



**BEDFORD-LEXINGTON AREA BRANCH
APRIL 2011**

Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls

**APRIL PROGRAM
“MEDICARE AND THE
HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL”
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 AT 7:00 PM
BEDFORD LIBRARY**

Our April program will feature a special speaker: Holly Stockdale, daughter of our own Jeanne Stockdale!

Holly is currently employed as an Associate Director on the policy team at the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) in Washington D.C. At ACS CAN, she works to develop advocacy strategies to improve the lives of cancer patients on issues related to Medicare, quality of care, and private health insurance.

Prior to working at the American Cancer Society, Holly worked with the Congressional Research Service (CRS) providing technical and legislative assistance to House and Senate committees and members of Congress on the Medi-

care program. Holly holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy and Public Health (MPP/MPH) from the University of Michigan and has over eight years of experience conducting research and policy analysis on a variety of health policy issues.

If you are interested in articles by Holly on this and related topics, see http://www.urban.org/health_policy/Browse-by-author.cfm?ExpertID=7374 and <http://aging.senate.gov/crs/medicare18.pdf>.

Let's have a great turn-out for this timely topic.



From www.FunnyTimes.com

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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Sue Giurleo and Dot Hart Rand

Liz Markson couldn't have known how timely the film "Pray the Devil Back to Hell" would be in early March after the snow in February cancelled our meeting. March 8 was International Women's Day. While we may not be aware of it, women in many countries, including Egypt, were observing it by demonstrating in Tahrir Square. There were a number of references to the date on TV. It may be hard to relate to Liberian women's choice of protesting but I think we have to admire their courage. In our culture, we protest by contacting our members of Congress and sometimes marching in relative safety in Washington, D.C.

National Conference for College Leaders

If your weren't able to attend the March meeting, then you haven't learned about the college student we are funding to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland.

Jennifer Castano is a junior at UMass-Lowell majoring in Criminal Justice. She was born in the U.S. but spent her childhood in Columbia. I quote from her application. "...My life is a mixture of flavors and languages that surround me--English perpetually fused with the Colum-

bian influences I grew up with. ...I am blessed to have had the opportunity to grow up singing, eating, and practicing a combination of two languages, flavors and customs... Living in the United States, a country defined by multiculturalism and immigration, it is interesting to me how as human beings we are able to share a common goal and aspire to pursue something greater."

Jennifer is currently studying in Barcelona and will return in the middle of May. She is a member of the Honor Program and that faculty matched our grant of \$500 to help with transportation and other events not covered by the registration fee.

Jennifer wrote: "I want to thank all the members of the Bedford-Lexington branch for sponsoring me to NCCWSL in June. I am really looking forward to the conference and this opportunity."

Jennifer exceeded all our qualifications and I believe she will benefit from hearing the Women of Distinction and attending the workshop she selects. She will be speaking to us about her experience at an branch meeting early next fall.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO BRANCH BY-LAWS

Article IV. Membership and Dues

Section 2. Dues

c. Fifty-Year Honorary Members of AAUW are exempt from paying AAUW ***national, state and branch*** dues.

Changes are in ***bold italics***.

50th Anniversary Dinner at the Colonial Inn, Concord

Join us for a festive celebration of Bedford-Lexington's 50th Anniversary!

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 -- 6:00 PM

Heritage Room

Please join us as we celebrate 50 years of AAUW in Bedford, Lexington, and surrounding communities! We will have a fantastic program. Our own Lois Pulliam will be preparing a skit performed by branch members, chronicling our fifty years. There will be plenty of exhibits that will bring back fond memories!

It was the summer of 1961 when Lois put an ad in the papers to see if there was community support to form an AAUW branch. 60 people came to the first organizational meeting! We received our charter in the spring of 1962, and as they say, the rest is HERstory!

The cost of the three-course dinner is \$35, which includes tax and gratuity. Entrée choices will be chicken or salmon. Additionally, there will be a cash bar.

To attend, please send a check, indicating chicken or salmon on the memo line, for \$35.00, payable to "Bedford-Lexington AAUW", to Irene Shea, 118 Decatur Street, #11, Arlington, MA 02474 (781-646-3039) by April 20.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with your AAUW friends. We hope to see you there!

SAD NEWS

Mary Brzezinski's husband, Daniel, died on March 10. They had celebrated their 50th anniversary last September.

Shirley Donnelly's daughter, Kathleen, who had fought cancer for several years, died on March 11. Kathleen is also the niece of former long-time member Ella Bayliss.

Our deepest sympathies go out to both of them.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

April 12 is Equal Pay Day?

THE AAUW MEMBER SERVICES DATABASE

We now have the option to renew our dues by check (our traditional method) or by credit card on the AAUW web site.

The latter option is only available to renewing members. New members will still submit a check.

The AAUW Member Services Database is the location to pay your AAUW dues on-line with a credit card. The following instructions describe the registration, log on, and dues payment processes:

Go to **www.aauw.org/member_center/**
Type your member number in the **Member Number** field and click **Submit**. **Go to Step 7.**

If you do not know your member number, click **Member ID Lookup**.

Type your first name, last name, state, and zip code and click **Submit**.

Your member number will display. Click **Enter Member Center**.

After a pause, the **AAUW Member Login** screen re-displays. Click **Submit**.

Click **Member Services Database (MSD)** on the left side of the page.

Type your password and click **Log in**. **Go to Step 12.**

If you currently do not have a password, click **register here** to perform a one-time registration to set up a password.

Type your first name, last name, state, zip code, last four digits of home phone number and click **Register**.

Follow the prompts to complete your registration. Once your login is complete, a welcome screen will display.

Click **Personal Membership MPP** on the left side of the page.

Complete your credit card information and click **Submit**.

Your dues are paid!

REPORT FROM NOMINATING

Slate presented at the March 2, 2011 meeting of the Bedford-Lexington Area Branch AAUW:

Co-Presidents:

Joan Zinderman
Alice Wadden

Co-Membership Vice-Presidents:

Karen Bragaw
Terry VanDeCarr

Nominating Committee:

Irene Shea
Joanne McLaughlin
Ellen Given
board will name one
Alternate: Marilyn Flaherty

Respectfully submitted,
Nominating Committee

Chair:

Alice Wadden

Members:

Liz Blumenthal
Joanne Mc Laughlin
Joan Zinderman
Ruth Ladd, alternate

Bedford Lexington Area Branch AAUW
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND NEW MEMBERS, JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012

Name _____ Address _____

Home telephone _____

Cell/Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Occupation _____ Volunteer work _____

Education
Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____

Only if changed

Annual Dues

Branch Member	\$79.00	Honorary Life Member	\$0.00
Includes National Association	\$49.00	Member at Large to Branch Member	\$30.00
State	\$15.00	Student Affiliate (Active undergraduate)	\$32.00
Branch	\$15.00	Community Member (No degree but supports goals of AAUW)	\$15.00
Life Member	\$30.00		

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

Make checks payable to: **Bedford Lexington Area AAUW - due June 1, 2011!**

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

Renewals only may pay dues for 2011-12 after 3/15/11 on-line with a credit card at www.aauw.org. Log into the Member Services Database and an option will display on the left to pay your dues.

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

AAUW Activities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs and Special Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Advocacy Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post Flyers and Deliver Brochures | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Rights Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Development and Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate Rides to Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter at Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liaison to Other Community Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library and Town Day Displays | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Inc. |

Skills you could share with AAUW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookkeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website Design and Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Presentation | <input type="checkbox"/> Editing and Writing Articles |

Would you like to attend the following groups?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinema | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Group (Evening) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Group (Daytime) | |

Other interest groups, in which you would like to participate or help organize, such as: current events, eating out, theater, etc.

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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 15, 2011

Dear Colleague,
March is Women's History Month, and I'm writing to let you know about two upcoming events at UMass Boston that you may be interested in attending.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, Director
[Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy](#)

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Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 4:00pm-6:00pm

[Run, Women, Run! Encouraging Women to Run for Office](#)

Speakers: Senator Katherine Clark, Sheriff Andrea Cabral, Cambridge City Councilor Denise Simmons, and Representative Gloria Fox

Moderator: Carol Hardy-Fanta

Location: UMass Boston, Healey Library, 11th Floor

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

This program is presented by the League of Women Voters of Boston, the Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy, the Department of Hispanic Studies and the Department of Women's Studies

Monday, March 28, 2011, 1:00pm-3:00pm

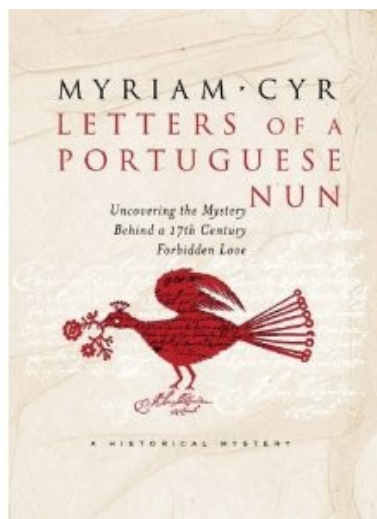
[Women and the Uprising in Egypt: Analysis from an Eyewitness](#)

Speaker: [Margot Badran](#), Senior Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Location: UMass Boston, Campus Center, 3rd floor, Ballroom C

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

This program is presented by the Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights and the Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy. It is cosponsored by the Nonviolent Initiative for Democracy Inc., the Office of International and Transnational Affairs and the Department of Women's Studies.



BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet on April 20th at 1:00 pm at the home of Catherine Boyd. We will be discussing "Letters of a Portuguese Nun" by Miriam Cyr and "Sacred Hearts" by Sara Donant. Jeanne Stockdale and Joan Zinderman will be doing the background.

