Paris), to learn more about her life and work. Tour Warsaw, her birthplace; meet with fascinating women's organizations; and leave with a deeper appreciation for how Polish women contributed to the women's movement. Contact [Professionals Abroad](#) or call 877.298.9677 today to learn more.

#### AAUW Gives Input to White House Committee on STEM Education

AAUW advised the Committee on STEM Education on its [five-year strategic plan](#). Federal agency leaders heard AAUW's input on how Title IX enforcement can help improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and ensure gender equity in STEM. AAUW's [research](#) continues to drive national conversation on the topic.

#### White House Issues Report on Campus Sexual Assault

[Several AAUW priorities](#) were included in the Obama administration's April [report](#) on campus sexual assault. The administration created a [website](#) to compile resources and enforcement tools, and the report required the U.S. Department of Education to develop a list of Title IX coordinators, issued [guidance](#) to answer schools' questions about Title IX, and encouraged increased use of student surveys. [Share AAUW's takeaways](#) from the report, and watch for programming opportunities this fall.

#### What Determines Failure or Success for Student Parents?

Child care on campus! AAUW's 2013 report *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success* shows just how critical on-campus child care is to the nearly 1 million mothers currently enrolled in community colleges. See how your state [stacks up](#), and [share the report](#) with your local administrators.

### TAKE ACTION

#### Attend the white House Summit on Working Families

The White House needs to hear from you! On June 23, President Barack Obama will convene the [White House Summit on Working Families](#) to discuss modernizing workplace policies. In a proactive attempt to gather a range of perspectives, White House administrators will host smaller events in a city near you. AAUW members have been [visible](#) at the local events, and we want to see you at the next one. [Learn more](#)

#### Help Enforce Title IX

Don't miss out on this chance to [take action](#) on Title IX. An AAUW-led coalition hosted a webinar in April with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. The webinar answered important questions about how education professionals should implement new guidance on discipline and its relationship to Title IX enforcement. [Watch the webinar now](#)

#### Are you a Title IX Champion?

Whether you've promoted awareness, supported women's athletics, or investigated compliance, your Title IX efforts set a great example for your community. Send a summary and a picture of your Title IX event to [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org), and you'll receive a Title IX Champion award to display on your branch's website. Your story will also be featured [on the AAUW website](#). Nominate a champion today!

### AAUW ON CAMPUS

#### New AAUW Tool Kit for fighting Campus Sexual Assault

Do you want to help end sexual assault on your college campus? Take a look at our newly revamped [Campus Sexual Assault Tool Kit](#), a set of resources for students, faculty, staff, and advocates to raise awareness, take action, and find important information. If you use one of our resources, let us know at [coll@univ@aauw.org](mailto:coll@univ@aauw.org) so that we can highlight the great work you are doing.



<http://aauw-ma.aauw.net/branches/north-shore/>

*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research."*

*AAUW is open to all graduates who hold the associate's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.*

## Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 31, 9:30 am 4:00 pm - Keys to Degrees  
@ Endicott College

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am–12:00 pm - Coffee with the  
Author: Hank Phillip Ryan @ Georgetown Peabody  
Library

Thursday, June 12 at 6:00 pm -North Shore Area Branch  
Annual Dinner @ Hawthorne Hotel in Salem

## NCCWSL

We have awarded our NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) scholarships to two Merrimack College students, Tia Roy and Lauren McCarthy. We had only 5 applicants this year, which was a bit disappointing. We will get an earlier start next year. These two young women are excited about attending. Tia attended our Human Trafficking Conference at Endicott College 3 years ago and was inspired by the women leaders who spoke there. What we do can have unanticipated impacts.

## Equal Pay Day

Congratulations to Katie Donovan who appeared on Greater Boston last night along with a professor from Simmons College. They were interviewed by Emily Rooney. Katie did an outstanding job. So sorry we didn't know soon enough to notify everyone. Carole Rein and Liz attended the Equal Pay Day Event at the State House. While attendance could have been better, the speakers were outstanding especially Evelyn Murphy, who seems to find something new to say about the wage gap with intelligence and conviction. We also heard from Ruth Balsler, Victoria Budzman, 2 other women reps whose names are escaping me, and, by the way, Governor Patrick and Speaker DeLeo, who announced the passage of new, very tough laws regarding domestic violence. There were standing ovations all around.

## State Conference on Women in Community Colleges

Our state conference on women in community colleges was full of information that gave all of us a new respect and understanding of and for the students and the professors and staff at community colleges. Yvonne Meyer, chief of security at CCCC was truly impressive as was Autumn Green from Endicott's Keys to Degrees Program. We hope to be working with Autumn in the near future.