

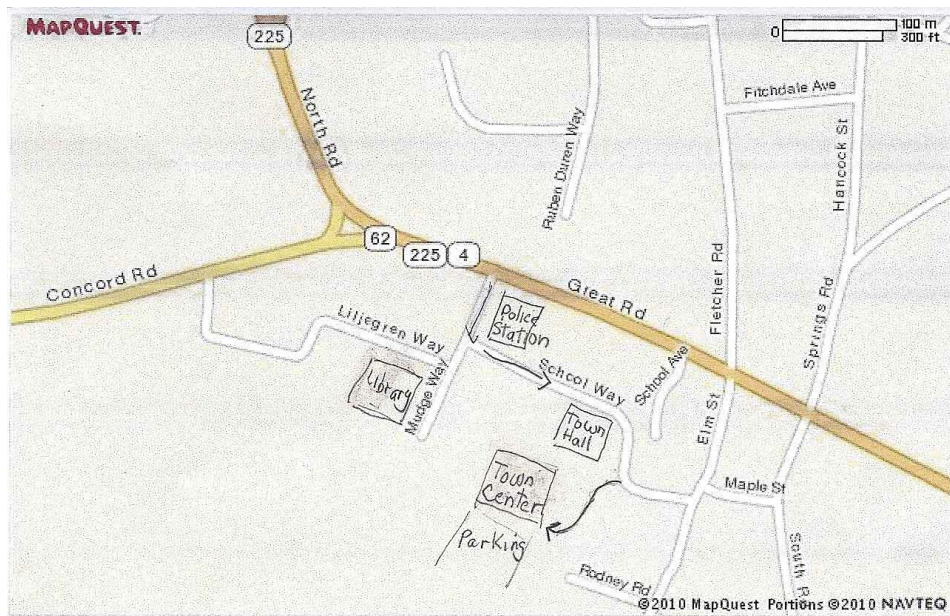


**BEDFORD-LEXINGTON AREA BRANCH  
MAY 2010**

**Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls**

**END OF YEAR DINNER  
MAY 5, 2010  
BEDFORD TOWN CENTER, 12 MUDGE WAY  
6:00 PM**

This year, the May dinner, with an Italian theme, will be in the Shawsheen Room in the Bedford Town Center building. This is the yellow building located across the playing fields from the street entrance to the library. The cost of the dinner is \$20 per person if you are not bringing food. The **deadline for reservations is April 30**. Mail your check to Robin Demott, 71 Robbins St., Acton MA. 01270. If your check won't make it to Robin in time, please call or email her.



The Madrigal Singers from Bedford High School will entertain us. Join us for a fun evening of good food, conversation and entertainment.

**Directions to the Bedford Town Center:**  
Routes 4 & 225 Great Rd. Bedford Center

- Turn onto Mudge Way as you would to go to the library.
- Take first left (just after the Police Station) onto School Way.
- Pass Bedford Town Hall (brick building) on the right.
- The road bends right; stay right and go down the driveway to the Town Center (yellow building).
- The parking lot is behind the building. Go in the door near the parking lot. Walk up the corridor on the left and the Shawsheen Room will be on your right.

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## CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Sue Giurleo and Dot Hart Rand

Several of us were fortunate to attend the wonderful AAUW-MA state convention in April. The first speaker was Dave Kirkwood from Minnesota, a member of the AAUW Board of Directors, who gave us an update on AAUW in this year of transition.:

- One change is that the mission statement now includes the philanthropy. It reads: **AAUW—advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.**
- AAUW is regularly invited to the White House and Congress for major events and for counsel.
- We were involved in the passage of the Hate Crime Law in 2009.
- The number of issues of our magazine “Outlook” magazine has been increased to three per year.
- Watch for the Every Member Survey that will be delivered to you in the May Outlook. We are all encouraged to fill this out on line or send it in the mail.

Andresse St. Rose, a research associate at AAUW, was the keynote speaker. She is the co-author of “Why So Few,” the new AAUW research report. In an era when women are increasingly prominent in medicine, law, and business, why are there so few women engineers and scientists? The report provides some compelling evidence that can help explain this puzzle. We were given ten copies of this report for our members to read and to get into our schools, libraries, and communities. We can get more from national if needed. Let us know if you are willing to take one to your public and/or high school library.

We also heard about a new and exciting Campus Action Project (CAP) at Massasoit Community College that helps students who were not accepted into traditional health care programs learn about and move into non-traditional STEM careers.

Andresse also moderated a panel of women who told their stories of breaking through barriers of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. All panelists said families encouraged them at home and at school—similar to our branch STEM panel. Mentors and special programs in the school were also important to them. Liz Calef, a physics teacher at Bridgewater-Raynham High School and one of her students talked about making science fun by working on the award-winning robotics team.

Our luncheon speaker, Autumn Grant, told us her inspiring story as Ms Wheelchair Massachusetts 2006 and Ms Wheelchair America 2007. Contestants must be between 21 and 60 and utilize a wheelchair for 100% of daily mobility. They are judged on their accomplishments, self-perception, communication skills through personal and on-stage interviews, and platform speech presentations. She told us about some of the difficulties that she and other students encountered while attending undergraduate and graduate schools. She is now an Academic Advisor at Bridgewater State College and advises first-year students and readmitted students, including those with disabilities.

It was a full and very worthwhile day.

**PROGRAM NOTE:** As some of you know, our April speaker got her dates mixed up and didn't show up. She offered to come next year so we may yet hear her speak.

## TEST YOUR WOMEN'S HISTORY I.Q.

1. Which mother led a 125-mile march of child workers all the way from the mills of Pennsylvania to President Theodore Roosevelt's vacation home on Long Island?
2. One of the most important Union spies and scouts during the Civil War was a Black woman who had escaped from slavery. Can you name her?
3. Before the 1960s, farm workers in the U.S. were not paid even the minimum wage, and had no influential representatives to fight for their rights. What part did Dolores Huerta play in changing this situation?
4. The line of beauty products she created for African-American people made her the first Black woman millionaire in the United States. Who was she, and when did she do this?
5. She came to the U.S. when she was a teenager to study science and stayed to become "the world's foremost female experimental physicist." Her most famous experiment disproved what had been thought to be a fundamental scientific law. Who is this outstanding Asian-American scientist?
6. She took her job as "First Lady" seriously, traveling the country and the world to gather information about the problems and concerns of workers, children, minorities, and the poor. She wrote a daily newspaper column and made frequent radio broadcasts. Who was this active wife of a president?
7. When the Mexican Revolution of 1910 reached the Texas border, she and her friends organized La Cruz Blanca, The White Cross, to take care of the wounded. They nursed people from both sides of the fighting. She was also known as a journalist and community activist. Who was she and where did she live?
8. Who was the last reigning monarch of the Hawaiian Islands, deposed when American business and military interests wanted to annex Hawaii to the U.S.?
9. She opened "Hull House" in a run-down Chicago neighborhood, a community center to improve conditions for poor immigrants. The program of English-language classes, childcare, health education and recreational opportunities soon inspired hundreds of other settlement houses throughout the country. Her name?
10. Daughter and granddaughter of Paiute Indian chiefs from Nevada, she lobbied Congress, wrote extensively, and traveled across country during the late 1800s lecturing on the hardships brought upon Native Americans by the U.S. Government. Her name?
11. Her 1939 Easter Sunday concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial drew a crowd of 75,000. Who was she, and why was she singing there?
12. Who printed the first copy of the Declaration of Independence that included the signers' names?
13. Clara Barton (1821-1912) is best known for founding the American Red Cross, but she also played a vital role during the Civil War. What did she do?
14. She is regarded as the greatest ballerina born in America. Her father was the Chief of the Osage Indians. Can you name her?
15. Why is Rachel Carson (1907-1964) considered the mother of the environmental movement?

**SEE ANSWERS ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

I may do an unofficial e-newsletter (distributed electronically only) for June/July because so many interesting things come along that relate to AAUW. If you get this via e-mail and know someone without it, please share the information if they are interested.

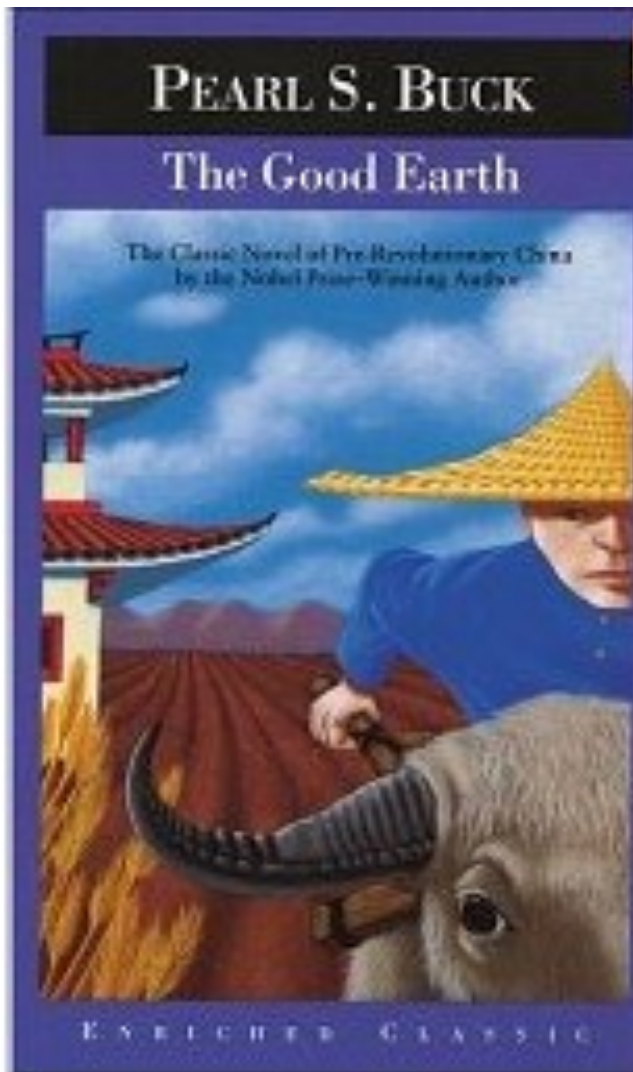


## BOOK GROUP

Our next meeting is on May 19 at 1:00 pm. We are reading *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck. Note that there is a change of hostess to Mary Brzezinski's at 43 Robinson Road, Lexington. Background will be provided by Janet Khattab.

Please remember to come with a book suggestion for the fall! The final vote will be held at the June 16 meeting at 1 pm at Sue Giurleo's, 11 Glenridge Drive, Bedford. It will be a potluck luncheon.

If you have any questions, call Joan Zinderman at 978-371-5647



## BOARD MEETING

FOR  
INCOMING, ONGOING, AND OUTGOING  
BOARD MEMBERS

On Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm, there will be a changeover board meeting at Sue Giurleo's, 11 Glenridge Dr., Bedford, MA. **Please RSVP** to Sue at 781-275-6584 or [seg439@aol.com](mailto:seg439@aol.com). For outgoing board members, please bring any materials that need to be passed on to the incoming board member.

Why So Few? Women in Science,  
Technology, Engineering, and  
Mathematics

AAUW's new research report is  
now available!



Learn more about the report. >>

## 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

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

*\$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 <input type="checkbox"/> Health Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Girl's Inc.
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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.: \_\_\_\_\_

Bedford-Lexington Area Branch  
Ruth Ladd, Editor  
15 Pine Knoll Road  
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.

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: August 20, 2010**

## ANSWERS

1. The feisty labor organizer, Mary Harris Jones (1830–1930), did just that in 1903. Called “Mother” Jones by everyone, her goal for the march was to bring the evils of child labor to the attention of the president and the national press
2. Harriet Tubman (1820–1913), who also led over 300 people in their escape from slavery via the system of safe-houses known as the Underground Railroad.
3. Dolores Huerta (b. 1930), a long-time Chicana labor activist, co-founded the United Farm Workers union in 1962. She served for over two decades as the union’s vice-president and chief lobbyist, savvy labor contract negotiator, and nationwide speaker.
4. In 1905, Madam C.J. Walker (1867–1919) began developing an effective hair lotion, and then a special comb to straighten curly hair. She eventually employed 3,000 people, mostly Black women, to work in her factories and sell her line of products.
5. Chien-Shiung Wu (1912 – 1997) received both the National Science Medal and the internationally respected Wolf prize for her scientific research. Her most famous experiment showed that conservation of parity could be violated in nature.
6. Eleanor Roosevelt (1884–1962) was America’s First Lady for 12 years. Later, she served as U.S. delegate to the United Nations where she was instrumental in securing passage of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
7. Jovita Idar (1885–1946) lived in Laredo, Texas. As a journalist, she wrote articles for Spanish-language newspapers, like *El Progreso* and *El Heraldo Cristiano*, which argued for Mexican Americans’ equal rights.
8. Queen Liliuokalani (1838–1917). A revolution, encouraged and actively assisted by American interests backed by a U.S. Navy gunboat, established a provisional government in 1893. Among her lasting legacies: she composed over 200 songs, including “Aloha Oe”.
9. Jane Addams (1860–1935). One of the first generation of female college graduates at a time when the world was not yet ready to give educated women positions of responsibility, found her own way to lead a useful life. She won the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize for her lifetime dedication to the cause of international peace.
10. Sarah Winnemucca (1844–1891), later named a chief in her own right. Her autobiography, *Life Among the Piutes: Their Wrongs and Claims*, was one of the first books by a Native American.
11. Marian Anderson (b. 1902), who had earlier been barred from the singing in the Washington’s Constitution Hall because she was Black. Her open-air concert was a triumph over bigotry for this international star.
12. Mary Katherine Goddard (1738–1816), newspaper publisher, had such a strong reputation in the colonies that when Congress fled to Baltimore in 1776 they trusted her with the revolutionary task of printing their treasonous document. Goddard risked arrest by the British when she included her own name as printer.
13. No provisions had been made for taking care of Union soldiers. Clara Barton (1821–1912) solicited donated supplies and took them directly onto battlegrounds, to get food, bandages, and medical supplies to the wounded. She also helped document the 22,000 men killed or missing in action so their families could be notified.
14. Maria Tallchief (b. 1925), gained international stardom as prima ballerina of the New York City Ballet in a career that spanned 23 years. In 1980, she and her sister, Marjorie, founded the Chicago City Ballet.
15. Rachel Carson (1907–1964), a writer and biologist, touched off an international controversy about the environmental effects of pesticides with her 1962 book, *The Silent Spring*. The book became a best-seller and the foundation of modern ecological awareness.