

AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH

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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



November 27, 2014

December 7, Sunday

Holiday Social, 11:00 AM
Inn at Bay Point, Quincy
Sheila Doherty
Greenharbor11@verizon.net

December 11, Thursday

Girls' Game Night
Home of Judy Zografos

December 16, Tuesday

Book Group
Call Nancy Yellin for details

December 18, Thursday

Writers' Group, 10 AM
Panera Bread, Hingham

Save These Dates

January 27, 2015

Board Meeting, 7 PM
Home of Sandy Carle

April 11, 2015

South Shore Area Branch STEM Program

June 18 – 21, 2015

AAUW National Convention, San Diego

ABOUT THE FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETING

The February 10th Branch Program "Beat the Winter Blues: The Best of Where We Have Been and What We Have Done" has been scheduled for the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Please join us in sharing travel memorabilia, pictures, and stories of travel adventures. If you'd like to present your favorite photographs as a power point that evening, please get in touch with Gail Saccone (gvsaccone@comcast.net) and she'll work with you to set that up. We will also have display tables available if you'd like to bring items or objects from your travels.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Learning is not attained by chance. It must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."
Abigail Adams

"Thank you" to Lynn Howard for arranging a great branch meeting about our state STEM programs. We had the opportunity to hear from Marilyn Decker the State STEM Director at MA DESE. She was informative and enthusiastic about the progress happening in our schools in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

We have reached our branch goal of \$500 plus for AAUW Funds and the Educational Foundation from group and individual donations for 2015. Thanks for all your contributions to this important endeavor.

"Don't want to pay for AAUW's Convention Registration?" Pledge to register on line. You can be entered into a drawing to have your registration fees refunded if completed by January 1.

I'd like to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season. It is time to enjoy our family and friends. On this note, please join us for our Holiday Brunch on December 7. Hope to see you there.

Ruthanne Kennedy

HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Our Holiday Social this year will be a brunch held at the Inn at Bay Point, 64 Washington Court, Quincy 02169. It will be on Sunday December 7th at 11:00 AM. The brunch price is \$25, which includes a beverage. Please bring CASH as I will be collecting the money there. Also let me know if you are attending by Thursday Dec 4th so I can give the restaurant an accurate number. Don't be left out..... See you there.

Sheila.

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Thanks to Hollie and Sheila, I was glad to find out at election time that AAUW has several resources that provide members with easy, quick ways to voice opinions and respond to issues that need support:

1. Sign-up for the AAUW Mission and Action E-Newsletter. Hannah Belec is the editor. You should be getting it as an AAUW member, but if not, you can contact Lisa Maatz of the Action Network (VoterEd@aauw.org).
2. Become a Two-Minute Activist at this address: www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist. To sign up you just need to enter your email address.

GIRLS' GAME NIGHT

Our next session is set for Thursday, December 11th at 7 PM at the home of Judy Zografos. Please RSVP to her.
Sandra Carle

BOOK GROUP

We will be meeting on December 16th to discuss "Cascade" by O'Hara. Contact Nancy Yellin for details.

WRITERS' GROUP

The Writers' Group will meet next on Thursday, December 18th at 10AM at Panera Bread at Derby Shoppes, Hingham. If you are thinking of joining, please come! We love new writers and readers. More information: kaycam@aol.com Kay Campbell

PUBLIC POLICY

Presidential Action on Immigration a Good First Step

"The president's actions provide a path to legal status for an estimated 4 million to 5 million of the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the United States"... [Click here for more.](#)

Best Places in the World to be a Woman

AAUW took a look at the top 10 highest-ranked countries in the World Economic Forum's recent list. [Click here to read the story.](#)

What's Gender Got to Do with It? AAUW Asked Teachers about Leadership

"Ask a kid if boys are better at leading than girls are and you'll likely get an emphatic answer: no way. A [study by the Girl Scouts](#) discovered that 82 percent of young people under 18 agree that girls and boys are equally good at being leaders.

But do teachers feel the same way? " [Read more here.](#)