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## Special points of interest:

- Silent Auction to support EF
- Spread the word about AAUW new research
- State Conference was a success

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## Coffee with Author Stephen Puleo

Stephen Puleo will be the presenter at our fall author's event, to be held on **Saturday, November 19, 10 AM, at Georgetown Peabody Library**, on Park Street. He will speak about his newest book, "A City so Grand, We will partner with the Friends of the Georgetown Peabody Library, a very rewarding and successful partnership.

Stephen is an author, historian, university teacher, and communications professional. Stephen delighted a "standing room only" crowd at one of our recent author's events when he spoke about his book, "The Boston Italians". We are thrilled to have him for a return engagement.

Refreshments will be served, consisting of home baked goods, coffee, tea, juices and bottled water. Cost of attending is **twelve dollars a person**. Reservations can be made with Mary Ann Walsh by sending a check to her at 27 Catherine Drive, Peabody MA 01960. 978-535-5680. Invite your family and friends. They won't be disappointed.

AAUW's share of the profit will be awarded to a local college student to attend the association's annual National Conference of College Women Student Leaders.

A City So Grand, The Rise of an American Metropolis Boston 1850 - 1900. The second half of the nineteenth century is quite

simply a breathtaking period in Boston's history. Boston distinguished itself between 1850 and 1900 by proving it could tackle and overcome the most arduous of challenges and obstacles with repeated, and often resounding success.

A City So Grand chronicles this breathtaking period in Boston's history for the first time. Readers will experience the abolitionist movement of the 1850s, the 35-year engineering and city-planning feat of the Back Bay project, the arrival of the Irish that transformed Boston demographically, the Great Fire of 1872 and the subsequent rebuilding of downtown, Alexander Graham Bell's invention of the telephone in Boston, and the many contributions Boston made to shaping transportation, including the Great Railroad Jubilee of 1851 and the grand opening of America's first subway.

These stories and many more paint an extraordinary portrait of a half-century of progress, leadership, and influence that redefined Boston as a world-class city.

**Submitted by Chair, Pat Gorton, 978-352-8931 President, Newburyport Area Branch, AAUW Funds Chair, North Shore Branch Chair, Merrimack Valley Satellite**

## Holiday Lunch and Silent Auction

NSAB's December Luncheon and Silent Auction, to benefit AAUW's Educational Foundation will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Rowley Public Library at 11 a.m.

Members and guest are reminded to bring suitable silent auction items that will raise support for the Educational Foundation. Select your donated items to provide maximum support for EF.

We will have lunch at 11:45 a.m., then hear from an AAUW fellow before we browse and bid on the auction items. Baked goods and food may be donated as auction items.

Nelly Wadsworth (978-825-0779) [nwadsworth@salemstate.edu](mailto:nwadsworth@salemstate.edu) and Scottie Robinson (978-768-1183) [rob-son@verizon.net](mailto:rob-son@verizon.net) are hosting the event

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## Message from the President

*By Linda Britt, President-NSAB Branch*

It is so gratifying to see that our branch is increasing in membership. We currently have 37 members. To our newest members welcome to AAUW North Shore. We are a small group but a dynamic one. To our not so new members please seek out our newest members and welcome them to the group.

Our first opportunity to be together is our fall book and author event on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Georgetown Library. Our author is Stephen Puleo, who is an interesting speaker. This will be his third visit to our event and he will be discussing his latest book.

Our second opportunity to gather is on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Rowley Library for our annual holiday luncheon and to hear from an AAUW fellow studying in Massachusetts. Our fellows are always amazing women, who are doing exciting research.

Currently we do not have programs set for the months of January and February. We are looking to all of you for suggestions as to what you would like to do. Please make suggestions. We hope to make the second half of our year as interesting as the first half.

And a very big thank you to all the branch members who helped out with the recent state fall conference

at Endicott College. It was a very big success and I know our state president, Liz Fragola and her amazing team of state board members worked very hard to make it interesting and a success.

**Newsletter Deadline:**

**December 28, 2011**

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**comments to:**

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## State Conference on Human Trafficking

*By Tamara Gaydos*

On a wild and windy Saturday in October, over 100 men and women met at the beautiful Wylie Conference Center at Endicott College, to learn more about human trafficking and what we can do about it. After introductions by Liz Fragola, President, AAUW-MA, Dr. Richard E. Wylie, President, Endicott College, and Patricia Ho, Vice President, AAUW, we received an overview

of human trafficking from Christina Bain, the director of the Program on Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. She was followed by keynote speaker Cherie Jimenez, Founder and Director of Kim's Project and survivor of sex trafficking who shared with us first-hand knowledge of prostitution and the sex trade in the Boston area.

We then moved to Tupper Hall with its fabulous views of the harbor. After a delicious buffet lunch, Kerry Healey, Former Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, spoke to us about her work in Afghanistan with the U.S. State Department's Public-Private Partnership for Justice Reform in Afghanistan. The goal is to get America's legal community involved in rebuilding Afghanistan's justice

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and hope you will join us. Don't forget to bring your checkbook. Reservations must be made with Mary Ann Walsh by December 8<sup>th</sup>. Payment for lunch, \$15, may be made the day of the event.

The Rowley Public Library is located at 141 Main Street, Rowley, MA (978-948-2850). From Route 95, take exit 54 toward Rowley. This is Route 133 East. At the intersection with Route 1A, turn left onto

1A North. The library is approximately ½ mile on the right.

This is a great time to re-gift items or clean out things. It is also one of our best chances to socialize and to have some much needed fun during the holiday season. Use your imagination in choosing gift items to place on the auction tables."

### Welcome to our New Members:

Cheryl Mezack, Beverly, MA

Kim Ruegger, Salem, MA

Joan McBeth, Ipswich, MA

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system. When asked how we can help, she advised us to keep up our work promoting education for women and girls, both here and abroad.

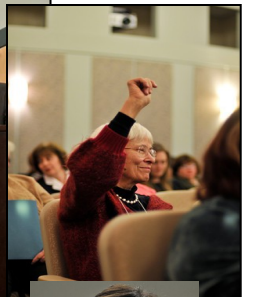
After lunch, Carol Copeland Thomas moderated a panel of distinguished experts. We heard from Elizabeth Malia, Massachusetts Representative, Eleventh Suffolk District; Suzanne Sullivan, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Massachusetts; Liam Lowney, Chief of Victim Witness Services, Office of Attorney General of Massachusetts; Marisa A. DeFranco, Immigration Attorney; and Pi Heseltine, Sergeant, Massachusetts State Police, Trafficking Unit.

The last part of the day we broke into smaller groups to learn more about three local and nationally renowned organizations committed to assisting victims of human trafficking: All Hands In which is committed to making a difference in our community by providing educational

awareness and events on the issue of human trafficking in addition to seeking opportunities to assist victims of Human Trafficking; Kim's Project, a program that offers services to women impacted by the sex trade and street economies; and Not for Sale which equips and mobilizes smart activists to deploy innovative solutions to re-abolish slavery in their own backyards and across the globe. Contact information for these speakers and groups can be found on the AAUW Massachusetts website <http://aauw-ma.org>.

The conference was a big success. It was great to see people from different organizations and groups exchanging ideas and working on common goals to address the problem of human trafficking in the United States.

Pictures of the State conference on the right and below of this article.



## Help AAUW spread the word about our latest research report!

*Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*, AAUW's new research report on sexual harassment in middle and high schools, which was released online today, has gotten significant media attention from a number of outlets including the Associated Press and the *New York Times*. This report — the first of its kind in 10 years — provides valuable information for all of us who are concerned about the next generation.

Parents, teachers, administrators, policy makers, and, most of all, students need this report to shed light on the issue of sexual harassment in schools. AAUW is ready to amplify the conversation and give people the facts and best practices they need to work toward a

solution. But we need your help.

We need members to get involved in the discussion while also taking advantage of this opportunity to show their local community what AAUW is all about. This report is an outstanding chance to work with your local PTA, school district, Girl or Boy Scout troop, YWCA, and YMCA. Contact a nearby school to find out if there is a Title IX coordinator and if that person's name is publicized. Ask how many sexual harassment complaints have been filed recently and share a copy of the report. Hard copies are available from ShopAAUW, or you can print the PDF version.

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

**AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

**AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

**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.

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By November 15, we'll post a PowerPoint presentation to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). It comes with a script and has everything you need to make presentations to your members and local leaders. Look for it in the [research section](#) of our website.

Below are the details of what AAUW is doing as part of our *Crossing the Line* release. Pick one, two, or all of these opportunities and get involved!

### Media

It's hard to have a national conversation about anything without using media. That's why it's our first level of outreach. AAUW has already received some amazing [media coverage](#) today, but we need your help to keep the conversation going. From social media to local journalism outlets, help take advantage of your networks to spread the word about *Crossing the Line*.

Blogs — Our blog, [AAUW Dialog](#), will feature posts about sexual harassment in grades 7–12 this entire week. Do something similar with your branch's blog, on a personal blog, or visit Dialog and share your perspectives in the comments.

Twitter — Are you on Twitter? Tweet about the report! You can help us spread the word. Use [@AAUW](#) and the hashtag [#sexualharassment](#) in your tweets and follow [@AAUWResearch](#) for the latest information.

PSAs — We will be releasing a public service announcement about

*Crossing the Line* and sexual harassment later in the month. Contact [media@aauw.org](mailto:media@aauw.org) for tips on how to encourage stations in your market to air the PSA.

Traditional media — Send a letter to the editor about this topic. Let us know if it gets published by e-mailing [media@aauw.org](mailto:media@aauw.org). Send the [press release](#) to your local radio station, newspaper, and other local media outlets.

### Events

Launch — AAUW will kick off the release of our report on November 15 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. We'll be tweeting the event live, so follow (and retweet!) [@AAUW](#) [Research](#) and [@AAUW](#) on Twitter for a virtual experience of the big event. Video from the event, which you can share with friends, will be posted to [our YouTube channel](#).

Cocktails and Convos — On November 15, hold your own Cocktails and Convos at a local watering hole to gather nonmembers and have an informal discussion about the report. Check out our [Program in a Box](#) (PIAB) for a step-by-step guide to hosting this event in your town.

If there are reports of sexual harassment in your area, host a Re: Action discussion to allow members and citizens in your area to continue the conversation regarding the cases in the news. A [Re: Action PIAB](#) is available for your use.