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Special points of interest:

- Support the scholarship to send a student to NCCWSL conference by joining the Coffee with Author Puleo
- Support Patricia Ho for her candidacy as AAUW National President
- Recommend a student for the NCCWSL conference
- Interested in Leadership position? NSAB needs you.

Newsletter

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Coffee with Stephen Puleo, "The Caning"

By Pat Gorton

AAUW Members and friends are invited to "Coffee with Stephen Puleo", on Saturday, March 9, 2013, 10 AM at the Georgetown Peabody Library. Our share of the profit from this event will be used for the scholarship we give to a student from a local college to attend AAUW's "National Conference of College Women Student Leaders". The recipient rewards us by giving a presentation at a future branch meeting. Refreshments will be served, at the Coffee, including homemade baked goods, coffee, tea, and juice.

The cost is \$12.00, per person or 2 attendees for \$20.00! Bring a friend! The function room at the library holds 80. Mary Ann Walsh will handle the reservations for AAUW.

Checks should be made out to AAUW and sent to Mary Ann at 27 Catherine Drive, Peabody MA 01960.

Again, we will partner with the Friends of the Georgetown Peabody Library, as we have successfully done for several years. We have enjoyed three previous presentations from Stephen Puleo, including talks on "The Boston Italians, a story of Pride, Perseverance, and Paesani, from the years of the Great Immigration to the Present"; "Dark Tide, The Great Molasses Flood of 1919"; and "A City So Grand, the Rise of an American Metropolis, Boston 1850 to 1900."

Stephen is a brilliant historian and presenter. We reap the benefits!

Information about "The Caning" follows the directions to the library.

Directions: From Route 95: take Route 133 west, exit 54. After approximately two miles, go right at Park Street for one block. The library will be on the far right corner. Park Street is one block before the signal lights at Georgetown Center. There is a street sign there.

If you miss Park St., and get to the center, go right at the lights onto North Street. Take the first right at Pleasant Street for one block to the library

The Caning

On May 22, 1856, pro-slavery Congressman Preston S. Brooks of South Carolina strode into the United States Senate Chamber and began beating anti-slavery Senator Charles *continued on page 2...*

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 7th, 7:00 pm- International Women's Day, Marsh Hall 210, Central Campus, Salem State University,

Saturday, March 9th, 10 am - Author's Coffee with Steven Puleo, Georgetown Peabody Library

Saturday, April 20th, - State AAUW conference, YWCA, Clarendon St. Back Bay, Boston

June 9-12, New Orleans, LA. - 2013 National Convention

Monday, June 17, 6:30 pm - Annual Banquet and Meeting, Hawthorne Hotel, Salem

Member Highlight - Patricia Fae Ho

Throughout my professional and volunteer career, I have been an educator and advocate for women and girls.

AAUW has provided me with leadership opportunities, enriching experiences, cherished friends and a framework for working toward equity. I am currently Vice President on the National Board, and a candidate for national President 2013 - 2015.

As AAUW strengthens our leadership in a diverse, changing world, we will unite multigenerational women in working collaboratively to bring about change at all levels. We will support branches and states through inclusive membership outreach and



Patricia is a candidate for National President 2013-2015

community leadership initiatives. We will maintain our strong base through continued fiscal stability, philanthropic support and new revenue sources.

I've served in many AAUW leadership positions, including Chair of the 2006 National Conference of State Leaders in Washington DC, National Program Committee Co-chair, New England Regional Director, AAUW-MA president and North Shore branch president. I am a member of five branches across the U.S. but my first and primary branch is North Shore Area, whose members warm my heart through their support and friendship.

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National Conference on College Women Leaders (NCCWSL)

(From the minutes of the Planning Meeting, January 26, 2013)

The 2013 NCCWSL Conference is being held at the University of Maryland from May 30-June 1. Early Bird registration runs from Feb. 1 to April 12, \$395. Regular registration is April 13 to May 15, \$445. Airfare can be from \$150 to \$250 roundtrip. It was decided to sponsor a student this year for

tuition and transportation. One member has pledged \$100 to diminish the cost to the branch. The branch treasury will make up the difference between fundraising and contributions.

Nelly was asked to review the method for students' applying, and the criteria. We would like a sophomore or junior to be chosen. Schools to be considered for appli-

cants are: Gordon, Salem State, Merrimack, Endicott, No. Shore and Northern Essex. Nelly will ask the President of the Women's Center and Midge will ask Career Services at Salem State, for recommendations. Pat will inquire of other local colleges.

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Sumner with a gold-topped [walking cane](#), striking Sumner more than thirty times and rendering him bloodied and unconscious. It was a retaliatory attack against Sumner for a vitriolic anti-slavery speech he had made. Sumner eventually recovered, but the incident destroyed any pretense of civility between North and South, and convinced each side that the gulf between them was unbridgeable.

In *The Caning*, Stephen Puleo tells the story of the shocking event that drove the final wedge between pro- and anti-slavery forces. In its aftermath, moderate voices were drowned out completely while extremist views accelerated and became intractable. From the rise of Abraham Lincoln to the *Dred Scott* decision, John Brown's raid at Harpers Ferry to the secession of

the Southern states, it impacted a fateful series of events that ultimately exploded into open conflict.

While myriad factors conspired to cause the Civil War, it was the caning that set North and South on their tragic collision course.

Branch Tidbits

Annual Banquet and Meeting will be on Monday, **June 17, 6:30 pm** at Hawthorne Hotel, in Salem. More information will be in the next newsletter

New Branch Leadership

Linda's second term as president ends June 30, 2013. We are currently looking for one or two members to lead the branch, beginning July 1. Those present reiterated that they would support the new leaders, and continue to perform their current functions. If you are interested in assisting with any administrative functions for the branch, please contact Linda.

2012 Branch Survey

Mary Ann published the results of last year's branch survey. It contained a

large variety of ideas on a wide range of topics.

Branch Treasury

Mary Ann presented the Financial Report of the branch from June 24, 2012 to January 26, 2013. The present balance in the account is lower than June 24 but we have paid state and national dues, and other obligations and we currently have no outstanding obligations. The North Shore area branch sent \$585 in contributions from members to the AAUW Funds, in memory of long-time member Eileen White.

Fundraising Ideas

The possibility of having a series of small raffles was suggested. Scottie is going to research the regulations of conducting raffles at events.

Branch CD's

Scottie reported on the branch CD's have generated \$800 in accumulated interest. The CD's are maturing in mid February. Interest income is extremely low. Scottie will investigate ways to generate more income. As a nonprofit, we may have some restrictions. She recommended that we take \$150 of the interest from scholarship to pay our share of \$150 for Stephen Puleo's honorarium.

State AAUW Conference

Tamara Gaydos reported that the 2013 Annual State AAUW Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 20 at the YWCA on Clarendon Street in the Back Bay.** The topic is Violence Against Women in the Military. They will also conduct the annual meeting. Liz mentioned that The Nominating Committee

is seeking candidates for President Elect, Membership, Secretary, and Programs.

Detailed information will be in the Massachusetts AAUW website: www.aauw-ma.org

*Branch newsletter will continue to be published every two months. The focus will be on interesting members and the opportunities provided by the branch. A new feature of the newsletter will be short bios of members in each issue. **All members are asked to send their summaries to Nelly, for inclusion in future issues.***

Patricia Fae Ho....continued from page 2

I am chair of the Essex County Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, past president of Health Quarters and a member of the HAWC Board. I am also a trustee and docent at the Peabody Essex Museum.

Professionally, I was director of a Teacher Resource Center in NY and a gifted education/enrichment

teacher in New York schools. While living in England, I also completed RSA Cambridge certification and taught at Highbury College in Portsmouth UK.

Please connect with me on Facebook at Patricia for AAUW President, LinkedIn and Twitter.

My website is:
www.patriciaforaauw.com

AAUW National Presidency

Patricia Ho has declared her candidacy for national president. She has one opponent, from North Carolina. She would like us to provide support for her campaign. She will meet with us in March to discuss her strategy, and how we can help. The 2013 National Convention is from June 9-12, in New Orleans, LA. Several members of the branch are planning to attend. Patricia's website is: www.patriciaforaauw.com. One facet of the convention is One Member One Vote. Voting can be completed on line, or by paper ballot.

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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.

Programs for the Remainder of the Year

(From the Minutes of the Planning meeting, January 26).

Programs at Salem State and Others

International Women's Day celebration is at Salem State on **Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 7:00 pm, Marsh Hall 210, Central Campus.** The program consists of panel discussions with a keynote speaker. They will speak on "The challenges that continue to face women in the US and around the world" This program will be co-sponsored by; AAUW-North shore Area Branch, Women's Center, Center for International Education and International Students Association of Salem State University.

Midge described the WISE Conference, held each year at Salem State for middle school girls, in March 12. It is designed to interest girls in fu-

ture studies in the fields of science and engineering. 400 girls have already signed up to attend. Scottie has worked with this program through the Girl Scouts.

Pat studied at Northeastern U. to provide volunteer services to schools in the field of Biology. She is currently working with the students at St. Mary's HS in Lynn.

Other Suggested Programs

Sally Mattson is currently performing the life of Margaret Bourke-White, a courageous photographer. Pat will ask her to perform for AAUW during March, Women's History Month. If she is busy, she will ask for alternative dates. Her usual fee is \$200. We are looking for another group to network with, to share the fee and increase the audience. The play is about one half hour, followed by a

question and answer period.

Margaret Chalupowski has expressed interest in speaking to our branch about her international projects. She has traveled through Africa and Europe, speaking on health issues for children and their mothers.

We have received a communication regarding Marian Stoddard, who championed the work of cleaning up the Nashua River. Her initial project began in the 1960's, and she is available to make a presentation on her methods. There is a film, followed by discussion questions. Linda will contact Marian about providing a program for us.

Nancy Moore has offered the use of a conference room at Brooksby Village for a future program.