



**BEDFORD-LEXINGTON AREA BRANCH
APRIL 2010**

Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls

**APRIL PROGRAM:
THE HISTORICAL PHOTO DETECTIVE
SPEAKER: MAUREEN A. TAYLOR
APRIL 7, 7:00 PM
BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Although our original speaker could not make it because of a conflict with course she's teaching, we have a wonderful replacement.

Come meet a detective...a photo detective. Maureen A. Taylor is an internationally recognized expert on the intersection of history, genealogy, and photography. She has been featured in top media outlets, including **The View**, **Martha Stewart Living**, and **The Today Show**.

Maureen is the author of a number of books and magazine articles, as well as a contributing editor at *Family Tree Magazine*. Her latest project is *The Last Muster: Images of the Revolution-*

ary War Generation (Kent State University Press, June 2010). In 2007, the *Wall Street Journal* called her "the nation's foremost historical photo detective."

Besides serving as a photo detective, Maureen organizes family photos, helps find missing photos for family trees, helps to understand old 'mystery photos' that turn up in attics and basements, and helps to preserve photos. She even has a "Ask the Photo Detective" webpage. See <http://www.photodetective.com>.

BOOK GROUP

The next gathering will be April 21 at the home of Harriet Hathaway, 66 North St., Lexington. **NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION!**

The book is *Honeymoon in Tehran* by Azadeh Moaveni. Dot Smith will lead the discussion. New people are always welcome.

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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Sue Giurleo and Dot Hart Rand

Maybe it was to take our minds off winter weather and learn about *green* plants, but we had seven guests, one new member (Terry Van De Carr), and 15 members for a total of 23 people to hear Dr. Kristina Jones, Director of the Wellesley College Botanical Gardens, at our March meeting.

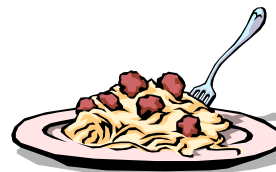
The first greenhouse was built in 1893 so students could do research—get in and work in the dirt. There are now 15 greenhouses which are seen as a “low hurdle into science.” The hope is that this will encourage college students to take more science courses. This is a goal AAUW applauds

The greenhouses, designed in the shape of a W, are built to allow for more exposure to sunlight. They are organized by habitat. There is a desert house, a tropical house, one for fish and water plants, and one to conduct research

on roof gardens. Public buildings as well as apartment houses are growing many plants and small trees on their roofs. They utilize the rain and snow and eliminate runoff on city streets below. The College is also researching plants that will grow without fertilizer and no additional water. What they learn could be valuable in countries with depleted soils world-wide.

Many of you have visited these gardens and found them wonderful. We could arrange a tour for those who have never been. The minimum group size is 8. I gather that any time of year is a good time to visit.

Contact Dot Hart Rand if interested at 978-692-0188.



MAY DINNER

The May Dinner is a fundraiser for our branch and the board members will provide the food. The food theme is Italian. The location has been changed because the Unitarian Church is not available on Wednesday evening. One benefit of the Town Center is that we do not have to set up or take down the tables and chairs. We will have the signup at the April Meeting and will be collecting checks. Sue Giurleo would like some help in setting up and organizing the food in the kitchen. Please let her know if you can help.

Entertainment will be by the Bedford High School Madrigal Singers. It is always a good time and we hope that all of you will come and bring your friends.

When: Wednesday May 5, 2010 at 6pm

Cost: \$20 per person

How to pay: Bring check to the April meeting or mail it to Robin DeMott
71 Robbins St.
Acton, MA 01720

Where: The Bedford Town Center
12 Mudge Way
(across the street from the front of the library)

Who can come: All members plus friends, the more the merrier.

Deadline for reservations: April 30

Program: The Madrigal singers from Bedford High School

Questions: Sue Giurleo, seg439@aol.com, 781-275-6584



AAUW has become a National Ally of an exciting initiative called [Vision 2020](#), a decade-long national project focused on advancing gender equality by energizing the dialogue about women and leadership. Vision 2020 is a program of Drexel University College of Medicine's Institute for Women's Health and Leadership.

Vision 2020's flagship event is *An American Conversation about Women and Leadership* taking place October 21-22, 2010, at the National Constitution Center, in Philadelphia, PA. Vision 2020 is seeking 102 National Delegates to attend the American Conversation, and we would encourage you as AAUW members to consider yourself or others in your community as potential delegate nominees. **Please submit your delegate nomination or submit a name for nomination by the March 1, 2010 deadline.**

Tied to the centennial anniversary of women's suffrage, Vision 2020 is focused on ensuring gender equality for all Americans by 2020. National Delegates will be charged with discussing and debating women's accomplishments and challenges in eight topic areas and with creating an agenda for change over the decade 2010 to 2020—the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

Vision 2020 will cover the transportation, hotel costs and most meals of all those selected to represent their states as Delegates to the October event in Philadelphia. Please find more information on the Vision 2020 website: <http://www.drexel.edu/vision2020/community/vision/delegates/nominations/>.

BYLAWS

Restructuring was approved at the 2009 AAUW Convention. Using the Model Branch Bylaws sent to all branches, our Bylaws Committee, made revisions as recommended and made some changes which are described below.. Model branch bylaws indicated the required language to use in some cases and what must be included in revisions. The end result is a set of bylaws that conform to the restructuring and have been approved by Alice Hooper, AAUW-MA Bylaws Chair. We are pleased to present them to you. Since there are several changes to non-mandatory sections, the branch must vote to approve the new/revised bylaws.

Under the revisions, branches were required to include the following sections and with required language: Name, Government, Purpose, Use of Name, Elections, Board of Directors, Executive Committee Meetings and Conventions. In addition, branch bylaws must have an indemnification article, per advice of AAUW's attorney.

Substantive changes:

1) Size of Nominating Committee. (Old Article IX. Section 1) 'five plus an alternate' to (revision Article V. Section 1.a) 'four plus an alternate.'

2) Number of Board Meetings. (old Article XII. Section 3) "at least five per year" to (revision Article VII. Section 3) 'at least three per year.'

3) Number of Membership Meetings. (Old article XIV. Section 1) "nine general membership meetings" to (revised Article X. Section 2) "five meetings."

4) Annual Meeting timeframe. (Old Article XIV. Section 2) from 'between April 1 and April 30' to (revision Article X. Section 1) omits any reference to dates.

5) Quorum: (Old Article XIV. Section 5) changed from "20%" to (revision Article X. Section 5) "15%".

My thanks to Sue Giurleo and Dot Hart who served with me on the Bylaws Committee.

—Florence Baturin

Ed. Note: Those with e-mail will have a copy of the proposed by-laws attached along with the newsletter. Copies will be brought to the meeting for those without e-mail.

Bedford Lexington Area Branch AAUW

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND NEW MEMBERS, JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011

Name _____ Address _____
 Home telephone _____
 Other telephone _____ E-Mail _____
 Occupation _____ Volunteer work _____
 Education _____
 Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____

Annual Dues

Branch Member	\$79.00	Life Member	\$30.00
Includes National Association	\$49.00	Member at Large to Branch Member	\$30.00
State	\$15.00	Student Affiliate	\$32.00
Branch	\$15.00	Community Member	\$15.00

\$46 of the \$49 National Association Dues is Tax Deductible!!

Make checks payable to: **Bedford Lexington Area AAUW - due July 1, 2010**

Mail to: Robin DeMott, 71 Robbins Street, Acton, MA 01720

Please check areas of interest and activity even if you can't be actively involved this year.

AAUW Activities

<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity <input type="checkbox"/> Programs and Special Events <input type="checkbox"/> Post Flyers and Deliver Brochures <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Development and Support <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate Rides to Meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter at Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/> Liaison to Other Community Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Library and Town Day Displays <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Advocacy Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Rights Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Political Action <input type="checkbox"/> Education
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Skills you could share with AAUW

<input type="checkbox"/> Bookkeeping <input type="checkbox"/> Website Design and Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Program Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design <input type="checkbox"/> Editing and Writing Articles
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Would you like to attend the following groups?

<input type="checkbox"/> Cinema <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Read Aloud	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Group (Daytime) <input type="checkbox"/> Book Group (Evening) <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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Other interest groups, in which you would like to participate or help organize, such as: current events, eating out, theater, etc.: _____



The Center for Women & Work Events for Spring 2010

Thursday, April 8th

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Wannalancit Mill Building ~ 600 Suffolk St

***Gray Hairs, Golden Opportunities:
Older Women and Work that Matters***

12th Annual

CWW Gathering at the Well Forum

~ Light lunch to follow event ~
Suggested donation of \$25

R.S.V.P by March 25 to
cww@uml.edu or 978-934-4380

Co-sponsored by: CWW, Protestant Campus Ministry at Lowell, and the Center for Family, Work & Community. Funded in part by the Department of Psychology; Division of Social Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts; Office of Student Activities & Leadership

Monday, April 12th

6:00-8:40 p.m.

McGauvran 410

**\$tart \$mart: Wage Negotiation
Workshop**

Hosted by: CWW

A collaboration of Evelyn Murphy's WAGE Project and UMass Lowell Career Services to offer a workshop for women on how to benchmark the current salary for the job they want after graduation, and how to negotiate to get that salary!

For more information: email us at cww@uml.edu or call 978-934-4380

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

...on February 11, the Senate confirmed by unanimous consent the nomination of Sara Manzano-Diaz to be the director of the Department of Labor's Women's Bureau? President Obama nominated Manzano-Diaz on September 30, 2009, and her confirmation was one of 27 executive branch nominations confirmed by the Senate just prior to the President's Day recess. Manzano-Diaz previously served as Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs at the Pennsylvania Department of State, a position to which she was appointed by Gov. Ed Rendell. She also served as part of Gov. Rendell's STEM Initiative Team. Prior to her service in Pennsylvania, she served Deputy General Counsel for Civil Rights and Litigation at the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Women's Bureau at the Department of Labor was established by Congress in 1920 and is the only federal agency exclusively devoted to the concerns of women in the workplace. The office has played a critical role in helping to reduce the gender pay gap and advocating for passage of such landmark laws as the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. Staffing and budget cuts weakened the office during the previous administration, but AAUW looks forward to working with a strengthened and revitalized Women's Bureau to advance our priorities for working women and their families.

Bedford-Lexington Area Branch
Ruth Ladd, Editor
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Lexington, MA 02420-1206

AAUW's Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: April 16, 2010

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

New officers:

Co-Program Vice Presidents	Catherine Boyd and Elizabeth Markson
Treasurer	Robin DeMott
Nominating Committee	Elizabeth Blumenthal JoAnn McLaughlin Alice Wadden

Continuing officers:

Co- Presidents	Sue Giurleo and Dot Rand
Co-Membership Vice Presidents	Ellen Given and Constance Rosenberger

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Mary Brzezinski (Chair)
JoAnn McLaughlin
Alice Wadden
Marion Kilson
Elizabeth Markson (Alternate)

STATE CONVENTION—APRIL 10

To be held in Attleboro, MA (see the *BayStater*)

Don't miss it!

The deadline for registration is March 26

Several members are going.

If you need a ride, please contact our co-presidents.