

AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH

MARCH 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

March 6, Friday

State Convention

March 10, Tuesday

Branch Meeting-7 PM
Hingham Public Library (off Route 228)



March 17, Tuesday

March 19, Thursday

Dining Group, 6:30 PM
Masona Grill, West Roxbury

March 19, Thursday

Writers' Group, 10 AM
Panera Bread, Hingham

March 21, Saturday

First Full Day of Spring



March 24, Tuesday

Executive Board Meeting, 6 PM
St. Albert the Great Church
Lower Church Hall (Rte. 53)
1130 Washington St. Weymouth
(Plenty of parking)

March 26, Thursday

Girls' Game Night, 7 PM
Home of Gail Saccone
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Save These Dates

April 11, Saturday	South Shore Area Branch STEM Program Weymouth High School
May 12, Tuesday	Annual Dinner, 6:30 PM
June 18 – 21, 2015	AAUW National Convention, San Diego

BRANCH MEETING

“The weather outside was frightful’ so we cancelled our February get-together and will reschedule the program for the Fall. On March 10th we will meet at Hingham Public Library at 7:00 PM for a program by Suzanne Terry of the Boston Athenaeum and the Beatrix Potter Society. She will speak about Potter’s literary success and commitment to conservation. Come, enjoy, and be enlightened.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

“We live in the present, we dream of the future, and we learn eternal truths from the past.”

Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek

The weather has adversely impacted out meetings. Please save your pictures and souvenirs for our Pot Luck meeting in September. This will be a nice way to begin our 2015-2016 year. One has to be grateful for “power” so Words with Friends, Pogo games, and wonderful books can be enjoyed. I still can see out my windows to a beautiful wintry scene. Presently, we can only shake our heads at the sheer height of the snow, dream of spring (the Red Sox truck left for Fort Meyers) and realize that Mother Nature is truly in charge. Hope to see you March 10, 2015 at Hingham Public Library for a revealing program on a literary legend. Due to unprecedented snow mounds our Board Meeting on March 24th will be held in the lower hall of St. Albert’s Church on Route 53. There is plenty of parking. The meeting will be moved to 6 PM. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Please send Study and Special Interest group dates by the 20th of the month for our calendar.

GIRLS’ GAME NIGHT

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

ADVENTURES IN DINING

We’re planning to dine at Masona Grill, in West Roxbury, on March 19, at 6:30 p.m.

WRITERS’GROUP

We met in February even though none of us had written a thing, what with shoveling and fretting about shoveling, and roofs, and ice dams. However, after we talked it all out, we agreed to try again in March, hoping for more inspiration. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 19th at 10 AM at Panera Bread in Hingham. Join us if you would like to be part of this fun group. All are welcome - both writers and those who want to read what we write. If interested, contact Kay Campbell (Writers' kaycam@aol.com) and let us know if we should keep an eye out for you on the 19th.

AAUW-MA Conference and Annual Meeting - March 6, 2015 - 10 Winter Place, Boston

This year AAUW - MA is partnering with the UN Association of Greater Boston and its 2015 [International Women's Day Conference](#). AAUW-MA is having its annual meeting from 4-5:30 pm. preceding the International Women's Day Conference. Gloria Blackwell from AAUW National will be the speaker. She is AAUW's Vice President of fellowships, grants, and local programs. She also directs AAUW's international collaborations with the Clinton Global Initiative, the United Nations, and other global organization. There will be a light \$10 supper. The International Women's Day Conference follows from 5:30-8:30 pm.

Should you have trouble with the link to the International Women's day conference it is <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-international-womens-day-tickets-15379058177>

PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW remains committed to ensuring strong academic principles and bias-free public education that closes the achievement gap for all children—objectives at the heart of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

As Congress considers the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), AAUW urges support: improved accountability measures, public school choice, strengthening of STEM education, annual statewide assessments, early childhood education, and more. [Read the two-page QUICK FACTS here.](#)

Tuesday, April 14 is "Equal Pay Day"

The current issue of the Baystater has a page on equal pay, so I won't add anything here except for highlighting that there is a planned event on April 14, Tuesday, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. on the Grand Staircase at the State House with speakers and a show of efforts to combat continuing wage disparity. The space has been reserved by the Caucus of Women Legislators. Please email Stacy Fatale, aauwmapublicpolicy@gmail.com, if you'd like to attend. The event isn't confirmed, so check with Stacy.

AAUW and Symantec Team Up to Teach Girls Cybersecurity

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) received a \$100,000 grant from Symantec Corporation to develop a cybersecurity core class for middle school girls interested in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Tech Trek camps in California and Ohio will pilot the new course. [Read more here.](#)

Beyond Bossy, Slutty, or Bitchy: College Students Fight Gender Stereotypes

The AAUW [Campus Action Project \(CAP\) grants, sponsored by Pantene](#), are providing student-led teams the opportunity to launch projects to help put an end to the gender biases and stereotypes that affect their communities most. [Read more here.](#)