

# AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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Branch website: <http://aauw-ma.aauw.net/branches/southshorearea/>.

## ***SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH MAY 2016***

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Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

### **CALENDAR**

- May 7, Saturday  
AAUW State Conference  
Harvard Chan School of Public Health  
677 Huntington Avenue, Boston
- May 10, Tuesday  
6:30 PM South Shore AAUW May Dinner  
Peppercornz, Route 18, Weymouth
- May 19, Thursday  
Book Group, 7:00 PM, at Anne's
- May 26, Thursday  
Girls' Game Night, home of Sheila Doherty  
Green Harbor



- June 12, Sunday  
Tea at 2:00 PM  
Daniel Webster Estate Marshfield
- June 14, Tuesday  
Board Meeting 7:00 PM  
Home of Patrice Metro

Have a great summer!

### **ANNUAL DINNER**

Our annual Celebration Dinner will be held on May 10 at 6:30 PM. We will be going to Peppercornz on Main, at 1037 Main Street (Route 18) in South Weymouth. I hope everyone can attend as this is our last meeting until September. The cost of the dinner will be \$30 cash, paid that night. If you would like to pay me ahead of the dinner I will be at the April meeting. If you are coming, you need to email me at greenharbor11@verizon.net by Wednesday May 4th to let me know.

Entrees to choose from are baked fish, lasagna, or chicken parmesan. The dinner includes your choice of entrée, salad, bread and butter, dessert, and coffee. Other beverages will be available to purchase on your own. Again, you need to call or email me by May 4th to let me know if you are coming; and \$30 cash will be collected that night.

Thanks, Sheila

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thank you, Carol, for providing another interesting speaker for our branch meeting. Barbara Ann Yates was a passionate advocate for fairness and equity in the workplace. It was so appropriate to have her speak to us on Equal Pay Day.

A special thank you to our members who supported our STEM day on April 9<sup>th</sup>: Lynn, Sandy, Ginny, Gail, Rosemary, Carol, Anne, Tina, Sheila, Susan, Judy, and Ruthanne. We couldn't accomplish this mission action project without your assistance. Also 6 members from Delta Kappa Gamma volunteered. It was a great team effort. We appreciate all your work on behalf of this important mission driven program for our young participants. "AAUW research shows that environmental and social barriers block women's participation in nontraditional – and typically higher paying – STEM fields."

We hope to have another action project in the fall, "AAUW Action Fund, It's My Vote". Please consider joining a committee so this program becomes a reality for the South Shore Area Branch.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our May dinner on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ruthanne Kennedy

## **HIGH TEA... at the Daniel Webster House**

The summer High Tea at the Daniel Webster House will be on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Hollie and I are planning to attend. Tickets must be purchased and paid for ahead of time. The price is \$15 per person, which includes tea and a three course service of food.

Let me know by June 1st if you would like to come with us and I will purchase the tickets. Maybe we will have enough for a table.

Sheila...greenharbor11@verizon.net

## **GIRLS' GAME NIGHT**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday May 26th at the home of Sheila Doherty ... Green Harbor.

## **BOOK GROUP**

We will meet on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Anne's. We're reading "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr

**FROM** *Margaret Chalupowski, MD, PhD, JD*  
*AAUW-MA, Co-President*  
*978-317-6978*

I just wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the update regarding our 2016 State Convention and Multidisciplinary Symposium on *Women's Financial Security as a Public Health Issue*, due to be held at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in Boston on Saturday, May 7.

I am attaching our flyer with the link to the AAUW-MA website. Please follow the link to Eventbrite to sign up, and check out our State website for further updates.

Hope to see you all on May 7. Best, Margaret

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

2016 STEM Conference for Girls Update:

We had another successful STEM Conference for Girls on April 9th! Thank you to everyone that helped in anyway with this tremendous event! There were 65 eager and excited girls at the conference this year. The day started with a phenomenal and inspiring talk from our Keynote Speaker, Yvonne Spicer (Vice President at the Museum of Science). Then the girls attended three of our twenty fantastic workshops presented by Weymouth High School students, college professors and students from Roger Williams University and Massasoit Community College, and women STEM professionals. Everyone, participants, workshop presenters, and volunteers, had a great time. Here are a just of few of the comments I received regarding this year's conference:

*Ms. Howard,*

*I just wanted to thank you for all the hard work you did putting together such an amazing STEM Conference for girls. My 5th grader attended this year for the first time. When I picked her up, my quiet daughter, the one from whom we have to pry information about daily school, begged me to stay until all the robots were packed away and we were among the last to leave. She then exclaimed how AWESOME everything was and went into full details on her 3 workshops! She has already insisted we register for next year!*

*This was an amazing opportunity to let her love of science shine. The fun, no pressure, hands on activities are priceless. Please pass along our gratitude to everyone involved with the conference. We appreciate all your time and effort in giving us this opportunity.*

*Sincerely,*

*Michelle Perfetuo  
Parent of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader*

*Hi Lynn,*

*Thank you so much for hosting such an amazing event on Saturday! The 15 girls in my group were so enthusiastic and happy to learn. They shared what they had learned in the earlier sessions and seemed to be on fire about STEM. They were such a nice group; I was very impressed by their behavior and listening skills. The volunteers were also great; I came back to the library with all of our brushes washed and dried, ready to get put away. The room was all cleaned up and returned to its original set up before the girls left the room.*

*We finished early and sat on the floor and discussed books for a while. I really enjoyed meeting them (a few I knew from the library) and I even got to promote the library - I can't help myself!  
I am already trying to think of an idea for next year. I will treasure my coffee mug and it will remind me of the fun I had! Keep up the great work!*

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*Janet Gallagher  
DIY Globes Workshop Presenter  
Young Adult & Reference Librarian  
Weymouth Public Libraries*

**American Association of University Women—South Shore Area Branch**

It's membership renewal time again! **Renewal deadline is June 1, 2016 for 2016-2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If there are any changes to your educational information please indicate here:

Renew your AAUW membership by sending a check made out to:

**AAUW – South Shore Area Branch**

And mail to: Ginny Giordano, Norwell, MA 02061

Association Dues	\$49.00	Includes subscription to <i>AAUW Outlook</i>
State Dues	\$15.00	Includes subscription to <i>BayStater</i>
Branch Dues	<u>\$15.00</u>	Includes subscription to <i>News of Note</i>
Total Dues:	\$79.00	
Life Members:	\$30.00	
<i>Voluntary Contributions:</i>		
AAUW Funds	\$ _____	
Recognition Award	\$ _____	
STEM Branch Project	\$ _____	
<b>Total amount enclosed</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	

**Skills you could share with AAUW:**

\_\_\_ Bookkeeping \_\_\_ Web design/ Maintenance \_\_\_ Program Presentation \_\_\_ Computer Skills  
\_\_\_ Editing and Writing Articles \_\_\_ Graphic Design \_\_\_ Other Area (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to attend any of the interest groups?**

\_\_\_ Book Club \_\_\_ Game Night \_\_\_ Dining Out \_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_ Declutter Bugs \_\_\_ Knitting  
\_\_\_ Other interest you might like to see (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form with your dues by June 1, 2016! Thank You!**

**Checks brought to the dinner on MAY 10 will be entered into a drawing for a free membership for 2016-2017.**