

AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH

FEBRUARY 2015

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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

February 10, Tuesday

Branch Meeting-7 PM

Thayer Public Library, Braintree

February 14, Saturday



February 17, Tuesday

Book Group

Home of Jane Street

February 26, Thursday

Writers' Group, 10:00 AM

Panera Bread, Derby Shoppes, Hingham

February 26, Thursday

Girls' Game Night-7 PM

Home of Gail Saccone

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Save These Dates

March 5, Thursday

[Tentative] State Spring Convention

9 AM-5PM (Details to come)

MCLE Building, Boston

April 11, Saturday

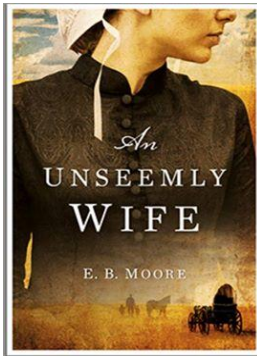
South Shore Area Branch STEM Program

June 18 – 21

AAUW National Convention, San Diego

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Success is dependent on effort"
Sophocles



It was wonderful to see so many members actively participating in a discussion at our January branch meeting with author, E. B. Moore. On such a cold evening the Supper and Book discussion was successful. Thank you to Sheila Doherty and Carol Sullivan-Hanley for a job well done.

Looking forward to seeing and hearing from our members about their travel experiences on February 10th. This will be a nice way to leisurely pass a winter's night with friends.

Please send Ruth Powell information about Study and Special Interest Groups by the 20th of the month for our calendar.

Ruthanne Kennedy

BRANCH MEETING

The February 10th Branch Program: "[Beat the Winter Blues: The Best of Where We Have Been and What We Have Done](#)". is scheduled for the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 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 me at 781-424-4356 or gvsaccone@comcast.net) and I'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. Also, Lynn Howard has a new tech device that can project directly from printed material (like photos). It's like the old-fashioned overhead projectors we had in school. So if it's easier for you, just bring along any pictures you'd like to share.

Please let me know ASAP if you'd like to participate. I'd like to know how many gals are going to bring things to share so that I can figure out roughly how long to allow each person. I'm looking forward to a fun night of travel adventures!!

Gail

THANK YOU

Thank you to all my AAUW friends who sent me Get Well wishes during my recent hospital stays. It was so nice to receive your well wishes and helped to speed along my recovery. I am feeling "almost normal" and hope that I do not have to repeat the experience. Look forward to seeing you at an upcoming AAUW event.

Ginny Giordano

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will be meeting on February 17th, and we will be reading *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou. We will meet at Jane Street's home in Hingham.

From the hardcover edition...

"Here is a book as joyous and painful, as mysterious and memorable, as childhood itself. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* captures the longing of lonely children, the brute insult of bigotry, and the wonder of words that can make the world right. Maya Angelou's debut memoir is a modern American classic beloved worldwide.

Sent by their mother to live with their devout, self-sufficient grandmother in a small Southern town, Maya and her brother, Bailey, endure the ache of abandonment and the prejudice of the local "powhitetrash." At eight years old and back at her mother's side in St. Louis, Maya is attacked by a man many times her age—and has to live with the consequences for a lifetime. Years later, in San Francisco, Maya learns that love for herself, the kindness of others, her own strong spirit, and the ideas of great authors ("I met and fell in love with William Shakespeare") will allow her to be free instead of imprisoned."

All are welcome and the discussion is always lively and interesting.

Contact Pat Laidler if you have any questions

GIRLS' GAME NIGHT

Come join us for Girls' Game Night on February 26, 2015 at the home of Gail Saccone at 7 PM. Lots of laughs, fun, and snacks! RSVP to gvsconne@comcast.net

WRITERS' GROUP

The Writers Group will meet on Thursday, February 26th at 10AM, Panera Bread, Derby Shoppes, Hingham
For info, kaycam@aol.com

Kay Campbell

PUBLIC POLICY

Making an Impact with Computer Science Education Week

In mid December, AAUW branches across the country held coding events for students of all ages with the message that coding is fun, creative, and possible for anyone to learn. [Read more....](#)

Thriving or Surviving in the Freelance Economy

"It's been called "freelance nation" or the "gig economy," and workers in this sector have common attributes. They juggle multiple jobs, market themselves, and are more likely to call home or a coffee shop their office than a cubicle farm. They are dreamers choosing to leave the gerbil wheel of corporate life and hardened realists forced to eke out a living any way they can...." AND, they are jobs that come without health care, retirement and other benefits. [Read more...](#)

114th Congress' Education Priorities Must Provide Equitable Opportunities for Students

"January 8, 2015, marks the 13th anniversary of the last time the U.S. Congress and the president could agree on the nation's education priorities. In fact, because they have not been able to agree since then, the bill signed in 2002, called No Child Left Behind, expired eight years ago but continues to be the law of the land without changes to reflect current education priorities." [Read more...](#)